

Sunday, 28 June 2026

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

I hope everyone reading this is enjoying the cooler temperatures today that look set to carry though into next week too. I will never be one to bemoan the heat and sunshine but I will be grateful if it is a bit cooler.

I want to thank everyone for their understanding last week in what was a difficult set of circumstances and hard to know what was right from wrong. However, I do not regret the decision to remain open, schools offer a public service and should be open. We coped and the children who did attend managed brilliantly and were sensible in their approach to dealing with the heat. Consequently, really positive routines and habits continued for all those who attended and remained in school and a positive environment of learning remained, this is our core business and should always be so.

This week with temperatures cooler students should attend school in their normal uniform, although I would discourage them from wearing their optional jumper. If it does get excessively hot again I will review this decision and let you know.

With it being Enrichment Week on trip days students should wear their own clothes as advised by the trip leader. There are also days when students will need their PE kits and on those days they can wear their PE kit all day, as follows:

- ❖ **Monday:** Year 8s not going to PGL
- ❖ **Thursday:** Year 9
- ❖ **Friday:** Year 8s not at PGL

Year 10 will not be in this week as they are on Work Experience and I wish them well as they explore the world of work.

This is a really important week in our calendar year and allows all students in Key Stage 3 to embrace the Personal Development Curriculum and explore learning beyond the traditional academic that dominates so much of school life.

Please do ensure your child attends and embraces the opportunities on offer.

Thanks to Mrs Mouzer for organising the week.

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20TH JUNE - 3RD JULY
Enrichment Week Information

Students in years 7-9 will have a week off timetable taking part in a range of enrichment activities to complement and broaden the curriculum offer. **All students will celebrate St Peter & Paul Feast day during Monday Morning.** Please see your child's year group below to find out what activities they will be involved in throughout the week. Students are expected to wear school uniform unless otherwise stated.

Year 7

Monday: Pilgrims of Hope Walk (bring trainers & waterproof) + Maths rose window challenge.

Tuesday: Dream Jobs Discovery Day including our "Guess Who?" employee event.

Wednesday: Challenge Academy or Creative Day.

Thursday: Science Challenge Day

Friday: Challenge Academy or Creative Day.

Year 8

Programme for students not at PGL includes:

Monday: Critical Reading and Media podcast Project. (Students not going to PGL at any point should bring PE kit this day)

Tuesday: Creative Arts & Technology Day.

Wednesday: PGL changeover day or Enterprise Project.

Thursday: Creative Arts & Technology Day.

Friday: Games and Critical Reading & Media podcast project. (Bring PE Kit)

Trips

Year 9 Barcelona
Year 9 Drayton Manor
Year 7 Challenge Academy (A, B & C forms on Wednesday, G, K, W forms on Friday)
Year 8 PGL (Monday - Wednesday or Wednesday to Friday)

All trip leaders will send specific information via email regarding any trips. If your child has not signed up for a trip there will be alternative in school activities.

Year 9

Programme for students not in Barcelona:

Monday: History & Modern Languages.

Tuesday: Loudmouth Theatre production, Critical Media podcast project & University Challenge House Competition

Wednesday: Drayton Manor (own clothes) Or Enterprise project

Thursday: Games and Duke of Edinburgh taster day (wear PE kit, bring waterproof coat)

Friday: Vision to Vocation day - Exploring the world of work: Medical Mavericks experience, Unifrog Launch & Escape Room



Refugee Week: Putting Our Values into Action

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Christ centred Pilgrim of hope with a hunger for justice

Celebrating Refugee Week 2026

Week ending 21st June, our school community proudly marked Refugee Week 2026, taking time to reflect on what it means to be a welcoming, compassionate, and courageous community.

Throughout the week, students in Years 8 and 9 were living out our school virtues and values by taking positive action, showing empathy, and thinking of others.

Food Bank Appeal

The Voice, successfully launched our Food Bank Appeal, encouraging students and families to demonstrate compassion and generosity by donating non-perishable food items.

As part of the appeal, students were challenged to think about the small treats many of us enjoy each day; a packet of crisps, a chocolate bar, a fizzy drink, or another favourite snack. Instead of purchasing one of these treats, students were invited to use the money to buy a non-perishable food item costing under £1 to donate to the appeal.

Every donation, no matter how small, makes a real difference to individuals and families in need.

We are delighted to share that many of our families have already begun contributing and have made a fantastic start to supporting this important cause. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Doodle for Google Competition

Students have also been invited to participate in a creative Doodle for Google Competition, inspired by this year's Refugee Week themes of Courage and Community.

The challenge is to design a Google logo in which each letter tells a story about courage and community. Students are encouraged to think about how people come together, support one another, overcome challenges, and make a positive difference in the lives of others.

We have been incredibly impressed by the thoughtful discussions, creativity, and enthusiasm shown by our students throughout the week. Refugee Week has provided a valuable opportunity to deepen understanding, celebrate diversity, and reinforce the importance of kindness, belonging, and community.

We will update you on the competition winners once the deadline has ended.

Personal Development, Wellbeing and Enrichment **with** *questioning minds and a thirst for knowledge*

Hagley Netball 2025/26

Another highly successful year for netball at Hagley, with teams across all year groups representing the school superbly in numerous fixtures and tournaments against schools from across the district.

Our Year 7 team enjoyed an outstanding season, winning all their friendly matches. Unfortunately, their district tournament was cancelled twice due to adverse weather, denying them the opportunity to showcase their talents in competition.

The Year 8 team had an excellent campaign, finishing runners-up in the league and narrowly missing out on the title to a strong Summerhill side. Sadly, their district tournament was also cancelled due to adverse weather.

Year 9 continued Hagley's success by winning both the league and the district tournament. This achievement was matched by our Year 10 and Year 11 teams, who also completed the double by securing both league and district tournament titles.

The standard of netball displayed across all year groups has been exceptional throughout the year. A huge congratulations and thank you to all the girls who have represented the school with such commitment, teamwork, and enthusiasm. Their hard work and dedication have made this another memorable year for netball at Hagley.

Student success as *Pilgrims of hope*

Regular readers of my letters will know that I am always delighted to be able to share the success of our students both in and out of school. This week I would like to share the success of James in Year 11. James is a committed student and a dedicated basketball player who has represented the school with valour over the last few years. However, it is his success out of school that is most impressive.

He is a Richards Elite U17s National Champion with Team West Midlands Gold and West Midlands National Conference League Champion with Walsall Wizards.



James' sister, Sarah, one of our wonderful alumni is also making waves in the USA. She is about to enter her fourth year at the University of Indiana, having spent time at the University of North Carolina where she made the Dean's list for academic excellence every semester. She has just spent time study in Guatemala too.

Sarah is a fabulous example of where an education at Hagley can take you and we urge all our alumni to keep in touch and share their inspirational journey to university and employment.

Year 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award with *questioning minds and a thirst for knowledge*

Twenty of our Year 10 headed off on their Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition last week. It was a tough call to allow the expedition to go ahead on Wednesday through to Friday with the excessive heat. But with the excellent planning and leadership of Mr Smith and Ms Nicklin, ably supported by Miss Williams, and a solid risk assessment in place with their walks starting at 5am and being all done by noon, there was nothing to fear. I am reliably informed by Mr Smith that it is one of the best groups of students they have ever taken on expedition which is a real testament to them. We do, however, hope it is a little cooler for the other Bronze and Silver expeditions ahead.



Year 12 Higher Education Plus Week with *questioning minds and a thirst for knowledge*

The past fortnight has seen Year 12 students involved in Higher Education Plus Week. This is a fabulous week of exploring Post 18 and Post Hagley options for our students. This personal development and enrichment curriculum is a wonderful part of our Sixth Form Curriculum provision and one of the many reasons why our Sixth Form offer stands out from the competition. The timetable below is a flavour of what students were engaged in over the course of 7 school days. One of the wonderful parts of this curriculum offer is the number of alumni who once again joined us to share the apprenticeship, university or employment route they took. A public thanks goes to them all. Once again if any of our alumni feel they can support us in anyway please do reach out to me.

Date	Monday 15/06/26	Tuesday 16/06/26	Wednesday 17/06/26	Thursday 18/06/26			Friday 19/06/26	Tuesday 23/06/26	Friday 26/06/26
Period 1	12VJO - UCAS IF3	Blind Dave Heeley OBE SFSC	Breakout session 7: Apprenticeships Workshop SFSC	EPQ Clinic IF1	University of Oxford Trip (8.00am-4.00pm)	English Literature & History Taster Day at University of Birmingham	Breakout session 13: Uni vs Apprenticeships SFSC	UCAS Discovery Event NEC (10.30am-2.00pm)	University of Birmingham Open Day (9.30am - 4pm)
	12SRA - Student Finance (UofW) SFCR		Breakout session 8: Philosophy & Religion SFCR2				Breakout session 14: Journalism SFCR 1		
	12NBR - Intro to HE (UofA) SFSC		Breakout session 9: Applying for competitive courses SFC1						
Period 2	12SRA - UCAS IF3	Breakout session 1: Law Browne-Jacobson LLPSFCR 1	Breakout session 10: Apprenticeships Workshop SFSC	EPQ Clinic IF1			Breakout session 15: Accounting & Finance SFCR2		
	12NBR - Student Finance (UofW) SFCR	Breakout session 2: PR, Marketing and Business ERG SFSC	Breakout session 11: Electrical Engineering WJ Project Services SFCR1				Breakout session 16: Computer Science Jaguar TCS Racing		
	12VJO- Intro to HE (UofA) SFSC	Breakout session 3: Politics; elections, policy and power SFSCR2	Breakout session 12: Medicine & Psychiatry NHS SFSCR2				Breakout session 17: British Airways SFCR 1		
Period 3	12NBR - UCAS 1F3	Breakout session 4: Teaching Alliance Haybridge SCITT SFSCR1		EPQ Clinic IF1					
	12VJO - Student Finance (UofW) SFCR	Breakout session 5: Sport Physiotherapy AVFC Academy SFSCR2							
	12SRA - Intro to HE (UofA) SFSC	Breakout session 6: Taking a GAP Year SFSC							
Period 4	UCAS Hub SFSC	The Personal Statement SFSC		EPQ Clinic IF1					

Sixth Form Induction Day with *questioning minds and a thirst for knowledge*

Some 100 Year 11 students from Hagley and other schools in the local area joined us last Wednesday for Sixth Form Induction Day. This was their opportunity to experience exactly what Sixth Form life would be like with 4 subject taster sessions on offer, presentations on next year's enrichment and wider curriculum offer and a chance to meet the Sixth Form Pastoral team and staff and truly start to feel what studying at Hagley will be like next year. We are very excited for the year ahead and what will be an amazing Year 12.

Year 11 Prom

The Prom for Year 11 leavers was an absolute ball again this year. I don't recall a Prom where the dance floor was so full, from start to finish, with no let up. The Class of 2026 knew how to party and once again West Midlands Safari Park put on a wonderful evening for the students. Massive thanks go to Mrs Bunn and Mrs Granger for their work organising a brilliant send off.



Two Local Governing Body Vacancies for a *Christ centred Pilgrims of hope*

I mentioned in a previous letter that we have a vacancy on our Local Governing Body for a Parent Governor. However, we also have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor too. Unlike a parent Governor a Foundation Governor must be a practising Catholic and is appointed by the Archbishop to serve.

Details have already been sent out for nominations to elect a Parent Governor but if you or anyone you know thinks they might like to serve in either capacity and would like to speak to Mr Hodgson or Mr Geoff Taylor-Smith (Chair of the LGB) beforehand about the roles you can arrange a telephone call by contacting Mrs Chapman (Mr Hodgson's PA) on 01562 881821.

This is a fabulous way to serve the school and the community.

Parent/Carer Survey with *a thirst for knowledge*

Thank you to everyone who has completed the latest survey, 158 families to date. If you haven't yet it is still open and you can share your voice in the survey at this link: [Parent and Carer Voice Summer 2026](#)

Finally, we have a number of staff leaving Hagley at the end of this term with many years of service amongst them. I shall do a piece on them all before we break up so watch this space for some familiar faces who are moving on.

My apologies that my letter is late on a Sunday this week. Wishing everyone a very happy week ahead with every good wish and blessing.

Yours sincerely

J Hodgson
Principal

PS: please see upcoming key dates and the upcoming St Mary's Fete at Harvington on the next page.

Key dates for Summer Term 2

29.06.26 - Feast of St Peter and Paul
29.06.26 - Enrichment Week begins
29.06.26 - Y10 Work Experience Week
29.06.26 - Induction Evening
01.07.26 - Y6 Induction Day 1
02.07.26 - Y6 Induction Day 2
02.07.26 - Y13 Ball
03.07.26 - Y6 Induction Day 3

06.07.26 - Curriculum Focus Week
08.07.26 - Year 5 Feeder Sports Day
10.07.26 - Y12 Summer Garden Party
13.07.26 - Y12 Work Experience
15.07.26 - Sports Day
16.07.26 - Students break up
17.07.26 - Emmaus MAC Inset Day @ Hagley



The Priest's Garden*
St Mary's Church

Summer Fete

Saturday 4th July
1.00pm - 5.00pm

Brass Band
Books Cream Teas
Grand Raffle Barbecue
prize draw Plants
Bric-a-Brac Bottle
Children's Games Tombola

The Priest's Garden* St Mary's Church
Harvington Hall Lane, Harvington
nr Kidderminster DY10 4LR

Entry fee: Adults: £1
Children under 11 years: 50p

**Please note: This is a private garden and pet dogs will not be admitted*