



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**
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Thursday, 18 September 2025

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

Welcome to another new academic year and my first letter of 2025/26. I hope that the summer, which already feels like a distant memory, was a happy and joyful one for you and all your family. We return with renewed hope for the year ahead, as pilgrims on a renewed journey of faith and transformation.

Like I do every year I greeted all students in assembly last Wednesday and Thursday and reminded them of our mission to always bring our personal best, but in a term when our virtues and values focus on being **Eloquent** and **Truthful** also reminded them to ensure their voice is one of truth, integrity, honesty and kindness. And then set them their mission this term to THINK before we speak and ensure everything we say is true, helpful, inspiring, necessary and kind.

Education Sunday

As it is every year this Sunday is Education Sunday. I would encourage you to make every effort to attend mass in your parishes in support of Education Sunday. Perhaps students could wear their uniform too.

This Week in Worship

Prayers in the Chapel - Maggie

Today during form time, me and my form had the opportunity to spend time in the chapel and wrote a pledge on what we could do to become a better student here at Hagley and how this year can bring us closer to God and help us to be a more attentive loving and compassionate all through our actions and following our school motto "Called as God's family we strive to achieve our best by living and learning in Christ" focusing on how to live out all the virtues by being a POWERFUL learner here at Hagley Catholic High School.

Year 7 and staff liturgy - Staff Member

On Wednesday 3rd September Year 7 and the staff community came together as one community in prayer. We reflected on what it meant to be part of the Hagley family and where the next 5 to 7 years might take us. In particular we focussed on how God not only gives us our gifts and talents but provides the Holy Spirit to guide us as we use these to show our personal best each day. This was a wonderful moment to be still and reflect on Christ being at the centre of all we do here at Hagley Catholic High School

Autumn Term 1 Virtue and Value

Eloquent and Truthful

What does this look like?

- Honesty and integrity
- True to yourself, your beliefs and to the school values
- Living in truth: actions mirroring those of Christ

Builds trust and unity

Eloquent and Truthful

Excellent work quality -
Persuasive in debate -
Expressive in work -
Honest -

Good discipline -
Good work -
Good progress -
Successful corrections -

Mission

"Go out and"

Before you speak, THINK...

- ... is it True?
- ... is it Helpful?
- ... is it Inspiring?
- ... is it Necessary?
- ... is it Kind?

Pupils in a great school are growing to be eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.

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Year 13 Mass - Ellena

This week, Year 13 had the privilege of attending mass at school, one where we were able to reflect on our own lives, our partaking in our faith and calling to God. As leaders in our school community, our commitments and responsibility to our education - all be them very important- may not allow us often enough to get the chance to reflect and remember our responsibility to God also, as part of our Hagley community and Gods family. We heard readings, where we listened to the commitment that St. Joseph made in the bringing up of Jesus, even though at first, he didn't understand how he could play his part. Father Philip remarked in his homily that like Joseph we all have the responsibility to commit to God, and through the efforts we make, we will only reap the reward of that in heaven. Overall, it was a very worthwhile time of reflection for us as sixth formers, giving us a wider perspective on our lives and our faith, especially as this year we prepare to make our marks and carry our Hagley values with us, as we go into the world.

New Staff

At the start of a new school year, it is always good to be able to welcome new staff into the Hagley and Emmaus' families. I am pleased to introduce you to Miss Haigh (Teacher of English and Whole School Lead for Literacy), Mrs Treacy (Assistant Subject Leader for RE), Mrs Wren (Student Service Manager) who is our Lead First Aider and running the medical room, and finally Mrs Doyle (LSA) who has joined our SEND Team. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them and wishing them a long and happy career at Hagley.

New Year 7 Update from Mrs Imrie

Our new Year 7, the Class of 2030, have made such an impressive start to life here at Hagley. They have been fabulous around school, keen and enthusiastic to get it right, find their classrooms and be their best.

Further to my communication with parents and carers last week it has been great to see so many Year 7s get involved in our enrichment offer and extra-curricular activities. We look forward to starting their competitive journey next week.

This week at line up I launched our weekly awards, with Fridays being the day Form Tutors nominate their Star of the Week. Mondays I will announce which Tutor Group is topping the House points Challenge, along with Head of Year Students of the Week. When this was launched on Wednesday, I revealed that within just 1 week, Year 7 have been awarded a fantastic 4211 house points. This is such a wonderful start and reflects how well Year 7 are settling into our POWERful, Hagley learning culture.

Please be aware that our Year 7 meet the tutor evening for parents/carers is on Wednesday 1st October 2025 between 4 and 7pm in the school and I shall contact you all with details of how to book early next week.

Catenians Public Speaking



Last Sunday Theresa in Year 13 took part in the National Finals of the Catenians Public Speaking Competition having been successful in winning the regional Diocesan competition last summer. Catherine, her mum and a team of supporters travelled up to Manchester with Mrs Bunn at the helm and Mr Button alongside for the competition.

It was fierce debate from 15 young people from across the country and while Catherine didn't place, she did herself, her family and the school proud.

Summer Exam Results



Last year's exam results were once again something to be phenomenally proud of. Students in Sixth Form taking A Levels or L3 qualifications out did themselves producing perhaps the best results in the school's history. The average grade across all entries was a B- placing us 3rd in Worcestershire behind schools in the very south of the county. While we were the best

performing school in the county for average points score for the best 3 A levels and also for grades AAB with two facilitating subjects. These are all key measures in judging a school's performance and we are delighted to confidently say we are the best performing school in the county.



The Year 11's were equally impressive with their results too and once again our results were some of the best across the county with key outcomes placing us in the top 3 schools across all key measures in attainment and in English and Maths.



I am sure you will join me in congratulating all of our students and wishing those off to University this weekend the very best for the years ahead.

Enrichment and clubs

Our Enrichment offer is already up and running in many departments with a flavour of what's already going on at this end of this letter. Please do encourage your child to get involved in the enrichment and clubs on offer. Equally we are looking for any donations of knitting needles for our new Craft and Chat club. If you do have spares, please send them into reception for the attention of Mrs Leyland-Richardson.

Open Day

We launched our Open Morning for admissions in 2026 via our website, Facebook and Instagram last Friday and I have already visited Year 6 pupils at 5 feeder primaries this week (St Ambrose, St Wulstan's, OLSK, OLASH and OLOF). I spoke with them all about transition to secondary school, dispelling some myths and concerns, and confidently leaving the children reassured about life at secondary school and hopefully Hagley.

If you know anyone interested in a Year 7 place for September 2026, please do let them know.

Free School Meals

Please be aware that your child may qualify for additional support through the Free School Meal scheme and regardless of which area/authority you live in you can apply for this scheme via this link: [Apply for Free School Meals](#)

Please remember that if you do qualify but your child does not want the free meal it is important you still apply as extra funding comes to school to help us provide a better education for your child and all Hagley students.

Students in receipt of free school meals can also apply to school for financial support through our

Pupil Premium Pledge and you can find more details about this promise and the support we can offer at this link: [Hagley Catholic High School - Pupil Premium & Free School Meals \(hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk\)](https://hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk)

Tutoring



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Boost your grades and confidence with guidance from an A/A* Uni student tutors

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Our programmes

- ✓ KS2 SATS/11+
- ✓ KS3
- ✓ GCSE
- ✓ A-level
- ✓ personal statement support
- ✓ UCAT exam revision
- ✓ Oxbridge applications

A group of our Alumni have set up high quality tutoring company offering support to students at KS2 for SATs, GCSE, A level and more.

You can find out more about them on social media or at this link: [Emeryl Tutoring](https://www.emeryltutoring.com/)

All tutors are A and A* school graduates now embarking on degrees.

Vacancy

We have a new vacancy for a Learning Support Assistant at Hagley that has gone out to advertisement this week and is on our website ([Emmaus Catholic Multi Academy - Vacancies](#)) and on West Midlands Jobs ([Learning Support Assistant](#)).

This is a fantastic opportunity to join our Learning Support Team in a vital role supporting children with additional needs. Please do share this far and wide and if interested contact Ms Hackett (Asst Principal: SENDCO) or apply following the online links.

Finally, please be aware of some forthcoming events that are listed at the end of this letter and watch out for additional communications from us inviting you to these.

Wishing you all every blessing and a wonderful weekend ahead.

Yours sincerely

J Hodgson

Principal



We are recruiting for a Learning Support Assistant Required A.S.A.P

Hours: 27.5 hours per week, Part Time/Permanent
Term Time Only (38 +1 weeks), which includes 5 teacher training days
Grade 4 SCP 5-6 £24,790- £25,183 to be Pro Rata according to hours and weeks worked (Actual Salary £16,157)
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Hagley Catholic High School are seeking to appoint a Learning Support Assistant to join our Learning Support Team. The successful candidate will work under the direction of our SENDCO and teaching staff when in the classroom. The role may require the suitable candidate to work with specific student(s) at the direction of the SENDCO or Assistant SENDCO and be involved in programmes of support and intervention.

Hagley Catholic High School has a very strong and nurturing SEND department based at the heart of the school in our Hub, a dedicated space for learning support, intervention and wellbeing.

We are looking to appoint a candidate with passion, drive, enthusiasm and dedication that will work to enable learners with additional needs to fully access the curriculum, school life and make progress.

Please refer to the job description and person specification for further details.

We welcome applications from both Catholics and non-Catholics but expect all employees to support the Catholic ethos and values of the school.

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 2025, KS26 states as part of the shortlisting process schools and colleges should consider carrying out on-line 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 on-line check and if there is anything concerning, then the shortlisted candidate will be asked to comment on it either prior to or at interview.

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Our journey with Christ

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HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
SIXTH FORM

Forthcoming Events and Calendared items

Autumn Term 1 - 2025/26

17.09.2025	Year 11 Post 16 Pathways Evening for all Year 11s and their parents
01.10.2025	Year 7 Parents Meet the Tutor Evening
03.10.2025	Staff Training Day 3 - School closed to students
04.10.2025	Open Morning 9 -12pm
15.10.2025	Family Mass in the Hall
22.10.2025	Sixth Form Open Evening

THURSDAY LUNCHTIMES GF3

CRAFT AND CHAT

Come along on a Thursday lunchtime to DF3 to craft and chat with friends. Open to all years!

OUR ACTIVITIES

- Knitting
- Scrapbooking
- Any craft you like!

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

- Meet new friends
- Try a new hobby
- Great for wellbeing

See Mrs Leyland-Richardson for details

Performing Arts Extra Curricular Timetable 2025-26

	Lunch time	After School
Monday	Year 7 Dance	
Tuesday	KS4 and KS5 Dance	
Wednesday	Year 8 Dance	Production
Thursday	Year 9 Dance	
Friday	BTEC catch up	

Our Chaplaincy Week

See what you can take part in as part of the Chaplaincy team this half term ...

Monday

Year 7 Chaplaincy team meeting @ 12:15

Year 9 and 10 Chaplaincy Gardening @ 15:25 - 16:30

Tuesday

Hagley Singers for all students @ 09:00 - 10:30 Mass

Year 8 Chaplaincy team meeting @ 12:15

Wednesday

Year 9 Chaplaincy team meeting @ 12:15

Year 7 and 8 Chaplaincy Gardening @ 15:25 - 16:30

Thursday

Year 10 Chaplaincy team meeting @ 11:55

Primary Schools Chaplaincy outreach @ 12:15

Friday

Virtues meeting @ 12:15

For opportunities to take part in events like the above and a chance to represent Hagley in retreats and trips with the archdiocese of Birmingham please speak to Mr Thomas about joining the Chaplaincy team.



SPORT & PE CLUBS – HALF TERM 1

Lunchtime Sports Clubs					
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Monday	Volleyball (SCO) (Sports hall)	Volleyball (SCO) (Sports hall)	Volleyball (SCO) (Sports hall)	Volleyball (SCO) (Sports hall)	Volleyball (SRI) (Sports hall)
Tuesday	Badminton (SRI) (Sports hall) Trampolining (NWI) (Gym)	Badminton (SRI) (Sports hall) Trampolining (NWI) (Gym)	Badminton (SRI) (Sports hall)	Badminton (SRI) (Sports hall)	Badminton (SRI) (Sports hall)
Wednesday		Girls Netball (MTR) (Sports hall)	Girls Netball (MTR) (Sports hall) Trampolining (NWI) (Gym)	Trampolining (NWI) (Gym)	Trampolining (NWI) (Gym)
Thursday		Boys Basketball (SRI) (Sports hall)	Boys Basketball (SRI) (Sports hall)	Boys Basketball (SRI) (Sports hall) Girls Netball (MTR) (Courts)	Boys Basketball (SRI) (Sports hall) Girls Netball (MTR) (Courts)
Friday	Girls Netball (MTR & NWI) (Sports hall) Table Tennis (SCO) (Gym)	Table Tennis (SCO) (Gym)	Table Tennis (SCO) (Gym)	Table Tennis (SCO) (Gym)	Table Tennis (SCO) (Gym)

Music Extra Curricular Activities

Sept 2025

	Before School 8am	Lunchtime 11.55 till 12.30		After School 3.25 till 4.15	
		Music C1	Music C2	Music C1	Music C2
Monday		Drum Club 12.00- 12.20		Yr 7 Band	
Tuesday	Hagley Singers 8.30 am C1	Vocal Group		Yr 11 Band Warthog	
Wednesday	Revival 8.00 am	Irish Band	Head Shot Prac room 2		A Level Extra
Thursday	Bludscore 8.00 am	Yr 8 Band	Beginners Guitar	Don't Know Yet Prac Rm 2	Soul Group
Friday		Keyboards	Guitar Group		

Rememberif you learn an Orchestral Instrument in school you MUST attend Chamber Group on Monday lunchtime and every student having music lessons in school must attend at least one of these activities / week. If rehearsals are at Lunchtime, please bring a packed lunch to eat during rehearsals