

**“Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls.” Luke 11:17**

Friday, 28 March 2025

Dear Parent(s), carer(s) and students,

It's hard to believe that this time last year we were already in the first week of the Easter break and yet we still have another 2 weeks to go. However, as ever during this period of Lent, students are trying to make every day count in responding to the call for action, in line with Catholic Social Teaching, to act as Pilgrims of Hope in providing charity to others.

Today a group of Year 11 students are sleeping out under the stars (well actually the canopy) to raise money for St Basil's who work with young homeless children and adults. At lunch today Year 10 held a soak the teacher event on the courts to raise money for Cancer Research UK. While 9 Bede ran a cake sale to raise money for Alzheimer's Society and Cancer Research UK.

9 Bede are also running an Easter raffle this year to raise money for Alzheimer's Society and Cancer Research UK. Tickets are available to purchase from Monday 31st March until Wednesday 9th April. Tickets cost £1 per 5 ticket strip. Students can purchase tickets in school directly with Miss Higgins or parents/carers can purchase tickets via Arbor pay. The prize has been made and donated by Emiline in 9B.



There will be lots more going on in the coming weeks that I hope to be able to share in my end of term letter, and thank you for your generous support too.

### CAFOD Daily Reflections

I mentioned in my last letter CAFOD's online calendar for Lent that offers daily scripture, reflection and prayer. [Lent calendar with daily prayers and reflection](#)

Here was Thursday's;

*In today's gospel, the source of Jesus' healing power is questioned, and he is even accused of aligning himself with evil. In response, Jesus tells the crowd that a kingdom or a household which is divided is heading for ruin. He cannot be using the power of evil to heal.*



God of all  
Help us to be united as one family,  
ready to do what you want us to do.  
Guide us to live in harmony,  
to love one another  
and to find our strength  
in working together for change.  
Amen.

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*We know the power of unity. Khera lives in Kenya, with her husband and six children. She comes from a community of pastoralists who traditionally support themselves by looking after livestock. However, a long drought killed their animals and left the family struggling for enough water and food to live.*

*Khera joined with other determined women in the area to form the Glitter Group, named for their desire to shine out and be seen. With the help of Caritas, the group have planted vegetables and started to raise chickens. Speaking of her community Khera says:*

*“There is no strength in dis-unity. There’s no love in hatred. It is better if we love one another and live in harmony and uphold the spirit of oneness as a source of community. This is the spirit we have inherited from our forefathers. We have a slogan which says: Unity is strength. Let’s pull together to inspire; let’s pull together to be strong.”*

*This Lent let’s try to follow Khera’s example and seek to live in unity as one human family.*

### Curriculum Opportunities



On Wednesday, 19th March, our GCSE Business students had the exciting opportunity to participate in the Kings Trust Enterprise Challenge. The event challenged students to showcase their entrepreneurial skills in a competition scored on two key elements: The Business Pitch and the Simulation Game.

With sustainability and ethics at the forefront of their business ideas, students were tasked with developing concepts that addressed the UN Sustainable Development Goals. They were asked to focus on important aspects such as responsible consumption and production, reducing hunger, and tackling inequalities, all while keeping in mind the essential balance of Profit, People and the Planet. What made this particularly challenging was the need for their ideas to benefit their school or local community, pushing them to think beyond profit as the primary business objective.

The students presented their passion-filled pitches with confidence and poise, engaging in discussions and answering questions about their ideas with enthusiasm. It was inspiring to see them speak so clearly about the positive impact their concepts could have on the world.

The Simulation Game took the competition to the next level by placing the students in charge of creating and running a brand-new micro-business, simulating a pop-up shop. From selecting products to determining pricing, choosing locations, and attracting customers, it was up to the students to generate excitement, make sales, and achieve profits. This dynamic experience was designed to hone their enterprise skills and deepen their business knowledge.

A huge congratulations to Gracie O'Loughlin, Codie Humphries, Ellie-Marie O'Sullivan, and Lily-Rose Ford, whose innovative idea focused on easing the anxiety and stress that Year 6 students face when transitioning to high school. Their concept not only earned them top marks in the simulation game but also stood out for its social impact. These four students will proudly represent Hagley in the regional finals on 8th May 2025.  
*Mrs Mann*

### Y12 Young Enterprise

On Saturday, 15th March, our Young Enterprise team proudly represented Hagley Vintage at the Worcestershire & Herefordshire Trade Fair on Worcester High Street. Our talented sixth-form team of Rihanna, Patrick, Alex, Leo, Alex, Simran, Seba and Logan played a vital role in setting up our stall and showcasing our unique upcycled jeans.



Hagley Vintage is built on the vision of promoting sustainability through fashion. By giving vintage clothing a new lease of life, we aim to reduce textile waste and contribute to an eco-friendlier future. Throughout the day, our team took turns engaging with customers, sharing our passion for sustainable fashion, and highlighting the importance of reducing landfill waste.

Competing against a range of other schools, our team worked tirelessly to promote our brand and ethos. Their enthusiasm, dedication, and ability to connect with the public truly set them apart. The event was a fantastic opportunity to spread awareness about sustainability while gaining valuable business experience in the process.

Over the next fortnight they are opening their shop in school too.

### ✨ **Hagley Vintage Upcycle Event: Sustainable Fashion with a Twist!** ✨

The creative and talented students of **Hagley Vintage** have been working tirelessly to upcycle a one-of-a-kind clothing collection, and we can't wait to share it with you! Join us for an exclusive opportunity to shop unique, sustainable fashion while supporting this amazing student initiative.


#### **Event Dates & Times:**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025** 12:00pm - 12:50pm  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025** 12:00pm - 12:50pm

 **Location:** A Block





*At Hagley Vintage, we're deeply passionate about reducing landfill waste and contributing to a more sustainable future. By upcycling vintage clothing, we take garments that might otherwise end up in landfills and transform them into something beautiful and wearable. Every piece we rework represents our commitment to giving old clothes a second life and minimizing the environmental impact of fast fashion.*

Come by, check out their vintage collection, and score some incredible pieces, all while supporting sustainable fashion. 

Stay connected and follow our creative journey:

- **TikTok:** @HagleyVintage
- **Instagram:** @hagleyvintage

Don't miss the chance to be part of something special—see you there!  

### **Enrichment and Student Successes**

#### **Year 7 Transition Ambassadors**

Following National Offers Day at the start of the month when Year 6 students were allocated their secondary school, we have been busy getting ready for their transition. This year we are moving from one to three Induction Days to support Year 6 students in getting 'secondary ready.' Last week we launched a new role in school for Year 7 as Transition Ambassadors to support Year 6 on their transition in the summer term and when they start with us in September. To apply for this role Year 7 have been asked to submit a video telling us why they would be suitable and what it is like to be a POWERful learner here at Hagley. Mrs Mouzer and I have received lots of fantastic applications ahead of today's closing deadline. Well done Year 7!

*Mrs Imrie*

#### **Catenians Public Speaking competition Final**

Last night the Catenians held their annual Diocesan Public Speaking Competition for 6<sup>th</sup> Form students across the Diocese who had qualified from their school round. Theresa had previously won the Hagley round, and I am delighted to share that she won the overall competition against 23 other competitors. This is a fabulous achievement for Theresa and Hagley and is our second victory in 3 years. Theresa also won £200 for the school to spend. I look forward to working with Theresa and the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Public Speaking group on the best use of this money to grow debating and public speaking at Hagley even further.





## Sporting success



In a previous letter I shared that Ruben in Y11 has been selected to represent Hereford and Worcestershire School's Cross Country Team at the English Schools' Cross-Country Championships at The Ardingly Showground in West Sussex. It was a really tough event and while Ruben did not place, he represented himself and the County admirably and completed the race in good style. You can see him here, third from the left, with the team.

## Under 13 Netball District Memorial Tournament

This week the Under 13 girls (Year 8s) hosted the Dudley District Memorial Tournament as we have done for many years. It was another competitive afternoon of sport, and the girls shone, unbeaten in all 6 games and winning the final against Windsor 11 – 5.

Each and everyone of them was exemplary in their performance and truly embodied the mission of striving to “achieve your personal best.”



Events such as this could not happen without the commitment and dedication of Mrs Trinham and other students stepping up to support the organisation and running of the tournament. So, a huge public thanks to Caitlin, Charlotte, Emelia and Isla for doing so on this occasion.



It was remiss of me in my last letter not to have shared news of Ethan Crockett (Y8) walking out at The Recreation Ground, Bath, as an England flag bearer for the England Under 20's Six Nations fixture against France earlier this month. This was a huge honour for Ethan as a member of Bromsgrove Rugby Club and he represented himself, the club and, by default, the school in exemplary fashion.

## Spring Music Concert

On Wednesday we held our annual Spring Music Concert. It was a fabulous evening of music and song with students from across all years showcasing their talent and the work they have put in this term in their respective bands, ensembles and groups. It was a joyous and uplifting night and another example of Hagley students at their very best.



### **Summer Term Enrichment Week (30<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025)**

During our summer term enrichment week, while Year 10 are on Work Experience, students in Years 7 to 9 will be offered a variety of enrichment opportunities that will include outward bounds at Kinver Camp for Year 7 and a day at The Challenge Academy, Baggeridge Country Park for Year 8. While Year 9 will get a day at a theme park with a trip to Drayton Manor. These trips will be open to purchase places on Arbor Pay before Easter.

### **Summer Term Trains Passes**

Student Season Tickets for the summer term are now on sale. These provide students who travel by train up to 50% off standard Season Tickets, offering unlimited travel between two stations for the entire term.

<https://www.westmidlandsrailway.co.uk/tickets-discounts/discounts/student-season-train-tickets>

Key Information:

- Students aged 16 and over can save 50% on a standard adult Season Ticket.
- Students aged 15 and under can save 25% on a standard child Season Ticket.
- Summer Season Tickets are available to purchase until Friday 30 May 2025.
- The summer term travel window runs from Monday 28 April to Friday 25 July.

WMR recommend purchasing Season Tickets up to a week before the travel window begins to allow for any delivery delays. This will help ensure students get the best value for money.

### **Stakeholder Feedback**



Please do keep offering us your reviews and feedback, it is so very well received and is always shared, especially if this week you attended the Music Concert. You can do so by scanning the QR code or by clicking on this link: [HCHS Stakeholder Feedback Form](#)

### **Up to date Contact Information in Arbor**



It is important that the information that we hold about our students, and their families is up to date. This includes home addresses, emergency telephone contact numbers, transport information, parental consents etc. Parents/carers are able to update these details directly by logging in to the Arbor Parent Portal.

If you have moved home address, your contact telephone number has changed, or your child is now using a different mode of transport to school, please log into Arbor using your parent log in and update this information. You can also add new or additional emergency contact information for your child, if you wish.

Any changes to a student's record in Arbor must be reviewed and confirmed by the school once received, so any changes that you make will not appear immediately, but they will be processed. You will receive notification through Arbor when these changes have been reviewed and confirmed.

All personal data is collected in line with the [Emmaus MAC Pupils and Parents Privacy Notice](#). This sets out to individuals how the Emmaus Catholic Multi Academy Company, and Hagley Catholic High School as part of this, uses any personal information that they hold about them.

If you have any problems with accessing the Arbor Parent Portal, then please contact the school and we can reset your log in details for you.

## Vacancies

Having this week appointed new English and RE teachers for September we are now looking to recruit a part time Science teacher for September too.

This role is for one day a week only in the first instance and enquiries can be made directly to Mrs Fairclough (Head of Science) at [dfairclough@emmausmac.com](mailto:dfairclough@emmausmac.com) or via reception. Please, as ever, do share this far and wide. More details available at [Emmaus Catholic Multi Academy - Vacancies](#).

As always, this letter is sent with every good wish, prayer and blessing for a lovely weekend. While wishing all our Hagley mums a Happy Mother's Day for Sunday too.

Yours sincerely

*J Hodgson*  
Principal

## **Forthcoming Events and Calendared items - Spring Term 2:**

28.03.25 - Y11 NEA Food Day  
31.03.25 - Y12 A level Geography Trip  
02.04.25 - Performing Arts Danced Showcase  
03.04.25 - Y12 A level Geography Trip  
08.04.25 - Y8 HPV Vaccinations  
10.04.25 - Y8 Parents Evening  
11.04.25 - Break up for Easter

**We are recruiting for a Part Time Teacher of Science**  
Required for September 2025  
Salary Range: Main Scale/Upper      Hours: 0.2FTE / Permanent

Hagley Catholic High School is looking to recruit a part time teacher of Science for September 2025. It is essential that the candidate can teach across all year groups from KS3 to KS4 with the ability to teach at A level desirable but not essential. The successful candidate would be expected to contribute to teaching and learning development in Science across key stages 3 and 4, and we are looking to appoint an experienced, committed and conscientious practitioner 1 week one day per week.

The Science Department is a very well-regarded team of 7 teaching staff and 2 excellent technicians. The curriculum is strong, and schemes of learning are well sequenced, while students make excellent progress.

Science is taught to all pupils in Key Stages 3 & 4 including Triple Science as an option, with A level provision in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The appointed candidate would be expected to provide a secure specialist knowledge of the Science curriculum.

Attainment in science is excellent with GCSE outcomes significantly above the national average and in the 80th percentile, while progress in Science at GCSE is consistently positive with +0.55 progress in 2021.

This school welcomes applications from candidates of all faiths and backgrounds. A commitment to promoting the ethos of the school is also very important.

Emmaus Catholic MAC is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. This position is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure check under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 2014.

All applicants must be able to provide documentation to prove their right to work in the UK.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2010, we are aware of the importance of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We are committed to ensuring that all information we hold is accurate and up to date. If there is any information concerning this advertisement which we need to correct or amend, please contact us at the above email address.

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