



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
SEMPER FIDELIS

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.” Luke 4:18

Friday 21 January 2022

Dear parent(s)/carer(s) and students

This week was the feast day of one of our House Saints and Patrons, Saint Wulstan. So happy feast day to all Wulstan house old and young, and to our Emmaus MAC primary, St Wulstan’s Stourport. I know that many former students, and now parents, still fondly remember the house they were in.

St Wulstan was the Bishop of Worcester in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century and was canonised as a Saint in 1203. He oversaw the rebuild of Worcester Cathedral and helped compile the Domesday Book. He is also the patron saint of vegetarians.

This Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup> January) it is the feast of St Nicholas Owen our school patron Saint. In school we prayer daily to our patron and perhaps you too might join the whole community in this prayer tomorrow.

St Nicholas Owen is synonymous with his work to keep Priests safe from persecution during the reign of Elizabeth I by building priest holes in local houses such as those at Harvington Hall, Huddington Court and Coughton Court.

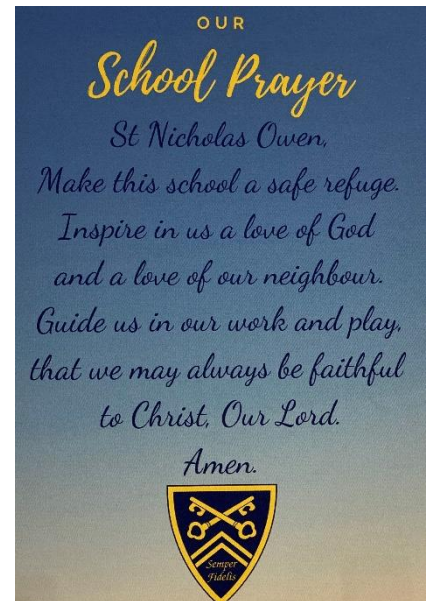
### **Careers Education**

In the last fortnight, and in the weeks to come, we have been extending our curriculum provision to ensure students have opportunities to explore careers and the world of work. Last week Mrs Granger organised a STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) day for girls in Years 9 and 10 alongside the British Army. 60 girls across both year groups spent the day exploring technology in action, programming robots and designing code.

This week we are hosting our first ever Year 9 World of Work Day, organised by Mrs Smith (Careers Advisor) and Mrs Palmer (Head of Year). With 14 professionals from different worlds of work joining us in school for the day to share with Year 9 their line of work, the pathway to it and the opportunities available. This is perfectly timed with their option pathway being launched in February.

Then in the last week of half term Mrs Smith has again organised an event for Year 8 and they will embark on a business breakfast with business professionals and leaders.

Year 11 students should also be aware that the sixth form application window is still open and online, and students should check with Mrs Elcock if they are unsure whether their application has been received.



Hagley Catholic High School  
Brake Lane, Hagley,  
Worcestershire, DY8 2XL

Tel: 01562 883 193  
[www.hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk)  
Principal: Mr J Hodgson

## **COVID guidance**

Despite the change in restrictions this week families should be aware that the virus is still prevalent in school, although thankfully reducing. Face coverings remain compulsory in communal areas till Thursday at the earliest. Please do continue to follow the guidance and report positive cases to the attendance office.

## **Attendance**

In my previous letter I addressed some matters around attendance and would reiterate that message and ask you to ensure that you make every effort to send your child to school, even if they are a little under the weather. There is no replacement for being present in school and lessons in terms of keeping on top of learning and recovering the loss of the last 2 years. Please trust that if they are unwell we will assess them and arrange for them to come home. Equally please do make sure that students attend school after appointments, this should never be a reason to take a whole day off and appointments are always best if taken early in the morning, so they are in by 10am or later in the afternoons. Thanks in advance of your continued support with this.

## **Arbor**

We are now sending all our communication emails and letters out to you via Arbor and this week I shall be emailing you all with your Arbor log-ins so that you can access your portal online through a web browser or via the Arbor Parent App. Please keep an eye out for this and register and log-in as soon as possible.

Students will also get access to their own portal and app, and once registered and logged in you will all be able to receive push notifications, attendance information, copies of reports and we will then move behaviour, house points and homework (this will be called assignments) to this platform too.

## **Public Speaking Competition**

On Thursday of this week, we hosted the annual Catenian's Public Speaking Competition, although it has been two years since we were last able to. Competitors spoke for 4 minutes to an audience and panel of judges on a range of topics that included, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder" and "Money is the root of all evil". Huge congratulations go to the students involved especially Belle and Esme who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> but ultimately to Dean who placed 1<sup>st</sup>, speaking passionately and somewhat controversially on the theme "Does tradition get in the way". Dean now goes on to represent Hagley at the regional round on 31<sup>st</sup> March and we wish him very well.

Finally, it leaves me to wish you all a very good weekend.

With every good wish, prayer and blessing

Yours sincerely



Mr J Hodgson  
*Principal*

## **Key dates:**

Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Year 12 Online Parents Evening (4.30 - 7.15pm)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2022	Staff Training Day
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Year 7 Online Parents Evening (4.30 - 7.15pm)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Emmaus Pyramid Concert, Birmingham Town Hall
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Break up for half term