



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
SEMPER FIDELIS

**“Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.” (Matthew 5:44)**

Friday, 24 September 2021

Dear parent(s)/carer(s) and students

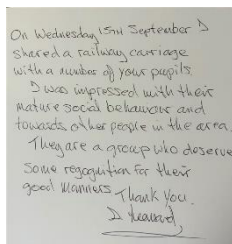
I do hope you have all had a good week and have something nice planned for the weekend. I make no secret of the fact that my weekend will be spent watching every drive struck and putt holed as I plonk myself in front of the TV to watch the Ryder Cup.

This week we commemorated the Feast of St Matthew during Mass, on Tuesday, with Year 11, and we were very privileged to have the Dean of St Chad’s Cathedral, Monsignor Tim Menezes, join us to celebrate the Eucharist.

St Matthew is credited with writing one of the four gospels but also well known for his calling as a disciple. Matthew, or Levi, as he was known, was a tax collector for the Romans and thus despised by his fellow Jews. One of my favourite paintings is Caravaggio’s *The Calling of Matthew*, there is surprise in Matthew’s face at his calling, as he points at himself. His own shock at being called reminds us, that Christ calls all of us.



The POWERful culture that we are developing at Hagley is a calling that is on all of us to continue to be POWERful learners and teachers, to reflect the Gospel values in our daily lives but also ensure we are positive, organised, willing, effective and respectful. The response to this developing culture has been amazing these first few weeks. Student behaviour has been overwhelmingly positive, there has been a distinct willingness in the classroom and consequently we are seeing learning at its most effective, while the level of respect and courtesy round school and on public transport epitomises what Hagley stands for.



This was made clearer to me when a member of the public took time to write to me about their experience on the train with our students this week.

Our students, your children deserve such credit when it is given, so please do share this with them.

### Flu Nasal Vaccine

Thank you everyone for the very positive return of consent forms for the upcoming flu vaccinations run by the School Age Immunisation Service on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October. If you have yet to forward your consent you can do so by handing it in at reception or emailing it to Mrs Orchard at [horchard@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:horchard@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk).

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### **COVID 19 vaccinations for 12-15 year olds**

Since I last wrote the plan to run a COVID vaccination programme in school's for 12 - 15 year olds has been announced. The full details of this will be with you as soon as I have them, but as with other vaccination programmes it will once again be run by the School Age Immunisation Service and consent will be requested in due course. However, at this [link](#) you can find an information leaflet from Public Health England that should answer any queries you may have.

### **COVID 19 cases and additional control measures**

Further to my letter earlier in the week can I thank you for your supportive response in ensuring your child's swift return to wearing face coverings in school. Please do continue to keep up regular home testing for COVID also and seek a PCR if your child tests positive on their LFD or has symptoms. We have ordered another batch of home test packs to cover October, and these will be with you very soon.

### **Open Morning - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

We are gearing up in school for our Open Morning in 3 weeks' time and we already have 300+ families booked in for a visit on that morning. School will be keen for student support on the morning in showcasing departments or helping with tours, so please anticipate contact from us in the coming days for consent. A reminder that school will be closed to students on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October for a staff training day.

### **In-year admissions**

We currently have couple of additional spaces in Years 7 and 10. If you do know of anyone who might be looking for a change of school or perhaps a friend from last years Year 6 who didn't join us thinking they wouldn't get in but would like to move, or perhaps hasn't settled in their new school and wants to switch, then please ask them to contact Mrs Millard on [admissions@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk) to discuss an application.

### **Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)**

Historically the school had a thriving PTFA which worked tirelessly to fundraise for projects to support school development and initiatives. Sadly the PTFA folded just before the pandemic began but does still have a nominal Chair in place and funds in the PTFA account to allocate. If there are any parents or friends of Hagley that would like to come together to lead and run the PTFA then please contact Mr Peter Harrington in the first instance who can work with you to set this back up and hand over the leadership of it. You can contact Peter on [peteharrington@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:peteharrington@blueyonder.co.uk).

### **Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 we are holding a Meet the Tutor evening for new Year 7 parents. Separate letters will be coming home in the coming days for you to book an appointment. We look forward to physically welcoming you to Hagley.

Finally, it leaves me to wish you all a lovely weekend and to thank you for the countless messages and emails of support we have received since the start of term.

With every good wish, prayer and blessing.

Yours sincerely



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