



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**
SEMPER FIDELIS



"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

Friday, 10 October 2025

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

I do hope you are all physically well and, on this World Mental Health Day, are healthy in mind too. Today has been a day when the whole school has embraced the importance of our mental wellbeing and embraced the colour yellow in solidarity with the Young Minds charity that supports youth mental health, more on that later in my letter.

This scripture at the top of my letter speaks directly to the heart of mental health, acknowledging anxiety and offering a message of hope, care, and divine support. It reminds us that we are not alone in our struggles and that there is strength in seeking help and leaning on others, and our faith in God.

Staff at Hagley prayed the adjacent prayer this morning and I would encourage you to pray it too today. While students closed our day in prayer by reflecting on the passage "Footprints" and praying the prayer below.

Loving God,

On this World Mental Health Day, we pause to acknowledge the weight that many carry; seen and unseen.

We thank You for the reminder that we are not alone, and that You care deeply for each of us.

Help us, as staff, to be sources of light and compassion in our school community.

Give us wisdom to notice when someone is struggling, and courage to respond with kindness.

Grant us patience with ourselves and with one another, especially in moments of stress, fatigue, or uncertainty.

May our school be a place where mental health is nurtured, where burdens are shared, and where hope is never out of reach.

Teach us to cast our anxieties upon You, trusting in Your care and peace.

We pray for healing, for strength, and for joy to rise even in difficult days.

And we ask that You guide us in building a culture of understanding, support, and love.

Amen.

Footprints in the sand

One night in a dream,
I walked with the Lord
by the beach.
There were two footprints,
mine and the Lord's.
But during tough times,
I just saw mine and I wondered
why.

So I asked the Lord,
"Why leave me alone when
I was down?"
The Lord said, "My precious child,
I never left you
during your times of trial
and suffering,
When you saw only one set of
footprints,
It was then that I carried you."

Gather
Word
Response
Mission



Response

Lord,

I know You promised to walk with me always.
Please grant me a shift in perspective. Help me to see that You are so close, even when I cannot feel Your presence or see Your face. In my weakness, You are carrying me, not abandoning me.
Help me understand that during those difficult times, it is not a pair of my footprints, but a single set of Your footprints, as You are bearing my burdens.

Amen

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This Week in Worship

Year 9 Mass

As a Year group we came together this week to celebrate Mass, this was a chance for us to reflect on our belonging and how we live in relationship to others. Fr Philip focussed on Mary during his homily and how a Rosary is not to be used as jewellery or to show off but simply something that helps us focus on prayer and remind us of the sacrifice that Mary made.

Year 7 Celebration of the Word

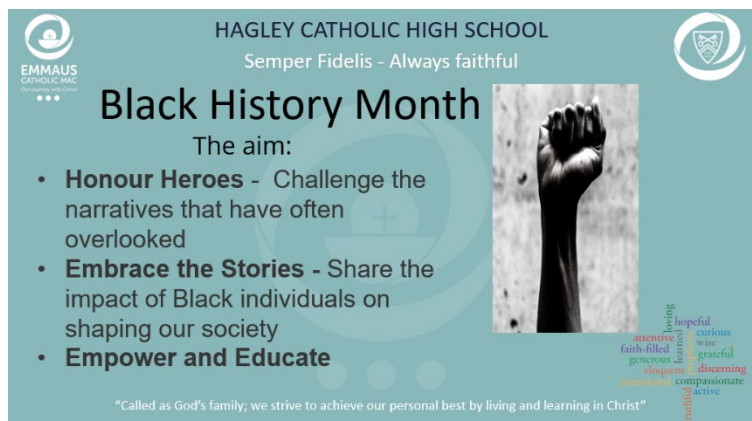
This week every year 7 student has experienced prayer in our Chapel for the first time, students were exemplary in their respect and reverence shown. Students came together and explored the features of our Chapel and how each element is there to help us focus on the true meaning of our collective faith. We also had time to explore how as part of our mission as a year 7 community we can help others achieve their personal best each and every day.

Year 8 Emmaus MAC and Diocese recorded Celebration of the Word

Today students from Year 8 have been involved in writing, filming, editing and designing parts of our Emmaus MAC Jubilee virtual Celebration of the Word. Each student has shown their eloquence by writing their own reflections and prayers, shown their curious nature and been active learners in creating a prayerful resource that will be used across Emmaus.

Black History Month

On Tuesday, students had an assembly on the theme of Black History Month which was led by Mr Trickett with the help of three sixth form students. Black History Month has taken place in Britain every year in October since 1987, which was the year which marked the 150th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the Caribbean. The assembly focussed on the 2025 Black History Month theme of 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride'. Students were introduced to a range of individuals in history who have made a lasting contribution to society but whose stories have often been overlooked. If you would like to find out more about Black History Month then there are a range of resources that can be found at the website at this link: [Black History Month 2025](#)



Hagley Family Mass

Reminder: Next week we are holding our annual Family Mass in school on Wednesday 15th October at 6pm. The Mass is a celebration of our Hagley family and is open to all parents, carers, students and staff, regardless of your faith and belief. It was lovely to see so many families from all Year Groups last Year - it is a great opportunity to welcome our Year 7 students and their families.

If you intend to join the Mass, please complete the form at the link below to help us plan for the evening.
[Family Mass - Wednesday 15th October 2025 - 6 pm](#)

Year 7 Update from Mrs Imrie

It was lovely to welcome so many parents and carers last week to our Meet the Tutor evening to have the opportunity to find out more about how your child has settled in. They have continued to impress and none more so than the number of Year 7s who gave up their Saturday morning to either help out in departments or as guides on our Open Morning. This is real testament to how well they have settled in over the last few weeks. It was so lovely to hear so many prospective families comment on how polite and confident their Year 7 guide was.

Huge thanks must also go to four Year 7 students who so confidently and articulately spoke to prospective students and families during the Principal's address, clearly living out our school values and virtues of being 'eloquent and truthful.' All four students were Mrs Imrie's first Head of Year, Stars of the Week.



The house point challenge continues to be a highlight of our Monday morning line up, with Year 7 currently achieving a total of 13,762 and much competition amongst the year to try and beat the as yet undefeated, Gregory!

I also look forward to seeing many of our families at next week's Family Mass.

Year 8 News from Mrs Palmer



On Tuesday morning, Mrs Palmer had the pleasure of spending time with a group of selected Year 8 students. Over hot chocolate and biscuits, they shared stories about themselves, and she thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each of them. She's very much looking forward to meeting more chosen Year 8 students next week for another round of chats and treats!

House Points

Our House Point drive continues with over 15,000 awarded in the last week. This is a super effort by the students and the recognition they are getting for it is just the intrinsic reward they need and deserve.

Please do continue to check your child's House Point log in Arbor so you can praise them too.

So far this year after 6 weeks the House Point League table sees Gregory at the top, but only just.

1 st = Gregory:	9,679 points
2 nd = Anselm:	9,525 points
3 rd = Wulstan:	9,386 points
4 th = Kenelm:	9,191 points
5 th = Bede:	8,836 points
6 th = Chad:	8,800 points

Donations of tights

We are requesting donations of black tights that any families might feel they could donate to our Student Services Department. If you think you can donate a pair of black tights to the school, we would be very grateful. Donations can be dropped in at reception.

PRAISE AND REWARDS

GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS - School contribution - Good manners - Respect to others - Lesson contribution - Well prepared - On task in class - Good judgement - Well answered question	ELOQUENT AND TRUTHFUL - Excellent work quality - Persuasive in debate - Expressive in work - Honest - Good discipline - Good work - Good progress - Successful corrections
ATTENTIVE AND DISCERNING	LEARNED AND WISE
COMPASSIONATE AND LOVING - Involved in charitable work - Engagement with others - Demonstrate kindness - Helpful to others - Perseverance - Positive attitude - Leading in prayer - Upholding Catholic ethos	CURIOUS AND ACTIVE - Whole school participation - Engagement in learning - Ask searching questions - Improve environment - Role model - Upstanding - School leader - Presentation to others
FAITH FILLED AND HOPEFUL	INTENTIONAL AND PROPHETIC

Catholic life Contribution

Hub Reward

Outstanding Performances

Successful Monitoring

Senior Staff Merits

SPECIAL RECOGNITION REWARDS

FLU IMMUNISATION FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS RECEPTION - YEAR 11

Prevent your child from being seriously ill this winter!
Vaccinating is crucial in protecting them and
vulnerable friends and family from flu.

NASAL VACCINE

No needles - just quick,
painless, effective flu
protection
(contains gelatine)

OR

THE INJECTION

We offer a PORK-FREE,
GELATINE-FREE injection
considered a
faith-friendly alternative.



Complete this form, even if you do not want the vaccine.

<https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/worcestershire>

Secondary School students only: Young people under the age of 16 can give or
refuse consent themselves if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

CONTACT THE TEAM

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Need more
information?
Please see our FAQs
sheet attached with
this letter.

Or visit our
website:
www.vaccinationuk.org

Flu Vaccinations

Vaccination UK will be in school on 24th November
2025 to provide flu immunisation for those children
whose parents/carers have consented.

Please remember that it is important that you
respond, whether you want your child immunised or
not, and you can do so via this link:

[Vaccination UK Immunisation](https://www.vaccinationuk.org)

Please note that Hagley is only supplying the venue for
this immunisation programme and plays no part in its
administration.

If you have any questions or queries please direct
them to the Vaccination UK team using the adjacent
contacts details.

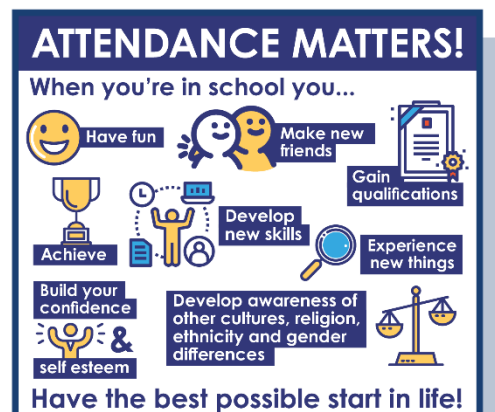
Attendance Matters

☀ Celebrating Excellent Attendance – Thank You! ☀

We're thrilled this week to acknowledge and celebrate the 480
students who have achieved 100% attendance so far, this
academic year, an incredible commitment to their learning!
Alongside them, 670 students have met or exceeded our target of
96% attendance, showing fantastic resilience and dedication.

A heartfelt thank you to all families for your ongoing support. Your
encouragement and routines at home play a vital role in helping
students attend regularly and succeed.

As we approach the end of the half term, let's keep the
momentum going, every day in school helps build confidence,
belonging and impacts attainment, progress and success.



Safeguarding and online safety

I have been made aware that several titles in the Spy Dogs, Spy Pup, and Spy Cat series by Andrew Cope contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. Instead, the link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material, containing pornographic content with no age restrictions.

Fortunately, we don't have any copies of this book in school, but you might at home and I would recommend
you discard them immediately. Below are images of some of the front covers in the series to help you identify
the books should you have any at home.



World Mental Health Day



Today we marked World Mental Health Day and wore yellow for Young Minds.

It was wonderful to see our staff (Mr Neenan wins the prize for the brightest t-shirt!) and students get involved in the day, showing our support for those struggling with their mental health and reminding us to be Compassionate and Loving towards each other.



Students took part in extended form time with their tutor where they completed a short lesson on mental health on a range of age specific topics including: the Power of Talking, Ways to Well-being, How to Connect, the influence of the outdoors and coping with stress strategies.

We have two raffles on going to raise money for Young Minds. Students can win a wellbeing pack, and we have put together an adult wellbeing hamper with lovely gifts and a generous beauty voucher donated by local businesses. You can still purchase a raffle ticket through the Arbor shop - 'Raffle Young Minds'.



All money raised will go towards Young Minds; a charity which focusses on mental health support for young people. [Young Minds Mental Health Charity For Children & Young People](#)



Students enjoyed visits from Bailey and Dudley, two staff dogs who were around and about at break and lunchtime, and lesson time too, offering their own wellbeing support for anxious and distressed children throughout the day.

Mrs Mouzer would like to thank the Year 11 prefects, Emilia, Caitlin, Lucie, Isla and Esther, who kindly helped with preparations for the day and made all the yellow ribbons for students to wear.

Open Morning - Saturday 4th October 2025

Open morning was another fabulous success and we have received some amazing feedback. A huge thank you to the 200+ students who gave up their Saturday morning to come and showcase their school and host the 300+ families who joined us.

For any families who missed the day we are offering a couple of tours next week during the school day and families can sign up to these by calling reception on 01562 883193 or completing this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/5Q4M9mq5Hy>.

Next week's tours are on:

Monday 13th October 2025 - 9.15am

Tuesday 14th October 2025 - 2.15pm

Please share widely if you know anyone who missed out.

Vacancy

There is a vacancy in the Hagley kitchen for a cook to work for our partner caterers Sodexo. More information and details on how to apply are at this link: <https://www.sodexojobs.co.uk/jobs/job/Cook/148827>

This is a fabulous opportunity to come and work with the team behind our school snacks and dinners which continue to do a roaring trade.

Finally, Miss McKee departs on maternity leave next week and I am sure you will join me in wishing her well.

Wishing you all every blessing and a wonderful weekend ahead.

Yours sincerely

J Hodgson
Principal



Forthcoming Events and Calendared items

Autumn Term - 2025/26

15.10.2025	Family Mass in the Hall at 6pm
22.10.2025	Sixth Form Open Evening
24.10.2025	Break up for half term
03.11.2025	Return after half term break