



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**
SEMPER FIDELIS

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Dear Parents/Carers and Students

I sincerely hope you are coping with what are very unusual and demanding times. The COVID 19 pandemic has certainly adjusted life beyond imagination and I know that this is having a significant impact on people's physical and mental wellbeing. Please continue to access and use the resources on the Wellbeing Hub section of the school website.

All of our students are very much in our thoughts, here at Hagley. However, we are very aware that Year 11, in particular, will be experiencing some very strange and unfamiliar feelings. I know many of you are very upset by the fact that you will not be able to take your GCSE exams and that your study seems to have come to a very abrupt halt. Many of you will be quite angry that you cannot prove your ability and hard work on a national level.

However, we are trying to see this as an opportunity not a disadvantage. Therefore, we are looking to support you move forward into the next phase of your learning. I sincerely hope that many of you will come back to Hagley and enjoy the opportunities our excellent sixth form has to offer. The teaching of A Level at Hagley is highly personalised and effective at ensuring students secure excellent outcomes. Year on year we secure many of the best results for students locally and this means that students go on to some of the most prestigious courses and apprenticeships at universities and companies across the country.

If you are coming back to Hagley, we want you to be as prepared as possible. We are very concerned that some Year 11 students could go **14 weeks without completing any study** and this could be a disadvantage in the long term. Therefore, the staff at Hagley have compiled some **bespoke transition programmes** that will enable you to understand what A Level study within a subject will be like. In addition, it will allow you to prepare the appropriate foundations to begin studying effectively in September 2021.

As a school, we would like you to complete **three transition programmes/bridging tasks** in your chosen A Levels and **one more** that may be of interest (**4 in total**).

The programmes are set out to be completed in your own time but over approximately **10 weeks with roughly 4 hours of study per week for each programme**. This would mean you would be completing about 16 hours of work every week, in order to prepare effectively for Year 12 in September 2021.

These programmes (Bridging Tasks) can be found on the school website at:

<https://www.hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk/Page/Detail/year-11-to-12-bridging-tasks>

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While completing these tasks you can also use your school email to contact staff for guidance and support.

At this time, it is also important that we confirm who is planning on returning to Hagley in September for Post 16 study. Therefore, if you know you want to come back to Hagley, could you please go onto the school website and complete the acceptance form. This is under the sixth form tab and will require you to accept your place and submit your chosen A Levels. This is **vitaly important** so we can recruit effectively in September and **your place will be dependent, and confirmed, on release of your qualifications. Please could you complete this form by 21st May 2021.**

All of the staff are really looking forward to welcoming the students that are enthusiastic about A Level study onto their subjects. They have worked really hard on the Year 12 transition units that can be found again under the sixth form tab on our website. Hopefully they should offer you a little more focus and purpose whilst enabling you to make effective choices about your future.

If you have applied to us but are not taking up a place, then we would be grateful if you could let us know by completing the acceptance form and declining you place. If you have applied to other colleges then we advise you to keep in close contact with them to ensure you are ready to enrol at the necessary time. If you do need any support with this then we are still supporting students at school and therefore you only have to contact us, and we will respond with advice on what you can do next.

We are so conscious that you are at a crucial stage in your educational journey and we want to offer the necessary advice and support to ensure your development is not adversely affected by what are unprecedented times. We genuinely care for all students past and present within our Hagley family and are reaching out to ensure that the personalised support and guidance, we would normally offer, is still available to all.

In summary:

- 1. Fill out the acceptance form under the Sixth Form tab on the website to inform us whether you are taking up your place and what A Levels you wish to take forward.**
- 2. If taking a place at Hagley Sixth Form, complete 4 transition programmes in the A Levels you wish to take. (These can be found under the Sixth Form tab on the website and are designed to be completed over a 10-week period of study.)**
- 3. If you are not coming to Hagley but need support about your Post 16 education plans, then please contact Miss Smith on careers@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk**

As always, we continue to pray for the safety and comfort of all members of our Hagley family.

Yours sincerely



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