



# HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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*“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7*

23 October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and students

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of the first half term of this academic year. In a very difficult time, there is so much to be thankful for, not least our health and the support and commitment from the whole Hagley family to work together to ensure the return to school was a successful and safe one.

I would like to publicly thank all the staff at Hagley for their energy, commitment, flexibility, adaptability and good grace in what has surely been the most testing half term of all our careers. I would also like to thank the many, many parents and carers who have been in touch to offer words of thanks, encouragement, appreciation, support and, of course, your prayers. This togetherness and community is what makes Hagley so special.

My thanks also goes to all the students for their self-discipline, cooperation, resilience and determination to help us make this new normal work and to follow the arrangements in pace to keep us safe, secure and still learning.

This month has been Black History Month and specific thanks goes to Rimi, Hannah, Ama, Lauren, Amara, Elena, Rohjan, Esme, Scarlett and Marisol in Year 11 who created a presentation for all students to watch during tutor time that seeks to raise awareness of racism and the promotion of mutual respect. It is the positive student leadership that sets them and others apart. In addition, Mr Miastowski launched a competition this week with Years 7 to 9 on the theme “Let’s create a world without racism”. There is also a national competition run by the Columban’s on the same theme that is open to students who are 14+ with a first prize of £300 and more details are available at [www.columbancompetition.com](http://www.columbancompetition.com).

In preparation for World Inter Faith Week in November students Safaa and Kimran, in Years 7 and 11 respectively, have been involved in virtual presentations to students at St Ambrose Primary, Kidderminster sharing many aspects of their Muslim and Sikh faiths. Thanks also goes to Mrs Ravat for her part in this important initiative that seeks to break down barriers misconception and ignorance and truly reflect the universality of our catholic community.

## **Pre-Public Exams (Mocks)**

Details went out yesterday to Year 11 about their forthcoming mocks in November, please do check that you have received a letter, guidance and timetables from our exam’s office in respect of this and contact [exams@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:exams@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk) if you have any queries.

## **Logistical Arrangements After Half Term**

We have made a few changes to the logistical arrangements for operating school safely for after half term and I have shared these with students via a virtual assembly this morning and the video is available in TEAMS for students to review again. The changes involve Year 7 and 11 changing bubble blocks and sittings for lunch being switched so that Year 10 and 11 now get first sitting and Year 7 and 8 second sitting. Year 9 continue to get first sitting in C block.

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### **Train Travel**

I am well aware of the frustrations that the inconsistency and uncertainty of the recent train timetable has caused for our students and families. I continue to work very closely, and daily, with West Midlands Rail with the support of the Station Manager from Stourbridge Junction to do all we can to ensure students get a train or bus safely to their destination station at the end of the school day.

After half term the winter timetable will have already begun, and I am reassured that there will be two trains running on the Kidderminster line after school, at 15:33 and 15:46, while there will also be two trains northbound to Stourbridge and beyond at 15:33 and 16:03. We will continue to endeavour to get all KS3 students on the 15:33 trains and KS4 and 5 students on the later trains.

### **Sixth Form Admission 2021**

This week we launched Sixth Form recruitment for September 2021 with Year 11 via virtual assemblies and presentations. You can find our prospectus and a launch video from Mrs Morris (Vice Principal) via this [link](#), and more video content will be released after Half term.

We are also very excited to currently be working on redeveloping our sixth form provision and plans are afoot to redevelop A block into a Sixth Form Centre for September 2021 and more details will come out about this in due course.

### **Family Learning Courses**

Worcestershire County Council's Family Learning Team have created some new courses for parents/carers. These courses are now FREE for all and there is more detail at the end of this letter.

Please call 01905 843519 for support to book onto any course or click on the links below:

[Art in Your Heart Course](#)

[Marvellous Me After Lockdown Course](#)

[Time for You Course](#)

[Thinking about Employment Course](#)

### **Positive COVID Cases During Half Term**

If any student is unfortunate to develop COVID 19 over the half term break or is exposed due to a family member and has to isolate, please do contact school to report this as it could still have a knock on effect to other students and adults in our community, and the return to school after half term. To report this please do so by emailing [reception@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:reception@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk) and include your child's name, year group, and the circumstances of their exposure or positive result.

That just leaves me to wish everyone a very restful half term where I hope you are all able to find some quality family time together.

With every good wish, prayer and blessing.

Yours sincerely



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### **Dates for Your Diary**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – all students return after half term

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Year 11 Pre-Public Exams (PPEs)

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Year 13 Virtual Parents Evening

# Family Learning Courses

Family Learning Courses are **FREE**

All sessions are 40 minutes long.

Autumn 2020



Please book onto each course by searching for the course title:

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses) or call 01905 843519

40 minute sessions on Tue 8pm or Wed  
1.30pm starting 3rd Nov 6 weeks



**Time for You Course** is free for parents and carers who are interested in having some time for them, following the lock-down and isolation period, this year.

**Art in Your Heart Course** uses art to help you work through stresses you might be facing and empower you to feel positive mental wellbeing.

## Art in your Heart

A short course for Parents and Carers to express yourself through art activities helping you cope through stress.



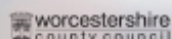
Wednesday evenings 8pm -  
8.40pm starting on 4th  
November for 6 weeks Online



## 'Thinking about Employment for Parents' Online Course

Are you a Parent or Carer?  
Thinking about returning to work?  
Not sure where to start?

Starting Monday 2nd Nov 8pm for 6 weeks



**Thinking about Employment for Parents Free Course** - Not sure where to start or how to feel ready for this big step of change?

## Marvellous Me - After Lock down

Returning to the "norm" after lock down may feel different for some. This course offers mindfulness & positive well-being activities to parents and carers giving them some 'me time' with our friendly Family Learning Tutor in a group online.



Online Course Starting October 14th for 8 weeks  
Every Wednesday 8pm - 8:40pm or Thursdays 1pm-1:40pm

Harvington School Parents: "It's [Marvellous Me] been really brilliant, successful and rewarding. This is our third course which we have been lucky enough to attend and they have all been fantastic."



## Online Learning

Our friendly Family Learning courses are currently online using 'Zoom' on your mobile phone, ipad, tablet or laptop. Your tutor will ring you before your course starts to **help you get online** for your course and can support you to access Zoom, help you check that you can use it ok and offer you any help you need.

