



# Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Diary

Date	Information
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Wear it Pink for Breast Cancer (Whole School)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Staff Training Day 3 (School closed to pupils)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Half Term Holiday (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Aspiration Day and Careers Convention
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Mock Examinations start
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	NEC World Skills Show Year 10

## Notices

### Important Reminders

- **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.
- **School Uniform** – Please reinforce the school uniform standards with your daughter. Our school uniform guidelines are available on the school website and by [clicking here](#). There has been an increase in pupils wearing inappropriate jewellery to school.
- **Contact Information** – We would like to remind parents and carers to inform the school of any changes to emergency contact details
- **Medication** - Please ensure that your daughter's medication in school is within date.
- **Healthy Eating** - 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** 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.

**Wear it Pink for Breast Cancer** – On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October, pupils can wear something pink with their normal school uniform to support the **Wear it Pink for Breast Cancer day**. Donations of £1 will be collected on the day. [www.wearitpink.org](http://www.wearitpink.org)

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 19<sup>th</sup> October. Raffle tickets will go on sale from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 20p each.

**UNICEF - International Day of the Girl 2018 - OPPORTUNITY:** We are encouraging our pupils to write to a female who has inspired them in their work or by their positive actions. When a pupil receives a reply, she



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should bring it into school. The pupil who receives the most inspirational response will get a prize. More information on the International Day of the Girl is available at [www.unicef.org](http://www.unicef.org).

### **Mental Health Awareness Day – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Assemblies this week have focused on 'young people and mental health in a changing world'. There are many organisations that offer support [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk) / [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org) / [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) alternatively speak to someone in school.

**Birmingham at War Competition** – Pupils are invited to enter our 'Birmingham at War' competition. The winning entries will be invited to visit the Oratory Church on Thursday 8th November 2018. To enter pupils should create an original piece of work relating to Birmingham during World War One (1914 – 1918) and hand into Miss Middlehurst or Ms Bold by **Friday 19th October 2018**.

Your work must be original, creative and relate to World War One and Birmingham. Please put your name and form on your work.

**Black History Month** – During the week commencing the 5th October all pupils listened to an assembly on Black History Month. They heard the story of Walter Tull, the first black professional football player and the first black British army officer to command white troops in World War One. His heroic efforts to face the barriers put in the way of his success in early 20th century Britain is commendable. They also listened to the story of Hope Powell who was the first black female coach of England's female football team. Again, her ability to challenge inequality in a sector dominated by white men was recognised. We are inviting pupils this month during Tutor time to reflect on their ambitions and aspirations for their life and how they will contribute to breaking down barriers of injustice and discrimination in society. Please encourage your daughter to think about these issues this month.

**History Ambassador** – The application deadline has passed, and Ms Bold is looking through applications to decide who will be appointed in each year group. Applications have been very impressive and warmly received so well done to all those that applied. Successful candidates will be notified in due course.

**Mock Examinations (Year 10 and Year 11)** – A reminder that the mock examinations begin on Monday 12 November. Pupils should be revising and preparing conscientiously for these examinations. Year 10 pupils will only have mock examinations in English Literature, and Year 11 have a full series of mocks.

**GCSE Pod**- Usage continues to grow rapidly throughout the school. All pupils from Year 7-11 have access to GCSE Pod and should have active their accounts. There may be a number of girls in Years 7-9 who have not yet activated their accounts, and this should be done as soon as possible. Please ask your daughter to show you how she uses GCSE Pod; it is an excellent resource with regular use impacting very positively on pupil progress.

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

**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**

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	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October, 3:00pm, 4:30pm or 6:00pm	<a href="http://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/locations/birmingham/">http://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/locations/birmingham/</a>
Aston University Sixth Form	Thursday 15 November, 5:30pm to 8:30pm	<a href="https://auea.co.uk/">https://auea.co.uk/</a>
BMET	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> October, 10:00am to 1:00pm	<a href="http://www.bmet.ac.uk">www.bmet.ac.uk</a>
Bordesley Green Girls' Sixth Form	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November, 5:00pm to 7:30pm	<a href="http://www.bordgrng.bham.sch.uk">www.bordgrng.bham.sch.uk</a>
Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> October, 10:00am to 2:00pm	<a href="http://www.jcc.ac.uk">www.jcc.ac.uk</a>
King Edwards VI Camp Hill School for Girls	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November, 6:00pm to 8:00pm	<a href="http://www.kechg.org.uk">www.kechg.org.uk</a>
King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 6:00pm to 8:00pm	<a href="http://www.kingedwardvi.bham.sch.uk">www.kingedwardvi.bham.sch.uk</a>
Solihull College	Saturday 24 November, 10:00am to 2:00pm	<a href="http://www.solihull.ac.uk">www.solihull.ac.uk</a>
South and City College	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November, 4:00pm to 7:00pm	<a href="http://www.sccb.ac.uk">www.sccb.ac.uk</a>
The Sixth Form College Solihull	Saturday 13 October, 9:30am to 3:30pm	<a href="http://www.solihullsfca.ac.uk">www.solihullsfca.ac.uk</a>
University College Birmingham	Saturday 24 November, 11:00am to 3:00pm	<a href="http://www.ucb.ac.uk">www.ucb.ac.uk</a>
University of Birmingham School	Thursday 8 November 2018	<a href="http://www.uobschool.org.uk">www.uobschool.org.uk</a>