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"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

20 November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and students

Since I last wrote to you, two weeks ago, we have been able to hold two very important and poignant events in this month of remembrance. On Wednesday 11th November we live streamed a Remembrance Day Service from our memorial garden via our YouTube channel, and students from across the St Nicholas Owen Multi Academy Company were able to join together in this important moment of remembrance on the anniversary of Armistice Day. Then this week on the 27th anniversary of the tragic Hagley mini bus crash we once again were able to join in prayer and remembrance for those that we lost all those years ago. They are indelibly marked in the hearts and thoughts of everyone associated with Hagley Catholic High School.



"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen"

If you weren't able to join us for these services you can watch them back [here](#).

COVID 19

You will have seen that we have had further cases of COVID 19 hit our community in the past fortnight but fortunately the impact on Hagley students, staff and families has been mild compared to some other schools in our locality. For this we can only be thankful but also reassured that everyone is trying to do their absolute most to keep Hagley open and education operating as normally and smoothly as possible.

However, we have had to send members of our Year 10 cohort home this past week and I wanted to clarify for everyone the protocol when we have a confirmed positive case in a year group. Only students that based on their class seating plans and interactions at break, lunch and on public transport are asked to self-isolate if they have sat within a 2 metre distance for 15 minutes or more, or within 1 metre for 1 minute or more. This Public Health guidance means that there are times when we do not need to isolate a whole Year group bubble.

If your child is required to isolate learning will be on Microsoft Teams and our blended learning strategy means that work will be provided through one of three means. In some cases, students will be invited to dial into the lesson remotely and join as a virtual student, at other times the lesson might not be live but a narrated presentation might be shared with associated work, while at other times work or written project might be set that does not require live virtual teaching or a presentation.

As always if your child does develop symptoms and subsequently receives a positive test please inform us immediately at reception@hagley.worcs.sch.uk. However, if this a positive test is confirmed over the weekend please contact me directly at jhodgson@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk.

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Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE)

The Department for Education has published a new statutory RSHE curriculum for statutory delivery from Summer 2021 at the absolute latest. With this newsletter is a consultation letter from Mr Miastowski (Asst Principal: Catholic Life and Personal Development) on this new curriculum which we would encourage you to engage with.

Charity and Fundraising

A couple of weeks ago the Year 12 B-Attitudes group launched the homeless appeal in school across all year groups. Until Friday 27th November 2020, we are collecting:

7	New packaged toys for local children (distributed by Birmingham City Mission)
8	Hand sanitiser or wipes
9	New face masks (disposable or fabric)
10	Girls – Ladies’ sanitary products; Boys – Shaving Gel/Foam
11	Deodorant
Sixth Form	Pairs of socks, gloves or scarves

From Monday 30th November, the Year 11 Prefects will be creating food parcels to distribute to local families this Christmas. This two-week appeal will run until Friday 11th December. Items requested are donations of food and small gifts to help make Christmas special for children, young people and families in need this year.

It is lovely to see our young people being beacons of hope during these challenging times and celebrating the real meaning of Advent and Christmas. Thank you for your continued support.

We do appreciate that to ask at this time of year is more than in normal times, but do hope that if you can you are able to support those in the greatest of need. This coming Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King and it is in Matthew’s Gospel that we are reminded of how our acts of kindness and mercy truly demonstrate our dedication and commitment to God.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend, with every good wish, prayer and blessing.

Yours sincerely



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Dates for Your Diary:

Friday 18th December 2020 – Last day of term – Break up for Christmas

Monday 4th January 2021 – Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 5th January 2021 – Start of Spring term

Thursday 7th January 2021 – Year 11 Virtual Parents Evening