



Hodge Hill Girls' School

Weekly Parent Bulletin

27th January 2020

Diary

Date	Information
Monday 27 th January	Timetable week A Reading Age Assessment for all Year Groups – All week.
Monday 3 rd February	Timetable week B Governors Meeting
Tuesday 4 th February	Year 7 Symphony Hall visit
Wednesday 5 th February	Year 9 and 10 Science Live! visit

Notices

Year 11 Revision Sessions for February Half Term:

- Monday 17th February French and Spanish Revision Session 9.00am – 12.00pm and 1.00pm – 3.00pm.
- Tuesday 18th February History Revision Session 9.30am – 11.30am.

All sessions must be booked online by School Gateway.

Do We Have the Correct Contact Information? – We have introduced a new system for parental communications called School Gateway. It is our intention that all school related communication including school closure notifications, bulletins, newsletters, reports, timetables, attendance figures and out-of-hours-learning bookings will be distributed using **School Gateway**. There are many advantages to using School Gateway, which includes an app that can be installed on your smart phone. In order to use the app it is essential that you supply the school with your current **email address and mobile telephone number**. Letters were sent in December that included your contact information. Please either return the response slip or email enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk including the name and form group for all your children alongside your email and mobile telephone number, so that we can ensure that our records are correct.

Young carers who are they: [Click on link](#) Please let your child's pastoral manager know if your child is a young carer.

Be Empowered Workshop: Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers. For dates and session times please [click here](#).

Assemblies – Rosa Parks – An inspiration for our house system.

Value of the month – This month our value is **Change**. Please discuss this value with your daughter. To support use these links to view the [poster](#) and [30 days of Change](#)

Thought for the week: Legacy [Link](#) see video link [View](#)

Target for the week: Free online resource to help support revision for pupils: [Link](#).



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Year 11 Countdown to GCSEs: Preparing to Succeed – 12 weeks until the first of the exams begins.

Exams: February mock exam timetables and other exam related documents will be shared with parents via School Gateway. Parents should now be downloading the app to get current and up-to-date information regarding exams

A second series of mock examinations begin on **Monday 24th February**. Pupils will receive their own personal timetables.

Out of Hours Learning – A summary of the 'Out of Hours' learning opportunities currently available is on [this link](#). Please note that some clubs are only open either week A or Week B. Our Out of Hours Learning opportunities are continually reviewed, which may result in changes to this list.

Homework Club: Is from Monday to Friday 2.55pm - 3.55pm. Existing and new pupils wishing to join this activity should see Ms. O'Neill. Homework Club is a great opportunity to carry out additional learning in the school environment with computer access available for online learning.

Job of the week for Citizenship – This week's career of the week is being a Judge. Click on [this link](#) to find out more.

If any parents or family members are currently working for a law firm, court system or similar and would like to come in and speak to the students then please contact Mrs Barron: s.barron@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk

Careers in Health and Social Care: [See link for information](#)

Enhance your learning with GCSE Pod – Total number of GCSE Pod accessed by pupils last week; 619 pods showing English Literature, History and Biology were the most watched subjects. We have moved to fourth place – out of 96 - in the GCSE Pod league for schools of our size in our region, with an average of 32.24 pods having been watched per KS4 pupil since 1st November 2019.

Year	GCSE Pod Active Users	Use of GCSE POD
Year 7	76%	76 pods have been watched with English Literature, History and Biology the most accessed subjects.
Year 8	91%	12 pods, English Literature and Chemistry.
Year 9	95%	162 pods, Biology, Health and Fitness, Maths.
Year 10	97%	154 pods, History, English Literature and Geography.
Year 11	97%	215 pods, History, English Language and Biology.

Please encourage your daughter to continue to use GCSE Pod. It is a great resource to help to consolidate learning from this term or prepare for future learning.

Supporting your daughter's learning:

Tassomai –The Science Faculty are using the Tassomai software programme as homework for all pupils. Please ensure your daughter has registered her account and is completing tasks daily. Your daughter can speak to her Science teacher or Dr Malik if there are any problems.

Hegarty Maths –This is an online resource used by the Maths Faculty as part of its homework setting programme. The target for success is 80%+. Parents are recommended to look at their daughter's tests/classwork books and encourage them to search Hegarty Maths for any topic that they are struggling with.

Maths Whizz – Maths Whizz is an award-winning online tutor that is used by pupils in Year 7. It is recommended that all pupils in Year 7 complete 45 minutes on Maths Whizz as part of their weekly Maths homework. Please remember that pupils do have access to computers in school at lunchtimes and at our Homework Club, which pupils can sign up for. Additional IT access is now available for Year 7 to use Maths Whizz in ICT1 at lunchtime on Wednesdays.

Physics Evening Lectures – The Institute of Physics at the University of Birmingham offers a number of evening lectures which are open to the general public and may be of particular interest to families wanting to widen their learning opportunities in science; please follow [this link](#) to find out more.

English Literature – Tickets are on sale for a dramatisation of Jekyll and Hyde at the Old Rep Theatre, Birmingham from **Wednesday 26 February to Friday 28 February 2020**. Tickets and more information is available on [this link](#).

Birmingham Apprenticeship Event: Find out everything you ever wanted to know about apprenticeships! [Click here](#)

Never Such Innocence Project – This is a competition we have taken part in before that invites young people to create a piece of art which reflects on conflict and it's affects. The closing date for this competition is **Friday 20th March 2020**. More information is available on [this link](#).

Forthcoming community events of interest

Czech Innovation Expo (CIE) exhibition at the Library of Birmingham – 16th October to 28th February. More information is available on [this link](#).

The New Art Gallery Walsall– 15th November 2019 to 19th April 2020. More information is available on [this link](#).

Dressed to the Nines at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery– 7th December to 4th September 2020. More information is available on [this link](#).

College and Sixth Form Open Evenings

This is a list of the open events for some of the colleges and sixth forms our pupils have visited or joined in previous years. Please note that it is not a complete list and should be supplemented by independent research. It is recommended that pupils apply for more than one course, to ensure they have suitable choices when examination results are known.

College	Date of next Open Event	Website address
BMET	Wednesday 26 th February 2020, 4:00pm to 7:00 pm	www.bmet.ac.uk
Solihull College	Tuesday 3 rd and Wednesday 4 th March 2020, 5:30pm to 8:00pm	www.solihull.ac.uk