



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
SEMPER FIDELIS

**“He saved us by the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit.” Titus 3:5**

Friday, 10 January 2025

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

Welcome to 2025 and a new academic term. I do hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with friends and family and were able to bring in the new year with hope and joy.



Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be a Jubilee, a Holy Year, and the theme he has chosen is ‘Pilgrims of Hope’. The Jubilee logo shows figures coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other showing the solidarity and fraternity which should unite us all. The leading figure holds a cross as a sign of Christian faith. The cross becomes an anchor, a symbol of hope, providing stability in the stormy waters we all experience on our pilgrimages through life.

A Jubilee Year is a sacred time of renewal, reflection, and grace celebrated every 25 years. With the theme “Pilgrims of Hope,” this Jubilee invites all Catholics to embark on a journey of faith and transformation.

In this Jubilee Year we will be joining with schools across Emmaus MAC, the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and the whole world as ‘Pilgrims of Hope’.

You can find out more about the Jubilee Year at these links:  
[The Jubilee Year 2025 | Birmingham Diocesan Trust](#)

[Diocesan Guide to the Jubilee](#)

The image below is the chosen icon for the Jubilee Year.



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#### **The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have gifted us in  
your son Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity  
kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us, the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds  
that make humanity and the cosmos rise  
unto the confident expectation  
of the new heavens and the new earth,  
when with the powers of Evil overcome,  
your glory shall be manifested eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
the yearning for heavenly treasures  
and pour over all the earth  
the joy and peace  
of our Redeemer.

To you God blessed in eternity,  
be praise and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

## Ski Trip 2025

As I write my first letter of 2025 students and staff are currently sat on a ferry from Calais making their way home from a wonderful week skiing in Neukirchen, Austria. They should be home later this afternoon after what has been another fabulous enrichment opportunity for them all. Public thanks to Mr Behan, Mrs Trinham, Mr Barratt and Mrs Grainger for organising and running this trip.



## Social Media



We have been alerted to an App and website called Monkey/Monkey Cool that takes the place of an App called Omegle which was shut down due to the risk to users, putting them in extremely vulnerable harmful situations with strangers.

While users must be 18, there is no age verification process. This makes it easy for underage users to join Monkey, which can leave them open to potential harm.

You can find out more about this App at this link:

[What is the Monkey app? Parent safety guide | Internet Matters](#)

And if you do have any safeguarding concerns please contact the team at [saferefuge\\_HCHS@emmausmac.com](mailto:saferefuge_HCHS@emmausmac.com)

## Parent/carer Survey

I wanted to publicly thank you for the fabulous response we had to our Parent/Carer Survey sent out in December. Some 330 families completed the survey which is a very positive return.

At least 95% of responses confirmed that your child(ren) were happy and safe at Hagley, that they enjoy learning, that expectations were high and your child(ren) do well, that moral and spiritual development is supported, we enable respectful behaviour and staff are positive role models, and that you would recommend us to others. This is an overwhelming vote of confidence in the educational provision we offer, thank you.

You also said that you are not always told what your child will learn during the year and so I would remind you that at this link to the school website you can see everything that our curriculum has to offer: [Hagley Catholic High School - Curriculum Information](#). While some parents/carers were not aware of our enrichment offer and you can find out more about what's on here: [Hagley Catholic High School - Enrichment and Extra-Curricular](#).

I am, of course, very conscious of the 5% who might not be as happy as others and have some very reasonable concerns, and I would urge any parent/carer to contact me or their child's Head of Year to address these. I have also cleared my diary every Thursday morning for the next 5 weeks from 9.15am to 11.15am for any parent/carer who would like to meet with me for up 20 minutes initially to address your concerns. You can book an appointment with me through my PA, Mrs Chapman, at [principalpa.hchs@emmausmac.com](mailto:principalpa.hchs@emmausmac.com).

## New Staff

This week we have welcomed three new staff to Hagley and a fourth who began just before Christmas. Mrs Mouzer joins the Senior Leadership Team as Assistant Principal for Pastoral Care and Personal Development, Mr Jones joins us as a teacher of science, with a physics specialism and as STEM Lead, while Miss Box joins us as a teacher of maths. We are incredibly lucky to welcome three very experienced teachers to our family. We

also welcomed Ms Handel (Learning Support Assistant) to the SEND and Inclusion Team. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them and I look forward to seeing the value they will bring to our school.

## Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for an additional Learning Support Assistant and this advert is live on WM jobs and on the Emmaus Vacancies page at [Emmaus Catholic Multi Academy - Vacancies](#).

We are also looking to grow our exam invigilator team to support with our March exams and the summer exams in May and June. This role is a fabulous opportunity for someone looking for flexible hours. Again, application details are at the link above, but for an initial informal conversation please contact Mrs P Sherwood (Exams Officer) at [exams\\_hchs@emmausmac.com](mailto:exams_hchs@emmausmac.com).



**We are recruiting for a Learning Support Assistant Required A.S.A.P**  
Hours: 27.5 hours per week, Part Time/Permanent  
Term Time Only (36-37 weeks), which includes 5 teacher training days  
Grade 4 SCP 5-6 E24,790-£25,183 to be Pro Rata according to hours and weeks worked  
Principal – Mr J Hodgson

Hagley Catholic High School are seeking to appoint a Learning Support Assistant to join our Learning Support Team. The successful candidate will work under the direction of our SENCO and teaching staff when in the classroom. The role may require the suitable candidate to work with specific students on the direction of the SENCO or Assistant SENCO and be involved in programmes of support and intervention.

Hagley Catholic High School has a very strong and nurturing SEND department based at the heart of the school in our hall, a dedicated space for learning support, intervention and wellbeing.

We are looking to appoint a candidate with passion, drive, enthusiasm and dedication that will work to enable learners with additional needs to fully access the curriculum, school life and make progress.

Please refer to the job description and person specification for further details.

We welcome applications from both Catholics and non-Catholics but expect all employees to support the Catholic ethos and values of the school.

Emmaus Catholic MAC is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. This position is held in an enhanced/checked role under the provisions of the Education Act 2002.

All applicants must be able to provide documentation to prove their right to work in the UK.

Effective from September 2025, ECSC fees as part of the safeguarding process schools and colleges should consider carrying out an identity check of all staff for any safeguarding or disclosure issues. This is an essential requirement to work with children and young people. All disclosure conditions are now subject to an annual review and if there is anything concerning, then the disclosed candidate will be asked to consent or to either prior to or at interview.

**Closing Date: 19 January 2025**

**Interviews and shortlisting: W/C 27 January 2025**

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Our journey with Christ

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**HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
SIMON FIELDS

That just leaves me to wish you well for the weekend ahead, do stay safe and warm.

Yours sincerely

*J Hodgson*  
Principal

## Forthcoming Events and Calendared items

### Spring 1:

- 23.01.2025 - St Nicholas Owen Feast Day
- 24.01.2025 - Y11 Spring Reports issued
- 30.01.2025 - Y12 online Parents Evening
- 04.02.2025 - School Production of Grease
- 05.02.2025 - School Production of Grease
- 06.02.2025 - School Production of Grease
- 07.02.2025 - Y7 & 8 Briars Weekend Residential
- 13.02.2025 - Y7 Online Parents Evening
- 13.02.2025 - Break up for February half term
- 14.02.2025 - KS4 Poland Trip
- 14.02.2025 - Emmaus MAC Teacher Training Day