



**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, 27 March 2026

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

Welcome to my end of Spring Term letter and my last letter during the season of **LENT**.

When we return from the Easter Holiday on Monday 13th April 2026 we will be in the liturgical season of Eastertide. But until then Holy Week approaches and we enter the most sacred and meaningful time of the Church's year. Holy Week invites us to walk with Christ through the events at the very heart of our faith — from His joyful welcome on Palm Sunday, through the Last Supper and the gift of the Eucharist, to His suffering, death and ultimately the hope of the Resurrection. It is a time that calls us to pause, reflect and pray more deeply, recognising the immense love and sacrifice at the centre of the Gospel.



For us as a Catholic School community, Holy Week is not only something we observe, but something we live out together. It reminds us that faith is expressed through service, compassion and love for one another — values we strive to model every day in our classrooms, relationships and wider community life. As families, students and staff, we are encouraged to take this time to reflect on how we can grow as *pilgrims of hope with kind hearts*, forgiveness and generosity, and with *a hunger for justice* prepare our hearts for the joy and renewal of Easter.

Staff Farewells

The end of this term also brings the end of Ms Cleland's time at Hagley. Ms Cleland joined us in January 2020 and was one of my first appointments as Principal, and what an amazing one she has been! In her role in Inclusion and Safeguarding she has worked with countless young people and their families to help provide a safe refuge in and out of school.



We shall all miss her greatly, not least the students who she works with, and while she has very big shoes to fill, we shall endeavour to do so next term. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her work and wishing her well for the future.



Mrs Morris also ends her time at Hagley today in her position as Vice Principal, although she hasn't quite finished yet and will be back after the Easter holidays to continue teaching her Year 13's in the run up to their exams.

Mrs Morris has been the most wonderful servant to Hagley, and I'm sure she has the school logo, motto and values running right through, just like a stick of rock, as the saying goes.

Not only was she a student here but has served this school and our community as a Drama and English teacher, Director of Sixth Form, Assistant Principal, Safeguarding Lead and Vice Principal for nearly 24 years. That is some commitment! But yet she has been so much more; a confidant, colleague, friend, counsellor, mediator, COVID vaccinator, cheer leader, the list is endless and reflects her passion for education and young

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people, and playing her very large part in giving them the very best start in their lives. So many owe her so much and we will miss her greatly when she does finally go. I know you will join me in wishing her well with our prayers, blessings and thanks.

Year 7 Update from Mrs Imrie

Another busy couple of weeks for Year 7 with lots of success to share both in and out of school.

On Tuesday we held our End of Term Assembly and it was lovely to see the whole year group pleased with their peers' success whether individually or in their Forms. Gregory continue to top the charts in our Housepoint Challenge with 4033 and this term alone Year 7 have gained over 17,000 which is a fantastic amount! It was lovely to present so many students with their Subject Awards which is a clear reflection of their wonderful efforts this term across the curriculum. It was also lovely to see students receive awards, nominated by their Form Tutors for living out our Catholic Values and Virtues, again this really testifies to how they embody our Catholic ethos.

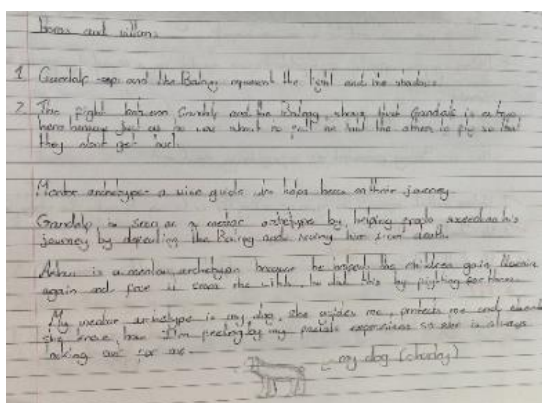


Outside of school it has been lovely to hear of students' wider achievements. Huge congratulations to Samuela Simora who has recently achieved Grade 4 in Piano, Emily Butler who recently performed in 'Footloose' and Robyn Henderson who performed in 'Chance to Dance' at Birmingham Hippodrome. Well done all! Please do continue to share success and achievements outside of school.

This week as we approach the end of Lent over the Easter Holidays we have collected in our 40 Acts of Mercy that Year 7 have been working towards over the last few weeks. They have all collectively shown how they have responded to Pope's Leo's call to show mercy and to use kind words. It has been a joy to hear about some of the individual acts and we will share some of these when we return.



Year 7 Girls Netball has got off to a great start and I am sure they will continue to shine next term, well done girls!



One of the highs of my position is to dip in to see Year 7 in classes. It has been a real pleasure to see their 'Thirst for knowledge.' In one English lesson it was lovely to hear students demonstrate their understanding of how the character, Gandalf, in 'The Lord of the Rings' is an example of the mentor archetype. They then reinforced their understanding to someone or something in their own lives who fulfills this role!

Last Friday we had the second Year 7 Disco, which was as loud as the 1st back in November and it was great to see them have fun together with the many new friends they have made this year to date.

Next term will be busy once more, with the pending KS3 Internal Assessments and lots of other enrichment activities such as the End of Year Enrichment Trip and our Summer Sports Day. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing Easter holiday.

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



On Wednesday, 4th March, our GCSE Business students had the exciting opportunity to participate in the Kings Trust Enterprise Challenge. The event challenged students to showcase their entrepreneurial skills in a competition scored on two key elements: The Business Pitch and the Simulation Game.

With sustainability and ethics at the forefront of their business ideas, students were tasked with developing concepts that addressed the UN Sustainable Development Goals. They were asked to focus on important aspects such as responsible consumption and production, reducing hunger, and tackling inequalities—all while keeping in mind the essential balance of Profit, People, and the Planet. The students presented their passion-filled pitches with confidence and poise, engaging in discussions and answering questions about their ideas with enthusiasm. It was inspiring to see them speak so clearly about the positive impact their concepts could have on the world. The Simulation Game took the competition to the next level by placing the students in charge of creating and running a brand-new micro-business, simulating a pop-up shop.

Congratulations to **Samuel, Jaden, Isaac, Lacey** and **Joseph** for their outstanding achievement in the recent enterprise simulation activity. The team developed an innovative concept focused on upcycling school uniform to help support families facing the cost-of-living crisis. Their idea not only achieved top marks in the simulation game but was also recognised for its strong social impact and community focus. The group is now hoping to be selected as one of the final five teams to represent Hagley at regional level in May. Well done to all students who participated in the activity. Your creativity, teamwork and commitment made the event a great success.

Mrs Mann



Netball Excellence

I wanted to share a fantastic round-up from recent netball fixtures against Redhill.

Three teams (U13, U14 and U15) travelled away to Redhill and I'm delighted to report that all teams performed exceptionally well and came away victorious.



The U15 team secured a very convincing win, finishing 28-0.

The U14 team also delivered a very comfortable victory of 23-3.

The U13 team faced a tougher match, working incredibly hard throughout to earn a well-deserved 17-11 win.

In addition to the excellent results, we received lovely feedback from Redhill's staff and pupils, who commented on how polite, respectful and positive our girls were throughout the evening.

We are extremely proud of all of them, not only for their performances on court, but for how brilliantly they represented the school. **Mrs M Trinham**

English Schools Cross Country Championships

A couple of weekends ago now Izabella F and Will K represented Hereford and Worcestershire in the English School's Cross Country Championships in Liverpool.



They were running against the top 350+ athletes in their age groups in England so it was fierce competition and a bunched and chaotic start by all accounts on the start line. Congratulations to them both on their County representation.

Future Lionesses



A huge congratulations to Ameilia H (Y11) on being awarded February's Save of the Month by the Future Lionesses.

Ameilia is making huge waves, and saves, in female football with Premier League trials round the corner too.

We are so proud of you!!

Enrichment: Silverstone Trip *"questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge"*

On 19th March, fifty excited students enjoyed an unforgettable trip to the Silverstone Museum, where they witnessed STEM come vividly to life. Their day began with the thrill of watching Formula 4 cars racing around the iconic track, giving them a real-world look at engineering and physics in action. Students then took part in a hands-on workshop exploring the engineering behind various motorsport components—from the specialist clothing worn by drivers and pit crews to the materials used in high-performance racing—complete with opportunities to touch and examine the items up close. Afterwards, they walked a section of the decommissioned track and discovered murals dedicated to some of motorsport's greatest figures, including Ayrton Senna and Lewis Hamilton. The visit concluded with time exploring the museum's impressive exhibits, allowing students to connect everything they had seen and experienced throughout the day. The trip left them inspired, energised, and eager to learn more about the world of engineering and motorsport. **Mrs Eagles**



10 Bede Charity Fundraising Success! *"Kind hearts and a hunger for justice"*

We are delighted to share that **10 Bede have raised an incredible £683.27** through our recent charity efforts, including the bake sale and raffle ticket sales. A huge thank you to everyone involved for their enthusiasm and generosity.

The raffle draw took place this week and we are pleased to announce our hamper winners: **Sophie T** and **Ted M**; congratulations to you both!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who donated. Your kindness has made a real difference. All funds raised will go to the year group charity for Year 10, CAFOD.

We'd also like to give a special shout-out to **Emeline, Natalia, Oscar, and Rose**, who were absolutely brilliant in helping to organise and support the events from start to finish. Thank you all once again for your fantastic support. **Miss Higgins**



Notices from Student Services Team (Resources and First Aid)

The Vaccination Team are in school on Tuesday, 16th April 2026 for Year 8's HPV vaccinations. These will take place in the school theatre. To help the process run smoothly, please ensure that your child:

- Wears a short-sleeved top under their uniform for easy access to the upper arm.
- Brings some water with them on the day.



Additionally, Student Services are seeking donations of girls' tights in various sizes. If you are able to contribute, please drop items off at reception. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Finally, can I please remind all parents/carers and students that we are a "nut free" school. This includes all nuts and items in lunchboxes and any snacks and food brought to school. These precautions are vital to help protect students with allergies and prevent the risk of anaphylaxis.

Mrs S Wren (Student Services Manager)

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

House Points

This week all Heads of Year lead their year group's end of term Celebration Assemblies, it was a lovely way to celebrate our student successes over the term.



This term my **Principal Merit** awards went to:

Year 7: Jasmine I

Year 8: Humphrey K

Year 9: Izabelle F

Year 10: Violet M

Year 11: Ralph D

Bede house ending up pipping **Wulstan** at the top of the year's overall House Point leaderboard, to be our Spring term leaders. But with huge amounts of House Points available in the summer Term the competition is still on for this Year House Champions!

House	Total House Points
Bede	27,172
Wulstan	26,925
Gregory	26,496
Kenelm	26,262
Anselm	26,010
Chad	23,974

A reminder not to miss this great opportunity.

'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.

Parent Careers Event: Exploring a Career in the British Army
Tuesday 28 April | 18:00 – 19:00 | Online



A free online session for **parents and guardians** to provide clear, trustworthy guidance on how they can support their young person if they're considering the British Army.

During the session, parents and guardians will:

- Get a simple overview of the journey into the Army.
- Hear from other parents.
- Learn about the support available, including:
 - Brand new parent-focused resources
 - Opportunities to sign up to our monthly newsletter.
 - A new webpage designed specifically for parents and guardians.

👉 **Register for the event:** <https://britishar.my/AParentsPerspectiveEvent>

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:

- 1 x maternity cover teacher in Science
- 2 x teachers of Computing
- 1 x teacher of Food and Nutrition
- 1 x Vice Principal

With the posts below going live in the coming week:

- 1 x Assistant Principal
- 1 x Safeguarding and Inclusion Officer

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

Finally, please do see our plea from the Inclusion Team who are on the hunt for Mr Men books.

Sending you every good wish and blessing for a joyful Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely

J Hodgson
Principal

Key dates for Summer Term 1

13.04.26 - Summer Term begins
 16.04.26 - Y8 HPV vaccinations
 16.04.26 - Year 7 Parents Evening (Virtual)
 16.04.26 - Y11 GCSE French and Spanish Speaking exams begin
 20.04.26 - KS3 Core exams week
 21.04.26 - Feast day of St Anselm
 21.04.26 - Head boy and girl 26/27 elections
 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



Contact Us

For an opportunity for an informal and confidential discussion with the CEO, in the first instance, or to arrange a visit to the school, please contact khalden@emmausmac.com (Executive Assistant to the CEO & Governance Lead)

EMMAUS CATHOLIC MAC
Our journey with Christ

Vice Principal - Hagley Catholic High School
 Permanent Full-time post from 1st September 2026
 Salary Range: Leadership Spine: 19 – 23 (£80,655 - £88,952)
 Number on roll: 1091

The Directors of Emmaus Catholic Multi Academy Company, together with the Archdiocese of Birmingham, are looking to appoint an ambitious, experienced and suitably qualified practising Catholic leader to the exciting role of Vice Principal at Hagley Catholic High School. Hagley is a very successful, inclusive and oversubscribed secondary school, rated Good in its most recent Ofsted and Catholic School Inspections and which was recently ranked in the top 10 comprehensive schools in the West Midlands in the Sunday Times. Further details about the school can be found on the school website on: [Hagley Catholic High School - Home](#)

The successful candidate will be expected to take the lead on Curriculum, Teaching, Achievement and Assessment, as well as Professional Learning and Development, fully supported by an Assistant Principal who will also work in this strand of whole school leadership. They must be able to teach and lead in a secondary setting, desirably with experience at Assistant Principal level or higher. This role includes a teaching commitment in line with the successful candidate's subject specialism(s) in one or more of Key Stages 3, 4 or 5, in accordance with the needs of the school.

This is a fabulous opportunity to join the leadership team of our flourishing Multi-Academy Company and contribute to our shared mission of 'forming Christ-centred pilgrims of hope, with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice' in order to raise standards to strong and beyond in each of our schools in a collaborative culture that values each individual and strongly encourages CPD, formation and shared practice.

Closing Date: Monday 20th April 2026
 Interview Date: 29th April 2026 (TBC)
 Candidate Start Date: 1st September 2026

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 2023, KS20 states as part of the shortlisting process schools and colleges should consider carrying out an on-line check, as part of the due diligence on shortlisted candidates. This is to demonstrate suitability to work with children and leave them safe. All shortlisted candidates are now subject to an on-line check and if there is anything concerning them the shortlisted candidate will be asked to comment on it either prior to or at interview.)






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 - 8.00pm 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 Buckley	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 Battulla	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 Battulla	01905 963 712
St George's - Worcester	Saturday - 10.30pm Sunday - 9.45 and 11.30am	Canon John Battulla	01905 963 712
St Mary's - Harborne	Saturday 6PM Sunday 9.30AM and 11AM	Fr Hilary Basil	0121 427 2538