



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
SEMPER FIDELIS

*“For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.” (John 6:40)*

Friday, 05 November 2021

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

I do hope you and your families had an enjoyable half term and were able to find some time for rest, relaxation, family time or even a holiday.

We returned to school this week on All Saints Day and focused our prayer and thoughts this week on the Saints and the souls of all the faithfully departed. November is the month when we remember all those that we have lost and I am acutely aware that members of our Hagley family have experienced significant loss in the past weeks, months and year, please be assured of the school community's prayers for all of you. A candle burns daily in the chapel for all those we have lost.

In this month of the Holy Souls we will once again be marking **Remembrance Day** on 11<sup>th</sup> November with a service in school which will be live streamed from 10.50am and you can join us via the link below:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WaOGbohEQ-U>

This week was also the feast of Diwali and we held assemblies in school for students on this important festival for our Hindu and Sikh community. Diwali is a festival of light with the focus on peace and joy and on the victory of good over evil and light conquering darkness. We have much in common with other religious groups and communities and in these dark winter months our Christian community is also reminded of the light of Christ as we approach Advent and Mathew's gospel reminds us that "the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned".

I hope and pray that light shines on us all in the days ahead and we too can be the light for others.

### **Charity**

This week the Year 12 Beatitudes group launched this year's Christmas Homeless Appeal. We are seeking donations of the items listed below, which will be made into care packs and donated to the homeless and refugees during December. Please send donations to your child's form tutor and thank you in advance of your generosity. The deadline for donations is Friday 3rd December 2021.

Year 7 - Toothbrushes/paste

Year 8 - Baby wipes/sanitiser

Year 9 - Deodorant

Year 10 - Socks/Gloves/Hats

Year 11 - Energy/Chocolate bars, small packs of crackers

Sixth Form - Beverage gift cards (suggested £5) e.g. for Costa, Subway, Greggs

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St Chad's Sanctuary, based at the heart of Birmingham City Centre, next door to the Cathedral are also desperately in need of winter clothes for men (especially sweatshirts, joggers, coats etc). If you have any items you are willing to donate to this charity, supporting refugees and asylum seekers, please send them to your child's form tutor. Thank you in advance for your support with our charitable outreach.

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

Yesterday the NHS Vaccinations Team were on site with students aged 12 - 15 receiving their COVID vaccination. At the end of this letter is a letter from the SW Healthcare Service to help with any follow up queries you may have. Please be aware that we are not able to answer any queries in respect of the vaccination process.

Please be aware though that vaccinated, or not, a key control measure to help keep school as free from COVID as possible is regular home testing. To that end students have been sent home with more kits today to be used at home and I would continue to urge students to test twice weekly on Sundays and Wednesdays and book a PCR test if the test returns a positive result, and then let us know.

### **Safeguarding Update from Ms Hackett (Safeguarding Lead)**

As we approach the darker months, our young people may be spending even more time on devices and social media platforms to stay connected. Whilst we acknowledge that this is a part of the cultural landscape, we also must be aware of the very real dangers that attend frequent use of social media.

Sites like TikTok and Snapchat can be abused and damage our school community and we are aware of a current national trend to create TikTok videos about schools that can include content that has been used without consent or maybe of a derogatory nature.

Please take care in monitoring your child's social media usage, as any images of school staff that are reproduced without permission could result in serious action.

The recommended age for most social media sites, including Instagram, TikTok and Snapchat is 13. For excellent advice on how many of these sites work and how to use parental controls, please refer to internet matters: [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org).

If you have any concerns about online sexual abuse or the way that someone is communicating with your child online, please refer to CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection command) for further support: [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk).

### **Winter Music Concert**

We continue to bring back to the school calendar many of the events that we have lost over the past 2 years and to that end it is great to have our Winter Music Concert back on the calendar.

This year's concert is on Thursday 25th November 2021 at 7pm (in the theatre) but may move to the hall, if numbers dictate. Tickets are £4 and include refreshments and can be purchased via ParentPay. The concert aims to conclude by 8.30pm and you are all very welcome to see a celebration of the work of our music students this term.

Be prepared for lots of fun and some great tunes!!

Please also be aware of some other key events this term listed below, and our updated PE extra-curricular timetable at the end of the letter.



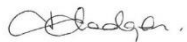
Tickets available through ParentPay

Finally, next Friday 70 Key Stage 3 students will be going on retreat to the Briars Residential Centre in Nottingham, for a weekend of spiritual enrichment and fun activities. This is our first residential since 2019 and it is wonderful to have such opportunities back on the calendar. Students are departing on Friday afternoon and return Sunday afternoon. We wish them well on their trip.

Wishing you all a very good weekend.

With every good wish, prayer and blessing.

Yours sincerely



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**Forthcoming Events and Calendared items:**

- COVID 19 vaccinations 04.11.21
- Remembrance Day 11.11.21 - Live virtual service
- Y11 PPEs 15.11.21
- Y13 Parents Evening 18.11.21
- Y13 PPEs 29.11.21
- Winter Music Concert 25.11.21
- Christmas Mass and Carols 16.12.21

## SPORT & PE CLUBS – HALF TERM 2

<b>Lunchtime Sports Clubs</b>					
	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Year 11</b>
<b>Monday</b>			<b>Volleyball club (MDE/NWI)</b> (Sports hall)	<b>Volleyball club (MDE/NWI)</b> (Sports hall)	<b>Volleyball club (MDE/NWI)</b> (Sports hall)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Boys football (SRI)</b> (Field)	<b>Boys football (SRI)</b> (Field)	<b>Badminton club (NWI)</b> (Sports hall)  <b>Boys Football (SRI)</b> (field)	<b>Badminton club (NWI)</b> (Sports hall)	<b>Badminton club (NWI)</b> (Sports hall)
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Girls Basketball (MDE/MTR)</b> (Sports hall)	<b>Girls Basketball (MDE/MTR)</b> (Sports hall)	<b>Girls Basketball (MDE/MTR)</b> (Sports hall)  <b>Boys Football (SRI)</b> (field)	<b>Girls Basketball (MDE/MTR)</b> (Sports hall)  <b>Boys Football (SRI)</b> (field)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Girls football (MDE)</b> (Field)	<b>Boys Basketball (MBE/SRI)</b> (Sports hall)  <b>Girls football (MDE)</b> (Field)	<b>Boys Basketball (MBE/SRI)</b> (Sports hall)  <b>Girls football (MDE)</b> (Field)  <b>Netball club (MTR)</b> (Courts)	<b>Boys Basketball (MBE/SRI)</b> (Sports hall)  <b>Girls football (MDE)</b> (Field)  <b>Netball club (MTR)</b> (Courts)	<b>Boys Basketball (MBE/SRI)</b> (Sports hall)  <b>Girls football (MDE)</b> (Field)  <b>Netball club (MTR)</b> (Courts)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Girls Netball (MDE/MTR)</b> (Sports hall)	<b>Girls Netball (MDE/MTR)</b> (Sports hall)		<b>GCSE/A-Level PE Intervention (E5)</b>	<b>GCSE/A-Level PE Intervention (E5)</b>

**Please note.** Lunchtime clubs run from 12.10pm-12.50pm. Pupils must bring a packed lunch to eat in the PE department prior to the club and change into their Hagley PE kit to take part. Please change and leave promptly, in order to start lesson 3 on time!

## Afterschool Sports Clubs & Fixtures

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Monday				U16 girls' basketball matches (MDE)  (Sports hall)	U16 girls' basketball matches (MDE)  (Sports hall)
Tuesday		Girls' central venue football @Leasowes (MDE)	Girls' central venue football @ Leasowes (MDE)	Boys Basketball Match (SRI)	Boys Basketball Match (SRI)
Wednesday		U14 girls' basketball matches (Sports hall) (MTR/MDE)	U14 girls' basketball matches (Sports hall) (MTR/MDE)		
Thursday				GCSE Volleyball club (MBE)	GCSE Volleyball club (MBE)
Friday					

Please note. See team sheet and named staff in charge for match details.



Dear Parent(s) and carer(s)

We're writing to you with regards to COVID-19 vaccinations for your child. If your child has already received the COVID-19 vaccination, either at school or at a vaccination centre, you do not need to take any further action, so please disregard this email.

We held a clinic at Hagley Catholic High School on 4th November 2021—but if your child was unable to attend this clinic, there are still many other opportunities to get your child vaccinated against COVID-19.

#### **Why should I get my child vaccinated?**

COVID-19 is usually mild in most children, but it can make some children unwell. 1 dose of a COVID-19 vaccine gives good protection against your child getting seriously ill. Vaccinating children can also help stop the spread of COVID-19 to other people, including within schools.

#### **Is the vaccine safe for children?**

Yes. Millions of children around the world have had a COVID-19 vaccine. The independent Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has confirmed the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine is safe and effective for children aged 12 to 15, following an extensive review of the safety, quality and effectiveness of the vaccine in this age group. The vaccine continues to be closely monitored to make sure it is safe and effective.

#### **Where can I get my child vaccinated?**

We are holding walk-in clinics for 12-15 year-olds at our sites at [St Peter's Baptist Church](#), the [Three Counties Showground](#), and the [Artrix](#), with times published each week. These clinics are designed to take place around after-school pick-up to support parents, and our vaccinators are the same experienced staff who are visiting schools across the county—so parents can rest assured that their children will be vaccinated in a safe, supportive environment.

You can find the latest walk-in clinic times at our website [here](#).

You can also book your appointment in advance outside of these clinic times by using the NHS national booking system, or by calling 119. Click [here](#) to book your appointment online.

Some vaccinations are also being offered within GP practices locally—so you may be contacted by your child's GP offering you the opportunity to book an appointment at your local surgery.

#### **These options don't work for me—is there any other way?**

We want to support parents to get their children vaccinated however we can—so if the above options don't work for you, [please complete this form](#) and a member of our team will be in touch to advise on how you can secure a COVID-19 vaccination for your child.

#### **I've still got questions—where can I find more information?**

There are a range of resources available to support parents and children in getting their COVID-19 vaccinations. Here are a few links to some guides you may find helpful:

- [Guidance for parents on the vaccination programme for children and young people](#)
- [Guidance for young people aged 12-17](#)
- [Guidance for at-risk children and young people aged 12-15 \(simple text\)](#)

Alternatively, you can contact us for more information on any aspect of vaccinations for children and young people—so if your questions aren't answered here, please feel free to [complete this form](#), and a member of our team will be in touch.

Thank you for your continued support as we rollout vaccines to children and adults in Worcestershire.