



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

21st June 2019

Diary

Date	Information
Monday 1 st July	Full Governing Body Meeting Year 10 Work Experience Week
Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 6 Induction Day
Monday 8 th July	Year 10 Mock MFL Speaking Examinations
Tuesday 9 th July	Speakers 4 Schools Lecture by Dr Michael Stich from Aston University Year 10 Mock MFL Speaking Examinations
Wednesday 10 th July	Sports Day
Thursday 11 th July	Sports Day (Reserve)
Friday 12 th July	Year 10 visit to Europa Centre for Languages
Monday 15 th July	Year 10 Mock MFL Speaking Examinations
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 10 Mock MFL Speaking Examinations
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 10 Mock MFL Speaking Examinations
Thursday 18 th July	Something Different Day
Friday 19 th July	Non-uniform Day

Notices

Year 10 Work Experience - Good luck to our Year 10 pupils, who are completing their work experience from Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July. Before they start their placement, our pupils need to ensure they have contacted and confirmed their placements, checked their start times and dress codes. While on their placement, pupils need to remember to take their log books and complete it throughout the week. If a pupil is sick, they need to ring the employer before the start time and also ring school to report their absence. This is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to learn about the world of work, we hope they all make the most of this experience and look forward to hearing about it when they return to school.

Year 6 Induction - We are looking forward to spending time with our new pupils at our Induction Day on Wednesday 3rd July. This is a great opportunity to experience a day at Hodge Hill Girls' School, with many different lessons and activities planned. As the day will include physical activities, please ensure that your daughter is wearing suitable trainers and brings a refillable water bottle. Food and drink at break and lunch will be provided by the school, however your daughter may bring a healthy packed lunch if you prefer.

Spare Uniform - We are collecting any spare uniform, PE kit and training shoes that we can use in emergencies. If you have any items of uniform that are either too small or that you no longer require please donate them to the Pastoral Office.



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Speakers 4 Schools Lecture by Dr Michael Stich from Aston University – We are thrilled to be welcoming Dr Michael Stich to our school on Tuesday 9th July for a scientific/mathematical lecture. More information on Dr Stich is available on [this link](#). The lecture will be of greatest relevance to those pupils considering A-levels in Chemistry, Maths and/or Geography, and/or those considering careers in Medicine, Geography, Chemistry or Maths. Please note that applying to attend this lecture does not mean that a pupil is committing themselves to A levels or careers in this area, it is a chance for our pupils to learn more about potential opportunities.

Library Update – We are in the process of reviewing and updating our Library. As part of this initiative all books that are no longer relevant or appropriate are being donated to two charities: Marie Curie and an African School.

We are also thrilled that 40 pupils have applied to become Library Prefects. They are currently completing training ready to commence the role in September.

Year 10 MFL Mock Examinations – Pupils have been informed of the time for their speaking mock examinations in French, Spanish and Urdu, which are happening between 8th and 17th July. It is important for pupils to practice and essential that they arrive on time for their examination.

Year 9 and Year 10 GCSE History Summer Work – Year 9 and Year 10 GCSE History pupils have been given summer pre-tutoring to complete over the summer in preparation for the next academic year. It is important that pupils engage with this task in a meaningful way to give them the best possible advantage next year. Please support and encourage your daughter with these tasks. A copy of the work is available on these links: [Year 9](#) and [Year 10](#)

Year 11 – Examination Results Day is on Thursday 22nd August 2019. Your daughter will be expected to collect her results between 10:00am -12:00 noon from the Upper iLZ. If your daughter is unable to collect her results, she should contact Ms Qureshi in advance. Your daughter will need to provide the name and photographic evidence of the person collecting her results on her behalf. Any photographic evidence provided will be confidentially shredded in accordance to GDPR regulations once the results have been collected.

Year 11 Achieve Conference at University of Birmingham in September 2019 - All Year 10 pupils have been provided with the opportunity to apply for a place on a one-day 'Achieve Conference' at the University of Birmingham which is designed to support aspirations and understanding of the importance of working hard throughout Year 11. Places are limited and Year 10 pupils should ask their tutors for a form to apply. Attendance at the 'Achieve Conference' will be fully facilitated by the school. Successful applicants will be informed before the end of the summer term.

All Pupils, Something Different Day – Preparations are well underway for 'Something Different Day', which is taking place towards the end of term. The aim of the day is to provide new and different learning opportunities and activities. Pupils are currently invited to express a preference for which activities they are interested in. A full list of the activities is available on [this link](#). Please discuss these activities with your daughter and encourage her to take this opportunity to learn something different and try something new.

Access to School Site – Parents are reminded that they are **not** allowed to access the school site at the beginning or end of the school day. This is to ensure the safety of all our pupils on their arrival and departure from school. If you are travelling by car to bring or collect your daughter from school, you should park in a safe location and walk to the school gate.

First World War Centenary – From 2014 until 2018 there were many activities to remember and commemorate the First World War. This included many events held within school and nationally. One project, 14-18 NOW was the UK's arts programme for the First World War centenary, which featured many different ways to learn and understand the sacrifices made during the First World War. This is an excellent resource that supports learning in History, Art and other subjects available on [this link](#).

Hay fever and Asthma - As the seasons change some pupils will suffer with hay fever. Medication for hay fever should be taken at home before school if needed.

If your daughter suffers with asthma/allergies, please ensure that you have returned the medication form (a copy is available on [this link](#)) and that a working, in date inhaler, clearly labelled with the pupils name is brought to school throughout this period.

2019/2020 Term Dates – Please note the following term dates for the next school year and ensure that any holidays are booked during the school holidays.

	Autumn Term 2019	Spring Term 2020	Summer Term 2020
Term Starts	Wednesday 4 th September 2019	Monday 6 th January 2020	Monday 20 th April 2020
Half Term	Monday 28 th October 2019 to Friday 1 st November 2019	Monday 17 th February 2020 to Friday 21 st February 2020	Monday 25 th May 2020 to Friday 29 th May 2020
Term Ends	Friday 20 th December 2019	Friday 3 rd April 2020	Monday 20 th July 2020

Out of Hours Learning – Throughout the year there are various opportunities for pupils to enhance their learning by attending before and after school clubs. The table below identifies our current out of hours learning opportunities.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball • History Ambassadors • Homework Club • Science • Value Voice Crew 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History • Homework Club • Rounders • Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art, Craft and Design • Cricket • Homework Club • Mathematics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French

Subject teachers can provide more advice on ‘Out of Hours Learning’ opportunities. To join our ‘Out of Hours Learning’ programme, your daughter must return the appropriate consent form to the Admin Office. Please ensure that, if you are collecting your daughter from an after-school session, you come down the drive and into Reception as this enables us to supervise pupils.

GCSE Pod – 489 pods have been watched from the 16th to 26th June. English Literature and History were the most popular subjects. GCSE Pod is an excellent resource for our pupils to use in support of their homework, to research topics they will be studying next year, to refresh their knowledge of topics that they have studied and to prepare for assessments and examinations.

The [GCSE Pod Parents section](#) contains lots of useful advice to help parents support their daughter with their use of GCSE pod and in the development of good study skills.

Women’s Football World Cup – Next week we have the FIFA Women’s World Cup semi-finals, culminating with the final on Sunday 7th July. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the game of football and watch inspirational female players from around the world. All the matches are shown live across BBC TV, radio and the BBC Sport website and App. More information on the Women’s World Cup is available on [this link](#).

Tennis – Wimbledon starts on Monday, 1st July and concludes on Sunday, 14th July. This tennis tournament provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about the sport and to watch the techniques and expertise of the current top international players. There will be comprehensive coverage of this tournament across BBC TV, radio and the BBC Sport website and App. More information on the Wimbledon Tennis Tournament is available on [this link](#).

Did you know that you can also practice tennis for free at local parks? This includes free court hire and even free tennis coaching. More information is available from [Tennis in Birmingham](#)

Birmingham Museums and Art Galleries - To celebrate the opening of an exciting new interactive children’s gallery MiniBrum at Thinktank Birmingham Science Museum, Birmingham Museums and Art Galleries are offering all families with school-age children a fantastic Birmingham Museums Membership offer. Families are able to receive 10% off the price of a Family Membership if they purchase during May and June. For more information click on [this link](#).

You can also view their latest newsletter with details of forthcoming events on [this link](#).

Forthcoming events of interest

School of Jewellery Open Day on 29th June – The open day offers lots of activities for families and those interested in knowing what goes on in Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter. This will include craft orientated activities planned, from making project to technical demonstration, lightening talks to tours as well as Q&A sessions. The aim to invite our local community into the School, show them what the School of Jewellery is about and the range of educational opportunities available from short courses and evening classes to masters and PhD's.

Wildlife Photographer of the Year - The Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition provides a showcase for the world's very best nature photography. The exhibition, developed and produced by the Natural History Museum, is visiting Wolverhampton Art Gallery from 29 June 2019 to 1 September 2019. This is part of a worldwide tour and for the first time will be showcasing the full collection, 100 images and 45 digital shots. More information is available on [this link](#).

Family Saturday at the Ikon Gallery on 6th July – This is an opportunity to visit the gallery and spend some time making and experimenting as a family with creative, hands-on activities inspired by the current exhibition. More information is available on [this link](#).

Clayground Collective: Crater Formations at Midlands Arts Centre – On Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st July there is a fabulous opportunity for you to take part in free workshops to use the limitless power of your imagination and squish clay to sculpt an epic lunar landscape! More information is available on [this link](#).