



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
SEMPER FIDELIS

**“This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.”  
(1 John 4:9)**

Friday, 22 December 2023

Another Autumn/Christmas term comes to end, one that certainly feels like the longest in history and I cannot remember a time when we broke up so late. So late in fact that it will be the shortest 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent ever as it only lasts for one day.

The fourth week focuses on love. Perhaps the most important symbol of the four. And this Christmas I hope that your homes are filled with love and happiness.

### **Christmas Mass**

Last night we held our annual Christmas Family Mass so thank you to the 300+ of you that were able to join us. It was a lovely celebration with carols and the sharing of the Eucharist. Thanks go to the staff and students that worked so hard to put this on with readings, processions, music and singing.



### **A Prayer for the final week of Advent**

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



### **Advent Charity Appeals**

Once again our Advent Charity appeals have been wonderfully supported by so very many of our families and last Friday staff and students in Year 12 took packs of your donations off into Birmingham City Centre to distribute to the homeless living on the streets of the city.

Over 70 packs were handed out with over £700 worth of gift cards too, so thank you again for your generosity and helping us to live out our values.

We were also able to give some of the packs to a charity called [HOPE in Birmingham](#) and I know these were very gratefully received.

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### Eco Warriors

Our Eco Warriors group have been working with Mrs Leyland-Richardson this term and have designed a Christmas pledge which they are urging everyone to support.

Jacob, Oscar and Niamhie have led on this, and they and I hope you can also make this a pledge in your homes too.

Perhaps we could all just do one thing on the list.

### Year 10 Food and Nutrition

Our Year 10 GCSE Food and Nutrition class have been baking Christmas cakes this week and were challenged to decorate them with words from scripture. Here is just a sample of the wonderful creative talents of the class.



### Non-uniform day

Thank you to everyone who donated money last week to support our non-uniform day to raise money for the Lung and Asthma UK charity that Mr Trickett is running the London Marathon for next April. We have had a number of requests to share his official charitable donation page which you can find at this link: [Asthma + Lung UK: Mr Trickett \(enthuse.com\)](https://www.enthuse.com) Please give as much as you can to help him reach his target.



### Spring Term

A final reminder that the Spring Term begins on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 for all students and staff, there is no training day and students break up for February half term on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024. There are some more key dates at the end of this letter.

So that just leaves me to wish you all a very happy Christmas filled with hope, peace, joy and love, and to thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Hodgson  
Principal

## **Forthcoming Events and Calendared items**

### **Spring 1:**

- 08th January 24 - Spring Term begins
- 11th January 24 - Y11 Parents Evening
- 23rd January 24 - St Nicholas Owen Feast Day
- 23rd January 24 - Y12 Elevate Day
- 24th January 24 - Y7 Parents Evening
- 30th January 24 - Y11 reports deadline
- 02nd February 24 - Y11 reports sent
- 02nd February 24 - Y13 reports deadline
- 05th February 24 - Pyramid Concert
- 06th February 24 - LGB meeting
- 08th February 24 - Y12 Parents Evening
- 08<sup>th</sup> February 24 – Students break up for half term
- 09th February 24 - MAC Training Day, closed to students