



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**
SEMPER FIDELIS

**"They took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (John 12:13)**

Friday, 22 March 2024

Another Spring Term comes to end and thankfully it has felt a bit more like Spring this week which has sent everyone home this afternoon with an extra bounce in their step and certainly looking forward to the holidays.

I do hope you all have some time away from work over the next fortnight and that everyone has a very happy Easter.



Lent

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Lenten charities this liturgical season - there have been a wide range of fundraising activities in school ranging from sponsored walks, charity sports matches to cake sales and throwing wet sponges at teachers! The donations will be added up and total funds raised shared next term.

On Monday, we welcomed Ken from the local SVP group into school who met with some of the Year 7 Youth SVP group, led by Mrs Ball, who have been collecting items to donate to a local food bank this Easter. And on Tuesday we welcomed five local priests into school who offered the Sacrament of Reconciliation to students in Years 7 and 8. Over 180 students took up the opportunity to receive God's forgiveness, and we are grateful to Fr Philip, Fr Stephen, Fr Shanju, Fr Stefan and Canon Lamb for giving of their time so generously.

Democracy

With a general election coming up at some point this year, students have had the opportunity to have their own voice heard and put the British value of democracy into action over recent weeks with the ballot box and polling stations being replicated in school.

At Key Stage 5, ten students put themselves forward as candidates for Head Boy and Head Girl, delivering a three-minute speech to their peers, followed by all students having the opportunity to vote. The newly elected Head Girl is Sophie Redden, with Emma Richardson as Deputy Head Girl, and the newly elected Head Boy is Sebin Jose with Thomas Bourke as Deputy Head Boy. All candidates who put themselves forward for the Head Boy and Head Girl elections were excellent and will sit on the Sixth Form Committee for 2024/25, representing the voice of the Sixth Form.

At Key Stages 3 and 4, the Voice have been running a house badge competition this term, with students voting at the ballot box on Tuesday for their preferred design. The winner of each design will work with Mrs O'Loughlin and a graphic designer next term to get these professionally made and displayed in the main hall.

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Woodhouse Jay Awards

On Wednesday, Lauren and Hannah in Year 13 were presented by the President of the Rotary Club of Stourbridge with the Woodhouse Jay Award. The award is presented to local school and college students who have made an outstanding contribution to their school and local community. Both students enjoyed lunch, found out more about how the Rotary Club engages with the local community and were each presented with a Bible for their service.

Lauren wrote: *“Being invited to spend the afternoon with the Rotary Club was such a privilege. It was not only wonderful to receive recognition for our work with the community, but also to hear about all the Rotarian’s work too. Their endless projects, fundraisers and kind-hearted initiatives have become a huge inspiration. It was so lovely to spend an afternoon talking to them and meeting them. Thankyou!”*

Student success

As ever I am pleased to be able to share more student successes over the past fortnight. Huge congratulations go to James and Maks in Year 8 who play for Bromsgrove Sporting Under 13’s who beat Coventry City 3-1 to book their place in the Junior Premier League National Cup Semi-finals. The win means Bromsgrove have now beaten four teams from a higher Junior Premier League division after victories against Kidderminster Harriers (2-0), Solihull Academy (3-2) and King’s Lynn (3-2). Opposition from either Yorkshire or Lancashire now await them, and we wish them luck for another great performance and a place in the final.



Sport Results



Last Wednesday we had 12 schools from across the District compete in the U13 District memorial netball tournament. It was a great turn out and a wonderful event. Our U13 girls did us proud...storming through the heat games convincingly. They met Holy Trinity in the semis and although seemed nervous, they eventually took the win. This placed us in the final once again against OSH. It was an exceptional game of netball which was very evenly matched for the first half, but the girls hard work and togetherness paid off with a final score of 6-2 to Hagley. An overall brilliant team performance which saw them win the tournament.

School Uniform

When we return for the summer term girls will once again be able to wear plain knee length socks in charcoal grey. All other uniform items remain the same for the whole term. Please do reiterate the following expectations around uniform with your children:

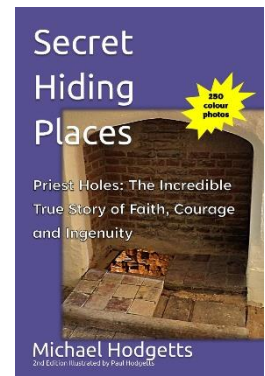
- No false eyelashes
- No painted or acrylic nails
- No jewellery
- Only small (4mm diameter) plain studs in the ear, no other piercings including retainers.
- No trainer like shoes with any type of sports branding
- No sweatshirts or hoodies

Priest holes and St Nicholas Owen

One of our parents has recently completed revising his father's book on Priest hides. The new edition has over 250 colour photographs and is the first book ever to show hides in this detail. Harvington Hall has a chapter to itself but in all there are around 200 hides across 150 houses in the UK.

The books are being offered for purchase to Hagley families with a 15% discount, with this discount being donated to the school. Purchases can be made at this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/shpemmaus>



Lourdes 2024 Fundraising Event



Save the Date: Friday 3rd May - Lourdes Fundraising quiz

Please come and support students on their pilgrimage to Lourdes as Hospitalier. 8 students and 4 staff will be travelling to Lourdes by coach and plane to support elderly and sick pilgrims on the Diocesan pilgrimage.

Students are fundraising between £650 and £985 for this wonderful experience so any way you can help would be gratefully appreciated.

Further details will be coming out soon and payment for teams and tickets will be made through Arbor in due course.

Click on the image above to hear from one of last year's Hagley Hospitalier on her experience.

Ski Trip March 2024

As I put the finishing touches to this end of term letter students and staff have just returned from our second ski trip of the term to Neukirchen in Austria.

As I have said before it is great to have such trips available to students and it would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of staff. Public thanks goes to Mr Behan, Mr Barratt, Ms Hitchcox and Mrs Trinham for giving up so much of their own time to offer another wonderful experience on the slopes. An amazing time was had by all!



And so it leaves me to wish you every blessing for the week ahead and the Easter holiday to follow.

Please do check out the items at the end of this letter and our new termly Catholic Life Newsletter that has been attached with this letter.

Yours sincerely

J Hodgson
Principal

Forthcoming Events and Calendared items

Summer 1:

08.04.24 – Summer Term begins
15.04.24 - Y12 Geography Fieldtrip
17.04.24 - Silver DoE Practice
18.04.24 - Y8 Parents Evening
22.04.24 - Y12 Geography Fieldtrip
24.04.24 - Dance Showcase
25.04.24 - Dance Showcase
29.04.24 - KS3 Core Assessment week

06.05.24 - Bank Holiday
08.05.24 - Y8 HPV Vaccinations
09.05.24 – GCSE and A level exams begin
10.05.24 - Y13 Study Leave commences
16.05.24 - Y10 Parents Evening
24.05.24 - Year 11 Study Leave commences
24.05.24 - Break up for half term



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Mental Health – Supporting my Teen

- Workshop available for parents with children aged 11-19.
- Includes CBT (cognitive behavioural training) techniques to boost mood for the whole family.
- Learn tools and techniques to help manage anxiety and low mood with your teens.
- Live Q&A with a practitioner.
- Please click the Eventbrite link for the date you want to attend to register for the session or scan the QR code to be taken to the Eventbrite page. Alternatively email leah.randall@actionforchildren.org.uk to be booked on to the date you wish to attend.



- Wednesday 27th March 2024 - [Mental Health – Supporting my Teen tickets, Wed 27 Mar 2024 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- Wednesday 10th April 2024 - [Mental Health – Supporting my Teen tickets, Wed 10 Apr 2024 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- Wednesday 24th April 2024 - [Mental Health – Supporting my Teen tickets, Wed 24 Apr 2024 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- Wednesday 08th May 2024 - [Mental Health – Supporting my Teen tickets, Wed 08 May 2024 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- Wednesday 22nd May 2024 - [Mental Health – Supporting my Teen tickets, Wed 22 May 2024 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- Wednesday 05th June 2024 - [Mental Health – Supporting my Teen Tickets, Wed 05 June 2024 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- Wednesday 19th June 2024 - [Mental Health – Supporting my Teen Tickets, Wed 19 June 2024 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- Wednesday 03rd July 2024 - [Mental Health – Supporting my Teen Tickets, Wed 03 July 2024 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- Wednesday 17th July 2024 - [Mental Health – Supporting my Teen Tickets, Wed 17 July 2024 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- Wednesday 31st July 2024 - [Mental Health – Supporting my Teen Tickets, Wed 31 July 2024 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Letter from Network Rail



**BRITISH
TRANSPORT
POLICE**



Dear Parent / Guardian

Trespassing on the railway network is extremely dangerous and endangers not only the lives of those on the track, but also passengers, railway staff and the general public

Many people - especially young people - fail to understand the danger they put themselves and others in, when they make the choice to stray onto the rail network. As the Easter holidays approach, we are already seeing an increase in the number of incidents being reported and incidents we're seeing involve children and young people, these incidents include:

- Misusing level crossings by not paying due care and attention or acts of anti-social behaviour/vandalism
- Walking along the railway lines
- Sitting on train station platform edges
- Throwing stones at trains
- Placing objects on the railway lines
- Using the railway as a playground

I am sure you agree that all of the above activities are extremely dangerous.

The British Transport Police and Network Rail are seeking the support of parents, guardians and the local community to highlight the danger and implications of these activities to help us reduce the number of young people putting themselves and others at significant risk.

To assist with the conversation there are a number of online videos available and range depending on the age group of your child:

www.switchedonrailsafety.co.uk

www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community/safety-education/

www.youvstrain.co.uk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWVvjFqHOUE> (Harrison's Story)

Key Messages

Always **STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN** before using a Level Crossing and follow the instructional signage

Trains are **ALWAYS** running on the railway and can differ in times meaning that you can never predict when a train will pass

Station Platforms are not a playground not every train will be stopping, be aware of your surroundings and **STAY BEHIND THE YELLOW LINE**

The Electricity is **ALWAYS** switched on around the railway

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE?

Trespassing on the railway is also a **criminal offence** which can involve your child obtaining a criminal record and a fine of £1000.

If you wish to report any information to us, please call us on **Freephone 0800 40 50 40** or text the information to 61016.