



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
SEMPER FIDELIS

Friday, 18 February 2022

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

Another half term has come to an end, and it has been a long one for everyone. I am sure, like me, you have noticed your children looking that little bit more fatigued this week, which is often the case when we have a 7 week half term compared to the usual 6 at this time of year.

I do hope you and all students can get a good dose of downtime this coming week and have something nice planned for half term.

This past half term the Catholic Liturgical Year has been in Ordinary Time, a time of year represented by the colour green. The Sunday Gospel's have reminded us of Jesus' miracles, his parables and the calling of his disciples and through scripture we are reminded of our own calling, the power of Christ and a reminder that we should not judge others.

When we return after half term Lent will begin on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March with Ash Wednesday. This liturgical season is represented by the colour purple, a colour synonymous with royalty but also with penance, preparation and sacrifice. We will be holding Ash Wednesday services for all years and throughout Lent taking part in Stations of the Cross around school and holding reconciliation services.

Lent is also an important time for fundraising at Hagley and students will continue their efforts to raise money for their chosen charities:

- 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

Parents can support their child's charitable efforts with donations via ParentPay from Monday 28th February to run through the whole of the half-term.

**LENT**  
REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and is the period of 40 days that comes before Easter.

It is a time of reflection and spiritual renewal in preparation for Good Friday and Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

40 is a significant number in the Bible:

- In Genesis, rain fell for 40 days and nights in the great flood.
- The Israelites spent 40 years in the wilderness before entering the promised land.
- Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the Ten Commandments.
- Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness before starting his ministry.

**During Lent:**

- Catholics fast from (give up) meat on Fridays and some meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Almsgiving (giving to the poor) is particularly encouraged.
- The Stations of the Cross are prayed in our churches.



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On Tuesday 1st March, Shrove Tuesday, Key Stage 3 students will take part in House pancake races to raise money for their Lenten charities. Students will need to bring in a pair of trainers on this day.

Thank you also for your generosity today in supporting our non-uniform day which has raised over £550 for the Mizen's Foundation. A foundation that promotes reconciliation and challenges young people to be a vehicle for change and peace in our society. Barry and Margaret Mizen will be joining us in school next half term, and you can find out more about their story at this link: <http://mizenfoundation.org>

### **Born For This**

This year we are also pleased to be able to announce our first school show in over 3 years. On Thursday 10th March a production of "Born for This" will be performed from 6pm - 8pm in the school theatre.

"Born for This" is a powerful depiction of the stations of the cross through drama and music. If you would like to come and support those students performing in the production, please request your tickets at this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/Ybskk4mXDs>

### **Free School Meal Vouchers**

If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal you should be receiving vouchers for half term over the weekend. A reminder to those whose circumstances might have changed that you can claim Free School Meals plus an entitlement to additional school support via this link:

[https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying\\_for\\_free\\_school\\_meals](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals)

### **COVID Vaccinations Programme**

I have been asked to let you know that if you still wish for your child to be vaccinated they can walk into the sites below on the opening days as listed during the super week in half term, as well as booking on the National Booking System:

#### **The Artrix, Bromsgrove**

Mon, Weds, Fri, Sat 08.00-20.00  
Sun 08.00-14.00  
Tues, Thurs 11.00-17.00

#### **HoW College, Worcester**

Sat, Sun, Mon, 08.00-20.00

#### **St Peters Baptist Church, Worcester**

Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri 08.00-20.00

### **Emmaus MAC Pyramid Concert**

Last night I was delighted to be able to attend the first Emmaus MAC Pyramid Concert where all 10 Emmaus schools and pupils from Our Lady and St Kenelm performed together for the first time live, although it was the 12<sup>th</sup> such concert that we have held.

It was the most wonderfully joyous occasion of music and song as hits from the Brit Pop era were blasted out across Birmingham Town Hall. It was also wonderful to be able to welcome His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley to open the concert. A huge well done goes out from me to all Emmaus and OLSK pupils, and the staff that were instrumental in their preparation and performances.

Specific name checks go to Mikey and Michael in Year 13 who this year performed in their last concert having competed in 7 and 8 of them respectively. They have both been phenomenal ambassadors for music at Hagley and we will miss them greatly when they have gone, although I am confident we would welcome them back at any time.

### **Arbor and ClassCharts**

A reminder that today is the last day that we will use ClassCharts in school and there will be no new information coming through this platform forthwith. Arbor is now our only platform for student information and my thanks goes to everyone who has already logged on to it. A reminder that after half term behaviour and House points and assignments (homework) will be available in Arbor in addition to the features you have already had access to.

### **Staff Farewells**

Today we bid farewell to two staff and wish them well as they move on to pastures new. Mrs Kimber (Teacher of Science) has been with us for 2 ½ years and is taking up a new post in another secondary school. While Mrs Davies (Senior Office Administrator) who has been at Hagley for nearly 7 years, leaves for a new challenge. They will both be fondly missed, and we thank them for their service to Hagley Catholic High School.

Finally, it leaves me to wish you all a very happy half term, if you are getting a break that is. We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Please do take note of some of the key dates for next term at the end of this letter.

With every good wish, prayer and blessing.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Hodgson  
*Principal*

### **Key dates next half term:**

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Start of Spring term 2
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Year 11 PPEs continue
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2022	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022	Year 9 Pathways Evening
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Born For This Production
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Year 13 PPEs begin
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Year 9 Parents Evening (online)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Year 9 DTP vaccinations
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022	Spring Sports Day
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	Year 8 Parents Evening (online)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Break up for Easter