

HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2017



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

23rd- 26th May - Primary
Music Tour

27th May - 3rd June - Year
12 Lourdes Pilgrimage

29th May - 3rd June - Half
Term Holiday

5th June - Term Starts

5th - 7th June - Year 10
Geography Fieldtrip

12th - 16th June - Year 12
End of Year Assessments

19th - 20th June - Year 12
Higher Education Days

20th June - PTA Meeting,
7pm West One, Hagley

21st - 23rd June - DofE
Silver Expedition

22nd - 26th June - Year 10
Examinations

26th -27th June - Year 12
Biology Fieldtrip

27th June - Year 11
Graduation Day

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start by mentioning our Annual Presentation Evening which took place prior to the Easter Holidays, on Wednesday 5th April 2017. We were very fortunate to welcome back Francis Mohan to present the awards.

On the 14th/15th March inspectors from the Birmingham Diocesan Education Service carried out a Section 48 Inspection. The focus of the inspection was the quality, leadership, and impact of the school's provision of Catholic life, collective worship and religious education. A copy of the inspection report has been emailed to parents/carers and also posted on to the school website. If you would like a paper copy of this report please contact reception.

Although this has been a very short half term it has been a very busy one. The examination season started with our Key Stage 3 pupils taking internals examinations at the start of May. The written GCSE and A-Level examination season commenced from the 15th May and I would like to ask all members of the school community to pray for pupils who are sitting public examinations during May and June.

It is very important that pupils arrive on time for their examinations, all pupils will have been provided with an examination timetable and I ask that parents read these and familiarise themselves with the dates and times. For the examinations themselves the awarding bodies establish strict regulations to which we have to adhere. To avoid any accusations of unfair practice there is a strict ban on mobile phones and the newer I-Watches in the examination venues. I ask that parents remind their children to either leave their phone at home or hand it in to reception for safe keeping **before they enter an examination room.** Details of when the examination results are available can be found later in this newsletter.

Over the bank holiday weekend our Year 10 Geography pupils took part in a

trip to Sicily. Thank you to Mr Taylor for organising this and to Mr Bayliffe, Miss Morris and Mrs Jenkinson for supporting the pupils on this visit.

We are delighted that the Duke of Edinburgh programme is well established within the school and that our pupils can take part at Bronze and Silver level, all the pupils will go on expeditions which will take place in June and July to put into practice the skills they have learned. The Silver practice expedition took place before the Easter holidays and the Bronze on the 12th - 13th May. Thank you to our Duke of Edinburgh team for their continued support in running the programme, Mrs Evans, Mr Hedditch, and Mr Smith and the other members of staff who accompany pupils on the expeditions.

The annual Halas House disco took place on Thursday 11th May. Thank you to everyone who supported the event by either donating food and drink or giving up their time to welcome our guests.

There have been several musical events that our pupils have taken part in recently. My thanks to Mr Mallinson and the Music department for all their hard work in supporting our pupils in these events. Our pupils have taken part in the Youth Makes Music Concert at Kidderminster Town Hall, the Hagley Music Festival, the Spring Concert and to end this half term the Primary Music Tour took place.

Unfortunately due to the inclement weather conditions on Friday 12th May our sponsored walk organised by the Voice has been postponed to Friday 30th June. The Voice have organised this event to support the 'Walk a Mile in Their Shoes' campaign for the Father Hudson Society. As a school community the pupils will walk a mile around the campus to raise money for the Father Hudson Society.

Looking ahead to the half term holiday Mrs Cotterill and the Year 12 pilgrims will be visiting Lourdes on pilgrimage. As you should be aware this group of pupils have been raising funds throughout the year to enable them to take part in this pilgrimage. Thank you to everyone who has supported them in this endeavour.

Before I close I would once again ask for the support of parents in driving up the appearance of our pupils by ensuring that all pupils adhere to the school uniform policy. We still have some issues with pupils not wearing appropriate uniform and others arrive at school with unacceptable hairstyles and piercings. The uniform code is published in the Student Organisers and I would ask parents to discuss this with their son or daughter on a regular basis.

In a similar vein I would again ask for support in driving up the standard of behaviour on the trains and buses. If children report unacceptable behaviour to parents, I would ask that the school be notified as soon as possible.

Finally, I would like to draw parent's attention to the term dates for the next school year which are published within this newsletter. I would very much ask that parents do not book holidays in term time as this has a disruptive effect on the pupil's education. Parents may wish to note that the school year will end on Thursday 20th July 2017.



T Hammond
Headteacher

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Retirement of Mr Hammond

As you will be aware, Mr Hammond is retiring at the end of the current academic year. He has served our school faithfully for twenty six years. Mr Hammond joined Hagley as one of our Deputies in 1991, before becoming Headteacher in 2001, a role which he has fulfilled honourably and with a strong, clear vision for the last seventeen years.

As a community, we are planning to mark the end of Mr Hammond's career in an appropriate way, and are conscious that you may wish to contribute to a leaving gift for him. Should you wish to make a donation, you may do so either:

- **in cash**, handed in to our main office in the Foyer. If donating cash, please ensure it is in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with the words "TH Retirement"
- **by online bank transfer**, direct into a school account (Account Number: 28613368, Sort Code: 30-98-21), If making an online transfer it is essential that you give your payment the reference 'TH Retirement'

Details on the leaving gift we are able to purchase will be publicised once it has been presented to him during the final week of the Summer Term.

EXAMINATION RESULT DATES 2017

Collection of Results as follows:

GCE ~ Thursday 17th August

Available from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

AS ~ Thursday 17th August

Available from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

GCSE ~ Thursday 24th August

Available from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

www.samlearning.com

At school we are always looking for ways to extend our students' learning, which is why we subscribe all students to SAM Learning, a unique online service that covers all subjects. Studies have shown that using this service leads to better exam results.

Students are able to access the service at anytime and anywhere. It is available to them in school, but also at home or in a library. All students have unique login details:

Centre ID:	DY8HC
User ID:	Date of birth followed by two initials: first name then last name. Example: 010896DJ is the User ID for David Jones born 1 st Aug 1996.
Password:	Initially same as the User ID, Learners are encouraged to change this to something difficult to guess.

It is advised that students keep a record of the access details in their organiser.

We hope that your child is able to take full advantage of SAM Learning and thank you in advance for supporting them in this.

Communication With Parents/Carers

Contact Information

From September 2016, we have been making much greater use of electronic communication between the school and parents, it is therefore imperative that the contact details we hold for all parents/carers are kept fully up to date, including mobile number(s) and email addresses.

If you have changed your email address or mobile recently, or think that we might not have your correct details, please send in a letter to Mrs Millard with the correct information.

If you do not have an email address, please inform us and we will make sure that important information reaches you by alternative methods.

Mr Jones Network Manager

General Instructions to Students for Examinations:

Please ensure you bring the necessary **equipment** and arrive at your venue on time.

Dress Code: You should wear your full school uniform.

Sixth Form Dress Code: Normal sixth form dress code (no jeans, shorts or trainers).

Sixth Form: Lanyards: Must be brought into the exam venue for proof of identity and placed face up on front of exam desk.

Ipods, Iwatches, Mobile Phones, MP3/4 Players: Are **not** allowed in any exam venue. A facility is in place for these items to be handed into reception for safekeeping.

Coats and Bags: Are not allowed in any exam venue.

A black biro is essential for all exams. Pencil cases must be transparent.

Drinks: You may bring water to drink. The bottle needs to be clear without labels and have a sports cap (not a screw top) to avoid spillage. Any other type of container will be removed.

You should use the **toilet** before you enter the exam room so as not to inconvenience yourself or other students whilst exams are in progress.

Please ensure you adhere to the rules regarding **silence**. All students are expected to enter the exam venue in silence and remain silent until they have left the venue.

Limited **tuck** will be available so please bring adequate food each day.

Illness/Problems: Should you suffer from circumstances that are likely to have a significant adverse effect on your examinations, please report to the exam office at the earliest opportunity.

Lateness: If at all possible the school should be advised.

You Must Arrive At Your Venue For Public Exams By:

Morning Session: 9.00am

Afternoon Session: 1.00pm

Cashless Catering System

We are pleased to announce that in the Summer Term the School will introduce a cashless catering system that incorporates the latest technology, and eliminates the need for students to carry cash throughout the day. This system will allow us to continue with the development of the school meal service and provide a more efficient, faster, and ultimately better quality of service.

Amongst the advantages of the system are:

- increased speed of service, reducing queuing times
- students learn about the importance of lifestyle control by monitoring their own account and budgeting each week within their allowance
- alleviates many of the associated problems with the use of cash in schools, such as loss
- students are unable to spend money without the parent's knowledge on anything other than school meal items
- anonymity for children claiming Free School Meals

Timescales are still being finalised and we will write to you all again once the actual implementation date has been finalised. We will also produce a set of FAQ's based on the experience of other schools

Parent Pay

The School is introducing a new online payments system called ParentPay that will replace the current system, Payment4Schools. This change is necessary to provide the functionality needed for us to implement the cashless catering system that we mentioned in January and we are confident it will provide a more user-friendly interface for parents.

Additional benefits include:

- the ability for parents to see full payment histories;
- more time efficient for our Finance Staff due to improved recording and allocation of payments made by parents
- once parents have registered an email address on ParentPay we will be able to issue reminders and advise when a payment will shortly be due

In due course we will write to you to let you know the launch date, as well as providing your account activation details. Just follow the instructions in the letter to get started.

Scholars Train Pass Orders After Half Term

After half term the train passes for the Autumn term 2017 will be available to order.

They will be available to purchase on 'Parent Pay'. You will hopefully find the process easier to use.

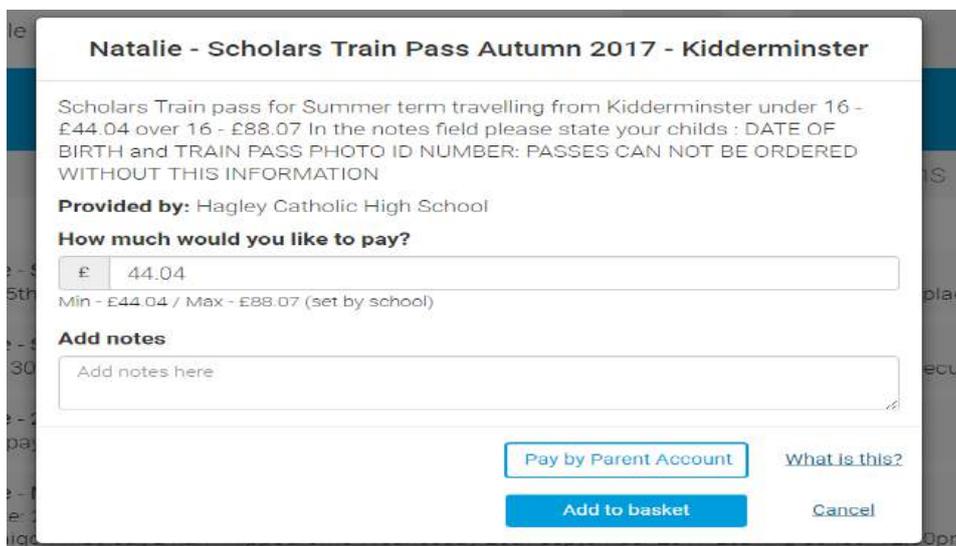
Where you have previously ordered a train pass you will have a 'payment item' showing in your parent pay account that will show how much you need to pay from the station you have previously bought a pass for. See below:



Click on the view button and the following will come up.

As you can see below it will tell you the amount you need to pay. It will also tell you that to complete the process you will need to put in the notes field the students **Date of Birth** and train pass photo id number for the order to be placed. This will replace the paper order form that needed to be sent in.

Your order will not be processed if the students DATE OF BIRTH and PHOTO ID NUMBER are not entered in the notes section on parent pay (if the photo ID card has been lost please write new ID card required)



If you want to order a train pass for the first time or from a different station to one that you have ordered previously, please use the following which will also be displayed in your payment items:

Scholars Train Pass Autumn 2017

Again you will need to put in the notes field the students date of birth, the station they are travelling from and if you have one a photo ID number for the order to be processed. This will replace the paper order form that previously needed to be sent in. Prices for the train passes can be found on the school website at:

<http://www.hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk/index.php/ourschool/documentsparents/transport>

New pass orders will not be processed if the students date of birth and station travelling from are not entered in the notes section on parent pay.

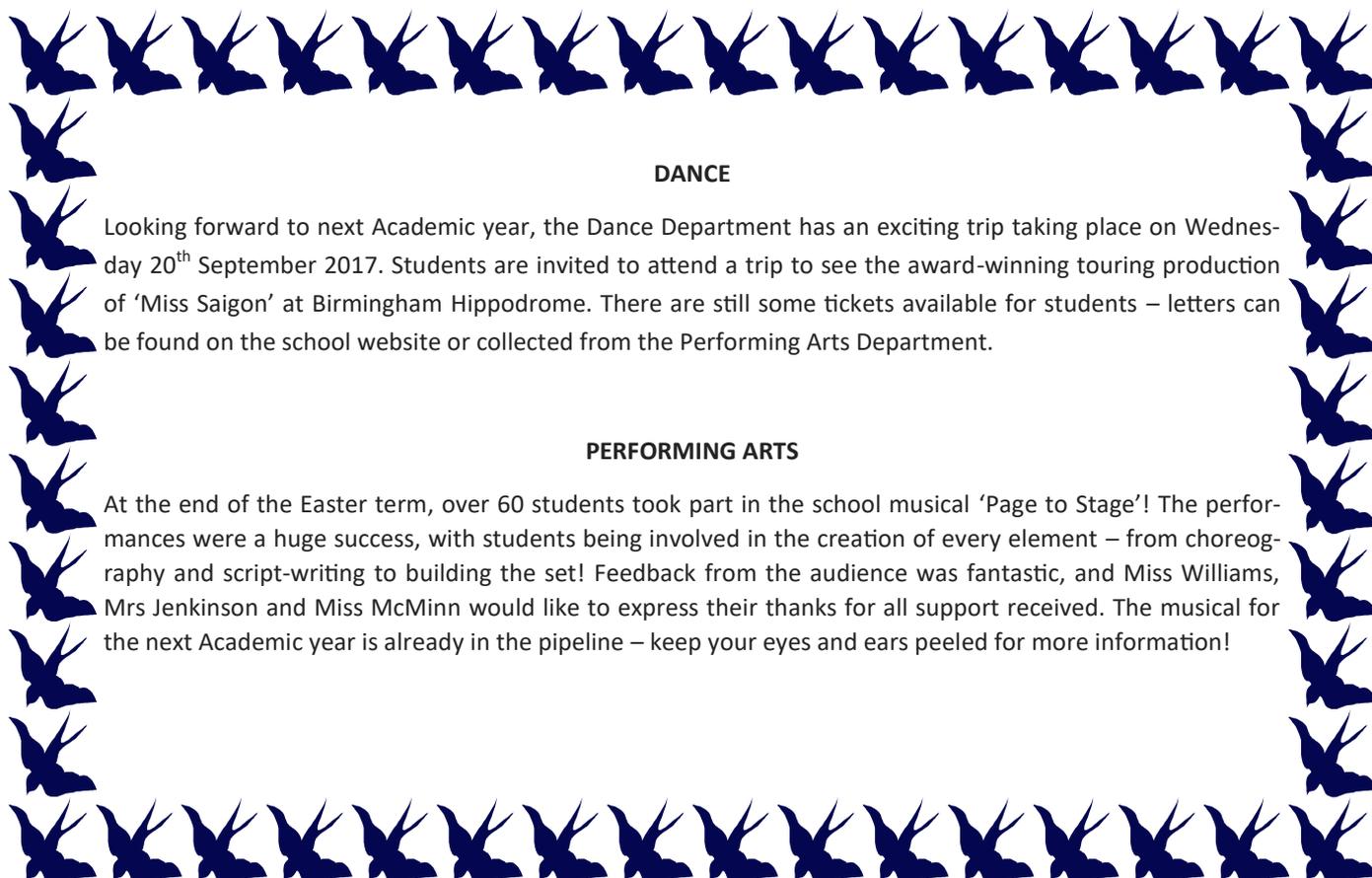
Transport Policy – Sharing of Information With London Midland

There may be occasion when London Midland and Hagley Catholic High School are required to share student data (only name, direction travelled and if a pass has been purchased for the current term).

By purchasing a scholar's train pass through the school you are agreeing to this.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR DANCE – SUMMER TERM
ALL CLUBS START FROM TUESDAY 2ND MAY 2017 AND
RUN TO THE END OF TERM

Day	Before School (8.30-8.50)	Break (10.25 – 10.45)	Lunch (12.10 – 12.40)	After School (3.35 – 5.30pm)
Monday			Boy's Dance (KS3 only)	Gifted & Talented Company (till 5.15pm)
Tuesday			GCSE rehearsals	GCSE rehearsals
Wednesday			Year 8	
Thursday			Year 7	GCSE rehearsals
Friday			Year 9	



DANCE

Looking forward to next Academic year, the Dance Department has an exciting trip taking place on Wednesday 20th September 2017. Students are invited to attend a trip to see the award-winning touring production of 'Miss Saigon' at Birmingham Hippodrome. There are still some tickets available for students – letters can be found on the school website or collected from the Performing Arts Department.

PERFORMING ARTS

At the end of the Easter term, over 60 students took part in the school musical 'Page to Stage'! The performances were a huge success, with students being involved in the creation of every element – from choreography and script-writing to building the set! Feedback from the audience was fantastic, and Miss Williams, Mrs Jenkinson and Miss McMinn would like to express their thanks for all support received. The musical for the next Academic year is already in the pipeline – keep your eyes and ears peeled for more information!



Water Bottles

As the weather is starting to get warmer please ensure your child has a water bottle in school that can be refilled throughout the day.

Request for Help With Year 10 Mock Interviews

Every year we give our Year 10 pupils the opportunity to participate in a mock interview to help prepare them for future college, university or job interviews. The Year 10 Mock Interview Week will take place on the week commencing 10th July. We would be very grateful of any parental assistance in supporting this event

Please contact Mrs Tedd if you are able to assist in this event. It would be preferable if you do hold an up to date DBS.

Please contact Mrs Tedd:

01562 883193

ktedd@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk

Physical Education Department
Extracurricular Timetable (Easter - Summer 2017)

Afterschool Sports Clubs & Teams					
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Monday	Trampoline Club (Gym – VRA)	Trampoline Club (Gym – VRA)	Trampoline Club (Gym – VRA) Mountain Biking Club (Offsite – WB)	Trampoline Club (Gym – VRA) Mountain Biking Club (Offsite – WB)	Trampoline Club (Gym – VRA) Mountain Biking Club (Offsite – WB)
Tuesday	Mountain Biking Club (Offsite – WB)	Boys Football Match (SRI) Girls Netball Match (MDE/VRA) Mountain Biking Club (Offsite – WB)	GCSE PE Sports (Sports hall – MBE) Girls Netball Match (MDE/VRA)	GCSE PE Sports (Sports hall – MBE)	GCSE PE Sports (Sports hall – MBE) Boys Football Match (MBE)
Wednesday	Boys Football Training (MCA) & Matches (GJB)		Badminton Club (Sports Hall – MBE)	Badminton Club (Sports Hall – MBE)	Badminton Club (Sports Hall – MBE)
Thursday			Boys Football Match (SRI)	Boys Football Match (MCA) Girls Netball Match (MDE/VRA)	Girls Netball Match (MDE/VRA)
Friday	Table tennis Club (Gym – MCA)	Table tennis Club (Gym – MCA)	Table tennis Club (Gym – MCA)	GCSE PE Sports (Gym – MCA)	GCSE PE Sports (Gym – MCA)

Afterschool Sports Clubs & Teams					
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Monday	Rounders Club (VRA – Field)	Rounders Club (VRA – Field)	Rounders Club (VRA – Field) Mountain Biking (WB – Offsite)	Rounders Club (VRA – Field) Mountain Biking (WB – Offsite)	Mountain Biking (WB – Offsite)
Tuesday	Cricket Matches (MCA – Sports Hall) Rounders Matches (VRA – Field) Mountain Biking (WB – Offsite)	Rounders Matches (VRA – Field) Mountain Biking (WB – Offsite)	Rounders Matches (VRA – Field)	Rounders Matches (VRA – Field)	
Wednesday	Athletics Club (VRA – Field)	Athletics Club (VRA – Field)	Advanced Sports Club (SRI – Sports Hall) Athletics Club (VRA – Field)	Advanced Sports Club (SRI – Sports Hall) Athletics Club (VRA – Field)	Advanced Sports Club (SRI – Sports Hall) Athletics Club (VRA – Field)
Thursday		Cricket Matches (SRI – Sports Hall)			
Friday					B451 Revision (MCA – E5)

Help to Raise Funds for the School PTA

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TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2016/2017

Autumn Term 2016

Term Starts - Training Day – Staff Only	Thursday 1st September 2016
Training Day - Staff Only	Friday 2nd September 2016
All Staff and Sixth Form Only	Monday 5th September 2016
All Staff and All Pupils	Tuesday 6th September 2016
Training Day - Staff Only	Friday 14th October 2016
Half Term	Monday 24th October 2016 to Friday 28th October 2016
Term Ends	Friday 16th December 2016 (School will close early for pupils at 2.20pm)

Spring Term 2017

Term Starts	Tuesday 3rd January 2017
Training Day - Staff Only	Friday 17th February 2017
Half Term	Monday 20th February 2017 to Friday 24th February 2017
Term Ends	Friday 7th April 2017

Summer Term 2017

Term Starts	Monday 24th April 2017
Half Term	Monday 29th May 2017 to Friday 2nd June 2017
Term Ends	Thursday 20th July 2017

Bank Holidays

Transferred from New Year's Day	Monday 2nd January 2017
Good Friday	Friday 14th April 2017
Easter Monday	Monday 17th April 2017
May Day	Monday 1st May 2017
Whitsun Bank Holiday	Monday 29th May 2017



TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017

Term Starts - Training Day – Staff Only	Monday 4th September 2017
All Staff and Sixth Form Only	Tuesday 5th September 2017
Training Day - Staff Only	Wednesday 6th September 2017
All Staff and All Pupils	Thursday 7th September 2017
Training Day - Staff Only	Friday 13th October 2017
Half Term	Monday 23rd October 2017 to Friday 27th October 2017
Term Ends	Tuesday 19th December 2017
Training Day	Wednesday 20th December 2017

Spring Term 2018

Term Starts – Training Day	Tuesday 2nd January 2018
Half Term	Monday 19th February 2018 to Friday 23rd February 2018
Term Ends	Thursday 29th March 2018

Summer Term 2018

Term Starts	Monday 16th April 2018
Half Term	Monday 28th May 2018 to Friday 1st June 2018
Term Ends	Friday 20th July 2018

Bank Holidays

Good Friday	Friday 30th March 2018
Easter Monday	Monday 2nd April 2018
May Day	Monday 7th May 2018
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 28th May 2018