

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere." Acts 1:8

Friday, 20 May 2022

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

The end of another half term is fast approaching, and we break up next Friday at 3.35pm for the Whitsun half term and this year for the Queen's Jubilee, I do hope you have something nice planned for the extended weekend.

Since I last wrote public exams for Year 11, 12 and 13 have begun in earnest and student focus, attitude, determination and commitment has been exemplary and there is a real sense of dedication to the process and to their success. Please do find time to pray for them on a daily basis . You might like to use this prayer which is my prayer of choice.

This term we have been in the Liturgical Season of Easter which ends on the feast of Pentecost on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, when we will return to ordinary time. While next Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension, the time that Jesus left

this earthly kingdom and ascended to heaven, body and soul. This is important to Christians because it shows that Jesus really had overcome death and was not resurrected to die again but to live forever. It is a demonstration of God's omnipotence, and that Jesus is still alive.

We shall be holding a liturgy for all students on Thursday morning to celebrate this feast.

### Thank a Teacher

I mentioned in my last letter that this term our virtue and value focus is grateful and generous. Next Thursday is National Thank a Teacher day and I make no apologies for seeking your support in taking a moment to thank the wonderful staff at Hagley, that day in, day out continue to go above and beyond for our school community. You can get involved at this link: <a href="https://thankateacher.co.uk/national-thank-a-teacher-day2022/">https://thankateacher.co.uk/national-thank-a-teacher-day2022/</a>

# SAVE THE National Thank a Teacher Day 26th May 2022 Celebrating the Schools at the Heart of Our Communities www.thankatescher.co.uk

Prayer for those preparing for exams

> Dear Lord, as I take this exam.

> > I thank you that my value

is not based on my performance,

but on your great love for me.
Come into my heart

so that we can walk through this time together.

Help me, not only with this test,
but the many tests of life

that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam.

bring back to my mind everything I studied and

be aracious with what I have overlooked

Help me to remain focused and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability,

and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today, you are there with me. Amen.

## **Parent Consultation Survey**

Mr Miastowski has sent out a parent survey since I last wrote to gather some feedback on consultation evenings and school life. Thank you those who have already completed it and if you have not you can do so at this link: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/y788RWiPuy">https://forms.office.com/r/y788RWiPuy</a>

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## Year 10 training in CPR

This week we began a programme to train all Year 10 students in CPR following the British Heart Foundation training module. It is brilliant to be able to add this to our wider curriculum and give students the broadest possible education on offer. We are all a little safer due to their training.





## Feast of St Peter and St Paul

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022 we celebrate the feast of St Peter and St Paul. This is a Holy day of obligation within the Catholic Church and so all students will attend mass on the day. This year we will be taking all students to Our Lady and All Saints Church, Stourbridge to celebrate this solemnity. Further details will come out to you in due course from Mr Miastowski about the arrangements.



# Uniform for 2022 and beyond

I have mentioned before that our uniform will be changing for September and that we will have two suppliers of compulsory school items; Hagley Sports and Monkhouse Schoolwear.

Items will soon be available to order online but we shall also be holding a Pop-up Shop in school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July that both suppliers will be present at for you to try and buy.

An overview of the uniform requirements for September can be found on our website or at this link.

### **Attendance Clinics**

The DfE has not surprisingly raised with schools the need to ensure student attendance returns to prepandemic levels. We are accurately aware of some of the barriers that the pandemic has thrown up that is impacting attendance, but it is vital that parent/carers and students work with us to ensure they are in school regularly and at least 96% of the time. Anything less in the weeks, months and years ahead will make it even harder for students to recover from the impact of lost education due to COVID 19 and other ailments, and thus fulfil their academic potential and open up greater opportunities for them, post education at Hagley.

To support students with levels of attendance below expectation Mrs Griffin (Attendance Officer) and Ms Hackett (Assistant Principal) are holding attendance clinics to ascertain the barriers to better attendance, reduce absence and support students and parent/carers in building better habits and resilience, and where necessary explore external help and support.

As ever we thank you in advance of your support with his strategy.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend ahead.

With every good wish, prayer and blessing.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Hodgson *Principal* 

# **Forthcoming Events and Calendared items:**

## Summer 1:

27.05.22 - end of term/Y11 study leave begins

## Summer 2:

20.06.22 - Year 10 GCSE Pre-Public Exams 1 begin

23.06.22 - Y11 Prom

24.06.22 - Staff Training Day

27.06.22 - Y12 Pre-Public Exams 1 begin

29.06.22 - Feast of St Peter and St Paul (Holy Day of Obligation)

30.06.22 - Awards Evening

04.07.22 - Enrichment fortnight begins

04.07.22 - Year 7 Induction Evening @ 6pm

06.07.22 - Year 7 Induction Day

07.07.22 - Y13 Ball

19.07.22 - Drayton Manor and In School Activity Day

20.07.22 - Sports Day

21.07.22 - End of academic year - break up for summer