



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**
SEMPER FIDELIS

26th March 2026

RE: Welcome to Hagley Catholic High School

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

We are delighted that you have chosen Hagley Catholic High School as the secondary school for your child, and we very much look forward to welcoming you to our school community in the coming months. We understand that moving from primary school to secondary school is an important transition point in your child's education. We will work with you and your child's current primary school to ensure this transition is as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

Intake Information Evening for parent(s)/carer(s) and students will take place on **Monday 29th June 2026**. There will be presentations from the **Principal** and the **Head of Year 7 and Transition Lead**. There will also be a pop-up school uniform shop, information about school transportation, and the opportunity to talk to key staff about any medical issues. Our Inclusion Team will also be available if your child has any identified special educational needs. Timings for this evening will follow in further communications.

There will also be three **Induction Days** for all new students starting at Hagley Catholic High School in September 2026 as part of our comprehensive transition package. These days are designed to help children familiarise themselves with the workings of a busy secondary school so that they can feel reassured for September and confident about what they will experience. This year these will take place on **Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd July 2026**. Further details about these days will follow nearer the time.

Ahead of these main induction days, there will be an **Additional Transition Afternoon** for any students who are the only student coming from their primary school, or for any students who have been identified by their primary schools as in need of additional transitional arrangements. Parent(s) and carer(s) will be contacted directly regarding these.

If your child has an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) and would benefit from alternative or supplementary transition, your Primary School should have contacted Ms N Hackett to arrange this (Assistant Principal: Inclusion and SENDCo – nhackett@emmausmac.com). Ms Hackett will send out further information for students identified as having special educational needs separately.

Key staff from Hagley Catholic High School will continue to visit primary schools and/or liaise with Year 6 teachers during the summer term.

Key Information

School Term Dates – School term dates for the 2026-27 academic year can be found on the school website at [Hagley Catholic High School - Term Dates](#)

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School Uniform – Information on our school uniform and standards can be found on the school website at [Hagley Catholic High School - School Uniform and Standards](#) School uniform items can also be purchased directly from Monkhouse Schoolwear and Hagley Sports. A copy of the Hagley Catholic High School Uniform Policy can be found at [Uniform Policy 25.pdf](#)

Transportation – Current information regarding transportation is available on our school website at [Hagley Catholic High School - Transport](#). This will be updated during the summer term to reflect the arrangements for the 2026-27 academic year.

Previously Looked After Children – If your child falls into one of the following categories, please notify the school immediately:

- were **previously in care/looked after**, and then
- left care because of **adoption, special guardianship**, or a **child arrangements order**,
- or
- were **adopted from state care overseas**.

This information is crucial and has a significant impact on funding support from the government and the way in which we monitor and support progress and attainment. If you believe your child falls into this category, please contact Ms Hackett (Assistant Principal: Inclusion and SENDCO) at nhackett@emmausmac.com with the student's name(s) and evidence of the relevant order. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Free School Meals (FSM) - Entitlement to Free School Meals (FSM) does not automatically transfer between local authorities. Families MUST re-apply through Worcestershire County Council.

Please make the claim for Free School Meals even if you know your child may not want to claim their free meal from our school canteen. Students who are eligible for Free School Meals are also eligible for Pupil Premium funding which is used by the school to improve education outcomes for our students. In addition, families of students eligible for Pupil Premium funding can also claim financial support with school uniform, transport, educational trips and learning aids through the school's Pupil Premium Pledge [Hagley Catholic High School - Pupil Premium and Free School Meals](#)

To check your eligibility and to apply for Free School Meals, please visit the Worcestershire County Council website at [Free school meals | Worcestershire County Council](#). The Worcestershire's Free Schools Meal Team can be contacted directly on 01905 845280 should you have any questions.

Medical Conditions - Should your child have a diagnosed medical condition that may require support/treatment at school or requires the use of aids such as EpiPens or Inhalers, please ensure that you have informed the school prior to our induction days. You can do this by completing our Student Medical Condition Form [Student Medical Condition Form - Year 7 Intake 2026 – Fill in form](#) This will enable staff to be appropriately briefed and any necessary paperwork to be completed.

Parents of students who have medical conditions that require support/treatment at school should refer to the following Emmaus MAC policies – *Health & Safety Policy*, *Administering Medication Policy* and the *Allergy and Anaphylaxis Policy*, as appropriate. Full information about the school's policies can be found on the school website [Hagley Catholic High School - Policies and Documents](#). Please take time to familiarise yourself with these.

Music Lessons - Hagley runs a comprehensive music programme and peripatetic music tuition is a central part of this. If your child wishes to start learning a musical instrument or continue with individual music lessons, please contact [Severn Arts](#) who co-ordinate these.

Arbor Parent Portal - Hagley Catholic High School uses Arbor and the Arbor Parent Portal to support our communication with parents and carers about their child. Arbor is our school's online digital platform.

The Arbor Parent Portal, which can also be accessed via the Arbor App on your mobile telephone, allows parent(s) and carer(s) to:

- Check and update personal data, such as addresses and emergency contact details.
- Provide consent for collecting biometric data (fingerprint data) to use the cashless school canteen system, and other consents in line with Data Protection Regulations.
- Review information on pupil attendance and behaviour, and access school reports for their child.
- Provide funds for students to purchase meals and snacks from the school canteen using Arbor Payments.
- Purchase items and book and pay for school trips and events via the Arbor School Shop.

In Summer Term 1 you will receive an email welcoming you to Arbor at Hagley Catholic High School and asking you to complete the setup of your Arbor Parent Account.

In the meantime, we will keep you updated primarily through email so please check your emails on a regular basis. You can also refer to the Year 6 Transition page of our school website for the latest information and copies of any parent communications at [Hagley Catholic High School - Year 6 Transition](#)

Please also keep an eye on the school's social media pages at [Hagley Catholic High School | Stourbridge | Facebook](#) and [Hagley Catholic High School \(@hagleycatholichighschool\) • Instagram photos and videos](#) to keep up to date with information, news and events related to the school.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact our Admissions Officer via admissions_hchs@emmausmac.com who will forward your request onto the correct member of staff.

We look forward to welcoming you to Hagley Catholic High School and working in partnership with you in the months and years ahead. Have a lovely Easter and please be assured of our prayers for you and your family.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs L Imrie
Head of Year 7 and Transition Lead

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Principal