



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
SEMPER FIDELIS

**"It is not enough to love God if my neighbour does not love Him." St Vincent de Paul**

Friday, 27 September 2024

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

Another fortnight at Hagley has flown by, no doubt blown along by the awful wind and rain we have been having. Schools are notoriously hard places to be when the weather is as it is, but credit to all the children and staff who have rolled up their sleeves and just got on with it. Such resilience is important.

Today is the feast day of St Vincent de Paul, a 16 century French priest, synonymous with working with some of the most disadvantaged in society and renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity, and also the patron of our Beatitudes group. St Vincent de Paul lived a life dedicated to the poor and exemplified the love of Christ in his actions. Something we strive for daily at Hagley.

Please find time to prayer this prayer this weekend.

*Lord Jesus,  
may the example of St. Vincent de Paul inspire us to be generous of hearts and hand to the needy. May our generosity flow from humble gratitude for your many gifts to us, rather than from false pride in our own abilities. We are all needy in our own ways-and so are dependent on your generosity and that of others. Help us to respond willingly to the Gospel call to self-giving love, to look for ways to serve rather than expecting to be served.  
Amen.*

### **Year 7 Congratulations and Meet the Tutor Evening**

Year 7 continue to impress at the beginning of their high school journey. This week we launched our weekly awards with 7 Gregory being the tutor group with the most house points, with additional awards for the student with the highest House Point total in each form plus Mrs Imrie's Head of Year Weekly Award.

It has been lovely to see so many Year 7 students join in with some of the extra-curricular and enrichment activities with early success for the boys football team in our first game against Pedmore. A convincing 3-1 win was a great way to start the season.

This week in our Year 7 Assembly we focused on 'Staying Well at High School,' reminding ourselves what it means to be a POWERful learner and how to treat others with kindness.

Mrs Imrie and her tutor team look forward to meeting you all next week at the Meet the Tutor Evening where you will get an opportunity to find out more about how your child has settled in. If you have not managed to book your appointment please log on to Arbor to book your slot.

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## Year 6 Taster Sessions

With our annual Open Day next Saturday, this week we welcomed the first of our feeder primary schools for the morning. Students from St Josephs, Stourbridge, all arrived very excited on Wednesday morning where they had a real 'taste' of learning at Hagley. In RE they reflected on our Emmaus values and how we can SHINE. In Art they explored their creative talents and had the opportunity to learn both a little French and Spanish. They all finished their morning enthusiastic about what they had learnt and looking forward to the next steps in their educational journey.



We look forward to welcoming our other feeder schools in the coming weeks, to have a taste of the subjects on offer here at Hagley.

## Open Day

Open morning is fast approaching and I wanted to thank the many many parents/carers who are supporting us by allowing your sons and daughters to join us next Saturday to help showcase our wonderful school.



## Data update in Arbor

A reminder to parents/carers that we use Arbor for all parental contact information, permissions and other key information. If any of your contact data has changed it is imperative that you update Arbor accordingly, it is also imperative that we know how children travel to and from school so please can you review this information too and update it where necessary.

## Working together to Improve attendance



Attendance continues to be a priority and will be all year. Poor attendance has a detrimental impact on pupils learning and over a 5-year period a pupil whose attendance is 90% will have missed half of a school year - this is a lot of education.

If your child is ill, please do let us know reasons for this and although this will probably be authorised it still impacts your child's attendance percentage. Please continue to encourage and reiterate the importance of being in school.

## A message from AiP (School caterers)

Thank you to those who filled in this survey that I shared two weeks ago, if you haven't yet please do so, your voice is really important to us. On completion you may also be in with a chance to win a £10 love to shop voucher! <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/sjnTFgQvb4>.

## Social Media

Please remember to keep up to date with life at Hagley by following our social media accounts. You can find us on Facebook at [@hagleyrc](https://www.facebook.com/hagleyrc) and on Instagram [@hagleycatholichighschool](https://www.instagram.com/hagleycatholichighschool). Please do give us follow and share our news far and wide.

## 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: [http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying\\_for\\_free\\_school\\_meals](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_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 Promise 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 \(hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk\)](http://www.hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk)

Finally, do take note 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, and be reminded that next Friday (4<sup>th</sup> October) we are closed to students.

Wishing you all every blessing and a wonderful weekend ahead.

Yours sincerely

J Hodgson

Principal



## Forthcoming Events and Calendared items

### Autumn 1:

- 03.10.2024 - Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening (in school)
- 04.10.2024 - School closed
- 05.10.2024 - Open Morning (9 to 12.30pm)
- 16.10.2024 - Sixth Form Taster Day and Open Evening
- 17.10.2024 - Family Mass (Evening event in the school hall)
- 23.10.2024 – Sixth Form Open Evening at 6.30pm
- 25.10.2024 - Break up for October half term