



# Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

## Diary

Date	Information
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Workshop - Preparation for exams and managing the exam period
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Governors Meeting
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent Workshop - What is emotional and mental wellbeing and how can I help?
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 8 STEAM Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent Workshop - How can I support my daughter with Maths?

## Notices

**Pupil Trip to Paris** – The final instalment is now due from parents of pupils going on the trip to Paris during March 2019. The school also requires a copy of the passport for all pupils attending the trip. Please send to school a photocopy or your daughter's original passport so that we can take a copy.

Parents should also ensure that their daughter has a valid EHIC (European Health Insurance Card). These are free of charge and can be applied for on [this link](#).

**Year 10 and 11 Mock Examinations** - Congratulations to all our Year 10 and Year 11 pupils on completing their mock exams; their level of organisation and approach to their examinations has been excellent. Mock exams are a huge part of the learning journey as pupils continue their preparation for GCSE examinations in the summer. Year 10 will only be sitting their GCSE English Literature next summer. Please talk to your daughters about her results and help her to plan the next steps in her preparations for the summer.

**GCSE Pod** – Last week was a busy week on GCSE Pod, with very high usage amongst Year 11 and Year 10 as they prepared for the mock examinations. We have also seen an increase to 75% of our pupils with active accounts on GCSE Pod. The subjects with the highest use of GCSE Pod in each school year are:

Year 7 – Maths, History, Religious Studies

Year 8 – Maths, English Literature, History

Year 9 – History, English Literature, Maths

Year 10 – English Literature, Biology, History

Year 11 – Chemistry, History, Biology

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

**Year 10 Work Experience** – Following our work experience launch of Aspirations day, Year 10 are busy contacting various employers as they search for work experience opportunities. Please continue to encourage your daughter to discuss various careers and to contact potential employers.



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**Coats and School Uniform** – This week the weather has turned colder as the winter season begins. During this weather it is important for pupils to wear waterproof, warm coats to school. All pupils should have a locker where they can safely keep their coat during the day.

It is also important that pupils wear the correct school uniform and are equipped for all their lessons. Our school uniform guidelines are available on the school website and by [clicking here](#).

**Parent Workshops** – It is wonderful to welcome parents to our Thursday morning workshops. This week’s workshop focuses on preparations for examinations and managing the examinations period. During the school year all pupil take periodic examinations, in addition the external examinations taken by our Year 11 and Year 10 pupils. This workshop will provide information to help parents support their daughter when she prepares for examinations and during her examination period. As with previous workshops it will start at 9:00am and finish at 9:45am.

Below is a list of further workshops that explore a variety of relevant topics and are designed to help parents to support their daughter’s learning and wellbeing.

- 29-Nov Preparation for exams and managing the exam period
- 06-Dec What is emotional and mental wellbeing and how can I help?
- 13-Dec How can I support my daughter with Maths?
- 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.

**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 27 <sup>th</sup> November, 5:00pm or 6:30pm	<a href="http://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/locations/birmingham/">www.accesscreative.ac.uk/locations/birmingham/</a>
BMET	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February, 4:00pm to 7:00pm	<a href="http://www.bmet.ac.uk">www.bmet.ac.uk</a>
Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November, 6:00pm to 7:30pm	<a href="http://www.jcc.ac.uk">www.jcc.ac.uk</a>
South and City College	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January, 4:00pm to 7:00pm	<a href="http://www.sccb.ac.uk">www.sccb.ac.uk</a>
The Sixth Form College Solihull	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February, 5:00pm to 7:00pm	<a href="http://www.solihullsfc.ac.uk">www.solihullsfc.ac.uk</a>
University College Birmingham	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> January, 11:00am to 3:00pm	<a href="http://www.ucb.ac.uk">www.ucb.ac.uk</a>
University of Birmingham School	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2019, 5:30pm to 8:00pm	<a href="http://www.uobschool.org.uk">www.uobschool.org.uk</a>