



Sunday, 12 July 2026

Dear Parent(s), carer(s) and students, and our new parent/carers too

This will be my last letter of the year and it's a bumper edition with so much to share from the last fortnight, especially with such a packed enrichment week. I hope you enjoy reading all about the wonderful things that have been going on and remember this is only a snapshot.

As it is my final letter, I wanted to thank you for your continued support this year. Only in unity and collaboration can we together support our vision of *Forming Christ centred pilgrims of hope with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.*

Hopefully this letter is just another example of how we have achieved this in 2025/26 and it can inspire us to for more in the year to come.

Have a wonderful summer!

Final Year 7 Update and Farewell from Mrs Imrie

As you are all aware I have now handed the reigns over to Mrs Bunn as Head of Year as I remain with Year 7. As mentioned in my last email to you, it really has been a pleasure to support Year 7 throughout their 1st year here at Hagley, getting to know them all and helping them to become the Hagley POWERful learners that they have become.

Throughout the year I have shared with you lots of student success outside of school and I wanted to share with you all the fantastic news that at the end of June, our very own Liv Rooke, competed at the Scottish Nationals and qualified for the World Championships! Live has worked so hard for this and how wonderful to this pay off! We are all unbelievably proud of you Liv and we wish you all the very best for next Easter!



One other final shout out must go to Robyn Mauger who worked tirelessly last Saturday to support St Mary's Harvington church fete. Robyn, along with one of our Year 8 students Jimmy Raeside, were there from 8.30am, helped run a stall and cleared away at the end with smiles on their faces all day. This was an important fundraising event for St Marys to help repair one of the stained-glass windows. Thank you Robyn and Jimmy, lovely to hear of our students volunteering their time and efforts. We are very proud of you.

I know these are just 2 examples of student success outside of school and we always love to hear of this! I look forward to Year 7 continuing to flourish under the wonderful pastoral care of Mrs Bunn and I am looking forward to teaching many of them also in Year 8. May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a lovely, relaxing summer holiday.

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Year 6 Transition *forming Christ centred pilgrims of hope*

Last Monday evening we had the pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 students and their parents and carers to our Intake Evening. There was a lovely buzz around school, with lots of people both excited and a little nervous about this next step in their education.

During the evening students and their families had the chance to listen to a presentation from both Mr Hodgson and me, but more importantly from 4 of our current Year 7 students who delivered superb speeches. Huge thanks must go to Finn, Lennan, Sophie and Emily! In addition to this there was the chance to try on and order school uniform, speak to Admissions, Students Services about any medical issues and our School Transport. Many parents and carers also attended an informative presentation from our SEND team and staff were also available for drop in after.



It was then particularly lovely to welcome the students themselves on Wednesday 1st July for the first of our three Transition Days. Although it can be a time of both nervousness and excitement, from the moment they arrived, all students behaved beautifully and with a positive, resilient and enthusiastic attitude. They were all a credit to their parents / carers, as well as to their primary schools. It was also fantastic to hear of so many early friendships being formed, truly starting off their journey here at Hagley well.

Over the course of their three days, they spent the day largely in their Tutor Groups doing a variety of activities, 'taster lessons' and starting to learn how to become 'secondary ready' and understanding our culture of being a POWERful Hagley student.

On Thursday morning we were able to all meet again as a whole year group with a beautiful and uplifting Prayer Service, led by 2 members of our RE Department. All students acted with reverence, and it was a joy to see such smiles on their faces during our collective worship.



We also had lots of opportunities to get used to what will be daily line up under the canopy and it was great to see each morning less nervousness and certainly more excitement.

We closed the three days on Friday afternoon with a Celebration Assembly and to give us one last opportunity to collectively meet together as a year group before the summer. We celebrated lots of shout-outs from teaching staff and our Year 7 Transition Ambassadors who were absolutely amazing. Well done to Gregory who over the three Transition Days topped the House Point Challenge!

As a Year Group they made a wonderful start which we will continue to build on when they formally join us in September, all very proudly wearing their new Hagley uniform!

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

Year 7 Challenge Academy Trip(s)

Year 7 enjoyed a fantastic, fun packed week of adventure for our enrichment week which included: a walk; a guess the job competition; a day of construction with Science; a form door decorating competition and a day out at the challenge academy in the woods. The challenge day was definitely the most popular as they scaled great heights hanging and even jumping from the treetops(all with harnesses of course)! It was very hot on both days but that didn't stop year 7 abseiling, climbing, squeezing through tunnels and taking part in field competitions at the end of the day. What a fabulous first enrichment for our intrepid explorers who gave 100% to every activity they took part in.



Year 9 Barcelona Trip

Our recent trip to Barcelona was a fantastic success, giving students the opportunity to experience the rich culture, history and vibrant atmosphere of one of Europe's most exciting cities.

Over four action-packed days, students explored some of Barcelona's most iconic landmarks, including the breathtaking Sagrada Família, the colourful Park Güell and the famous FC Barcelona Museum. They wandered through the bustling La Boqueria market, enjoyed time along the city's beautiful beachfront and experienced an authentic flamenco performance while sampling traditional Spanish tapas. The visit to Port Aventura World added plenty of excitement and fun, creating memories that will stay with students for years to come.

As well as discovering the sights, students immersed themselves in Spanish life by travelling on the city's metro system, practising their language skills and experiencing the customs, food and daily life of Barcelona firsthand. The trip brought classroom learning to life, giving students a genuine appreciation of Spanish culture that simply can't be replicated in school.

Throughout the visit, our students were an absolute credit to the school. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, excellent manners and positive attitude were praised wherever we went, and they embraced every opportunity with maturity and respect. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school and have no doubt that the experiences they shared will leave a lasting impression.

"I loved Barcelona so much! The people were incredible and I really enjoyed seeing the sights and my favourite part was the beach. I became really good friends with lots of people that I didn't know that well before. It was my favourite trip ever!" Lucia

"I think Barcelona was a really fun experience and definitely the best trip I've been on. My favourite parts were definitely the theme park and beach days as we got to go in the sea and play volleyball - we even played with some Spanish people! Overall, I had an amazing time and I'd really recommend it to everyone!" Nancy

Year 7 Guess Who?

As part of year 7's Dream Job Discovery day they were able to meet a range of employers in our 'Guess Who?' Event. Just like the traditional board game we challenged our year 7's in asking a range of questions to guess our guests' careers. We were so impressed with all the year 7's who demonstrated the value being 'Curious & Active'. Once they had correctly guessed the job our visitors were able to tell students more about their role and career path. We are so grateful to our external visitors who were able to join us for this event.



"Thank you so much for the invite to speak to your young people today. I just wanted to say what a credit they were to you both and the school. They were polite, interested and asked some really insightful questions. They were a real delight to speak to and engage with and their behaviour was exemplary."

Dream Job Doorway House Competition

Our Year 7 students were challenged to transform their form room doors into inspiring displays that reflected their hopes and ambitions for the future.

Each student was encouraged to think carefully about their own aspirations, consider the goals they hope to achieve, and creatively represent the journey towards their dreams. From future careers and personal ambitions to the skills, determination and resilience needed to succeed, every door told a unique story.



We were absolutely blown away by the creativity, imagination and thought that went into the designs. The variety of concepts demonstrated not only our students' artistic talents but also their willingness to dream big and reflect on the exciting possibilities that lie ahead.

Anselm were the winning house with their theme of 'The Sky's the Limit' closely followed by Chad in second place.

Year 9 University Challenge

We were delighted to host our inaugural University Challenge style competition for our Year 9 students. The event tested the breadth of knowledge they have acquired across all of their subjects this year, with teams competing on behalf of their houses in a series of challenging and exciting rounds.

The competition showcased not only our students' impressive subject knowledge but also their teamwork, resilience and competitive spirit. It was fantastic to see so



much enthusiasm and house pride on display as students battled it out for the title. Wulstan, Gregory and Anselm made it to the final round with Anselm taking victory in a close fought final question round. Special well done to Cian, Ethan, Millie, Arthur, Josh, Asher and Tom who stepped up in the final round for Anselm!

Thank you to Miss Arnott who was our Quiz Master!

Science Challenge Day

Year 7 students took part in an exciting Science Challenge Day, putting their teamwork, creativity and problem-solving skills to the test across a series of STEM challenges.

Throughout the day, students worked in their form groups to tackle a variety of engineering and science-based activities. These included building the tallest free-standing tower capable of supporting a weight, designing and testing egg parachutes, constructing balloon-powered cars, and competing in a fast-paced Jenga tournament that tested strategic thinking and teamwork.



The challenges encouraged students to apply scientific concepts such as forces, air resistance, stability, friction and centre of mass while working collaboratively to overcome problems and refine their designs. It was fantastic to see so many students demonstrating resilience, innovation and excellent communication skills throughout the day.

The competition remained incredibly close, with all forms showing great determination and enthusiasm. After a day of exciting challenges and fierce but friendly competition, Kenelm emerged as the overall winners of the Year 7 Science Challenge Day. Congratulations to all the students in Kenelm for their outstanding performance and teamwork.

Medical Mavericks



The Medical Mavericks Roadshow joined us on Friday 3rd July and Year 9 were able to get hands on during this medical workshop taking on the role of Mini Medics!

Students learnt about eyesight, ECG's, ultrasound and were even able to take fake blood! It was a fabulous event with lots of great student feedback as they



explored carers and skills in the health industry.

"I enjoyed doing the ECG and we even got a printout of our heart rate from the ECG monitor" Annie

"The eyesight goggles were fun and allowed us to explore the differences in eyesight" Cian

"I loved the practical aspect of this workshop and how we got to try lots of things out" Marlowe

Art Competition



Year 7 and Year 8 students took part in the Adoremus National Art Competition, creating vibrant artworks inspired by the architecture of Westminster Cathedral and St George's Cathedral. Their designs explored the themes of the Blessed Sacrament, the presence of Jesus, and the use of light and colour to represent hope, faith and sacred spaces. Every student approached the challenge with creativity, enthusiasm and determination, producing artwork of an exceptionally high standard. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and effort they put into their final pieces.

Creative Arts & Technology

Our year 7 & 8 students all got creative during enrichment week, in Performance they created silent movies, some year 7's learnt origami skills, new music was created, rockets were designed and launched, and students created and made their own recipes in food:

Rocket Challenge Winners:

Year 7: 1st Anselm, 2nd Gregory, 3rd Chad

Year 8: 1st Chad, 2nd Wulstan & Gregory

Recipe Challenge:

Year 7: 1st Chad, 2nd Bede, 3rd Anselm

Year 8: 1st Gregory, 2nd Chad & Wulstan



Year 7 Maths: Rose Windows



Year 7 were challenged at improving their compass and geometry skills to create some Rose Window Designs. Every student from each House created a design which was put together to create an overall HOUSE Rose Window. Judged by Mr Hodgson and I, the winning house was 7 Bede!

Mrs Mouzer

Year 8 PGL Adventure at Boreatton Park

Year 8 recently enjoyed an unforgettable residential trip to PGL Boreatton Park, where students challenged themselves, built confidence and created lasting memories with their friends.

Throughout the trip, students took part in a wide range of exciting activities, including disc golf, laser tag, canoeing, the giant swing, rock climbing and the trapeze. Everyone embraced new experiences, showed great determination and encouraged one another to step outside their comfort zones.

As well as the action-packed activities, students enjoyed spending quality time together, strengthening friendships and creating memories that will last for years to come. Evenings were filled with fun, including a traditional campfire and a variety of PGL games, bringing plenty of laughter, teamwork and enjoyment for all.

Students were keen to share their favourite parts of the trip:

"I enjoyed the different variety of activities we did. Every instructor that we had during PGL was really nice and they made the experience better. I enjoyed being there with my friends."

"It was really fun. I enjoyed doing canoeing and the rock climbing, the food was good and I loved doing the giant swing."

"PGL was an unforgettable experience for me and my friends. It was a great way to make new friends and get involved in so many fun activities. From canoeing and trapeze to climbing and laser tag, there was something for everybody to enjoy at PGL. What I enjoyed the most was the giant swing! Thank you to the teachers for arranging and accompanying us on this epic trip. My friends and I have made memories that we will never forget."



The trip was a fantastic success, and we are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, resilience and positive attitude shown by all of our Year 8 students throughout their stay at Boreatton Park. Well done, Year 8, for making the most of every opportunity and representing the school so positively!

Mrs Palmer (Head of Year 8)

Irish Band Music Tour 2026

The Music Department was very excited to be able to resume their summer primary school tour this term. This year the Irish band had worked so hard that Mr M thought it would be a good idea to share their success throughout the MAC. The band visited 12 schools over 4 days. During the tour the band demonstrated their instruments, the primary children learned about musical elements and how the instruments interact with each other. They all had lots of fun, learning,





clapping and singing. The band comprised of students from Year 7 straight through to Year 12 and they gain skills such as teamwork, time keeping and performance skills. Everyone has specific jobs whilst experiencing being a touring musician for a week.

It was nice to visit some of the Worcester Schools that we haven't had the chance to share our music with before. All the primary children loved our visit and the feedback has been wonderful. Here are just a few of the responses we got.

'The Irish Band was really good. It was really fun to watch and so funny! All the people that played and sung are so good at what they're doing.' (Year 6)

'I liked the opportunity for students to play tambourine and for them to win badges.' (Year 6)

'I liked all the songs that they did. They were amazing and the songs were different.' (Year 3)

'I liked when we did the dance at the end and I liked the captain the dinosaur.' (Year 3)

'I liked hearing the electric guitar.' (Year 3)



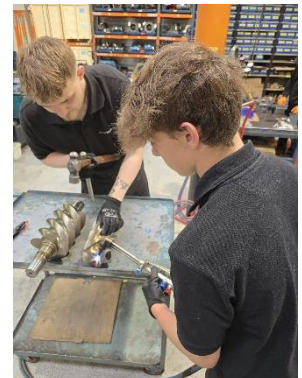
The band played classics such as "The Irish Rover", "Whiskey in the Jar" and "Tell my Ma". We really hope to take our musicians on tour again next summer. I wonder what the theme will be for 2027?

Year 10 Work Experience

What an incredible week it was for our Year 10 students as they completed their Work Experience placements last week. As Head of Year 10, I could not be prouder of the way they embraced every opportunity, represented our school so positively, and demonstrated maturity, resilience and professionalism throughout the week.



Around 170 students secured placements outside of school, gaining invaluable insight into the world of work across a wide range of industries. From primary schools, building sites and local shops to tradespeople, corporate businesses, healthcare settings and many more, our students threw themselves into new experiences with enthusiasm and determination. They stepped outside of their comfort zones, developed new skills and began to understand the qualities and expectations required in the workplace.



The small percentage of students who remained in school were equally outstanding. They became a real asset to our school community, supporting departments as they prepared for the new academic year, assisting with our Year 6 transition programme and helping staff wherever needed. Their positive attitudes, willingness to contribute and commitment to supporting others did not go unnoticed.

One of the highlights of the week was hearing directly from our students. Throughout their placements, many took the initiative to check in with me, sharing updates on what they had been doing and sending photographs of themselves hard at work. It was fantastic to see the pride they took in their placements and the confidence they gained as the week progressed.





Since returning to school, Year 10 have spent time reflecting on their experiences, and it has been inspiring to hear how valuable the week has been. Many students have spoken about discovering new career interests, developing greater confidence and feeling more motivated and focused about their future aspirations. Work Experience has given them a clearer understanding of the pathways available to them and the importance of the skills they continue to develop in school.

As our students now look ahead to becoming Year 11, this experience has come at the perfect time. They return with greater purpose, ambition and a renewed appreciation of how their efforts in school connect to their future careers.



I would like to thank every employer who generously gave their time to support our students, as well as the staff who worked hard behind the scenes to make the week such a success. Most importantly, congratulations to every single member of Year 10. You represented yourselves, your families and our school exceptionally well. I am immensely proud of you all, and I have no doubt that the skills, experiences and confidence you have gained during Work Experience will serve you well as you embark on your final year as Key Stage 4 students.

Ms Devine (Head of Year 10)



House Points Challenge Update

Bede	32,403
Anselm	31,666
Wulstan	31,312
Gregory	30,837
Kenelm	30,441
Chad	26,999

This Year's House Point Challenge has been the best ever with more points accumulated over the year than ever before and Mrs Mouzer has even more planned for next year.

Going into the last week of term Bede are top, but only just, and with more points up for grabs next week and lots available on Sports Day, our House Champions for 2026 is still to be confirmed.

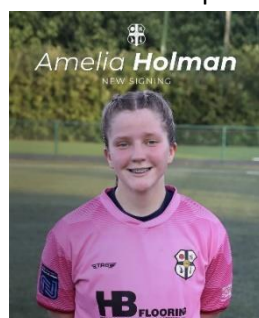
More amazing student success as *Pilgrims of Hope*



Over the last weekend in June, Isla (Y8) competed in the World Freestyle Championships at Winter Gardens in Blackpool.

I'm delighted to share the good news that in her "pairs" section, Isla and her partner became Under 16 World Championship Runners Up with their fabulous second place finish, what a super star Isla is and we are so proud of her.

Elsewhere we were delighted to discover and, equally so, to share with you that Ameilia's (Y11) football journey has led to her signing professionally for Boldmere St Michael's Ladies' Team, and will be playing in Tier 3, which is one league below the Women's Super League next 🍀 season. Lioness, here she comes!



Finally, Annabelle (Y11) has just completed 12 years at Stagecoach and has passed her Level 6 LAMDA exam earning her UCAS points towards her university application! While at the same time continuing to live out our *[hunger for justice](#)* mission by having circa 36cm cut off her hair to send to the Little Princess Trust. You can support her action by donating at this link: [Little Princess Trust Fundraising](#)



Attendance Matters – Thank You for Your Support

As we reach the end of another school year, I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support in helping your child attend school regularly.

We recognise that maintaining good attendance has not always been easy. Many families have faced challenges throughout the year, including disruption caused by train strikes, changing routines and, more recently, the exceptionally hot weather. Despite these difficulties, your commitment to ensuring your child attends school and is ready to learn each day has been greatly appreciated.

While we have seen improvements in attendance this year, we know there is still much more to do. We are not finished yet. Improving attendance remains a key priority for the school, and we will continue to work closely with families next year to ensure that every student is in school, learning and receiving the best education possible. Every day in school matters, and together we can continue to build on the progress we have made.

Going into next academic year, we ask families to avoid booking holidays during term time and, wherever possible, arrange routine medical, dental and optician appointments outside school hours to minimise time away from learning.

We would also encourage parents to follow NHS guidance when deciding whether a child is well enough to attend school. Many common illnesses, including coughs, colds, sore throats and minor ailments, do not require children to stay at home. Encouraging attendance, whenever a child is well enough, helps them maintain positive attendance habits and prevents unnecessary gaps in learning.

Thank you once again for your partnership and support throughout the year. Together, we can continue to ensure that every child benefits from excellent attendance and has the very best chance to succeed.

Mrs Palmer (Whole School Attendance Lead)

Staff farewells *with kind (and sad) hearts*

This summer we are saying farewell to a number of staff who are moving on from Hagley, many with almost, if not, a lifetime of service to our school, community and the wider Hagley family. I am sure you will join me in wishing them well for their futures beyond our school gates.

Mr Manzini (Teacher of English) left us on Friday having been with us since the Autumn covering for Mrs Mason and Mrs Mills (Teacher of Maths) completes her time with us this Thursday with our thanks for their work this year.

Ms Hingston (Teacher of Food) joined us in September 2020, my first and most memorable interview virtually during the pandemic. How things were and have changed since. Ms Hingston has been a dedicated and totally professional teacher of food and nutrition, with a commitment far beyond most people's imagination to work at Hagley. She leaves to spend more time with her wider family and complete her final year of Biblical studies.



Mrs Jones (Teacher of IT and Computing) is retiring after 18 years at Hagley. A dedicated and totally committed staff member she will be remembered by staff as one of the most kind and generous of colleagues, always offering to help and regularly driving the school minibus for trips and visits, not least as a devoted member of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Team.



Mr Smith (Teacher of IT and Computing) is also retiring this summer. Another long serving member of staff, Mr Smith joined in September 2007 and again has been a key member of our staff body, especially in his role as Duke of Edinburgh Award assessor. There will be countless numbers of students who owe their DofE Bronze and Silver Awards to Mr Smith.



Mr Behan is another with many years of service to Hagley and, as an ex-student too, has spent most of his life here. Mr Behan leaves to explore opportunities away from school life having been a PE teacher, Head of PE, Assistant Principal and latterly Head of Sixth Form in his time. Mr Behan is a man for all seasons and all opportunities and leaves nothing left to chance when a job or task is before him. His work leading ski trips and The Gower are just two of his biggest legacies but so too will be the impact he has had on our Sixth Form this past 3 years.



Mrs Trinham (Pederson as was) has completed 20 years at Hagley. She is the most fabulous teacher of PE and her impact on students over the years cannot be overstated. Her dedication to girls sports especially, not least on the netball courts, and on the ski slopes of Europe and at The Gower will be her legacy and she will be sorely missed by many.



Ms Hitchcox (nee Watkins) like Mrs Trinham has also completed 20 years at Hagley as a Teacher of Maths and as Head of Year for many years. She moves on to explore other opportunities having had a sustained impact with so many students over the years owing their gratitude to her for helping them to gain their GCSE Maths.



Most students', new and old, favourite ever teacher is also leaving this Summer to take on the position of Vice Principal at Worcester Sixth Form College. Mr Trickett started his career at Hagley in 2005 but like Mr Behan and Mrs Trinham, spent 7 years studying here too and can rightly claim to have Hagley running through his veins. As a teacher of History, Head of Subject, Assistant Principal and more recently Vice Principal he will leave a lasting legacy across the whole school and wider community and has very hard shoes to fill.

Finally, we say farewell to Mrs Aitken-Lomax who started at Hagley in 1987 and leaves one year shy of 40 years' service to our school and community. A Teacher of English, Head of Subject, member of SLT and Head of Year in her time, she is a legend of the school and still the member of staff that most ex-students ask me about when I meet those who once went to Hagley. I know that she still has so much more to give and look forward to hearing of her plans in the years ahead.

While we may be saying goodbye to some absolute legends of the staff body I am pleased to also welcome new staff in September with Mr Mohan-Lee (Vice Principal), Mrs Rock (Assistant Principal), Mr Wide (Teacher of Maths), Mr Broadway (Teacher of Computing), Ms Artess (Teacher of Computing), Mrs Dyas (Teacher of Food), Ms Legge (Teacher of History), Mrs Quinn (Teacher of English) Mrs Morgan (Head of Sixth Form), Mrs Stanton (Head of PE will join in January), Mr Owen (Teacher of PE), and Mr Mason (Safeguarding and Inclusion Officer).

Summer savings for families with a *[hunger for Justice](#)*

The Great British Summer Savings scheme is running from 25 June to 1 September 2026, helping families feel a bit less squeezed this summer.

The new scheme includes reduced VAT on days out, including tickets at attractions like soft play, adventure centres and theme parks, children's tickets for theatres and cinemas, and children's meals in restaurants. Children aged 5 to 15 in England will also be able to travel free on local bus services throughout August.

For further information about the scheme visit [Summer Savings](#). If helpful, please share this with parents, carers and families through your usual channels.

This is in addition to further support available to families, with more information available at [Cost of Living Help](#).

Please do see the accompanying letters that are attached this week regarding support for families in Worcestershire and beyond.

Save the Date OPEN Morning 2026 for Admissions in 2027 as Christ-centred Pilgrims of Hope

Please get this date in your diary and share it far and wide to anyone who might be considering sending their child to Hagley Catholic High School in September 2027 or 2028.

We really do have a wonderful school and here are just some of the compliments we've had this year.

"I thought I would let you know how polite I found some of the Hagley pupils when I stopped at a crossing for them. Both of them, who were crossing separately, waved to thank me, something that I do not see many people do these days."

"It is a small thing, but I think one that says a lot about the school." (Member of the public)

"I couldn't have paid for a better education for my son!" (Y11 parent)

"Just wanted to send a quick email to say thank you for the band coming in this morning - it was fantastic. You have some really talented and confident children - they are a real credit to you." (Primary Principal)

"I just want to praise your pupils a whole bunch of them got into the train from Hagley and took over half the carriage but (unlike as often happens when you brave a train ride through Hagley at school ending time) these young men and women were all friendly, calm and polite sometimes a train full of excitable young people can be a bit overpowering. These young people were a credit to you." (Member of the public)

"Thank you again for all the support and love you have given, he is a very lucky lad to attend your school." (Parent)

"We are incredibly grateful for everything Ms xxxxxxx and her team have done for xxx during his time at Hagley. The care, dedication and genuine compassion shown to him will never be forgotten. Hagley will always hold a very special place in our hearts." (Parent)



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Save the Date OPEN DAY

Saturday 3rd October 2026
9.00am - 12.00pm



Keep an eye out on our website for more details and a booking link in September.
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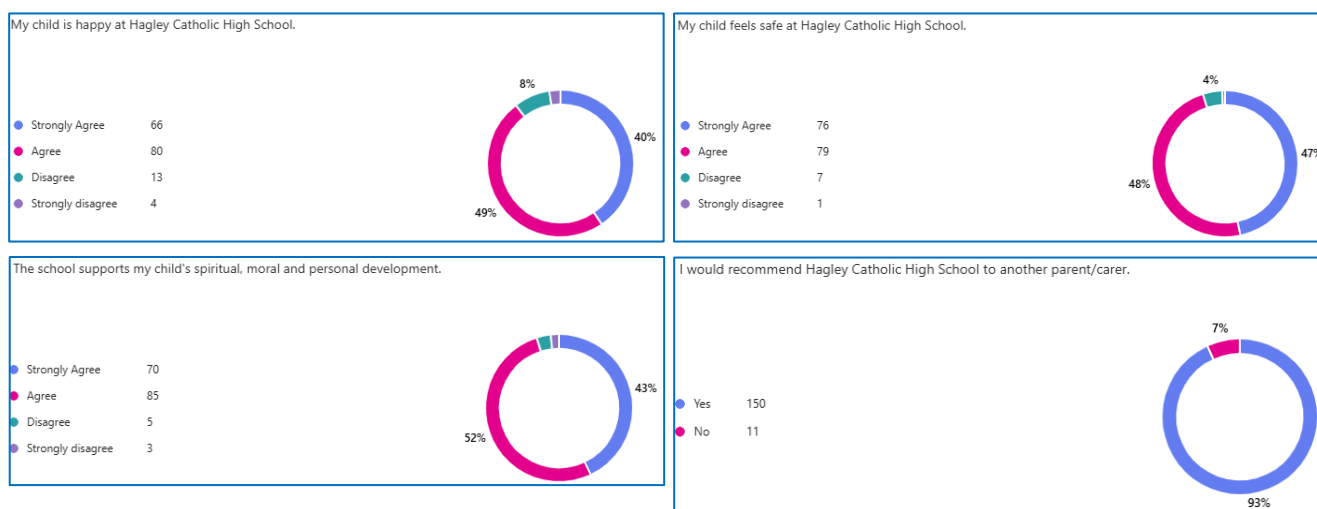
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Our journey with Christ

"I can say with absolute honesty that of all the schools we work with, your pupils are always the best behaved and best turned out. That's obviously a huge credit to their families, but it's also a massive reflection of your leadership and the brilliant standard set by you and your staff." (Contractor)

"A fantastic school: a thoughtful, committed and talented staff, a strong, supportive and positive ethos. My child has been nurtured and cared for, and encouraged to do his very best. Thank you for giving him the best education a parent could hope for." (Parent)

Parent/Carer Survey with *a thirst for knowledge*

The Local Governing Body and I would like to thank all parents and carers who took time to provide feedback to us and the Directors of Emmaus MAC by completing the recent Parent/Carer Survey. We have lots of wonderful feedback and below is a snapshot of some of the results. We are pleased that 90% of children are happy at school and 95% feel safe, while 93% would recommend us to another parent/carers. However, we will not rest when 10% are unhappy and 5% don't feel safe, and you would all recommend us. And in the new academic year I will be offering opportunities to those parents/carers to address their concerns specifically.



Vacancies in Year 9 from September *to form new pilgrims of hope*

And finally, I want to make you, your family and friends aware that we have spaces in Year 9 and 11 for September 2026 and are open to new admissions in these year groups. It is never an easy decision to move your child school but be reassured that we can make it work. I made the decision for my own daughter when she was about to begin Year 11, and it was the best move we made. If you are interested in applying, you can complete a CA1 form at this link: [Changing schools \(In-Year applications\) | Worcestershire County Council](#) or reach out directly to Mrs O'Brien (Admission Officer) at admissions_hchs@emmausmac.com.

And so that is it, thank you, God bless and we will do it all again in September when Year 7 and 12 begin on Thursday 3rd September and all other years on Friday 4th September 2026. Lessons will commence immediately, as we continue to pursue our vision of *Forming Christ centred pilgrims of hope with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.*

Yours sincerely

J Hodgson
Principal

Key dates for next week

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

Key dates for September 2026

01.09.26 - INSET Day 1 for staff
02.09.26 - INSET Day 2 for staff
03.09.26 - Year 7 and 12 begin the new school year
04.09.26 - Years 8 to 11 and 13 begin their new school year
08.09.26 - St Gregory Feast House Mass
08.09.26 - School Photography Day Years 7, 9, 11
09.09.26 - Y12 Welcome Evening
15.09.26 - Y12 Challenge Academy Trip
16.09.26 - Y11 Post 16 Pathways Evening 7.00 - 7.45pm
23.09.26 - Awards Evening 25/26
01.10.26 - Year & Meet the Form Tutor Evening
02.10.26 - INSET Day 3 for staff
03.10.26 - Open Morning 9 - 12pm
13.10.26 - One Life Retreat Year 7 only
14.10.26 - Hagley Family Mass 6pm in the Hall
23.10.26 - Break up for October half term