



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
SEMPER FIDELIS

**"My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth". (Psalm 5: 11)**

Friday, 24 May 2024

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

Since I last wrote Year 11 and 13 have begun their examinations in earnest, some Year 12's also had public exams too. So far everyone seems to be holding it together, it is such a pressurised time for them all, attendance at exams has been exemplary and in the main they have left the exams largely feeling happy about how they went.

With two and a half weeks to go and a half term break dominated by more revision I ask that you continue to keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

Yesterday saw Year 11 begin their study leave and after their English Exam in the morning and the customary ice creams, shirt signings and photos they drifted away to face the exams before them sure in the knowledge that they haven't left for good just yet.

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. Send your Spirit upon our Y11 and 13 students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Staff Farewell**

I would typically write about staff leaving until my last newsletter of the academic year but felt the news that Mr Miastowski was leaving Hagley should be shared as soon as possible. Mr Miastowski joined us in September 2019 and has led Catholic Life, Pastoral Care and Personal Development, as well as teaching RE in this time. There are only a few staff in my time as a teacher and leader that I cannot honestly say have given themselves so completely to the roles they lead. Mr Miastowski is the epitome of that, returning to Hagley, where he was once a student, to teach and lead. I am sure you will join me in wishing him well as he starts a new journey in the charity sector, and we look forward to him returning in this capacity and offering our support to the charity he will serve.

### **Pastoral Leadership Teams**

There will be some pastoral leadership changes from September 2024. Mrs Leyland-Richardson, Head of Year 7, will commence her maternity leave and Ms Winters will pick this up as a Head of Year 8 from September. Mr Button will step down as Head of the current Year 10 to focus solely on his role as Head of Design Technology and Mrs Palmer will see our current Year 10 into, and through, Year 11.

Mrs Imrie is also moving from her role as SENDCO to take on Head of Year 7 and be responsible for primary transition. Consequently, Ms Hackett, Assistant Principal, will take on full responsibility for all things inclusion and the role of SENDCO.

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The Pastoral Leadership Team is as follows for 2024-25:

Head of Year 7 - Mrs Imrie

Head of Year 8 - Ms Winters

Head of Year 9 - Ms Devine

Head of Year 10 - Mrs Bunn

Head of Year 11 - Mrs Palmer

I do want to take this public opportunity to thank Mr Button and Mrs Imrie for the work they have done in their roles as a Head of Year and SENDCO, respectively. Both are dedicated servants to the pastoral care of students and in their distinct and unique ways have always placed the children first. I know that in their new or more specific roles this dedication to their work, the children and to Hagley will continue.

### **Student Successes**

There has been lots of student successes in and out of school to report over the last three weeks.



In football, Amelia Holman (Y9) can be seen here presented with an end of year trophy by former England International Rachel Yankey. Amelia represents Birmingham City Academy Under 15's who are league and cup winners this year. Amelia kept 13 clean sheets in 20 matches, only conceding 15 goals all season. She also slotted in her own penalty in the last league game, a rare feat for a goalkeeper.

Elsewhere and again in football, Meg McFarlane (Y8) won the Central Warwickshire League and Cup, with two fabulous freekicks in the final that crowned her player of the match, playing for West Bromwich Albion Under 13's.

Meg is also coached by ex-student Harry Cusworth. It's great to hear of an old boy doing so well and still adding value to the Hagley family.



In tennis, Lukas in Year 9 continues to go from strength to strength on the courts. Back at the beginning of the month he won an Under 18 event while unseeded and won a "way to Wimbledon" tournament which qualifies him for the final at Wolverhampton Lawn tennis club in July, which if successful will send him to Wimbledon in August. Good luck from us all, Lukas.

In athletics, we took the largest number of students ever (29) to the Wyre Forest District Athletics Trials last Friday. 13 students have now been selected to compete at the County Athletics Championships on Saturday 8th June. This number is by far the largest amount of students from any school in the Wyre Forest.



A huge congratulations goes to all the students on their competitive endeavours but specifically to those selected.

Seb Hubbard - 400m

Will Kennedy - 3000m

Harriet Williams - 100m and 200m

Krystalia Bayong - 100m and 200m

Cian McCusker - 100m, 200m and 400m

David Evans - 800m

Orla Halligan - Shot putt

Lissy Whitmore - 100m and 200m

Davyn Acolatse - 100m and 200m

A'Reshae Wynters- 300m

Jacob Chorostowski - 1500m

Ellen Curley - 1500m

Ollie Griffin - Long Jump

And finally, on the stage, Mrs Hodgson and I were privileged to be able to go and see Annabelle in Year 9 perform at the Crescent Theatre, Birmingham in the musical Gypsy last week. Annabelle took on one of the lead characters, June, and stole the show for me with her enigmatic pitch perfect performance. We look forward to more performance in the years ahead and who knows the West End or Broadway perhaps one day.



### Parent/Carer Annual Survey

I wanted to thank the 204 families that responded so positively to the recent annual parent/carers survey sent out on behalf of the Local Governing Body. There were a small number of responses that identified concerns from a few of our families and next term I will be offering times for anyone to book in to see me in response to their concerns raised in the survey.

### School Uniform

Can I remind parents and carers that long socks, worn by girls with their skirts, should not have bows on them and must be plain charcoal grey. Thank you.

### Wear it Green Day for Mental Health



Last Thursday Year 12 students led the way in raising awareness about Mental Health, supported the initiative to wear something green for the day and try to get more and more of us talking about our mental health and in doing so raising awareness and some money to support the charity Mental Health Foundation. Even I was able to get in on the act!!



### Glastonmary Summer Fair - Saturday 29 June 2024

Please see the adjacent flyer advertising St Mary's, Brierley Hill, one of our feeder primaries, Summer Fair at the end of June.

Wishing everyone a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and a happy half term, with every prayer and blessing.

*J Hodgson*  
Principal



### Forthcoming Events and Calendared items

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| 03.06.24 - Summer Term 2 begins                         | 24.06.24 - Year 10 Core PPEs                     |
| 05.06.24 - Year 7 parents Evening (Foundation Subjects) | 25.06.24 - Year 12 UCAS Discovery trip to NEC    |
| 07.06.24 - Year 10 Bronze DofE Expedition               | 26.06.24 - 6th Form Induction Day                |
| 10.06.24 - Year 10 non-Core PPEs begin                  | 26.06.24 - Y12 Silver DofE Expedition (3 days)   |
| 10.06.24 - Year 12 PPEs begin                           | 27.06.24 - Y12 Geography Fieldtrip               |
| 10.06.24 - Year 9 Soli House Trip                       | 27.06.24 - Awards Evening                        |
| 14.06.24 - Year 10 Bronze DofE Expedition               | 01.07.24 - Year 6 Induction Evening              |
| 17.06.24 - Y12 HE Week                                  | 03.07.24 - Year 6 Induction Day                  |
| 19.06.24 - Year 10 Information Evening                  | 03.07.24 - Y10 Bronze DofE Qualifying Expedition |
| 20.06.24 - Y8 HPV Vaccinations                          | 04.07.24 - Y12 Geography Fieldtrip               |
| 20.06.24 - Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip                  | 19.07.24 - Break up for Summer                   |
| 20.06.24 - Year 11 Prom                                 |  |