



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
SEMPER FIDELIS

**“First go and be reconciled, then come and offer your gift.” Matthew 5:20**

Friday, 11 March 2022

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

It is always good to reach another Friday and know the weekend is just round the corner, but equally good to be able to write to you again and update you on things that are happening at school.

Since I last wrote we have entered the liturgical season of Lent and entered this season with fun and games on the tennis courts on Shrove Tuesday with House Pancake Races in Key Stage 3, with KENELM the winners in Year 7, WULSTAN winners in Year 8 and BEDE in Year 9. Then on Ash Wednesday every student attended a service of reconciliation and repentance to begin our Lenten journey in faith, and as a community.

In my last letter I also wrote about the Lenten charities that are the focus for each year group. Year 7 are already well under way with a planned sponsored walk on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March to raise funds for The British Heart Foundation and all Year 7 students have been sent home with sponsor forms to raise as much as they possible can.

Sixth Form students have also embraced their commitment to charitable endeavour and on Tuesday, to mark International Women’s Day, female members of the sixth form played a game of basketball against the female staff and invited students along to watch raising £126.64 for the charity “Rising Girl” which works to empower girls globally.

There are more charitable events afoot and the Sixth Form Committee is organising a cake sale on Friday March 25<sup>th</sup> to raise money for those Ukrainians affected by the Russian invasion of their country. The Sixth Form will be marking the day with Ukrainian music and information about Ukrainian culture. All members of the school community will invited to purchase a cake or make a donation on the day. If you would like to help out by baking a cake then why not try Mrs Elcock’s recipe for Yabluchnyk (Ukrainian Apple Cake), a copy of the recipe is at the end of this letter. Please bring any cake donations to the Sixth Form block before 9.15am on Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>.

A further reminder that parent(s)/carer(s) can support their child’s charitable efforts with donations via ParentPay which will be open throughout the whole of this half-term.

Year 7	British Heart Foundation
Year 8	Cancer Research
Year 9	Birmingham Children's Hospital and Mind
Year 10	Macmillan Cancer Support
Year 11	NSPCC
6th Form	Birmingham Children's Hospital

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### **Born For This**

Last night we held our first school music and drama production in over 3 years. It was the most wonderful evening, and the students were amazing in performing a depiction of the Stations of the Cross. It was powerful, prayerful and joyful performance that but tears and smiles in equal measure. The event also raised money on the night for the Disaster Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal at the request of the cast and raised £191.70 on the night

Huge congratulations go to Ryan, Hermione, Blake, Chelsea, Lauren, Paddy, Moriah, Tomos, Anthony, Molly, Thomasin, Edward, Lara, Annabelle, Leo, Annalise, Kai and Will. But, of course, none of it would have been possible without the work of Miss McKee, Mrs Foster Mr Thomas and Mr Handley, and my public thanks goes to them too.

### **Arbor**

78% of all parents and carers have now logged into the new Arbor portal for tracking your child's behaviour, house points, attendance and assignments, as well as viewing academic reports, updating contact details and soon we will be releasing the option for supplying consent through Arbor too.

Arbor will also be used for booking parent/teacher consultations in future and Year 8 parents/carers will book through Arbor for the parent/teacher consultation evening on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Bookings through the portal will open on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

If you are concerned you haven't received your log in please contact reception.

### **New staff**

We have recently added some new administrative staff to our Support Staff Team, and I am delighted to welcome Mrs Taylor (Interim Principal's PA), Mrs O'Brien (Admissions Officer) and Mrs Griffin (Attendance Officer) to the staff body.

### **New School Uniform**

Further to my previous communication about the change to the school uniform in September I wanted you to be aware that it is highly likely that new uniform items will be available to order for September from after the Easter break. I will write to you again once this is confirmed, but it will be imperative that new skirts are ordered timely to ensure they are in place for September.

### **Sporting success**

The second half of the spring term always sees an increase in school fixtures as the lighter nights return and it has been a highly successful first fortnight of results. Well done to all students involved in the successes listed below:

U14 Boys Football	Haybridge 0	Hagley 2
U15 boys Football	Haybridge 1	Hagley 3
U13 girls netball	Hagley 28	Kinver 0
U14 girls netball	Hagley 25	Kinver 3
U15 girls netball	Hagley 22	Holy Trinity 4
U16 girls netball	Hagley 32	holy Trinity 11

### Calendared items and term dates

Please be aware of the events in the coming weeks there are a listed at the end of this letter. I can also confirm the term dates for 2022-23 which are below, with the staff training days yet to be confirmed.

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

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

Yours sincerely



Mr J Hodgson  
*Principal*

#### **Key dates this half term:**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Year 13 PPEs begin

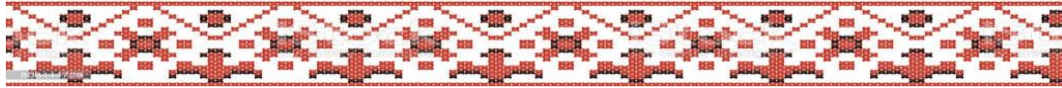
Year 9 Parents Evening (online)

Year 9 DTP vaccinations

Spring Sports Day

Year 8 Parents Evening (online)

Break up for Easter



## Ukrainian Layered Apple Cake - Yabluchnyk

Ingredients: (Serves 10 to 12)

### CAKE:

230g caster sugar  
150ml vegetable oil  
3 eggs  
150ml fresh orange juice  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
300g plain flour  
¼ teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons baking powder



### FILLING:

6 apples peeled and sliced (combination of sweet & sour apples makes for a more interesting flavour)  
80g caster sugar  
Juice of ½ a lemon  
1½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350° F, 177° C. Gas 4.
2. Grease and line 9 by 13 inch rectangular baking tin. Allow parchment paper to overhang on all sides, which will make it easy for removal from tin.
3. In a large bowl, toss the sliced apples with 80g caster sugar, cinnamon and lemon juice.
4. In another bowl blend the oil with 230g caster sugar. Whisk in the eggs, then add the orange juice and vanilla.
5. Fold in the flour, salt, and baking powder to make a smooth, soft batter.
6. Spoon half the batter into the prepared tin. Top with the apples, then the remaining batter.
7. Bake until the cake is crusty and set on top for about 45-50 minutes.

