



# Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

24<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## Important dates for your diary

Date	Information
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>Week A</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 11 Mock exams all week.</li><li>• Year 10 Assessment week.</li><li>• National Careers Week.</li><li>• Governors meeting Curriculum and Pastoral.</li></ul>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• World Book Day.</li><li>• Y8/9/10/11 Netball away game against St Edmund Campion.</li></ul>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A group of Year 8 students visit B'ham University for the Health and Careers Workshop.</li></ul>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Week B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>STEAM week</b></li></ul>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A group of Year 10 students to visit UCB to participate in 'Have a go' part of Health and Social Care.</li></ul>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Y8/9 Netball home match against Stockland Green.</li></ul>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 9 students' trip to NEC for 'The Big Bang'.</li><li>• Four students attending The Math's Challenge UKMT.</li><li>• Dance finals – Four Year 8 students at the Patrick Centre. Good luck.</li></ul>

### How should I use my knowledge organiser for homework? [Link](#)

The language department are using knowledge organisers to help students to learn key verbs and vocabulary. They have started to prepare the pupils with their weekly spelling test. Parents are encouraged to support their daughter to complete the 'extra hot task'.

**PE Information:** Please check the attached timetable to see where your PE lessons are on the weeks commencing: **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. There will be no practical PE within these weeks. Dance lessons will continue as usual. [Timetable](#)

**All PE after school clubs will not be running Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

**Value of the month – 'Sincerity'** Please discuss this value with your daughter. To support use this [Link](#) and [VVR](#)

**Thought for the week: Diligence** please see [PowerPoint](#) and [video link](#) .



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**Job of the week for Citizenship: Family Support Worker** please see [link](#).

**Career of the week for Citizenship:** This week's career of the week is a **MP**. Please click on the link to find out how to get involved in a career in politics. [Link](#)

If you are interested in coming into school to speak about your career in the civil service industry please contact Mrs Barron [s.barron@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:s.barron@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk)

**Enhance your learning with GCSE Pod** – Total number of GCSE Pod accessed by pupils last week; 1423 pods showing English Literature, History and Physics were the most watched subjects. We are in third place – out of 96 - in the GCSE Pod league for schools of our size in our region, with an average of 39.31 pods having been watched per KS4 pupil since 1st November 2019; the current round of this competition will end on 29<sup>th</sup> February.

Year	GCSE Pod Active Users	Use of GCSE POD
Year 7	79%	116 pods have been watched with English Literature, History and RS the most accessed subjects.
Year 8	91%	34 pods, English Literature, Maths and RS
Year 9	96%	241 pods, English Literature, English Language and Combined Sciences.
Year 10	97%	248 pods, English Literature, History and Study Smart.
Year 11	97%	293 pods, History, Maths and Physics.

Please encourage your daughter to continue to use GCSE Pod. It is a great resource to help to consolidate learning from this term or prepare for future learning.

Great opportunity for children over the age of 8 to make their own jewellery workshop at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. Workshops taking place on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> August, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 27<sup>th</sup> August and 29<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets £10. [Link](#)

**NCS (National Citizen Service)** is a youth programme designed especially for 16- and 17-year olds. For further details on NCS please click onto the [Link](#)

### How to volunteer at the Commonwealth Games:

The games will need more than 10,000 volunteers. Register your interest to hear about the volunteering programme. [see link for details](#)

### Choir Service



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Pupils with an interest in singing may be interested in this opportunity being offered by the Birmingham Music Service; please see the link and follow the guidance provided. [Link](#)

**National Careers Week:** is driven to improve the life chances and social mobility of those that need it most. Please see PowerPoint presentation for [KS3](#) and [KS4](#).

## College and Sixth Form Open Evenings

This is a list of the open events for some of the colleges and sixth forms our pupils have visited or joined in previous years. Please note that it is not a complete list and should be supplemented by independent research. It is recommended that pupils apply for more than one course, to ensure they have suitable choices when examination results are known.

College	Date of next Open Event	Website address
Solihull College	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2020, 5:30pm to 8:00pm	<a href="http://www.solihull.ac.uk">www.solihull.ac.uk</a> <a href="#">School leavers event</a>



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