

# "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross!" Philippians 2: 8

Friday, 08 April 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)/Students

Another Spring term comes to an end and if your children are appearing more tired than ever perhaps remember that this is the first time they have done a full spring term in 3 years.

This year we end the term before Holy Week has begun and I will miss not being at school for this important liturgical period in the season of Lent.

But as we move into Holy Week at home with our families I hope that the time together is one of peace, hope and love. A time to reflect on the sufferings of the previous years and in turning to the cross know that as Christ bore his sufferings for us, we too can find redemption and salvations from our own, and begin Easter with renewed hope, peace and love.

#### Prayer for Holy Week

Lord Jesus.

During Holy Week we will follow you on your sorrowful and glorious journey, your journey to the Cross and Resurrection.

We ask that as we walk with you, give us grace to see the deep love you show us.

As you were welcomed with joy and acclaim to the Holy City, your betrayal by the crowds soon overwhelmed their cries of Hosanna.

On the Cross, you made yourself servant taking the sins of the world upon yourself.

May our lives reflect your desire to serve God our Father first; that we may serve you in our brothers and sisters.

When we face suffering and disappointment, may we know your love. When we are feeling lost, may we know that you are with us.

When we are worried, may your Cross be a sign of hope and strength. May this Holy Week be for us a time of renewal in faith and love.

Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

## Reconciliation

On Tuesday we held Reconciliation Services in school and welcomed Fr Philip, Fr Stephen and Fr Shanju who offered the Sacrament of Reconciliation to those who wanted it. The response was overwhelmingly positive, and the engagement and reflection of all students was wonderful. Anyone who was unable to make their confession can do so at Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Church on Tuesday 12th April from 6.30-8pm or their local parish. Please check individual parish websites for times.

### **Lenten Charities**

Staff and students have continued to raise money for their chosen Lenten charities during this holy season and have participated in a variety of different events which have included pancake races, a sponsored walk, crossbar challenge, throw a sponge at a teacher, cake sales, a donation of over 100 Easter Eggs to the Children's Ward at Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust and donations to local food banks. In total, over £5000 has been raised to date with final totals to be confirmed after Easter. Thank you to the amazing generosity of our school community for living out the meaning of Lent and helping others to carry their crosses during their time of need.

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#### Memorial

I had the pleasure of welcoming back to Hagley this week Mr James Scanlan. James was responsible for creating the stained glass window memorial for the Hagley students and teacher who tragically lost their lives in November 1993 in the school minibus crash. James had been in possession of the original design for the stained glass and felt it really belonged here at Hagley. However, living now as he does in County Tipperary he wanted to deliver it in person, and I was delighted to welcome him back on Tuesday to take receipt of it. It will be fitted in the coming days on the wall next to the stained glass.



## **Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening**

This is our final parent consultation evening of the year and appointments went live this morning for booking via Arbor. Please see the email from Mr Trickett (Asst Principal) for more details.

#### **Jobs Fair**

Sajid Javid MP will be hosting a Bromsgrove District Jobs Fair on April 22, 10:00am – 12:00pm at North Bromsgrove High School Sports Hall, B60 1BA.

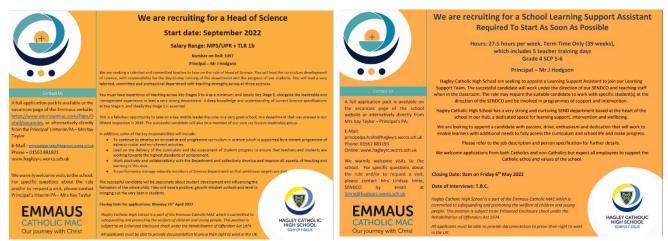
The event will be free to attend and exhibit at, and will bring together businesses looking for new employees, apprentices and volunteers together with prospective jobseekers.



This is an excellent opportunity for our students to explore career options, or further education. Exhibitors at the event include the National Careers Service, the Heart of Worcestershire College and a range of businesses offering opportunities to school leavers.

## **Job Vacancies**

We have a couple of our own vacancies at Hagley currently so please do let anyone know who might be interested in our positions for a Head of Science and a Learning Support Assistant. More information is available on the Emmaus website vacancies page at <a href="https://www.emmausmac.com/Page/Detail/vacancies">https://www.emmausmac.com/Page/Detail/vacancies</a>.



## **Exams and Enrichment**

Next term will bring examinations for all years with Key Stage 3 core assessments during the first week back, Public exams for Years 11 and 13 begin formally on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May with Year 10 and 12 Pre-Public Exams (PPE's), formally known as mocks, week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June and 27<sup>th</sup> June respectively. However once these key windows of assessment and examinations are complete we shall look forward to opportunities for enrichment which has been sadly lacking for all schools these past 2 years.

Letters have gone out this week about trips to Drayton Manor for Years 7 to 10, a follow up letter about the Year 7 residential, a Year 10 History trip and arrangements for Year 11 and their Prom amongst other things. These are in addition to the Year 8 Gower Trip, Year 10 work experience week and Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions. We hope to be able to offer some more enrichment too and will be sure to get this information to you as soon as possible.

Finally I wish to end the term by thanking all of our community for the support we have received this term and I wish everyone a lovely weekend and a very Happy Easter.

With every good wish, prayer and blessing.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Hodgson *Principal* 

## Key dates next half term:

27.04 22 - Y8 HPV Dose 2 Vaccinations

04.05.22 - Performing Arts Showcase

05.05.22 - Y10 Parent Consultation Evening

16.05.22 - Public exam season begins

25.05.22 - Hagley Music Festival

27.05.22 - End of term/Y11 study leave begins

## **Term dates 2022-23**

Autumn term 1 Monday 5 September 2022 Friday 21 October 2022 Autumn term 2 Monday 31 October 2022 Friday 16 December 2022 Spring term 1 Tuesday 3 January 2023 Friday 17 February 2023 Spring term 2 Monday 27 February 2023 Friday 31 March 2023 Summer term 1 Monday 17 April 2023 Friday 26 May 2023 Summer term 2 Monday 5 June 2023 Tuesday 25 July 2023