



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

20th July 2018

Diary

Date	Information
Monday 9 th July to Friday 3 rd August	Make Your Future Exhibition at Vittoria Street Gallery, School of Jewellery, Birmingham City University, 82-86 Vittoria Street, Birmingham, B1 3PA
Monday 23 rd July	Staff Training Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 24 th July	Staff Training Day – School closed to pupils
Wednesday 25 th July	School Summer Holiday begins
Sunday 29 th July 2018	Ward End Fire Station Fun Day
Thursday 23 rd August	GCSE Results Day
Monday 3 rd September	Staff Training Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 4 th September	Staff Training Day – School closed to pupils
Wednesday 5 th September	School open for Years 7, 8 and 11
Thursday 6 th September	School open for all pupils

Notices

Return to School September 2018 - We hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to seeing our new Year 7, Year 8 and Year 11 pupils at 8:30am on Wednesday 5th September. At 8:30am on Thursday 6th September all pupils will be in school. Further to our recent communication the new school day of 8:30am to 2:45pm will be introduced from September.

Year 7 – Chatsworth House Visit - We have been able to rearrange the Chatsworth visit which was postponed due to circumstances beyond our control for Wednesday 5th September; this will represent a wonderful start of term for the pupils as they begin Year 8. We have also been able to arrange for more coaches so all 150 pupils in the year group will visit Chatsworth. All Year 7 pupils have been issued with a new consent form and relevant information and this MUST be returned to school; we hope that by the time you read this, all consent forms will have been returned. The visit will leave school at 9am and return for 4.30pm.

Year 7 Maths Whizz Holiday Challenge - Did you know many children fall behind in their studies over the school holidays? Math-Whizz is the multi-award-winning, industry leading online Mathematics tutor available for pupils while they are in Year 7. It delivers a learning package that is tailor made for your daughter. In order to improve your daughter's Maths knowledge, she should be making regular use of this program. Prizes will be available for the top 5 users during the Summer Holidays.



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Please note that as pupils move into Year 8 in September, their subscription will end and they will no longer have access to this resource. Thank you for your support.

Years 9 and 10 - Pupils must remember to keep using GCSE Pod over the summer holidays to help with learning crucial information for their GCSE exams.

Year 10 - We have arranged a fantastic day on Wednesday 5th September for the start of term for our new Year 11s. Pupils will participate in a range of activities to support them with preparation for their upcoming mock exams in November and their GCSE exams in the summer of 2019.

School Uniform - If you are purchasing school uniform over the summer holiday please ensure that you purchase the correct school uniform.



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Looking smart, thinking smart

A plain black headscarf may be worn.

Only the following jewellery is permitted: a watch, one pair of small stud earrings or a removable, flat nose stud.

Year 11 may wear a plain black sweatshirt with gold school badge.

Plain burgundy sweatshirt with school badge in Year Group colour.

White or burgundy polo shirt with school badge in Year Group colour.

Black skirt, length appropriate for school or smart black trousers, not jeans style, leggings or crops.

White or black plain tights or socks.

A black Shalwar Chemise may be worn if the school badge is clearly visible on the sweatshirt or polo shirt.

Plain black sensible shoes. Not fashion shoes, trainers or similar. Not canvas, suede, velvet or similar shoes.

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Badge Colours 2018 / 2019

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11

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In addition, all pupils must have a PE kit in school for their PE lessons, consisting of:

- Black micro fleece with school badge embroidered on.
- Black tracksuit bottoms.
- Electric blue polo shirt with school badge embroidered on.
- Trainers or plimsolls



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Focus on Attendance

– Good attendance is vital for your daughter to achieve her full academic potential and consequently have better chances in life. As a school we are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers to improve school attendance. The target for the next school year is for pupils to achieve an attendance of at least 96%. To support this, parents are requested to ensure that any planned holidays or trips abroad are organised to happen during the school holidays.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Term Starts	Wednesday 5th September	Monday 7 January 2019	Monday 29 April 2019
Half Term	Monday 29 October 2018 to Friday 2 November 2018	Monday 18 February 2019 to Friday 22 February 2019	Monday 27 May 2019 to Friday 31 May 2019
Term Ends	Friday 21 December 2018	Friday 12 April 2019	Monday 22 July 2019

Make Your Future – 80 pupils from Years 7 to 9 have been involved in the Art Faculty's Jewellery Project, making necklaces and bracelets. You are invited to see their jewellery, which will be featured as part of the Make Your Future Exhibition at Vittoria Street Gallery, School of Jewellery, Birmingham City University, 82-86 Vittoria Street, Birmingham, B1 3PA. The exhibition is open to the public from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday, starting on 9th July and continuing until 3rd August and will also contain jewellery and metalwork from other local schools.

GCSE Results Collection– We look forward to seeing our Year 11 pupils on GCSE results day. The school will be open between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon on Thursday 23rd August for pupils to collect their results.

Community Events

- **Ward End Fire Station Fun Day is on Saturday 29th July** from 11:00am until 4:00pm. There are many attractions including careers advice on becoming a fire fighter, fire service demonstrations, music and entertainment, face painting and bouncy castles to name a few.
- **A Summer Taste of Creative Writing at Library of Birmingham.** The Children's library at Library of Birmingham will be running a series of Creative Writing workshops for children aged 13-17 at various times during the summer holidays. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Fun in Brum.** [Click here](#) for a guide to loads of exciting things to do for all the family and some of them are totally free.



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