



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**
SEMPER FIDELIS

"Be still and know that I am with you." Psalm 46:10

Sunday, 17 July 2022

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

My apologies that this letter arrives on a weekend and not on Friday, but our internet lost its connection on Friday morning and had not reconnected before I left at the end of the day, I am hoping it is back up and running on Monday.

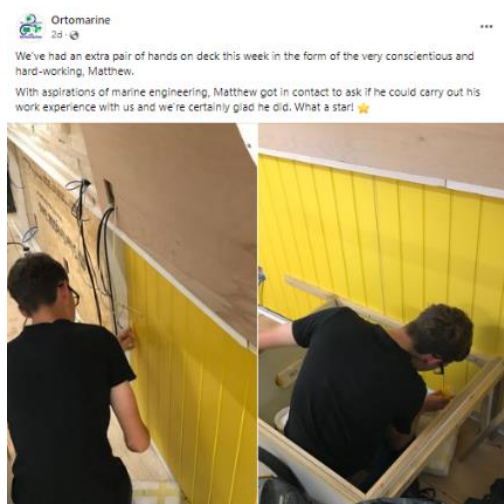
We had visitors on Friday from the Department of Education Faith in Action Team who were accompanied by the Catholic Education Service and the Birmingham Diocese Education Service. They had come to look at the work that Hagley has done as part of Emmaus Multi Academy company to develop and embed our mission and demonstrate Faith in Action. It was a privilege to welcome some of our students to spend time with our visitors and talk to them about how they have lived out their faith at school and the initiatives they have been involved in that reflect their belief and their calling to serve others and use their God given talents. Students from Year 7, 8, 9 and 12 spoke about their work with and for the homeless as part of our B-Attitudes group, being part of the Hagley band primary school tour, leading masses and liturgies in school and in our parishes and what it means to be fully included in our Catholic school as a child of other faith and the work they had done in some of our primaries when other religions are being studied. My public thanks go to George, Aliaa, Niamh, Max, Luke, Harry, Zafeer, Safaa, Thomasin, Molly, Laurence and Daniel for taking time out of their day to speak so positively, eloquently and truthfully with our guests and in doing so living out these key school values.

Year 10 Work Experience

School was somewhat quieter this week with 140+ Year 10 students on work experience. It was great to finally have this important educational and experiential opportunity back on the school calendar having not been for many years.

Students found themselves working in local Primary Schools, Barristers Chambers, Fire, Electrical, Engineering and Construction firms, Dentists, Leisure Centres, Administration roles in offices, Waitrose, Beauty Salons, HR, Hospitals and so many more, the list is endless. We have received some fantastic reports about the Year 10 students and once again news of them living out our values in the workplace by being curious and active, attentive and discerning, and learned and wise.

One fabulous report was shared with us on Facebook of Mathew who has been working with Ortomarine helping to renovate canal boats as part of his aspiration to work in marine engineering.



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Year 8 Gower Residential

Another important event back on the school calendar was the Year 8 Gower residential. There was nothing more disappointing than this valuable and developmental trip not being able to run over the past two years, but it is back now and the 173 Year 8's that have been away over the past two weeks have been amazing and had the most wonderful time. A week of surfing, canoeing, mountain biking, paddleboarding, laser questing, midnight walking and more has provided enjoyment and fun, but also developed friendship and character that will hold them in good stead for many years to come.

Such amazing opportunities would not be possible though without the fabulous Hagley staff, some of whom have been away from home and family for two weeks. More public thanks go to Mr Behan, Mr Barratt, Mr Button, Mr Rich, Miss Devine, Mrs Tringham, Miss Williams, Mr Sommerville, Mrs Granger, Mrs Palmer, Mrs Jones and Mr Miastowski, as well as some former staff who gave up a week of their holidays to volunteer and our sixth formers Niamh, Jessica, Nikhil, Ciara, Caitlin, Joe, Harrison and Erin, as well as ex-student Emma Sherwood, who all played a hugely significant part in making this trip such a success.

End of term plans

This coming week sees the 2021-22 academic year come to an end on Thursday when the school day will finish at approximately 3.15pm in order to ensure students can get the 15.23 northbound to Stourbridge and beyond or 15.26 south via Kidderminster.

Of course, you don't need me to tell you that it is going to be a hot one, especially on Monday and Tuesday, so please do remember to send your child in with a hat, sun cream and plenty to drink. A reminder that on Monday and Wednesday students can/should wear their PE kits, while on Tuesday it is non-uniform day, then on Thursday, I expect everyone back in their uniform to finish the year.

On Monday students will attend assemblies with their Heads of Year to reflect on their year and celebrate the successes of the year group with rewards and prizes, on Tuesday 620 students are booked to attend Drayton Manor Theme Park leaving school at about 9.30 and expecting to be back before 6pm. Wednesday is Summer Sports Day and on Thursday I have arranged for two ice cream vans to be on site in the afternoon and we shall take all the students out on the field towards the end of the day to enjoy an ice-cream before we head home for the summer, so please send your child in with some money to buy one.

Summer works

This summer we have some large projects going on in school that everyone will notice when they return in September. Both the boys' and girls' toilets in G block are having a full refurbishment. All the RE classrooms in I block are being redecorated with new tables, chairs, IT, carpet and lighting throughout, as are the 3 more classrooms on F corridor to match the ones we did last year.

Finally, we are having a new fence installed at the front of school that will make the site much more secure. The fence will run from the Sixth Form block right across the front of the school to the Site Officer's house and separate the car park from the school site. It will take some getting used to but will significantly improve the safety of the site and visitors will in future need to press an intercom at one of the gates between the carpark and the site which will inform reception before anyone can enter the school.

Wyre Forest Swimming Clubs Offer for Summer 2022

Wyre Forest swimming club is offering children aged 5 to 12 an opportunity to learn to swim over a 4-week period throughout summer. Children will participate in daily classes and receive a healthy snack after each session. Their qualified learn to swim teachers will help children develop essential aquatic skills they need to be confident, competent and safe in the water as well as build friendships and a relationship with the club. After completing the summer programme, each child will also be offered a further 4 free learn to swim sessions. This will enable them to carry on developing the skills beyond the summer.

Parents are able to book onto their learn to swim course using the HAF booking link: www.haf-it.co.uk

There is further info in the attached letters.

Free School Meals

Worcester County Council are once again funding Free School Meal vouchers for entitled children over the summer holidays and they should be sent out to you this week in the same manner that they have done for previous holidays.

I am sure you have already seen this offer for kids eating free or for less this summer too, but I thought I'd share it anyway.

Action for Children

We have been very fortunate to work with Action for children this year who deliver the Blues Project which gives young people the tools to look after their emotional wellbeing.

They are running parent workshops online over the summer for parent(s)/carer(s) of young people aged 13-19, attending Hagley Catholic High School, to give you techniques to support young people with their mental health and wellbeing. Two sessions are available on Wednesday 20th July at 6.30pm and Tuesday 9th August at 6.30pm. Please see links below for details of sessions and to book.

Wednesday 20th July - [Techniques to improve mental health parenting workshop tickets](#)

Tuesday 9th Aug - [Techniques to improve mental health parenting workshop tickets](#)

I hope these are of interest to you and you will find the sessions useful.

**KIDS EAT FOR FREE
OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022**

MORRISONS
Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

ASDA CAFE
Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

DUNELM
One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

YO! Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE
Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

HUNGRY HORSE
Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

IKEA
Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

BELLA ITALIA
Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

DOBBIES
Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

TABLE TABLE
Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

CAFE ROUGE
Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

MORE TO COME!!
M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.

We are recruiting for an Assistant Examinations Officer
Required for September 2022
Salary Range: Emmaus Grade 3: SP 3 - 4
Hours: Fulltime/Permanent Gross Salary: £18,562 to £18,993
35 hours per week term time only + 1 week (40 weeks total)

We are seeking a highly organised, thorough, and talented administrator to join our Examination Office. The successful candidate will be committed to the highest standards of professional strategy and diligence, will report to the Examinations Officer and assist in all aspects of the organisation of examinations at Hagley Catholic High School. You will play a key role in upholding the integrity of the examination/assessment process and be readily available to support the school during the main exam periods and results days.

This is a fabulous opportunity to take on a key support role, in a very good school, in a very strong team.

In addition, some of the key responsibilities will include:

- To be familiar with, and conduct examinations in accordance with, the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) Instructions for Conducting Examinations, Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments, Special Consideration Process and the awarding body instructions.
- To maintain records relating to examinations in accordance with the policies of the school and individual examination boards.
- To maintain appropriate and effective security of examination materials.
- Deputise for the Examinations Officer as, and when, required.
- To maintain accurate records of Student Access Arrangements and liaise with the Special Educational Needs Coordinator to establish needs of students.

The successful candidate will be passionate about ensuring the very best of service and provision in a school environment. They will have a positive mindset and excel in bringing out the very best in students while contributing to the overall ethos of Emmaus MAC.

We welcome applications from both Catholic and non-Catholic but expect all employees to support the Catholic ethos and values of the school. If you meet the requirements of the job description and person specification and feel that you make a positive difference to our school, then we can't wait to receive your application.

Emmaus Catholic MAC is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. This position is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure check under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. All applicants must be able to provide documentation to prove their right to work in the UK.

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Job vacancies

We have a new vacancy for an Assistant Exams Officer, and you can find more information about this post and the opportunity to join our team at this link: <https://www.emmausmac.com/Page/Detail/vacancies>

Hagley also have a vacancy to join our central finance team as a Grade 4 Finance Assistant with more information at the same link.

Student opportunities

On Wednesday last week, four Y12 students Kimran, Huey, Naomi and Jamie visited the construction site of the new Midland Metropolitan Hospital, Smethwick. The students were the guests of Balfour Beatty and were given a tour of the site by one of our alumni, Connor Fell. As well as finding out about Balfour Beatty's Degree Apprenticeship Programme, the students were able to see Project Managers, Building Surveyors and Engineers at work. The new Hospital looks very impressive and should help to regenerate the area. We wait to see if the visit will inspire some of our Year 12's to apply for the Degree Apprenticeship Programme!



The **University of Law** is running an exciting competition for students in years 10, 11, 12 and 13, where they can win £1000 for themselves, another £1000 for their school, work experience at a prestigious company and a windows 10 laptop.



Students are required to provide their opinions by writing an essay between 1000 – 1500 words, on a current 'real world question' under one of three categories in business, law or criminology and policing:

Business question: Does the world need more entrepreneurs?

Criminology and policing question: Will stop and search protect or polarise our society?

Law question: How is Mental Health protected by the Law and is it enough?

The deadline for entry is Sunday 18th September 2022, and must be made via the University of Law website. Terms and conditions and further details can also be found there: University of Law Real World Questions Competition.

Please note that if you (or your child) are currently in Year 9, you/they will qualify for this competition at the start of next academic year, so your/their entry should be done at the start of the Autumn term.

Student success out of school

This week Joe in Year 12 has been competing in the Junior International Cycle Race: Tour of Ireland. With 80+ riders competing each day it has been fierce international competition. Joe placed 6th on Thursday in Stage 3, then 2nd yesterday on Stage 4 and went into Saturday's stage in second place overall. But a tough stage saw him fall off the lead after a crash 10km before the end, and he was unable to catch up to the peloton. Fortunately, he is okay although a few cuts and bruises but is hopeful he can finish the race today. He is in 25th overall with today's final stage to come and Joe sits 2m 35s off the lead. We wish Joe the very best today, he has performed brilliantly, and we are very proud of his efforts.

Next week Oliver in Year 8 and his brother Noah, who joins us in Year 7 in September, are in Detroit, Michigan, with the Young Guns UK Hockey Team, to play in one of the largest Inline Hockey Tournaments in the World. It is a phenomenal achievement to be selected to represent the UK and we wish both boys every success state side. In addition, Oliver also has trials for the England Ice Hockey in his age group. Good luck when they come Oliver!

September return

This will be my last newsletter of the academic year so is a perfect opportunity to remind everyone that the academic year 2022-23 begins on Monday 5th September with two staff training days. On Wednesday 7th September students in Year 7 and 12 return to school for their induction and then all other years return to school on Thursday 8th September. Students in next year's 8 to 11 should attend school wearing their current tie and will be given their new house ties.

Staff farewells

Naturally at this time of year there are staff that move on to new opportunities and challenges and take their leave from Hagley.

I would like to place on public record my sincere thanks to the following staff who have given amazing service to the education and pastoral care of Hagley students over anything from 2 to 34 years.

Miss L Hope (Teacher of Science) leaves us after two years to take up a position at another local Catholic Secondary School. Having spent her first two years in teaching with us we wish her all the very best in the new challenge before her.

Mr M Bermingham (Science Technician) leaves after 3 years to take up teacher training but we will be fortunate enough to welcome him back in the spring for his second training placement. Mr Bermingham has been the most fabulous servant to Hagley, particularly during the pandemic when he stepped up with other colleagues to lead the testing provision that we had to put in place. Good luck with your training and we are glad to be able to help with it next year.

Mr P Halford (Head of Computing) has been the most wonderful member of staff at Hagley over the past 4 years and was integral in our ability to offer virtual and blended learning during the pandemic, how readily we embraced teams, virtual learning and streaming would not have happened without him and for that I shall be always grateful. But the call to teach abroad has come again and we wish him and his family every happiness as they head off to the Cayman Islands.

Miss A Crosby (Teacher of English) has been at Hagley since 2017 and leaves to take up a promotion in a Birmingham School where she will be second in English. Miss Crosby's passion for all things English, reading and literacy will be missed in the classroom and beyond, and we know that she will be a real asset in her new school as she takes up this fresh challenge.

Mme M Mugnier (Head of Languages) has been with us for 11 years as a teacher and then Head of Languages and isn't going far as she takes up a position in another Wyre Forest School. She has been the most wonderful teacher and leader, always putting the students first and providing a wealth of experiences on trips abroad over the years. Everyone will miss her warm and fun demeanour around Hagley.

Mr M Patchett (Head of Science) isn't leaving us but has stepped down from his position as Head of Department and we are delighted that he remains with us to continue his excellent teaching of Physics and Science. Mrs D Fairclough will now take on the leadership of Science.

And finally, the legend that is Mr K Lomax (Head of Business) retires after 34 years of dedicated service to the students and families of Hagley. Mr Lomax has taught so many students over this period, many of you who are now our current parents, and he was instrumental as Head of Year for many years. I know many of our ex-students remain in contact with him and you will all want to join me in wishing him happiness and health in his retirement. He has left an indelible mark on Hagley and will always be a friend and family member of the school.

And so, another year comes to an end. Thank you once again for the warmth, trust, kindness, generosity and support that all our families have shown us over the year, we cannot do this without you. I hope everyone reading this letter has the most wonderful summer, full of fun, holidays, festivals and whatever else you might have planned, and we look forward to working with you again next year.

With every good wish, prayer and blessing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Hodgson', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Hodgson
Principal