



# HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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*"After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Mark 1: 7-8*

04 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and students

I do hope your first week of Advent has been one of hope as is the theme of this first week. Certainly since I last wrote we have seen small signs of the Lord's mercy with progress with a vaccine for this dreaded virus and reducing incidents locally and nationally. There is a small glimmer of hope for the spring and I am sure your prayers are joined with mine for a brighter, more normal future.

In this second week of Advent the Sunday Gospel recounts the baptisms performed by John the Baptist and it is in this Gospel that we are reminded to "prepare the way for the Lord" as John did, and so I hope that your preparations for Christmas are going well. This week's theme for Advent is "Peace" and it is a time to prayer for the Peace for all in our community.



## Charitable Outreach

This past week so many of our families have been wonderfully supportive in providing packs of food and other items for us to donate to the local community to support those less fortunate than ourselves. On Tuesday members of our Year 12 community put together over 80 packs from your donations to distribute to the homeless and refugees who will have very little this Christmas.

## Hagley Sixth Form Centre

I am delighted to confirm that initial plans for the redevelopment of a unique centre for Hagley Sixth Form has been approved and so work is now underway to redevelop A block into Hagley Sixth Form Centre for opening in September 2021. The new centre will have a large common room space, a large study centre, a student kitchen, classrooms, offices and break our study spaces. This area will be for the sole use of Sixth Form students and will provide new, vibrant and personalised space to support the outstanding academic curriculum, pastoral care and enrichment programme that we offer. Here are some of the initial concept drawings.



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## **COVID 19**

Please remember that if your child does develop symptoms and subsequently receives a positive test that you should inform us immediately at [reception@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:reception@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk). However, if a positive test is confirmed over the weekend please contact me directly at [jhodgson@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:jhodgson@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk).

## **Intouch**

When general emails and messages get sent out from our Intouch system, please be mindful that these come from an unmanned mailbox and any replies will not be picked up or receive a response. As always if you want to contact us please email [reception@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:reception@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk) or go direct to a specific member of staff's email. You can find key staff email addresses on our website via the Contact Us link.

## **Admissions**

In recent days some family's circumstances have changed such that we have had some places in Years 7 and 9 become available. If you do know anyone who would like to join our wonderful Hagley family and our fabulous school, please do ask them to visit the admissions page on our website or contact [admissions@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk).

## **Parent/Carer Surveys**

Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey sent out last week. If you haven't completed it yet please do as the window for this closes on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

## **CCTV Consultation**

The consultation for new and additional CCTV ended last week and a summary of the report can be found on the website. As a result of this consultation and the support received within it, the Academy Committee this week approved the installation and work has now begun on this.

## **Last Few Weeks of Term**

In this last fortnight of term please be reminded that school is closed to all students on Monday for a staff training day. Next Friday we will be supporting Christmas Jumper Day and donations to Save the Children and Father Hudson's Homes can be made via Parent Pay rather than cash being brought into school, please donate at least a pound if you can to support these two charities.

Finally, on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 we will break up for the Christmas holidays at 1.30pm. Please be aware that the school bus service will be running at this time to get students home.

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

Yours sincerely



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## **Dates for Your Diary:**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Teacher Training Day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Last day of term – break up for Christmas at 1.30pm

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Start of Spring term

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Year 11 Virtual Parents Evening