



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**
SEMPER FIDELIS

“The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.” Psalm 23

16 July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and students

Welcome to my final Principal’s letter of the academic year. What a year it has been for us all. The challenges presented to each and every one of us have been unlike anything we have faced before. Of course, by now we really had hoped we might be completely through all of this, but we are not sadly.

One of our core virtues and values is “hopeful” and this has been central at all times throughout the year. My hope has been tested at times, but not defeated. The opening line from Psalm 23, the response at this weekend’s Sunday Mass, has never been more pertinent in reminding us of the path we are on, always at the guidance and direction of our Lord himself, and in Him there is always hope.

My hope for you all, and all your family, is that you have the most wonderful summer with rest, fun and sunshine a plenty, and hopefully a holiday to boot!

As we end the term, sadly there are always staff that move on and leave Hagley.

Mrs Welchman has been with us for the past three years covering 3 different maternity leaves in the languages department. She leaves with our thanks and blessings for all she has done to continue to promote a love of languages amongst our students.

Mrs Castle has been with us for 3 years also as a teacher of RE. She leaves to take up a new post at Blessed Edward Oldcorn in Worcester. I am sure that the bonds will remain close as she moves to one of our family of Diocesan Schools.

Miss Mills leaves the maths department this summer to take up a position in Educational Psychology at a Trust in Birmingham and goes with our thoughts, thanks, and best wishes.

Mr Bostock had been with us for just over 18 months teaching science and covering maternity leave and goes with our thanks for his commitment and resilience.

Finally, Mr Yates, teacher of Music and Pastoral Assistant, leaves after 2 years to take on a Head of Department position in another school. We wish him well as he progresses to leadership and our thanks for his contribution to music and school media at Hagley not least with his wonderful videos and virtual music performances last summer.

Enrichment Activities Next Week

In the absence of being able to run the Drayton Manor trips next week (which we will re-book for next year for all year groups, including next years Year 11) we will run an enrichment timetable on Monday and Tuesday. Students who are not isolating should attend in their PE kits on both days and be sure to bring a large water bottle, sun cream and cap (should they wish) as the weather is forecast to be lovely.

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All students will be timetabled on activities to include volleyball on the field, sports in the gym, sports hall and on the courts, a walk, a house quiz, and a field full of inflatable obstacle courses, slides, gladiator joust and much more to enjoy. Students will remain in their bubbles on these days and all students will get to experience all the activities on offer.

On Wednesday, the final day of term, students must be in their full school uniform. The day will include end of year celebration assemblies in their year groups and an afternoon of fun on the fields. All students will be dismissed no later than 3.20pm on Wednesday to ensure they get the 3.23pm or 3.34pm trains to Stourbridge and beyond or the 3.26pm or 3.33pm to Kidderminster and beyond.

Transport for September 2021

A reminder that the bus transport contract for the next three years has been awarded to Thandi Red Limited and passes for next term will be available to purchase from 24th July 2021. Buses will be running from Monday 6th September 2021.

Train passes should be purchased from West Midlands Rail and can be done at this link: <https://www.westmidlandsrailway.co.uk/student-season-tickets>

Face Coverings and School Dedicated Transport From September

National guidance confirms that it is recommended that face coverings continue to be worn on public transport and dedicated transport to school or college - [Transport to schools and colleges step4.pdf](#)

New LFD Test Reporting For Parents

NHS Test and Trace have introduced household accounts. This allows parents to save their children's details to their own user accounts so parents/carers can report results for multiple members in the household more quickly and easily. When reporting self-test results parents/carers will now be offered the opportunity to create a household account, which should take no more than 2 minutes. Parents/carers can then add all household members to their account, enabling them to save time when reporting all future self-test results.

To support NHS track and trace any symptomatic/positive cases in Hagley students should still be reported to the school up to and including Friday 24th July 2021. Please do so by reporting these to me directly at jhodgson@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk.

I would like to thank everyone, as have Public Health Worcestershire with this message, for everything our community has done to try and help me, and the school, manage the virus this past year. Your support, actions and understanding has been wonderful, thank you.

Arrangements for September 2021

I won't reiterate the arrangements for September's return here but a reminder that the arrangements can be found in my letter of from last week on the website or via this link: [Letter - September 2021 restart](#)

Contacting School During the Summer Holidays

The school reception will be staffed over the summer from 8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday, and reception@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk and exams@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk are monitored. However, all other

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Thank you to everyone who has had their vaccine. You are protecting our community.

Thank you to everyone who has had to self-isolate. We know this has been really hard, but it makes a huge difference in reducing the number of people getting COVID-19.

Thank you to everyone who is using the rapid COVID-19 tests at home. You are helping to stop the spread of the virus.

Play your part and keep Worcestershire safe

Find out more online:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/coronavirus

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mailboxes and phone lines are not in operation until Thursday 2nd September 2021 and emails or voicemails to other contacts may not be responded to.

Summer Holiday Activities and Food Programme (Message From Worcestershire Children First)



The Summer Holidays are fast approaching. We have secured holiday activities at over 60 locations across Worcestershire. Schools and families will be able to search for Summer Clubs through an interactive booking map and pack out their summer holidays with a whole range of activities and clubs suitable for 5 – 15 year-olds.

The booking system is now live to schools and parents. Please go to www.worcestershire.gov.uk/rsw to book. We are still updating some final bookings so please check back regularly.

Children attending HAF funded summer holiday clubs will also be offered 'golden nugget' opportunities via an away day programme put on by The Hive and University, arts activities from Severn Arts and a nutritional education programme from the adult learning team.

Book places early to avoid disappointment!

To get in touch with the HAF schools' team, email: schools@hafworcestershire.co.uk. For more information about the HAF programme, please see [Holidays and Food \(HAF\) Programme at Worcestershire](#) & [Ready Steady Worcestershire](#).

Dudley MBC are also offering Holiday Activity Fun and you can register your interest at this link <https://holidayactivitiesindudley.com/register-your-child/> although it does close today.

And so finally, it leaves me to wish you all well, have a lovely summer and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to Hagley from Monday 6th September 2021, refreshed and renewed.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely

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