



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

5th October 2018

Diary

Date	Information
Tuesday 8 th October	Year 7 Curriculum Evening
Wednesday 9 th October	Year 10 trip to see An Inspector Calls
Friday 19 th October	Wear it Pink for Breast Cancer
Friday 26 th October	Staff Training Day 3 (School closed to pupils)
Monday 29 th October to Friday 2 nd November	Half Term Holiday (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 7 th November	Whole School Aspiration Day and Careers Convention
Sunday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Monday 12 th November	Mock Examinations start

Notices

Coats – Please ensure that your daughter brings a waterproof coat to school with her. This is especially important during the colder and damper mornings of late Autumn and Winter.

Year 7 Curriculum Evening – We look forward to welcoming our Year 7 parents at 5:00pm on Tuesday 9th October. Our Curriculum Evening is a fantastic opportunity for parents to gain an insight into the curriculum taught at Hodge Hill Girls' School. There will be presentations, displays of pupil work and the opportunity to meet staff and ask questions. More information is available in the recent parent letter, which is also available on our school website and by [clicking here](#).

Year 10 trip to see An Inspector Calls – On Wednesday 10th October, 48 Year 10 pupils are going on a trip to see An Inspector Calls. This is an excellent opportunity for our pupils to develop their understanding of the play, which they study for their English Literature GCSE.

All pupils going on the trip must wear full school uniform, no trainers or plimsoles. Pupils are required to bring a healthy packed lunch/snacks with a drink. All pupils on free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch. The trip will be leaving school at 11:00am and is expected to return at 5:45pm, dependant on traffic.

Wear it Pink for Breast Cancer – On Friday 19th October, pupils can wear something pink with their normal uniform to support the **Wear it Pink for Breast Cancer day**. Donations of £1 will be collected on the day.

We would be grateful for donations of any PINK items to be used as prizes for our forthcoming raffle in support of Breast Cancer. Donations should be brought into school by Friday 19th October.

Important reminder - As a school we follow healthy eating guidelines and, as such, if pupils are bringing in food from home this should **not** include sweets, crisps, chocolate etc. There should be **NO NUT PRODUCTS**



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brought into school as we have a number of pupils with allergies. Pupils should not share their food with others, as they may not be aware of individual needs. Thank you for your support in safeguarding all our pupils.

Black History Month - During Black History Month we are reflecting on achievements and excellence as we learn about people who overcame barriers to be the first in their field. Aiming high our pupils are thinking about what they want to achieve and be first at. Please encourage your daughter to think and talk about what she wants to achieve and what she can be 'first' at. More information on Black History Firsts is [available here](#).

Mock Examinations (Year 10 and Year 11) – It is never too early to start preparing for examinations. Many of our pupils are using the revision techniques they learnt in the workshops at the beginning of this term. As parents please continue to discuss the importance of revision with your daughter. It is important for your daughter to be organised and ensure that she seeks help now if there is anything that she does not understand. There is lots of support available within school, includes a variety of afterschool clubs, GCSE Pod and revision guides.

Please ask your daughter how many GCSE PODs she has watched as part of her revision. The popularity of GCSE POD is growing with over 1500 GCSE Pods watched by our pupils during September. Pupils find the short videos in GCSE Pod an excellent way to support their learning and revision.

Remember a copy of the Mock Examination Timetable is available on the school website and by [clicking here](#).

After-school Clubs - A reminder to parents that if you have signed the consent form to say you will be collecting your daughter from an after-school club, you must come down the driveway and into Reception. This enables us to ensure that your daughter is supervised before collection.

After-school Homework Club – Our after-school homework club is currently open Monday to Thursday 2:55pm to 3:55pm. This is an excellent opportunity for pupils in all years to have a quiet place to complete homework and use computers to support their learning. Should your daughter wish to join the After-School Homework Club a consent form must be collected and returned to the Admin Office.

Post 16 Preparations

Our Year 11 pupils are making excellent progress with their UCAS applications for sixth forms and collages.

Below is a list of some of the forthcoming open events. These are a great opportunity to visit colleges and sixth forms to support post 16 choices.

College	Date of next Open Event	Website address
Access Creative College	Tuesday 30 th October, 3:00pm, 4:30pm or 6:00pm	http://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/locations/birmingham/
Aston University Sixth Form	Thursday 15 November, 5:30pm to 8:30pm	https://auea.co.uk/
BMET	Saturday 20 th October, 10:00am to 1:00pm	www.bmet.ac.uk
Bordesley Green Girls' Sixth Form	Thursday 8 th November, 5:00pm to 7:30pm	www.bordgrng.bham.sch.uk
Cadbury College	Saturday 6 th October, 10:00am to 2:00pm	www.cadcol.ac.uk
Edgbaston High School for Girls	Wednesday 10 th October, 4:30pm	www.edgbastonhigh.co.uk
Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College	Saturday 20 th October, 10:00am to 2:00pm	www.jcc.ac.uk

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King Edwards VI Camp Hill School for Girls	Thursday 15th November, 6:00pm to 8:00pm	www.kechg.org.uk
King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls	Tuesday 23rd October, 6:00pm to 8:00pm	www.kingedwardvi.bham.sch.uk
Solihull College	Saturday 24 November, 10:00am to 2:00pm	www.solihull.ac.uk
South and City College	Wednesday 21 st November, 4:00pm to 7:00pm	www.sccb.ac.uk
The Sixth Form College Solihull	Saturday 13 October, 9:30am to 3:30pm	www.solihullsf.ac.uk
University College Birmingham	Saturday 24 November, 11:00am to 3:00pm	www.ucb.ac.uk
University of Birmingham School	Thursday 8 November 2018	www.uobschool.org.uk