



## HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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*"Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come." Mark 13:35*

27 November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and students

This Sunday is the start of the Advent season, a time to prepare for the coming of Christ, Son of God, Saviour, when God Himself presented as a child, became human and began our journey towards salvation. In celebrating this Advent season the core themes of Advent are never more relevant. And so, it is that I pray that each and every one of us finds hope, peace, love and joy in this season and the season of Christmas to come.

In celebrating Advent this year, it was fabulous to get our tree and crib up yesterday and bring some festive decoration to reception. The tree will be decorated next week by our students. We also had the Christmas menu confirmed yesterday and while we cannot offer a full Christmas dinner this year, due to our C19 arrangements, we can offer a selection of Christmas themed meals and treats.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December is "Christmas Jumper Day" and we are pleased to be supporting this charitable initiative, but also giving all members of our community the chance to wear their festive jumpers, for a minimum donation of £1. This is, of course, purely optional but I do hope everyone will engage in this fun and festive charitable initiative. Rather than collect £1 coins, donations can be made through ParentPay. This year the money raised will go to Save the Children and to Father Hudson's Homes "Big Give" Appeal to support the homeless.



We also launched our Advent Food Hamper Appeal with students today, so if when shopping over the next fortnight you can put something a little extra into your trolley for those in our local community who might be struggling this Christmas, your donation will be warmly received and much appreciated.

Sadly, in recent weeks we have experienced a couple of very disappointing incidents of behaviour that we will not tolerate at Hagley and it is important to me that you understand that the staff, the Academy

**Merry Christmas**

Join us for some delicious Christmas food this December

Including.....

- \* Turkey & Stuffing Bap - £2.20
- \* Glan Pig In Blanket Baguette - £2.20
- \* Festive Wraps - £2.20
- \* Festive Southern Fried Quorn Burger - £2.00
- \* Christmas Pizza - £1.20

\* Christmas Biscuits & Cakes from 80p

Fresh Dining

### A LIST OF ITEMS TO DONATE

- Cereals
- Jars & Sauces e.g mayo, red/brown sauce, jam
- Tinned food e.g. soup, veg, fruit, beans, tomatoes
- Pasta/rice
- Squash
- Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate
- Sugar
- Treats - Biscuits, Chocolates, Crisps
- Other items e.g. shower gel, shampoo, washing up liquid

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Committee and I will not accept negative behaviours that jeopardise our virtues and values, our reputation or the welfare and safety of anyone in our wonderful community.

I have spent some time this past fortnight working with the Police and some families in relation to poor behaviour choices. I must reiterate that if student's behaviours are of a significantly dangerous nature, Hagley will deal swiftly and proportionately with anyone who places the health and safety of others, and themselves at risk. This includes while travelling to and from Hagley, and in relation to the possession and/or association with dangerous items or controlled substances.

### **COVID 19**

With the announcement yesterday of the new Tier systems, I am sure that it has opened up many more questions and discussions in your own families, and no doubt frustrations for those of us in Tier 3 but perhaps Tier 2 also.

However, I must reiterate that regardless of Tiers Hagley will continue as it has for the past 12 weeks, committed to providing the safest and most secure learning environment both in and out of school that it reasonably can in very trying times.

Please remember that if your child does develop symptoms and subsequently receives a positive test that you should inform us immediately at [reception@hagley.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:reception@hagley.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).

### **Parent/Carer Surveys**

In addition to my letter today we have also sent out Parent/Carer surveys. We do truly value your feedback and it goes a long way to form future strategic planning and actions to ensure we continue each day to strive to be better and deliver the best education for your child.

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

Parents/Carers of Year 11 should be aware that we will be holding a virtual Parents Evening this academic year. Information will come out next week about how you can book appointments online and how staff will call you via your child's Teams account or your own (through your email) at the times booked for a 5-minute appointment.

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

Yours sincerely



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### PRAYER

'God, our Creator, we offer this humble prayer as we prepare for Christmas. We come to worship with a song of thanks in our hearts—a song of redemption, a song of hope and renewal. We pray for joy in our hearts, hope in our God, love to forgive, and peace upon the earth. We ask for the salvation of all our family members and friends, and we pray for your blessings on all people. May there be bread for the hungry, love for the unlovable, healing for the sick, protection for our children, and wisdom for our youth.'

Amen.



### **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

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