



**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.*

Monday, 27 April 2026

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

Summer Term is well and truly underway but I do hope you had a lovely Easter break, although it seems a while ago now. It would be easy to forget though that Easter is not just one day in our life, or the life of the Church, but a season for 50 days till Pentecost Sunday, this year on Sunday 24th May 2026. This liturgical season is one for celebrating Jesus Christ's resurrection, symbolising victory over death, new life, and hope. The season spans a joyous "week of Sundays" focusing on spiritual renewal, with themes of light, love, and transformation.



I do hope everyone reading my letter can find this in their lives this half term.

Summer Term 1 Virtue and Value Grateful and Generous

The starting point is always **Gratitude** – an attitude of mind that habitually notices daily blessings and the good things that happen to us, giving our lives meaning and enjoyment, and sometimes pause for thought and a nudge to put things right.

The end point is **generosity** – the impulse to give and not to count the cost, to serve without reward, to have big **kind hearts** and great minds, to be men and women for others.

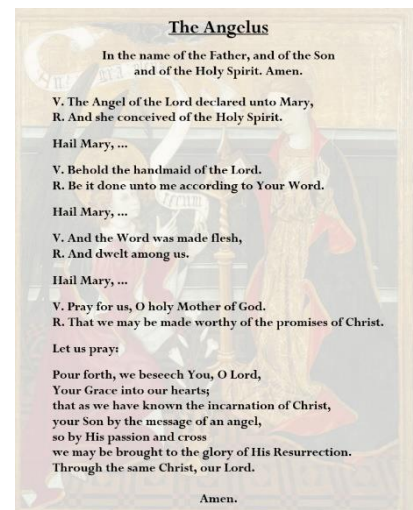
During Summer Term 1 our virtues and values focus is on being grateful and generous, and in my first assembly of the year with Year 7 & 8 I focussed solely on this theme calling on us all to start with gratitude and end with generosity in all we do, recalling the words in scripture, from the book of Exodus; ***"Generous people often give more than they are asked to give."***

The Week(s) in worship

This half term instead of hosting Mass each Tuesday morning Fr Phillip is joining us to talk to students about the Angelus and then run a Q& A with students about this important prayer in our school life. So far Year 9 and 10 have joined Fr Phillip and they have been wonderfully attentive but full of fabulous questions too.

Angelus

We had a session to discuss why we say the Angelus at lunchtimes and if we wanted to ask any questions we could. The Angelus focuses on the Incarnation, when Mary said yes to being the Mother Of Jesus. The questions answered were very good and meaningful questions that were answered very well. It was a nice session which helped me and I'm guessing many others to learn about the Angelus and more about our faith. *Woody P (Y9)*



Year 11 Celebration of the Word

This week Year 11 have had their last Celebrations of the Word in the Chapel. In previous month we have looked at what has brought us joy from the last 5 years and how we can use that as a way to help us over

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this period of exams and deadlines. This has culminated in our prayers being focussed on the idea of gratitude and sending messages of thanks to those members of staff who have guided and supported students. We used the Gospel of the Beatitudes to help us focus this time of reflection and to help us remember the true meaning of what we have had in our Year 11 community.

A Pilgrimage to Lourdes Review

In the week that me and HCPT group 196 were in Lourdes we cared for children with special needs and we showed them all Lourdes had to offer through prayer, mass and activities. If you were to ask me about my experience at Lourdes, I would say it was one of the most breath-taking weeks of my life. I had so many opportunities over the week like taking part in the torch light procession and being able to play my guitar in the regional mass.



On the third day, we went to Gavarnie and shared mass on the foot of a mountain. In Gavarnie we sat down at a local café, and we all had ice-creams or crepes. On the 5th day we had a trust mass with all the other HCPT groups, and we had loads of singing and dancing. And on the final day we decorated a group candle and wrote some prayer intentions of some heart shaped cards as the theme was together in love.

On the night we took the prayer intentions to the grotto and then we sat in a circle to all share what we were grateful for the past week and it was very emotional for us all. *Oscar Croft*



Year 7 Update from Mrs Imrie

It was lovely to welcome Year 7 back from the Easter break and I can't believe they are now in their final term of their first year here at Hagley.

Last Thursday we held our virtual Year 7 Parents Evening. It was lovely to hear from colleagues how well parents and carers feel their children have settled into Hagley and I am sure it was lovely for you to be able to put faces to names.

During CCF in extended form last week Form Tutors spent some time running through revision planning and strategies ahead of this week's Internal Assessments and fed back to me how impressed they were with Year 7's attitude.

During form on Friday and Monday I ran through with Year 7 the protocols, expected standards and conduct and we even squeezed a practice run through going in and out of the GYM and challenged them to set the bar high in getting this right.

Year 7 have absolutely risen to this challenge and their conduct and attendance this week has been absolutely fantastic. I have been so proud of them! Today we have finished with the Core Internal Assessments and lessons are all back to normal next week.

As always it is lovely to hear of student success outside of school. Huge well done to Flynne M in 7 Chad, one of our talented musicians who has just achieved his violin Grade 4, a great achievement, well done Flynne.

This Sunday Alicia C in 7 Kenelm has been selected to run for her athletics club for the London mini marathon. Superb achievement Alicia, we wish you all the best and look forward to hearing how you do.

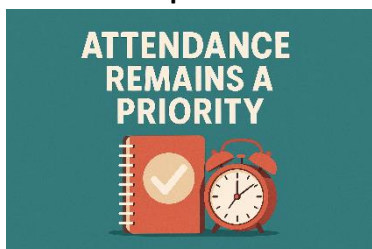
Finally, all Year 7 parents and carers were sent details last week of our end of year Enrichment Trip to Challenge Academy at Baggeridge Country Park. Thanks to all who have signed up, just a reminder that places are booked via the school shop on Arbor, and there is space for everyone.

Year 8 News from Mrs Palmer

Year 8 have returned after the Easter break in an absolutely wonderful way, and they should be very proud of themselves. Assessments this week have gone extremely well, with students showing focus, resilience, and a positive attitude throughout. They followed all instructions carefully and entered the exam venue with real maturity and calmness, setting a purposeful tone from the very start. Their behaviour and conduct have reflected high expectations and strong routines, allowing everyone to perform to the best of their ability. This has been a fantastic start to the term and a real credit to the year group; well done, Year 8, keep up the excellent work.



Attendance Update



Attendance over the past week has been particularly strong, and it has been encouraging to see how much effort students have made to be in school. This has been especially noticeable across KS3, where good attendance has ensured students were fully prepared and able to complete their assessments confidently. I hope this positive trend continues and does not drop off now that assessments have concluded.

Teaching and learning will continue as normal for all year groups next week and beyond, with lots of important work still taking place. Regular attendance remains vital to students' progress, confidence, and success, so please continue to make attendance a priority to support their ongoing learning. *Mrs S Palmer*

Student Successes as "Pilgrims of hope"

Over the Easter holidays Keon in Year 11 was officially awarded the title of Cadet Sheriff for the West Midlands at Lloyd House in central Birmingham.



This is the most wonderful honour to be bestowed on one of our own and I am confident Keon will serve the Cadets and his community with distinction. Well done Keon.



There was more amazing news to read about when we returned from the Easter break. Rayne in Year 10 had the fantastic opportunity to travel to Holland as part of Aston Villa's U15 squad for an international tour.

The team delivered an outstanding performance across both fixtures, securing an impressive 3 - 0 victory against PSV Eindhoven, followed by a dominant 6 - 0 win over FC Twente.

This week I was delighted to hear that Reggie, in Year 11, who had had trials a couple of weeks ago for the Under 18 England Volleyball squad, after a nervous two week wait, finally received news that he had been selected and is now awaiting news of his first England training camp.



We wish him well, as we do all our students achieving amazing things beyond the school gates.

Enrichment with “questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge”

As we are now in the Summer Term, we are delighted that our Enrichment Week from 29th June - 3rd July 2026 planning is well under way. As part of the week Mrs Imrie and Ms Winters have already written home to Year 7 & 9 students about the trips on offer during the week.



This is in addition to the Year 8 residentials taking place with PGL at Boreatton Park, Shropshire, and the Year 9 trip to Barcelona.

Just a reminder that payment for Year 7 Challenge Academy and Drayton Manor is now live on Arbor pay.



We really hope all year 7, & 9 students can join us on their end of year trip!

Getting Court - Last chance to for Year 9 & 10 students to apply for a place on this trip!



We are excited to have secured places on the 'Getting Court' initiative where Year 9 or 10 students will experience a day at Worcester Crown court in on July 9th.

Students will meet Ian JC Smith, High Sheriff of Worcestershire and His Honour Judge James Burbidge. Students will listen to the background of some cases to be heard in Court on this day and then experience the specific workings of the Court and observe cases in a Court Room. Students will then experience a presentation about careers in Law and the justice system and take part in a case study activity. There is no cost associated with this trip.

This is an outstanding opportunity for any Year 9 or 10 students interested in careers in Law or Policing. Due to the limited places being available we invite any students who would like to go on this trip to write a letter of Interest to Mrs Mouzer (Assistant Principal). The Senior Leadership Team will select students based on their letters for a place on the trip. In the letter students should outline why they want to attend the trip, what it is about Policing and the Law that interests them and what future careers aspirations they have related to Policing and the Law.

The deadline for letters of interest is May 5th.

Mrs N Mouzer

GCSE Business Trip

GCSE Business students enjoyed both an educational and engaging visit to Cadbury World last week. The day began with an insightful marketing talk, where students explored key elements of the marketing mix used by Cadbury. They showed great enthusiasm, asking thoughtful questions about the company's most and least successful products.

After lunch, students took part in a tour of the chocolate-making and packaging process, helping them understand the logistics and operations behind a major consumer brand. The interactive chocolate tempering session and various attractions made the experience both fun and memorable.

Overall, the museum provided a valuable hands-on learning opportunity, effectively combining business theory with the rich history and production processes of a globally recognised brand.

Mrs Mann



Spring Music Concert - Wednesday 6th May 2026

I am delighted to invite you to our Spring Concert on Wednesday 6th May 2026 at 6pm in the Theatre. All ensembles will be performing pieces they have rehearsed this term, and a fun packed time is guaranteed for all.

This is a super opportunity to see and hear the wonderful ensembles currently rehearsing in school.

Tickets are £2 each and are available for purchase through the Arbor shop.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mr Mallinson

Personal Development and wellbeing: *"questioning minds and a thirst for knowledge"*

We have seen a huge growth in our personal development and wellbeing offer at Hagley this year, creating new opportunities for students to explore wider curriculum opportunities to broaden their educational experience. Here are just two of them:

Work Experience at Eleven, Oldswinford



"On a Wednesday afternoon I go to Eleven, Oldswinford for my work experience.

This week I made a beautiful compote bowl. I used chicken wire scrunched up in a bowl and then I poked the flowers in. I used tulips and anemones; they are all British flowers grown in Worcester. When I had poked the flowers in place, I added foliage to fill it out.

I love it so much and I am very proud of it!" Daisy

Visit from our Local MP

"On Thursday 16th April 2026 we had the pleasure of meeting and hosting the local MP for Bromsgrove, Bradley Thomas MP. Four students, accompanied by Mr Hodgson, took the MP on a detailed tour of the school campus. We showed him our library, music block, Maths department, the chapel, PE and the Eco Garden with our tour ending at the Sixth Form Centre. Here we met up with Y12 and Y13 Sixth Formers and together we participated in a detailed Q&A with Mr Thomas.



We discussed key current affairs issues, including the impact of the Budget on the hospitality industry, ongoing tax rises and spending, as well as how you might become an MP! We also discussed local issues including the proposed housing development on Brake Lane. After the Q&A we learnt some interesting facts about Westminster, including that there is a chess club in Parliament. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and enlightening experience, helping us to understand more about the role of an MP and how Parliament works.

We were very pleased that we got picked to participate!" Cillian 8W



Up and coming events: Refugee Week 2026 *"hunger for justice"*

The Voice are busy planning events that will take place in school celebrating Refugee Week from 15th - 21st June 2026 on the theme of **Courage**.

What is Refugee Week?

Established in the UK in 1998, Refugee Week takes place every year around World Refugee Day (20th June) and has since grown into a global movement with over 2 million participants, across over 20 countries. Through an exciting programme of thousands of events, activities and media campaigns, Refugee Week brings together people from different backgrounds to connect beyond labels and foster a deeper understanding of why people are displaced, and the challenges they face when seeking safety.

During this week we will taking part in our own planned events and competitions.

The word **courage** comes from the Latin "cor", meaning "heart."

Inspired by the lives and experiences of people seeking sanctuary, Refugee Week 2026 invites us to explore the theme of **Courage**.

For refugees around the world, courage is often a daily necessity. It is the courage to face unknown journeys, learn new languages, navigate unfamiliar systems, or simply to wake up each morning and step into an uncertain world.

Courage isn't always loud or bold. It can be found in simple acts: opening your door to a neighbour, trying new food, reading a book, or watching a film that changes your view of the world. It can be speaking up, asking for help, sharing your story or simply having the **courage** to be yourself.

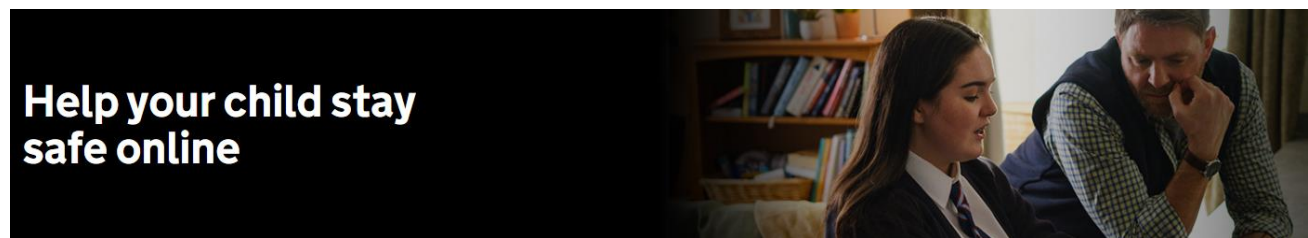
Through art, stories, and community, we celebrate the courage that lives within us all – and how connection helps it grow.

Courage



We will keep you updated.

The Voice



New resources for gaming and online bullying on the 'Kids online safety' website *"thirst for knowledge"*

The Department for Education with the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT), have published new resources on the 'Kids online safety' website to help parents and carers understand and get support for online bullying and gaming. [Help your child stay safe online - Kids Online Safety](#)

These new sections are designed to help families and give them more confidence in talking to their children about what they're doing and experiencing online.

The updated content includes:

- how to spot the signs of online bullying
- guidance and support if a child is being bullied
- practical tips to help make online gaming safer
- information on age ratings and parental controls for games

They continue to link to trusted charities and expert organisations where families can find specialist support, including helplines and further advice.

Notices from Student Services Team (Resources and First Aid) *"Kind hearts"*

We would like to remind parents and carers of the importance of student safety, regarding false nails and false eyelashes. **These items are not allowed to be worn to school** with some recent incidents proving exactly why, when students have knocked their false nails, causing their natural nails to tear off completely. This has resulted in students needing to attend A&E and missing valuable learning time.

In addition, false eyelashes pose a health risk, as they increase the likelihood of eye infections, which we are seeing a rise of. For these reasons we remind you that false nails and eyelashes are not worn to school.

As the warmer weather is now approaching, please also ensure that your child brings a suitable drink to school each day to stay hydrated or a water bottle that can be filled at break and lunchtime. *Mrs Wren and Ms Muflahi*

Summer Uniform *"Kind hearts"*

A reminder that our uniform does not change for the Summer weeks. Blazers are compulsory everyday while jumpers remain optional, and all other items remain the same.

Tights remain the appropriate attire for girls until such time as the temperatures are significantly hotter. If, and when, any decision is made to approve grey knee-high socks, I shall inform you accordingly.

Vacancies



We are recruiting for a Teacher of History (0.6 FTE)
An opportunity may be available to discuss increased hours at interview

Required for September 2026
Salary Range: Main Scale/Upper
Hours: Part Time / Permanent

Hagley Catholic High School is proud to be ranked among the Sunday Times top ten performing comprehensive schools in the West Midlands and benefits from a thriving Sixth Form. Our strong reputation is built on excellent academic outcomes, a supportive community, and exceptionally low staff turnover, creating a stable and fulfilling environment in which colleagues can grow and flourish.

This is a fabulous opportunity in a very good school. The History Department is very experienced and well qualified. It has a team of 4 staff, schemes of learning are well sequenced, and students make excellent progress. Students secure very good GCSE results, 67.2% achieving grades 9-4 in 2025 and 17.2% of students achieving 9-7 grades. Students achieve well in History at A level with value added scores of +0.23 in 2025.

Putting our children and young people first, always.
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The successful candidate will play a key role in delivering our school vision by supporting the day-to-day History Teacher activities. Our teachers and support staff are talented, professional, supportive, caring and ambitious to achieve success.

We welcome applications from both Catholics and non-Catholics but expect all employees to support the Catholic ethos and values of the school. If you meet the requirements of the job description and person specification and feel that you could make a positive contribution to our school, then we can't wait to receive your application.

Emmaus Catholic MAC is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. This position is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure check under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

All applicants must be able to provide documentation to prove their right to work in the UK.

Effective from September 2022, KSCE states as part of the shortlisting process school and colleges should consider carrying out online searches, as part of the due diligence on shortlisted candidates. This is to determine suitability to work with children and keep them safe. All shortlisted candidates are now subject to an online check and if there is anything concerning, then the shortlisted candidate will be asked to comment on it at interview.



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A full application pack is available from our website. All completed applications are to be sent to the Principal's PA:

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 Phone - 01592 883193
 Online - www.hagleyc.worcs.sch.uk

We warmly welcome visits to the school. For specific questions about the role and/or to request a visit, please contact Emily Barrett, Head of English via email at: ebarrett@emmausmac.com

Closing Date: 13 May 2026
Interviews: 22 May 2026

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

They include:

- A 0.6 teacher of English
- A 0.6 teacher of History

Please do share far and wide and get in touch, if you are interested.

Sending you, and all our Hagley and Emmaus community, every good wish and blessing for a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

J Hodgson
 Principal

Key dates for Summer Term 1

24.04.26 - Final Year 11 reports issued
 27.04.26 - Y11/13 GCSE & A Level Art exam week
 30.04.26 - Y10 Sicily Trip departs
 04.05.26 - Bank Holiday Monday
 05.05.26 - Y11 Leavers Mass
 08.05.26 - Y13 Leaving day (Study leave commences)
 11.05.26 - GCSE/A Level Exams begin
 11.05.26 - 1st DoE Bronze Practice Expedition
 13.05.26 - Y10 GCSE Geography Fieldwork Trip
 14.05.26 - Y10 GCSE Geography Fieldwork Trip
 14.05.26 - Y10 Parents Evening (Virtual)
 21.05.26 - 2nd DoE Bronze Practice Expedition
 21.05.26 - Y11 commence Study Leave
 22.05.26 - Break up for May half term
 24.05.26 - Pilgrims to Lourdes depart

OUR LOCAL PARISH COMMUNITIES

CHURCH	MASS TIMES	CLERGY	CONTACT
Our Lady and All Saints - Stourbridge	Saturday - 5pm Sunday - 8.30am, 11am	Fr Philip Griffin	01384 395308
St Ambrose - Kidderminster	Sunday - 11am, 6pm	Canon Douglas Lamb	01562 822839
St Mary's - Brierley Hill	Sunday - 9.45am	Fr Shanju John	01384 274520
St Gregory's - Smethwick	Saturday - 5.00pm Sunday - 10.00am and 4.30pm	Fr Peter Conley	0121 429 1743
Our Lady and St Hubert's - Oldbury	Saturday - 6.00pm Sunday - 10.00am	Fr Roger Peck	0121 422 2388
Our Lady and St Kenelm's - Halesowen	Saturday - 6.30pm Sunday - 10.00am	Fr Stefan Laszczyk	0121 602 1972
Our Lady of Fatima - Quinton	Saturday - 6.00pm Sunday - 10.00am	Covering Priest - Canon Gary Buckby	0121 422 4865
St Francis Xavier - Oldbury	Saturday - 5pm Sunday - 11am	Fr Joseph Nwafor	0121 559 1677
St Philip Neri - Smethwick	Sunday - 9.30am	Fr Gerald Bonaventure	0121 558 1065
St Wulstan's - Stourport	Saturday - 5.30pm Sunday - 10am	Fr Richard Sharples	01299 822633
Our Lady Queen of Peace - Worcester	Sunday - 10am	Canon John Batthula	01905 963 712
Sacred Heart and St Catherine of Alexandria - Droitwich	Sunday - 8.30am, 10.30am and 6pm	Fr George Mathew	01905 773 258
St Joseph's - Warndon	Saturday - 6pm Sunday - 10am	Canon John Batthula	01905 963 712
St George's - Worcester	Saturday - 12.30pm Sunday - 9.45 and 11.30am	Canon John Batthula	01905 963 712
St Mary's - Harborne	Saturday 6PM Sunday 9.30AM and 11AM	Fr Hilary Basil	0121 427 2538