



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
SEMPER FIDELIS

**“Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you;  
he will never let the righteous be shaken.” (Psalm 55:22)**

Friday, 26 January 2024

It is hard to believe that three weeks have already passed this half term and that the students break up for February half term in 9 school days, it will be with us before we know it.

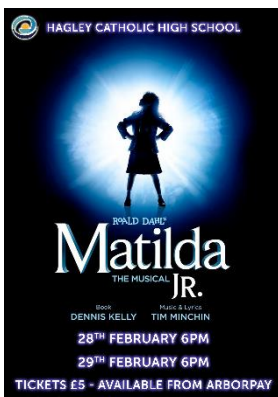
With that in mind I must continue with my routine reminders to please make sure you send your child to school every day. It really does matter and everyday does count.



This letter's piece of scripture is taken from Psalm 55. It struck me that in what is always a long and very difficult January for so very many of us, that a reminder about the care and sustenance that can be found in our faith and through one another is always worth remembering. I hope it rings true for you, as it did me.

### House Points

In recent weeks parents/carers have provide some useful feedback to us around House Points in Arbor and that while behaviour points carry an alert system to your emails, House Points do not. We are looking into this and asking Arbor to help us resolve this as it is something they have to do. However, in the meantime please do be aware that we award House Points to Behaviour Points at a ratio of 10:1 and we have awarded over 70,500 points this year, something to really celebrate. You can view your child's points in Arbor and they are now included in all school reports.



### Matilda The Musical

This year's Performing Arts and Music Department's School Production is Matilda. Students have been working tirelessly with Miss McKee over recent days and weeks to be ready for the show in little over a months' time.

Tickets are now on sale via Arbor in the School Shop section at £5 per ticket. It would be great to see the Theatre packed to the rafters for this wonderful musical and to support our young people's efforts and talents.

We do hope you can join us on one of the two nights.

### Pyramid Concert

A final reminder of ticket sales for this year's Pyramid Concert at Symphony Hall on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February, which once again is expected to be a wonderful celebration of music from our feeder schools and Hagley students. Tickets are a bargain £5 per head and can be purchased directly from Symphony Hall at this link: <https://bmusic.co.uk/events/emmaus-pyramid-concert-presents-electric-dreams-through-the-80s>



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### Student successes

Huge congratulations go to Krystalia in Year 10, who since I last wrote has competed in the Under 17s indoor athletics championships and placed 4<sup>th</sup> in England with a time that places her 12<sup>th</sup> in the UK. This is a fabulous achievement in her first year at this age group.

### Sport Results

Local Basketball leagues continue this term for girls and boys with Under 14 and Under 16 teams competing in recent weeks. All teams won their games last week and the under 16 boys are into the league playoff final, as are the under 16 girls. The under 14 boys also had a fabulous result against Leasowes last week winning 70 - 29 and only need two more wins to be league champions. While the under 14 girls team played out a close game, beating Windsor by one point last week too! They are also in the running for the league.

In trampolining last Sunday students from Years 7 to 10 attended the Central Zonal Schools Trampolining Competition in Solihull. The girls all qualified for this event following their success at the West Midlands school's competition in December and on the day competed against the best school teams from the East Midlands, Wales and the East. All the girls performed 2 beautiful routines despite the pressure of the larger venue and some extremely tough school teams.



The Year 9/10 team consisted of Mollie, Molly, Maddie and Anna, and finished in a respectable 7th place. 🏆. Whilst the Year 7/8 team, consisting of Lily, Scarlett, Esme and Evie finished in 3rd place, narrowly missing a spot at the National School Finals. 🏆🏆

In Cross Country, 8 students from Hagley are representing the Wyre Forest District in the Hereford and Worcester county race at Bromsgrove School next Tuesday. I am sure you will join me in wishing the very best of luck to Will, Ruben, David, Francis, Jacob, Harry, Ellen and Isobel.

### ESU debating competition

Last night students from Year 12 competed in the first round of the English Schools Union Debating Competition. Our team of Annalise Flavin, Emma Richardson and Calum Edwards with excellent support from our swing team Keira, Charlotte McGowan and Tom Harris won their first round and move on to the next regional round.

This is another excellent achievement from Hagley students in a competition dominated by selective and private schools, and I for one look forward to sharing more success in the coming weeks and months.



### Transport Disruption

Finally, I am afraid I have to report that there is the potential for more transport disruption on the railways in the coming week. While there is no formal strikes on our line there is a ban on overtime on all days next week which will lead to disruption. Please do monitor the train timetables closely via West Midlands Rail ([westmidlandsrailway.co.uk](http://westmidlandsrailway.co.uk)) and we shall do our very best to communicate any disruption to you if, and when, we are notified or become aware.

With every good wish and blessing for the weekend ahead.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Hodgson  
Principal

## **Forthcoming Events and Calendared items**

### **Spring 1:**

02nd February 24 - Y13 reports deadline

05th February 24 - Pyramid Concert

06th February 24 - LGB meeting

08th February 24 - Y12 Parents Evening

08<sup>th</sup> February 24 – Students break up for half term

09th February 24 – Emmaus MAC Training Day, closed to students