



# Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

## Important dates for your diary

Date	Information
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>International Women's Day</b>
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>• Four students attending The Math's Challenge UKMT.</li><li>• Dance finals – Four Year 8 students at the Patrick Centre. <b>Good luck.</b></li></ul>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Week A</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• St Patrick's Day</li></ul>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mother's Day Gift Shop opens for three days</li></ul>
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mother's Day</b></li></ul>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>Week B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 8 Parents Evening</li></ul>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Week A</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full Governing Board meeting</li></ul>

**Department for Education Coronavirus helpline: Phone: 0800 046 8687**

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas: [Link](#) and [Poster](#).

**Free School Meals** - If your daughter is entitled to **Free School Meals**, please encourage her to use this in school. By using this entitlement, families can save over £400 per year per child. If you have any questions, please contact your daughter's Pastoral Manager.

**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'.



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**Value of the month** – 'Strength' Please discuss this value with your daughter. To support use this the following links [Poster](#), [Competition](#) and [Calendar](#)

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

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

**Career of the week for Citizenship:** This week's career of the week is a **Probation officer**. Please use the link below to see what this entails, what qualifications you would need and the career path you could go on [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](#)

**Enhance your learning with GCSE Pod** – Total number of GCSE Pod accessed by pupils last week; 489 pods showing English Literature, English Language and Biology were the most watched subjects. We have moved to the Regional League which puts us in 22<sup>nd</sup> position – out of 97 - with an average of 0.1367 pods having been watched per KS4 pupil since 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020; the current round of this competition will end on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

Year	GCSE Pod Active Users	Use of GCSE POD
Year 7	79%	28 pods have been watched with English Literature, Geography, Food Preparation and Nutrition the most accessed subjects.
Year 8	91%	13 pods, English Literature, and English Language.
Year 9	96%	46 pods, English Literature, Chemistry and Biology.
Year 10	97%	202 pods, English Literature, History and Combined Science.
Year 11	97%	200 pods, English Language, Biology and Chemistry.

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.

**STEAM Week** – Pupils will be taking part in a wide variety of learning activities linked to Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics. This is a fantastic opportunity to discuss learning in these subject areas and for pupils to consider how skills in these areas can support future careers.

**Year 11 Preparing for Success** – Pupils should take time to reflect on how they feel they have done in their mock exams, and to make sure they are clear on their next steps as they move closer to their GCSEs. Mock exam results will be given to pupils on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.



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## After School Clubs:

**Maths 'mytutor' Revision Sessions** – Year 11 pupils who are participating in these sessions on a Monday after-school are reminded of the importance of regular attendance; it is expected that all pupils who have received information about these sessions should attend.

**Year 11 Art, Craft and Design** – Can you please encourage your daughter to work on their external set task, which is worth 40% of their final GCSE grade, to attend after school support in the Art, Craft and Design department on Tuesdays. There is only 5 school weeks remaining until their examination. Thank you for your continued support.

**Textile Club** – After school club for Year 7 and 8 on Thursday at 2.50pm till 4.15pm. Now until Easter.

**Maths Whizz** – All Year 7 students need to complete 45 minutes on Maths Whizz per week as part of their homework. Can you please continue to support your daughter.

**Make your own Jewellery Workshop** – If you have a child over the age of 8, they can make their own jewellery at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. The workshops are 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 are available at a cost of £10. For further details please see [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](#)

## **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
University College B'ham	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Want to take a behind-the-scenes look at University College Birmingham and discover what it's like to study here. <a href="#">UCB</a>