



**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.*

Friday, 13 March 2026

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

As we come to the end of the third week of Lent, I have been reminded that this season is a journey of perseverance, hope, and quiet transformation. Lent invites us to keep going when the path feels demanding, to remain faithful in the everyday, and to recognise that growth comes through consistency rather than quick wins. It is a time to strengthen our resolve, refocus our hearts, and recommit ourselves to becoming the very best versions of who we are called to be.



Across our school community, we are seeing this lived out daily. From the effort shown in lessons, to the care we show one another, to the determination to turn up and give our best each day, our students continue to demonstrate resilience, maturity, and purpose. As we move closer to Easter, we encourage everyone to keep that momentum going, supporting one another, staying focused, and remembering that every small act of commitment and kindness matters. Together, with hope and determination, we continue this Lenten journey, finishing strong and walking forward as one community.

This Week in Worship *"Forming Christ centred pilgrims of hope"*

Year 11 Mass - Year 11 came together on Tuesday to celebrate their penultimate Mass as Hagley Students in good voice. As always they were extremely reverent throughout and were a true credit to themselves as they took time as a community to pray for each other and their nearing exams. Fr Philip, in his homily spoke to us about having **kind hearts** and words as we continue to be patient with each other. He also gave us time to focus on our time at Hagley over the last 5 years. Students will be given the chance to become involved in animating our leavers mass as we choose hymns and readings over the coming weeks.

Year 8 Prayers in the Chapel - Over the last 2 weeks Year 8 forms having been coming to the chapel in the mornings to pause, reflect and pray together as one community. We have been taking part in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament to focus this Lent not on boasting or competition but to place Christ at the centre of all we do.

Year 7 Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross were amazing. We could reflect on how Jesus died, We could feel the pain that Jesus felt and we had the opportunity to lead through reading and carrying the Cross. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together and understand how important the 14 Stations are in our life today. Many people helped Jesus and it teaches us a lesson in how to treat others in this lead up to Easter. **Christabel**

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Stations of the cross at Hagley Catholic High School for Guests



A reminder that you are warmly invited to join us at Hagley Catholic High School to pray the Stations of the cross as a walk of witness. We will be meeting at the school Reception at 9am on Wednesday 18th March 2026. If you would like to attend, please book a place by scanning the QR code, clicking on this [link](#) or phoning the school office on 01562 883193. The places are limited to 20 so we will operate a 'first come, first serve' basis. We will look at offering another date, if interest is high.

Year 7 Disco



Due to the success of the Christmas Disco, I am please to advertise a Year 7 Disco on Friday 20th March 2026. Tickets are available to buy through Arbor school shop at £10 per student this includes entry to the disco, subsidised tuck shop and new, for this disco, a photo booth with props. All profits made from the disco will directly support the Year 12 students in their fundraising efforts for the Lourdes pilgrimage.

If your child is attending the disco, please also complete this consent form, which has the opportunity for your son/daughter to include a song request for the DJ: [KS3 DISCO - Lourdes fundraiser – Fill in form](#)

Year 9 Sponsored Walk with "kind hearts"

As part of our continued Lenten fundraising and as we continue to work towards our school's CAFOD Live Simply Award, Year 9 will be taking part in the CAFOD Walk a Mile Campaign. Students will be coming together on Tuesday 17th March for this fundraising attempt. Please do donate to this cause, as much as you feel able to, through Arborpay. This option will be available through to the end of this term. If you have any questions please do email Mr Thomas:

lthomas@emmausmac.com



10 Bede Charity Event with "kind hearts"

10 Bede will be running a charity treat sale on **Tuesday 17th March** at **break and lunch** to raise money for our year group charity, CAFOD. Students will be able to purchase a range of sweet treats and snacks with cash and card payments accepted.

We will also be holding a **raffle** with **two fantastic hampers** up for grabs:

- **Beauty Hamper - worth over £80**
- **Stationery Hamper - worth over £30**



Raffle tickets will be on sale from **17th–24th March**, priced at **£2 per strip**. Tickets will be available to purchase in school and also online via the School Shop in Arborpay. The winners will be drawn on Tuesday 24th March.

All funds raised will go directly to charity and we greatly appreciate the support of our school community.

Year 7 Update from Mrs Imrie

It has been lovely to see Year 7 respond so positively to our Spring term challenges this half term:

1. Walk A Mile for Father Hudson's - Year 7 have demonstrated what '*Kind Hearts*' they have by smashing our target of £1094. Huge thanks to all who donated and to our Year 7s for raising money for such a worthy cause. One student has raised a truly amazing amount of over £350. I am sure they will be the worthy winner. All will be revealed when we have a final total along with which form has raised the most.

2. With only 10 more get ups before our 25-day Easter Attendance Challenge it's looking like a huge number of Year 7s will be invited to the celebrations we have planned for the last day of term.
3. Year 7 have responded well to the 40 Acts of Mercy, and it is lovely to hear about some of their individual acts of kindness, I look forward to sharing some examples at the end of Lent.

Next week we have another Year 7 Disco planned on Friday 20th March, this time with a photo booth to capture some special memories that will be great to look back on in a few years' time. There's still time to sign up, tickets are available via Arbor Pay.

Over the last couple of weeks, I have enjoyed popping into Year 7 lessons and seeing them engage so positively in their learning. In one lesson there was some great discussion about Sacraments, and I was impressed with the responses given.

Yesterday Mrs Handel was so impressed with a small group of Year 7s who, as part of their wider learning, went into the village to look at budgeting and some travel training. It was lovely to hear how well they represented the school and members of the local community commented on what a great example to Hagley they were. More about this below.

Last week we had a beautiful Mass led by 7 Chad. Mrs Treacy was very proud with how many were willing to get involved, huge thanks to all who went that extra mile with readings, bidding prayers and the offertory. The reverence shown by all Year 7, particularly with the absence of our usual Mass Band, during their intentions and in prayer was wonderful and one the Year 7 team and Mr Thomas were very proud of.

Education beyond the school grounds *"a thirst for knowledge"*

As part of the Preparation for Adulthood group's learning this term, students took part in a short walking trip to develop their understanding of the local community.

Students explored important topics such as railway safety, road safety, budgeting, and money handling, while also interacting with members of the public. They carried out a simple traffic survey, which helped build their observation skills as well as their ability to collect and record data.

The trip also provided an opportunity to discuss the hazards that blind or partially sighted people may encounter when navigating around the community. This helped students gain an understanding of some of the everyday challenges faced by people with physical disabilities and visual impairments.

The students were a true credit to Hagley Catholic High School conducting themselves with outstanding behaviour, showing respect, maturity, and enthusiasm throughout. They demonstrated the values we are proud to promote every day.

Mrs Handel



Year 7 Netball



A fantastic first game for our Year 7 Netball team last week! 🏐 There were definitely some first-match nerves, but also lots of excitement and the girls channelled that brilliantly, playing some excellent netball to secure a 15 - 2 win over Ridgewood.

So many positives to take from the game, along with a few things to keep working on but overall a great team effort with everyone playing their part. Special mention to Grace Green, our well-deserved Player of the Match ⭐

Mrs Trinham

Student Successes with *"questioning minds and a thirst for knowledge"*



It was wonderful to hear about the work of Leo in Year 12 who, in his time away from his A level studies, has been working on a project to build a radio panel similar to those found in aeroplanes. Leo explained that it interfaces with his computer to send and receive information from a flight simulator program over USB.

The panel can be used to change the frequency of the virtual aircraft's radio and works with the global simulated air traffic control network VATSIM.

The project was featured in the Raspberry Pi Official Magazine, and Leo presented it in a show-and-tell at CamJam, a Raspberry Pi event in Cambridge, and he plans to complete another panel for the aircraft's autopilot in the future.

You can read more about this on page 35 of the Raspberry Pi Digital Magazine at is link: <https://magazine.raspberrypi.com/issues/158/pdf/download>

House Points

As we move towards the end of the Spring term **Wulstan** remain at the top of the year's overall House Point leaderboard!

Wulstan may be leading at the moment, however, in the Spring term students in **Gregory** and **Bede** have earnt the most house points.

We look forward to our Year group celebration assemblies in the final week of term.

House	Total House Points
Wulstan	25,876
Bede	25,507
Anselm	25,095
Gregory	25,091
Kenelm	25,024
Chad	23,152

Emmaus - Pilgrim of Hope	240
Emmaus - Kind Heart	650
Emmaus - Questioning mind	940
Emmaus - Thirst for Knowledge	3240
Emmaus - Hunger for Justice	540

Attendance Matters from Mrs Palmer

Lent 25-Day Attendance Challenge – Only 10 Days to Go!

We are now well into our Lent 25-Day Attendance Challenge, and there are only 10 days left to go! A huge well done to all students who have been giving their very best every day. Your commitment, effort, and resilience have been fantastic to see. Attendance has been going well so far, and we want to keep that momentum going. Even though we're doing well, this is not the time to take our foot off the pedal. Every day in school truly counts, especially as we head towards the end of term. We have some exciting activities and celebrations planned for the final day, and we want every student to be part of it. Let's keep showing up, keep pushing, and finish our 25-day challenge strong together!



Personal Development: Careers *"questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge"*

Please take time to read our new termly Careers Newsletter that has been sent alongside this week's Principal's letter.

'Getting Court' - an exciting opportunity for students with *"questioning minds and a thirst for knowledge"*



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.

A thank you from our Lourdes Pilgrims

Thank you to all who supported the Lourdes Quiz Night on Friday 27th February.

The night raised £631.60 for the Hagley Lourdes Pilgrimage fund. This money will go towards allowing our 6th form students to participate in the diocesan pilgrimage this May.

If you or your company are able to support our future fundraising efforts with raffle prizes, please contact ckirk@emmausmac.com

Thank you!

Non-Uniform Day - Friday 27th March 2026

On the last day of this term students will be able to wear their own clothes for the day for a donation of £2 towards our Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.

We don't hold such days very often so hope everyone will make this important donation. Donations can be in cash or by Arbor pay with a link being posted next week.

It is important though that casual wear for school is appropriate and to that end please do ensure they come dressed for work, accordingly; cropped tops, for example would not be so.

Vacancies

We continue to have open vacancies at Hagley that are now live on the Emmaus vacancies page at this link: [Emmaus Catholic Multi Academy - Vacancies](#) and on e-Teach, WM Jobs and others. They include:

- 2 x maternity cover teachers in Science
- 2 x teachers of computing
- 1 x teacher of food and nutrition

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

Sending you every good wish and blessing for a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

J Hodgson
Principal

Key dates for Spring Term 2

13.03.2026 - Y8 & 12 Reports issued
16.03.2026 - A Level Geography Fieldtrip
17.03.2026 - Y11 NEA Food Practical Exam 1
20.03.2026 - Ski trip departs
23.03.2026 - Year 9 Options Deadline
24.03.2026 - Y11 NEA Food Practical Exam 2
27.03.2026 - Year 7 Reports issued
27.03.2026 - Non-Uniform Day
27.03.2026 - Ski Trip Returns
27.03.2026 - Break up for Easter

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