



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

26th October 2018

Diary

Date	Information
Monday 29 th October to Friday 2 nd November	Half Term Holiday (School closed to pupils)
Monday 5 th November	Start of new half term (School Open for all pupils at the normal time) A week of activities to mark the 100 th Anniversary of Armistice Day and the end of the First World War.
Wednesday 7 th November	Whole School Aspiration Day and Careers Convention
Thursday 8 th November	Parent Workshop - Healthy lifestyle, exercise and wellbeing for me and my family Visit to the Oratory Church for the winners of 'Birmingham at War' competition
Sunday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Monday 12 th November	Mock Examinations start
Thursday 15 th November	Parent Workshop - What does positive behaviour for learning look like at home and school?
Friday 16 th November	NEC World Skills Show Year 10

Notices

Wear it Pink – Thank you to all who have supported our 'Wear it Pink day' last week and with this week's raffle. All money raised will be donated to support Breast Cancer Research and work towards a future where everyone with breast cancer lives.

Marking 100 years since the armistice and the end of the First World War. - When pupils arrive back after half term they will be given the opportunity to take part in many activities designed to allow them to reflect on the horrors of the First World War. The aim of this is not to celebrate war but to understand its impact on Britain and the wider world. During lesson time, week commencing 5th November, all lessons will include a link to the First World War from a subject specific point of view. Pupils will be asked to study poetry, looking at how poppies are made and how effective commemorative displays are. Pupils will explore how the First World War is linked to human rights and how technology was developed during war time. Pupils will also be invited in Form Time to be creative in creating their own poppy, which will go towards creating a display in the school. The winners of the recent 'Birmingham at War' competition will be invited to attend a trip to the Oratory Church on Thursday 8th November to visit an exhibition of photographs, medals, memorabilia and battlefield relics.

Please encourage your daughter to reflect on pressing issues at this time of year and discuss the purpose of remembering and commemorating the First World War.



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Whole School Aspiration Day and Careers Convention – Wednesday 7th November pupils will take part in a variety of activities and workshops to support learning about the future and raising aspirations. This will be an incredibly valuable day of learning for all our pupils. For more information please [click here](#).

During the half-term holiday please to talk to your daughter about her future plans, her career aspirations and how she hopes to achieve her goals.

Mock Examinations (Year 10 and Year 11) – A reminder that the Year 11 mock examinations begin on Monday 12 November. Year 10 pupils will also have mock examinations in English Literature.

It is important that pupils are adequately prepared for their mock examinations. The half-term holiday is an ideal time for pupils to continue with their revision and to ensure that they have the equipment needed for their examinations. For each examination pupils should bring black pens (at least 2 No blue or gel pens), pencils (at least 2), protractor, rubber and ruler. If using a pencil-case it must be a clear one and any water bottles should also be clear, with no labels. School will provide compasses and calculators. This week Year 11 have attended an assembly explaining expectations for examination behaviour and procedures. The assembly will be repeated for Year 10 at the beginning of next half term. A copy of the presentation is available on the Examination page of the school website and also by clicking [this link](#).

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

GCSE Pod- As a school we have now accessed over 50,000 podcasts since our subscription began. The half term holiday is an ideal time for pupils to consolidate their learning by watching the videos in GCSE Pod. Further information for parent is available on [this link](#).

Competition for UNICEF - International Day of the Girl 2018 – The half term holiday will be a great time for pupils to write to a female who has inspired them in their work or by their positive actions. Many pupils have already done this. It is lovely to read the replies our pupils have received from their letters. Remember there is a prize for the pupil who receives the most inspirational response. Our final date for handing in responses is Friday 30th November.

More information on the International Day of the Girls is available at www.unicef.org.

Parent Workshops - This week we held the first in a series of Thursday morning Parent Workshops. These workshops will explore a variety of relevant topics and are designed to share information that will help parents to support their daughter's learning and wellbeing.

- 08-Nov Healthy lifestyle, exercise and wellbeing for me and my family
- 15-Nov What does positive behaviour for learning look like at home and school?
- 22-Nov Keeping Safe with PC Fletcher
- 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?

The workshops start at 9:00am and finish at 9:45am. 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.

We hope that parents will find them helpful.

Parents E-safety Coffee Morning - Birmingham City Council Communication and Autism Team invites parents to an E-Safety Coffee Morning on Friday 23rd November. For more information [click here](#).

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](#).
- **Contact Information** - We would like to remind parents and careers 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.

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 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 24 th November, 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	Wednesday 21 st November, 5:00pm to 8:00pm	www.cadcol.ac.uk
Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College	Thursday 29 th November, 6:00pm to 7:30pm	www.jcc.ac.uk
King Edwards VI Camp Hill School for Girls	Thursday 15 th November, 6:00pm to 8:00pm	www.kechg.org.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	Thursday 15 th November, 5:00pm to 8:00pm	www.solihullsfcc.ac.uk
University College Birmingham	Saturday 24 November, 11:00am to 3:00pm	www.ucb.ac.uk
University of Birmingham School	Thursday 8 th November 2018, 5:30pm to 8:00pm	www.uobschool.org.uk