



Friday, 06 February 2026

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

I do hope you are well and that now January is out of the way you can start looking forward to Spring with renewed hope.

The first half of the Spring Term is nearly over, and we break up at 3.25pm next Friday and return on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. This can be a tough time of the year, but I must say the absolute vast majority of students are demonstrating their resilience, belief and value in their education. Attendance is up since Christmas and thank you to everyone's efforts in prioritising this, so many good things come from being in school every day. Behaviour incidents are down with greater focus and respect for learning evident in lessons and around school. While academic attainment is being prioritised, with students in exam years having the highest set of forecast data at this time of the year in many years and Key Stage 3 students engaging in developing a bedrock for their education now and in the long term.

It's a big win all-round for everyone!

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

##### **Year 8 Mass - Elijah and Abbie**

Today we joined as Year 8 in Mass to pray for our community. We gathered together to celebrate the feast day of The Presentation of the Lord at the beginning of the Mass and throughout we took time to notice the moments of silence to personally talk with God. The songs were sang as a community and with UMPH.

Today we joined together as Year 8 in Mass where a key focus of Jesus being the light of the world. We sang hymns such as 'My Lighthouse' where it mentioned the key themes and how 'Jesus guides us in the darkness'. The bidding prayers and homily talked about how people struggling today need Jesus' aid and light to assist them. It was a very meaningful and reverent Mass celebration.

##### **6th Form Celebration of the Word**

This week members of the 6th form community came together to look at the start of Lent which this year is in Half Term. We focussed on how we can help those who may be suffering in silence through acts of Almsgiving, and the true meaning of fasting in Lent that we are to fast as a way to gain a closer relationship with God and those in our community, not to boast of what we have given up. It was lovely to see so many of our 6th Form choosing to join together in prayer.

##### **Lent 2026 - Emmaus Collaboration**

As always Catholic Life across Emmaus MAC is something that we look to share between each school. This year we are creating a prayer chain pilgrimage between schools. As Hagley we will be preparing prayers to send to our wonderful staff across the MAC, something which members of the Chaplaincy and 6th Form have already started creating with great joy.

## Year 7 Update from Mrs Imrie

We have had another busy couple of weeks with Year 7! Our Spring Term House Point Challenge has started off well with Bede coming out as our new frontrunners and pushing Gregory off the top spot.

We continue to celebrate our weekly Form Tutor Stars of the Week and have moved from doing this within Registration Time to being part of our weekly line up.

It was great to see so many Year 7s get involved with the Inter-form Basketball Tournament led by Mr Conell. He was delighted with their attitude, sportsmanship and it was a closely fought battle with 7 Chad taking the victory.



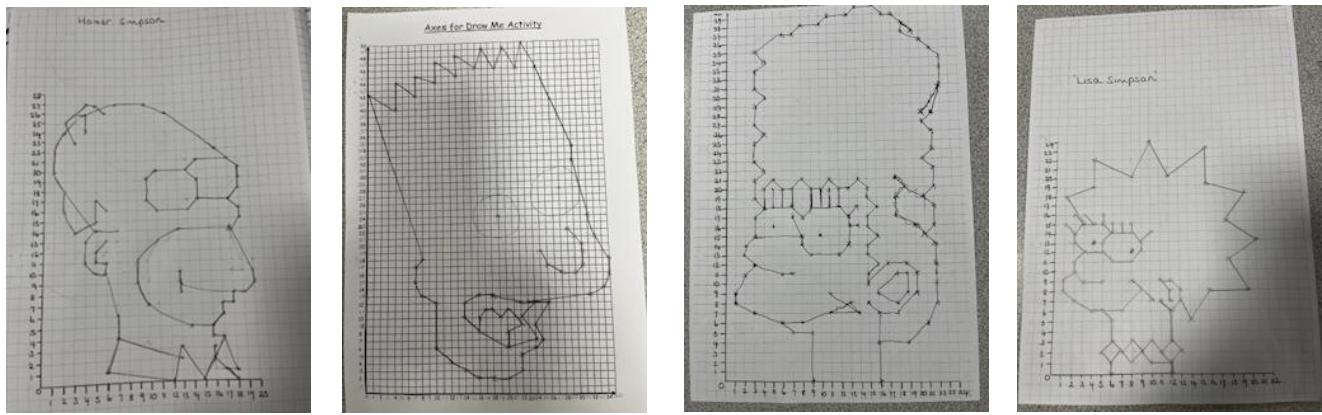
On Tuesday Mrs O'Loughlin introduced in Assembly our Lenten Charity Event which our student body, The Voice, help to coordinate. Year 7 will take part in a sponsored 'Walk a Mile' in school in coming weeks, raising money for Father Hudson's. I am sure Year 7 will rise to this challenge!

Many of you will have also heard about a local girl and a social media campaign to send her a birthday card for her 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. I was so touched to receive on Monday a beautiful letter from 3 Year 7s asking if they could take part in this initiative during our Tuesday morning Character, Culture and Formation time. Immediately I took this to Mrs O'Loughlin as I was already aware that this was something she and The Voice had planned for the whole school to do this week. On Tuesday morning, Year 7 wrote the most beautiful and thoughtful cards to Amelia, truly demonstrating and acting out our Catholic values and virtues.

Today, 70 Year 7s and staff head off to the Briars Retreat till Sunday evening, there is much excitement and I look forward to sharing how we all get on. Fingers crossed the weather is kind to us!

## Year 8 Highlights from Mrs Palmer

It's been a good couple of weeks for Year 8, with students continuing to impress across all areas of school life. I had the pleasure of visiting Mrs Chapman's maths lesson, where students were confidently working on coordinates. Their focus, creativity and eagerness to show me their work were fantastic, their excitement genuinely made my day.



Mr Smith also shared just how proud he was of his recent computing lesson. He described it as one of the best lessons he has taught in years, thanks to the enthusiasm, teamwork and engagement shown by the class.

On top of all this brilliant learning, Year 8 have earned an incredible 2,150 house points in the last two weeks alone. This is a huge achievement and a clear reflection of their effort, behaviour, and positive attitude around school. Well done, Year 8, keep shining!

## The Voice "kind hearts .... and a hunger for justice"



The Voice would like to thank the large number of families and students who contacted us following the emotional appeal made by a very young and incredibly brave little girl named Amelia. As a Student Council, we felt it was important to take time out of our busy day to act with kindness and compassion. Together, we created over one thousand birthday cards, allowing our entire school community to pause, reflect on Amelia's story, and demonstrate, through our actions—the virtues and values we promote as Christians. We would also like to thank Mrs Mouzer for offering to take our cards to the drop point.

After a very successful launch during the Year 7 assembly on Tuesday, we are excited to announce our annual 'Walk the Mile' Campaign. For families who are new to our school community, this event is organised by The Voice to raise money for Father Hudson's Society, which is run by the Archdiocese of Birmingham.



### Walk a Mile in Their Shoes Honouring our Elders

Each Year 7 student has received a sponsor form, as we plan to walk one mile together as a year group around the school grounds. This is a fantastic fundraising activity, and we would love to encourage all Year 7 families to get involved and support the event.

There are two prizes available:

- One for the **form group that raises the most money**
- One for the **student who collects the most sponsorship**

So, remember, **pounds mean prizes!** Thank you for your continued support.

### Sports Round Up

**Cross Country:** A huge congratulations to all our students who competed in the recent H&WSAA County Cross Country event, proudly representing Wyre Forest. Simply qualifying for this competition back in December was an achievement in itself. The event was held in truly unforgettable conditions; endless rain, strong winds and a true test of resilience. Between races, the minibus became the most popular venue of the day.



Special congratulations go to Will Kennedy (Year 13), who delivered an outstanding performance to finish 3rd place. This fantastic result means Will has automatically qualified for the English Schools Cross Country Championships in March.

Izabella Fereday also finished in an impressive 8th place. This result gives her a strong chance of qualifying for the English Schools Championships as well, and we will be keeping our fingers (and toes!) firmly crossed for her.

### Football:

Over the past three weeks, nine Year 7 girls have proudly represented Hagley in the Year 7 Girls' Football Tournament held at Leasowes. Throughout the competition, the team demonstrated excellent skill, teamwork and sportsmanship, while clearly enjoying the experience. Their efforts were rewarded with a very respectable 3rd place finish, narrowly behind Windsor and Thorns. Special recognition goes to Mirella and Ivy, who were the team's top goal scorers throughout the tournament. Well done to all involved for representing the school so positively!



### Trampolining:

Following an exceptional performance at the West Midlands Schools Trampolining Competition in December, where school achieved two 1st place teams, one 2nd place team, and four individual podium finishes, eight students travelled to Penarth, Wales last Sunday to compete in the Central Zone Trampolining Competition. This represented a fantastic level of commitment from the trampolinists, involving long journeys and overnight stays. All students performed superbly in a large and busy competition arena, reflecting the hard work and dedication. Miss Williams has had the pleasure of coaching the students over the past six months. A huge congratulations goes to Trinity Brown, who finished in 2nd place, securing qualification for the National Schools Competition in Derby this March.



It was great to have these pictures shared with me last week of Hagley students in representative colours for the Under 18 Black Country Volleyball Team competing in the National Under 18 GP Round 4. Great work boys and keep it up!



### Talks for Change - Jimmy Mizen Foundation *"kind hearts and a hunger for justice"*



Today we warmly welcomed **Barry and Margaret Mizen** from the **Jimmy Mizen Foundation**. Our Year 9 and 10 students listened attentively as Barry and Margaret shared the powerful legacy of their son, **Jimmy**, who was tragically killed in 2008. They spoke movingly about their decision to transform unimaginable grief into positive action for change. Through their story, they encouraged deep reflection and meaningful discussion, exploring the challenges facing society and highlighting the importance of responsibility, forgiveness, hope, and peace in creating lasting change.

Jimmy's story is a poignant reminder of the difficulties young people may face as they navigate life, and it serves as a powerful catalyst for compassion and action. Our students demonstrated great maturity, empathy, and respect as they listened and engaged with the message shared.

A key takeaway for our students was clear and heartfelt: **forgiveness, peace, and hope** can shape a better future.

Lexie in Year 9 wrote in reflection:

*Today we were visited by Margaret and Barry Mizen who shared with us the raw and real story of their son Jimmy's murder. They told us their heartbreak story and how truly comforting faith can be in our time of need. They shared with us their mission to stop violence against young people and encouraged us to rise together to make our world a better place. Margaret gave us her side and how she forgave her son's killer. It was an emotional experience but also helped us to find the light within our faith. We were so lucky to speak to them, and Jimmy's memory will forever remain.*

### **GCSE English Macbeth Trip "a thirst for knowledge"**

On Tuesday 3rd February, 50-year 11s went to see Revision on Tour: Macbeth at the Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham. In this unique adaptation, the infamous Porter takes on the role of narrator, guiding audiences through the tangled web of ambition, betrayal, and dark magic. An ensemble of just 6 actors conjures a cauldron of characters, bringing the Scottish Play vividly to life. It was a huge help to Year 11 as they begin their revision for their final exams, and their behaviour on the trip was exemplary - I was proud to take them. A special thank you goes to Miss Haigh, Ms Bunn, Miss Devine and Mr Hodgson for giving up their evening to support with this trip.  
*Mrs Barrett (Head of English)*



### **GCSE Further Maths "questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge"**

It's been a great start to GCSE Further Maths Club this half term for some of our most gifted and talented Year 10 mathematicians.



Students have been exploring introductory calculus, giving them a strong head start for A level Maths, and have shown real enthusiasm and curiosity in tackling new ideas. With matrices coming up soon, there's plenty more challenging (and fun!) maths to look forward to over the next year. *Miss L Stockton (Asst Head of Maths)*

### **House Points**

We have seen little movement in the House Point League order since the last newsletter. However, since our return in January, Gregory and Bede students have earnt the most house points so far by quite a way! A huge well done to all the following students who have been nominated as Stars of the Week since returning in January.

Year 7 - Szymon G, Oliver PS, Theo C, Harper-Rose F, Dumebi M, Joseph D, Abbie H, Tyler C, Anne Marie G, Freya, Elsie-Rose S, Dmitri MN, Luca G, John A, William T, Andrew D, Arlo R, Elisssar C, Jordan M, Louis M, Hannah W, Rupert C, Ivy S

Year 8 - Thomas B, Clemency M, Charlie S, Jacob H, Jared F, Henry T, Isla P, Jacob H, Jasmine V, Humphrey K, Amelia C, Magdelena C, Sam K, Penny P, Jacob RB, Sonny G, Oscar H,

Year 9 - Amelia E, Andrew DB, Edward I, Annabel K, Alyssa T, Erica B

Year 10 - Emeline N, Oscar C, Matisse M, Filip S,

Year 11 - William S, Thomas R, Archie M, Liam L, Kieran B, Roisin W

<b>House</b>	<b>Total House Points</b>
<b>Wulstan</b>	<b>22,859</b>
<b>Kenelm</b>	<b>22,691</b>
<b>Anselm</b>	<b>22,480</b>
<b>Bede</b>	<b>22,460</b>
<b>Gregory</b>	<b>22,272</b>
<b>Chad</b>	<b>21,263</b>

<b>Emmaus - Pilgrim of Hope</b>	<b>240</b>
<b>Emmaus - Kind Heart</b>	<b>440</b>
<b>Emmaus - Questioning mind</b>	<b>720</b>
<b>Emmaus - Thirst for Knowledge</b>	<b>2820</b>
<b>Emmaus - Hunger for Justice</b>	<b>500</b>

## Attendance Matters from Mrs Palmer

“25 Days of Showing Up: The Lent Attendance Challenge!”

After February half term, we are launching our 25-Day Attendance Challenge in the lead-up to Easter, encouraging children to make positive choices and build good habits during this reflective time of year. Lent is often a season for choosing something that helps us grow, and this challenge invites students to “give up” absences and focus on being present, engaged, and ready to learn each day. Good attendance helps children feel confident and connected, and even a few missed days can make it harder for them to keep up.

Over the next 25 school days, we'll be celebrating students who show commitment by attending every day and making the most of their learning. We will also be recognising students' efforts with rewards on the final day of the spring term, across all year groups, following the wonderful success of the Key Stage 3 and Year 10 attendance challenge at Christmas.

## Careers *“questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge”*



For parents wanting to find out more about modern apprenticeships please find a link below to a parental webinar next week through Amazing Apprenticeships. [Parent - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

With next week being National Apprenticeships Week, it is a great time for parents of students in Key Stage 4 and 5 to explore this Post 16 or 18 route with their children.



## Vacancies

Some vacancies have arisen at Hagley that are now live on the Emmaus vacancies page at this link: [Emmaus Catholic Multi Academy - Vacancies](#) and on WM Jobs. They include:

- Teacher of Maths
- Assistant SENDCO
- 2 x maternity cover teachers in Science (launching next week)

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



Finally, please do take a look at our Lourdes newsletter on page 8 and I have shared Sunday Mass times across the parishes that serve our Emmaus community. I hope you can make time to attend.

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

Yours sincerely

*J Hodgson*  
Principal

### Key dates for Spring Term 1

06.02.2026 - Briars Retreat  
09.02.2026 - National Apprenticeship Week  
13.02.2026 - Year 10 Reports are issued  
13.02.2026 - Break up for February half term

### Key dates for Spring Term 2

23.02.2026 - Return after half term  
25.02.2026 - Year 9 Pathways Evening at 6.30pm  
27.02.2026 - Lourdes Quiz Night Fundraiser  
02.03.2026 - National Careers Week  
04.03.2026 - Y10 King's Trust Enterprise Event  
05.03.2026 - World Book Day

06.03.2026 - Year 13 Report issued  
09.03.2026 - A Level Geography Fieldtrip  
12.03.2026 - Year 9 Parents Evening  
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 Bathula	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 Bathula	01905 963 712
St George's - Worcester	Saturday - 12:30pm Sunday - 9:45 and 11:30am	Canon John Bathula	01905 963 712
St Mary's - Harborne	Saturday 6PM Sunday 9:30AM and 11AM	Fr Hilary Basil	0121 427 2538

# Hagley Lourdes Pilgrimage Newsletter - February 2026



## Recent Events

**Year 7 Disco:** Year 7 gathered in December for their first Hagley disco in aid of the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. A great night was had raising over £500. A second Disco will be held later in the year so look out for tickets.

**Cake Sales:** Keen bakers have been hard at work this term and raised over £400. Look out for your chance to sample their recipes as sales will continue in the coming weeks.

**Staff v 6<sup>th</sup> Form Dodgeball:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February saw staff pitched against 6<sup>th</sup> formers with staff proving victorious winning 4 of the 6 matches. The event raised over £270 for the Lourdes Pilgrimage group – thank you to all who supported this.

## We need your help!

### Raffle Prizes:

If you can donate a raffle prize, please send it into school or contact

[ckirk@emmausmac.com](mailto:ckirk@emmausmac.com)

### Donations needed:

Lockable cash boxes, coin organisers, coin weighing machines and coin bags would make our fundraising so much easier! If you have any you no longer use, please send them to Mrs Kirk

