



Hodge Hill Girls' School

Weekly Parent Bulletin

7th December 2018

Diary

Date	Information
Wednesday 12 th December	Year 8 STEAM Day
Thursday 13 th December	Parent Workshop - How can I support my daughter with Maths? Year 11 Geography Field Trip
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Lunch End of Term Rewards Trip
Thursday 20 th December	Parent Workshop - How is attendance celebrated in school and what can I do to help?
Friday 21 st December	Non-Uniform Day for charity

Notices

Donations to Stechford Food Bank – Thank you to everyone who has already donated long life food or toiletries to our collection for Stechford Food Bank. This is a great way to help those in our local community that are experiencing financial hardship. The food bank provides local vulnerable people with essential food at a time when they need it the most. A typical parcel includes items such as breakfast cereals, soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, tinned beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tea or coffee, biscuits, long-life milk or long-life juice.

School Uniform Shoes – Parents are reminded that pupils need to wear plain black, sturdy and practical shoes to school. The shoes should protect and ensure that your daughter's feet remain dry in wet winter weather, hence when shoes become ripped or damaged, they need to be replaced.

It is acceptable for pupils to wear trainers for their walk to school, however trainers should not be worn around school. Pupils are required to change into their study black school shoes when they arrive at school. They may store their trainers safely in their lockers during the school day.

Parent Workshops – It is wonderful to welcome parents to our Thursday morning workshops. This week's workshop looks at a number of ways parents can support their daughter in learning Mathematic skills. As with previous workshops it will start at 9:00am and finish at 9:45am.

We are approaching the end of the current series of workshops designed to help parents to support their daughter's learning and wellbeing with just two workshops remaining.

13-Dec How can I support my daughter with Maths?



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20-Dec How is attendance celebrated in school and what can I do to help?

Booking is recommended, please ring the school on 0121 464 3094 to book your place. It may be possible to join at the beginning of a workshop and sign in.

Contact Information – We would like to remind parents and carers to inform the school of any changes to emergency contact details.

ParentPay is the system the school uses to communicate with parents by text and email, as well as enabling parents to pay for school meals and other extra-curricular activities. Parents and carers are also requested to ensure that their ParentPay account also contains the correct email and mobile telephone number to ensure they receive all school communications.

GCSE Pod – Pupil usage of GCSE Pod rose significantly in the last week with 1408 pods watched by our pupils. 48 of our pupils watched 10 or more pods, which demonstrates how helpful they are finding the resource in supporting their learning. Our position in the GCSE Pod games remains at fourth for schools of our size in the Midlands.

Please continue to encourage your daughter to use GCSE Pod. GCSE Pod is an excellent resource to support learning for pupils in all years. It is especially valuable for our pupils in Years 10 and 11 to continually revise their learning and prepare for GCSEs, starting to prepare early for GCSE examinations helps pupils to reduce panic and stress while it also improves examination results.

78% of our pupils now have active GCSE Pod accounts, which is a further increase on last week.

Further information for parents on GCSE Pod is available on [this link](#).

History – All pupils studying History have received newsletters by email. Paper copies are also available from the History Ambassadors. These newsletters are designed to support your daughter's learning and help to develop a passion for History.

Religious Studies – Pupils in years 10 have been issued homework booklets. These booklets need to be completed weekly to support and enhance their learning.

Year 11 pupils have also received revision booklets. These are an excellent resource to help pupils prepare for their GCSE examination and also need to be completed each week.

English – There are a variety of free resources that pupils can use to support their learning in English Literature lessons and as revision for examinations.

- [Animal Farm Audio Book](#)
- [An Inspector Calls](#)
- [Blood Brothers – Theatre Ink 2014](#)

In addition, during the Christmas period, several versions of the Charles Dickens novel 'A Christmas Carol' are traditionally shown on the television. These are especially recommended for our pupils who are studying this text for their GCSE English Literature.

Forthcoming Examinations

Year 8 History – Group 8Hi3 will complete their History assessment on Tuesday 11th December.

This assessment will focus on the Tudors and the Civil War. There are a number of resources to help pupils to prepare for their assessment on the school network location X:Drive/Humanities/History/Mrs Davis – Civil War Revision.

Year 7 to Year 10 Mathematics – Maths assessments are taking place during the next week. Please encourage your daughter to practice her maths as she prepares for her assessment. Pupils are also encouraged to speak to their teacher if they are unsure of what is on the test.

Monday 10th December – Year 8
 Tuesday 11th December – Year 10
 Wednesday 12th December – Year 7
 Thursday 13th December – Year 9

Year 10 History – Year 10 will have a history exam in the last week before the Christmas holidays. Please encourage your daughter to maximise her learning in class by revising consistently at home. Your daughter has access to many resources to support her in achieving her target grade in history such as GCSE pod, class notes, homework booklets and previous exam questions. Progress is expected to occur in every pupil's grades from her previous grade in the autumn exam and home revision is key to achieve this.

Year 11 Languages - In February, Year 11 pupils will be completing their mock speaking examinations in foreign Languages. It is important that pupils practice talking and answering questions in preparation for their mock examination.

Subject	No. of pupils	Day/date
Urdu	51	Tuesday 5 th , Wednesday 6 th or Thursday 7 th February.
Spanish	25	Monday 11 th or Tuesday 12 th February.
French	38	Wednesday 13 th or Thursday 14 th February.

Activities for children with autistic or sensory needs - There are a variety of activities for children with autistic or sensory needs in our local area during December and at the beginning of 2019. This includes relaxed theatre productions, autistic friendly cinema screening, café and quieter times to shop. More information is available on this link.

Post 16 Preparations

The following table contains 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	Friday 22 nd February, 10:00am to 12.30pm & 1.30pm to 4:00pm	www.accesscreative.ac.uk/locations/birmingham/
BMET	Wednesday 6 th February, 4:00pm to 7:00pm	www.bmet.ac.uk
Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College	Thursday 24 th January 2019, 6:00pm to 7:30pm	www.jcc.ac.uk
South and City College	Wednesday 23 rd January, 4:00pm to 7:00pm	www.sccb.ac.uk
The Sixth Form College Solihull	Thursday 28 th February, 5:00pm to 7:00pm	www.solihullsfsc.ac.uk
University College Birmingham	Saturday 26 th January, 11:00am to 3:00pm	www.ucb.ac.uk
University of Birmingham School	Wednesday 9 th January 2019, 5:30pm to 8:00pm	www.uobschool.org.uk