



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**
SEMPER FIDELIS

“My soul hath them still in remembrance and is humbled in me.” (Lamentations 3:20)

Friday, 24 November 2023

Last Saturday evening a very poignant Mass was held at Our Lady and All Saints in Stourbridge on the 30th anniversary of the minibus tragedy. Hagley musicians, singers, students and staff past and present contributed to the liturgy and Canon Lamb, Parish Priest at St Ambrose, Kidderminster, and Chair of Governors back in 1993 led the homily. While a sorrowful occasion and memorial it was also a very joyous celebration of Mass and a fitting remembrance to those that were lost.

This weekend brings the current liturgical year to an end as the Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King and from 1st December (next Friday) we move into the season of Advent. Once again we shall be heavily engaged in actions of charity that reflect the Catholic Social Teaching of the Option for the Poor and we welcome all your support and donations. I am aware that Mr Miastowski has already emailed you with more details of our appeals.

Sporting Success



There has been more netball success since my last letter. This time Year 10 girls were the ones to excel and win the District Netball Tournament, winning all 10 games in one very busy evening of fixtures.

The netball played was exceptional, individually they all did their jobs and performed very well. However as a collective; a team, they were unstoppable.

This was a fabulous end to the first half of the season, and we wish them further success when the season recommences in February.

This week, boys in Years 8 and 11 competed in the County Table Tennis Championships at Bromsgrove School. Elkan and Bryan were undefeated in the Under 16 category while Aidan and Patrick put up a really good showing too, performances that will help them achieve high grades in their GCSE PE.



The Year 8 boys performed really well too in their first Under 13 competition and placed a very creditable 3rd overall. Huge well done to Noah, Ollie, Chris and Fenton.

Christmas Tree Decorations

Our Christmas trees arrive this coming week as we enter Advent and thanks, as ever, go to SPA Decorators and Mr Stockford for their kind donations of trees. Mrs O’Loughlin and The Voice (Student Council) are taking on

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the task of decorating the trees, but we are a little light on baubles and decorations so if you think you can donate any spare baubles, tinsel etc, that you no longer use please send them into reception. Thank you.

Year 11 Pre-Public Exams (PPEs)

Today the PPE's (mocks) for Year 11 came to an end (Year 13 begin next week). The Year 11 have been excellent throughout the last fortnight and really took the exams seriously and built excellent habits for the intense formality of exams in the summer that cannot be avoided. Parents/carers of Year 11 should be very proud of their efforts, and we all hope that it is reflected in their results when they come out.

However, it is important that Year 11 return on Monday with a very clear focus on the last 4 weeks of the term and the energy to re-engage in their work. There is always a danger that, after a PPE window, effort and attitude falls off but there is still plenty of content to learn before next Summer and no one can afford to rest on their laurels, please do remind them of this.

Pyramid Concert 2024

Rehearsals are well underway for the Pyramid Concert in 2024 and tickets are now available via Parent Pay. This year's theme is "Back to the 80's" and students from across Emmaus MAC and beyond will be entertaining us at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham on Monday 5th February 2024 at 7pm.

Hagley students can sign up to get involved via the Music Department.



Year 7 Disco fundraiser for Lourdes Pilgrimage

A Reminder: Tickets are still on sale for next Friday's Year 7 disco in the school hall from 6 to 8pm to raise money to fund the Year 12 Lourdes pilgrimage.

Absence

We have seen a falloff in attendance in some year groups this week as winter coughs, colds and sickness start to kick in. Please do everything you can to keep your child well and in school, we are so very keen to ensure that their learning is constant and consistent, and not negatively impacted through absence.

Vacancy

Emmaus MAC is advertising a new role for the position of Director of School Improvement and details about the post including the advert and application pack can be found at <https://www.emmausmac.com/Page/Detail/vacancies>.

Please do share with anyone you think might be interested in this fabulous opportunity.

Wishing you all every blessing and a lovely weekend ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Hodgson
Principal

Director of School Improvement
Required for 8th April 2024, Full-time, Permanent
Salary Range: £48,490 - £51,546
A 7 point scale in the range of £41,100 dependent on the candidate's experience

All Emmaus Catholic MAC, our vision is "Excellent Catholic education for all in the heart of our communities nourishing faith, nurturing talent and fostering aspiration". The Board of Directors of our thriving and growing Multi Academy Company, supported by the Archdiocese of Birmingham, is looking to recruit a talented and ambitious Director of School Improvement to drive our ongoing plans for improvement and to build on the current achievements of our schools. The successful candidate will be fully supportive of our Catholic ethos and a person who by personal example and professional leadership, will ensure that the Catholic ethos, central to the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church permeates all aspects of the life of the MAC and each of its schools.

The post holder will work collaboratively with the Catholic Senior Executive Leader (SEL) and other partners to secure accelerated and sustained school improvement by:

- developing, leading and implementing the MAC school improvement strategy
- leading the capacity of Principals to successfully recruit and employ them to build and secure sustained school improvement
- establishing and developing high performing school and MAC leadership teams to impact on all aspects of school improvement
- providing support, advice, guidance and regular reviews to MAC primary phase schools
- regularly reviewing and supporting individual schools, working alongside leaders to create a rapid improvement agenda
- Developing, co-ordinating and delivering the Emmaus school improvement QIP offer, both internally within the MAC and externally to other MACs/trusts and schools.

Reporting to the Catholic Senior Executive Leader (SEL), the successful candidate will be part of the MAC Executive team and play a major part in the development and implementation of strategic change across the Catholic spectrum of our schools.

Emmaus Catholic MAC is committed to supporting and promoting the welfare of children and young people. This position is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Check under the Introduction of October 2014.

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

Emmaus Catholic MAC offers a range of career progression opportunities and all our employees are encouraged to continue learning and development as part of the day. Emmaus is an equal opportunity employer. This is an opportunity to work with passion and drive through. An immediate candidate can now register to be on the short list and show a creative, pioneering, innovative and forward thinking approach to the role.

Closing date for applications: Monday 18th December 2023
Interview Dates: 16th & 17th January 2024

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Forthcoming Events and Calendared items

Autumn 2:

24th November - Y9 autumn reports issued via Arbor

27th November - Y13 PPE's begin

01st December - Y8 Autumn reports issued via Arbor

15th December - Y7 & Y12 autumn reports issued via Arbor

15th December - Y13 PPE results issued via Arbor

15th December - Non-Uniform Day

19th December - Y11 PPE results issued via Arbor

21st December - Christmas Mass

22nd December - Break up for Christmas - Christmas Jumper Day