



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**
SEMPER FIDELIS

**"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.."
Matthew 11:28**

Friday, 25 October 2024

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

I know the students are glad to have reached the end of the first half term of academic year 2024-25, and I know the staff are too. An 8 week half term is always a challenge, especially one that comes after a long break when habits and routines have been forgotten and the pace of the treadmill has been a little slower over the summer.

The pace in school has been relentless this term, the nature of education means it has to be and the students have been largely excellent in getting up to speed really quickly and maintaining the energy, commitment and drive right through the term to date. They should rightly be commended by all of us for this.



But now it is time for a break, a rest and chance to enjoy life away from work and I do hope all the students and staff find time to reset and recuperate and come back strong and ready for the challenges of Autumn 2.

October - Month of the Holy Rosary



October is the Month of the Holy Rosary and on Friday 18th October all students and staff at Hagley joined with schools across Emmaus, the Diocese and the whole country as part of an initiative for one million children to pray the Rosary for Peace and Unity in the World. It was a wonderfully powerful moment of prayer for our school community and one we plan to make an annual tradition every October and May.



Year 7 Retreat – I belong with One Life Music

It was wonderful to welcome back to Hagley on Tuesday our great friends Dan and Emily from One Life Music. They led a fabulous morning retreat with Year 7 on the theme of "I belong" and spent time with the whole year group exploring the importance of that sense of belonging and everyone being included as part of God's family. We are so grateful to have this retreat as part of our annual provision for Year 7 as they start their educational journey with us.



Lego Based Play



Thank you for your donations of unwanted Lego to use in the Hub for our Lego Based Play intervention for autistic children. If you have not donated yet and do have some unwanted Lego at home please do send it in to us. Thanks in advance.

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Working together to Improve attendance

Our attendance drive continues, and the value of high attendance has never been more important but sadly students across school are absent more often this year than last. Please do make every effort in the Autumn term to work with us to reduce unnecessary days off school for minor illnesses and please keep medical appointments outside of school hours.



Train travel to school

I have mentioned in previous letters that there are still too many children arriving late to school having caught the later trains that do not arrive to Hagley early enough for students to be on time. After half term students choosing to catch trains that make them late will be greeted at the school gates and placed in lunchtime detention for their tardiness. I have no desire to use sanctions for such choices but must instil in all young people the value and importance of being on time. Thank you for your support with this.

Sixth Form Open Evening

It was a privilege to open our Sixth Form to parents/carers and students on Wednesday of this week to promote and showcase the wonderful Post 16 provision we have to offer. Our Sixth Form numbers are growing and this year we are widening our curriculum offer to include L3 National Extended Certificate in Sport and A Level Media too. As ever our wonderful Sixth Form Ambassadors were brilliant in showcasing their Sixth Form.



All the information needed to apply can be found on our Sixth Form home page at this link: [Hagley Catholic High School 6th Form](#)



Girl Guiding Worcestershire

Isobel in Year 9 has been chosen by Girl guiding Worcestershire to travel to Finland for 12 days and volunteer in a service project to help the environment in Punkaharju, Eastern Finland. We are keen to do all we can to support her in her efforts to raise £2250, so if you can help at all please do go to her Go Fund Me page at this link <https://www.gofundme.com/f/isobel>

It is always amazing to see Hagley students living out our values beyond school.

Finally, as ever I want to wish you all every blessing, a wonderful weekend ahead, and a lovely half term if you are getting some annual leave too.

Yours sincerely

J Hodgson
Principal

Forthcoming Events and Calendared items

Autumn 2:

- 04.11.2024 - Autumn Term 2 begins
- 05.11.2024 - GCSE November Resits begin
- 06.11.2024 - Ski Trip Information Evening
- 08.11.2024 - Fearless Trip (Chaplaincy)
- 11.11.2024 - Anti-bullying week
- 11.11.2024 - Remembrance Day
- 11.11.2024 - Year 11 PPEs begin

21.11.2024 - Y13 Parents Evening
25.11.2024 - Year 13 PPEs begin
26.11.2024 - Music Concert
10.12.2024 - Year 11 PPE Results issued
12.12.2024 - Year 11 Parents Evening
17.12.2024 - End of term celebration Assemblies (P1)
18.12.2024 - Christmas Mass and Carols
20.12.2024 - Break up for Christmas