



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**
SEMPER FIDELIS

*Forming Christ centred pilgrims of hope
with kind hearts, questioning minds,
a thirst for knowledge
and a hunger for justice.*

Saturday, 23 May 2026

Dear Parent(s), carer(s) and students

I hope you and your family have something lovely planned for this sunny Bank Holiday weekend and the half term week ahead, if you have managed to take some annual leave too.

The last fortnight in school has been an intense one for students taking their GCSE and A level exams but thank you for keeping them in your prayers, they have definitely been felt.

On Thursday Year 11 had their final compulsory day in school and the annual celebrations on the field after the English Language Exam took place with shirt signings, photos and ice creams for all.

Students had gone all out this year with their personalised designs and shared a wonderful celebration.



Year 11 only need to attend for their exams after half term if they wish. However, there will be space in school for them to come and study too, should they choose to.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

On Monday Hagley Pilgrims head off to Lourdes on our annual Pilgrimage with the youth and schools from across the Birmingham Archdiocese. Please keep us and all our assisted pilgrims in your prayers as we will you when we get there.

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The Week(s) in worship as [Christ-centred Pilgrims of Hope](#)

Walsingham Pilgrimage

Recently I have been on a pilgrimage to Walsingham. Although it was a LONG 4 hour journey the experience given is completely worth it. At Walsingham there were a selection of things to do:

- Mass (held by multiple priests)
- Prayers of intention in the Slipper Chapel
- I visited both the Catholic and Anglican shrines
- There was time for personal prayer
- Walking the Holy Mile to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and having times of silence and personal reflection
- We also visited the shop which had things like prayer books, rosary beads and items from the Holy Land.

Overall, it was a truly wonderful and reflective experience, and I would love to go again.

Chidumam Year 7

The Feast of the Ascension (Thursday 14th May 26)

This morning we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension, we learnt more about why it is important and read the scripture of the event. It felt special as we were coming together on the day of the feast in prayer. We also had a special Mass to celebrate the Ascension. We had special bidding prayers and readings as Fr Philip led the Mass in the Chapel. We learnt about the different accounts of the Ascension and why they might be different. *Jack Year 8*

In the Chapel today we had a Mass consisting of Chaplaincy from year 7 to year 10, This was to celebrate Jesus' Ascension. It was lovely that those year groups came together to celebrate Mass. As this was a Mass in the chapel it was also really nice to be able to see and hear exactly what Fr was doing at the Altar.

At the very start of the day, we had a prayer service with Mrs McCole about the feast day, and we talked about how it was 50 days after Easter Sunday. *Annabel Year 7*

Student Successes as [pilgrims of hope](#)

Huge congratulations to Isobel (Year 10) who ran the Market Drayton 10K on Sunday 10th May and won Under 18 Female category in a fabulous time of 47 minutes 10 seconds.



There was more success the day before for Izabella (Year 9) who competed in the Worcester County Track Championships on Saturday 9th May, running for her club Halesowen Athletics. She ran the 800m and came second, knocking 11 seconds off her PB!!

Well done to both girls in continuing to strive for their personal best in all things.

Further congratulations to Rayne (Year 10) who has been re-signed by Aston Villa for next season where she will represent the Under 16 PGA team.

This is more amazing news for one of our girls and we are so proud of Rayne and look forward to reading about more success next season.



Enrichment with *questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge*

Year 10 iMedia Trip to Greenwich

On Friday 8th May, the Computing Department took the Year 10 i-Media group to National Maritime Museum in Greenwich. During the visit, students not only learnt about British naval history, world exploration, and maritime trade, but were also able to experience and explore first-hand a range of interactive media applications.

They also enjoyed some time in Greenwich Park, taking in the spectacular views across to Canary Wharf and learning more about Greenwich Mean Time. Students were excited to see the iconic Cutty Sark and enjoyed exploring Greenwich Market before returning to Birmingham.

I would like to commend the students for their exemplary behaviour throughout the trip. They were a real credit to Hagley. A huge thank you also goes to Mrs French, who proudly wore her high-vis jacket all day and guided us so efficiently around the Underground system.

A great day was had by all.

Mrs Jones



Warhammer Club

For many years at Hagley, we have run a Warhammer club in the workshops. Warhammer is a tabletop battle strategy game, where students build and paint their own army and then battle one another; it's a little like chess with flame throwers and gauss cannons. The Games Workshop company was started by a group of friends in Nottingham in the 1970's, where their global headquarters is. The annual trip to Warhammer World in Nottingham is one of the highlights of the Hagley Warhammer Club year. It's now a multi-national company, with tournaments all over the world. Famous Warhammer players include Henry Cavill, Vin Diesel, Tom Holland, and Ed Sheeran.

Our club is equally illustrious, and we are currently battling our way through our latest tournament. We are just finishing the first-round battles, where we've seen (amongst other notable battles) Isaac beat Rufus in the Space Marine grudge match, and John's Thousand Sons army cast Tate's Tyranid hordes into the abyss. The second round of battles looms large after half term, where Mr Button will march forward with the Necron menace to face Isaac and his reinforced Space Marine force, and Yann's Black Templars hope to take out Nathen and the White Scars.

If you'd like to try out Warhammer, feel free to come down to L1 on a Tuesday or Thursday lunchtime and try building and painting your first figure, get involved in a battle, or just learn a little about the game.

Mr Button

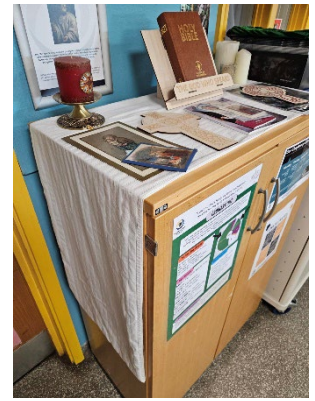


Textiles Club

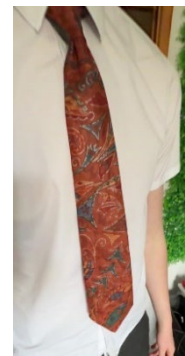
In Textiles Club, we can improve our sewing skills, and work on our individual or group sewing projects with our friends! Most recently, many of us have been making lip balm holders, but we've also completed other projects like ties, skirts, a sock monkey, cloaks and hats for cosplay, and I've sewn cloths for our sacred space; one for each liturgical season.

We primarily use second-hand fabrics in an effort to help our environment, and I always look forward to working on my projects each Friday, with the help of the DT team!

All year groups are welcome to join, and we all get involved at Open Day to display what we've made and show how you can develop your skills in Textiles at Hagley. We all worked together to make scrunchies for Open Day last October, to give out to visitors.



Here are some pictures of our creations out in the wild:



Hope you enjoyed our update!

Emeline, Year 10

Nearly New Uniform Appeal

As our Year 11 students prepare to leave, we would be extremely grateful for any donations of school uniforms, tights, and resources for Student Services to support our incoming cohort and restock our nearly new uniform shop. Your generosity always make a meaningful difference to our students and families. Items can be dropped off at Reception for my attention. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Wren (Student Services Manager)

Local Governing Body Vacancy for a *Christ centred Pilgrim of hope*

We have a vacancy on our Local Governing Body for a Parent Governor and, if it hasn't already, separate correspondence will come out for anyone interested in taking on this role. If who would like to speak to Mr Hodgson or Mr Geoff Taylor-Smith (Chair of the LGB) beforehand about the role you can arrange a telephone call by contacting Mrs Chapman (Mr Hodgson's PA) on 01562 881821.

St Michael the Archangel Board of Directors

Advertisements for Board members for St Michael the Archangel CMAT are now out.

This is a unique opportunity to make a real impact on Catholic education. The Diocese are looking for passionate and skilled individuals to join the Board of Directors and help guide the strategic direction of the CMAT, working alongside the CEO, Suzanne Horan, and a dedicated Executive Team.

You can contact Mark O'Connell at the Birmingham Diocese Education Service at academies@bdes.org.uk for more information or click on the thumbnail.



Vacancies

We still have vacancies at Hagley that are now live, or will be imminently, on the Emmaus vacancies page at this link: [Emmaus CMAC - Vacancies](#) and on e-Teach, WM Jobs and other platforms.

They include:

- A 0.5 teacher of Food and Nutrition
- A fulltime Head of Physical Education
- A non-teaching Safeguarding and Inclusion Officer

Please do share far and wide and get in touch with Mr Hodgson directly via his PA at principalpa_hchs@emmausmac.com, if you are interested.



Wishing everyone a very happy Bank Holiday weekend and half term with every good wish and blessing. Keep applying the SPF!

Yours sincerely

J Hodgson
Principal

Key dates for Summer Term 2

01.06.26 - Summer 2 begins	29.06.26 - Induction Evening
01.06.26 - Year 12 exams begin	01.07.26 - Y6 Induction Day 1
08.06.26 - Year 10 non-core PPEs begin	02.07.26 - Y6 Induction day 2
15.06.26 - Y12 Higher Education and Apprenticeship Week	02.07.26 - Y13 Ball
17.06.26 - Y10 Core PPEs begin	03.07.26 - Y6 Induction Day 3
18.06.26 - Y11 Prom @ West Midlands Safari Park	06.07.26 - Curriculum Focus Week
23.06.26 - Sixth Form UCAS Discovery Event @ NEC	08.07.26 - Year 5 Feeder Sports Day
24.06.26 - Sixth Form Induction Day	10.07.26 - Y12 Summer Garden Party
24.06.26 - Awards Evening	13.07.26 - Y12 Work Experience
26.06.26 - Inset Day 4 (NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)	15.07.26 - Sports Day
29.06.26 - Feast of Sts Peter and Paul	16.07.26 - Students break up
29.06.26 - Enrichment Week begins	17.07.26 - MAC Inset Day @ Hagley
29.06.26 - Y10 Work Experience Week	