

# "You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God." Corinthians 9:11

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

Welcome back to a new term and I do hope you had a lovely Easter and long weekend over May Day Bank Holiday.

School is back in full swing, and the summer term is always one of renewed spirit and hope, while the drier, warmer and sunny days give everyone the lift they need.

Every half term we focus our attention on two of our school values, this term it is **grateful and generous**. Mr Miastowski and I took assemblies last week with Years 7 to 9 and then I met with Year 11 this week. We reminded everyone about the generosity of our community during Lent with your almsgiving but this term the challenge is to be **grateful** for our blessings and to those who give us comfort and strength and to be **generous** in spirit, through our kindness and support for each other, and especially those facing their forthcoming GCSE and A Level examinations.

This week our Muslim brothers and sisters celebrated Eid as Ramadan ended after 30 days of fasting. In assemblies we explored the meaning of this festival and its importance to members of our community. May I wish our Muslim families a belated Eid Mubarak.

# **Performing Arts Showcase**

It was great to have an evening of performing arts showcased as another school event returned to the calendar on Wednesday. Students from across all three key stages performed, with musical theatre, drama, acrobatics, ballet, dance and song on show. It was a feast for the senses and a proud moment for all of us there to see such talent in abundance. Particular recognition goes to Esme, Hannah, Niamh, Ella, Rachael and Moriah who took on a huge amount of leadership in organising and coordinating this event, and in doing so completed their level 2 Dance Leader Qualification. Finally a huge public thanks goes to Miss McKee for pulling it all together and for her passion for the arts and inspriation to the students.

#### **Summer Music Concert**

This coming week Mr Mallinson is hosting our summer music concert. This will be in the theatre from 7pm and is sure to be another fabulous evening. Tickets are available on ParentPay; we do hope you can join us.



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# **Parent Consultation Evenings**

Last night we held our final parent consultation evening of the year with parent(s)/carer(s) of Year 10. This time last year, with your support, we made the decision to continue all such consultation evenings online. I do hope, that like us, you have found this approach a positive one. Please keep an eye out for a follow up survey coming soon.

# Key Stage 3 exams

Last week all Key Stage 3 students had formal exams in exam venues for the very first time at Hagley. The students were exemplary in dealing with, and getting used to a very new way of formal assessment. Such an experience, while daunting, will build excellent habits and degrees of reassurance for when it happens for real in Year 11 and 13.

## Year 13

This coming week is the last formal week in school for our Year 13 students before their exam season begins. They will finish at lunch time next Friday and it will be sad to begin this period of farewells with them. They have been the most wonderful cohort of students, rising to every challenge before them (and there have been some tough ones) but I know they will go on from Hagley better for the test and ready to face the future and what it holds. I know you will join with me in wishing them well in the exams to come and the future before them.

## Vacancies

The first half of the summer term is always a busy one for staff turnover in schools across the country. This year we already have vacancies out to advert as staff move on to pastures new, retirement or promotion.

Currently we have positions available for: Head of Science Head of Computer Science Teacher of Science Teacher of RE Teacher of Maths (maternity cover) Teacher of RE (maternity cover) Exam Invigilators Science Technician Learning Support Assistants



found All Hagley adverts can be via the vacancies link on the website or at https://www.emmausmac.com/Page/Detail/vacancies

Please do share this information with anyone you know who might be interested in joining our wonderful school and staff body.

#### Summer Sports

It has been lovely to look out across the field this past fortnight and see the return of summer sports with two cricket fixtures already, games of outdoor volleyball on the field at lunch, tennis on the courts and track and field too.

District Athletics Trials take place on Friday 13th May where 14 students are trialing to represent the county at the County Athletics Championships on the 11th June. The first of the Dudley School Athletics championships start next week too, with the Year 9 teams competing at the Dell Stadium on Wednesday.

Please see the accompanying PE department summer extra curricular programme and encourage your child to get involved.

## Netball

The U15 Netball season ended this week, with the girls finally playing the postponed tournament at Kinver on Wednesday night. Throughout the year the girls have played some phenomenal netball and have now been crowned as U15's tournament and league winners, remaining undefeated in all games. The girls are a credit to the school displaying great teamwork and sportsmanship in everything they do! Well done to Maisie, Imogen, Boti, Lauren, Maisie, Maisie, Olivia, Emily, Izzy and Leila.

I look forward to updating you again soon about more summer sport victories and achievements.

With every good wish, prayer and blessing for a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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Mr J Hodgson Principal

Key dates this half term: 12.05.22 - Hagley Music Festival 13.05.22 - Year 13 study leave begins 16.05.22 - Public exam season begins 27.05.22 - End of term/Y11 study leave begins