



HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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"Stay awake, for you do not know the day or the hour." Matthew 25:13

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Dear Parents/Carers and students

It is good to be back in school this week and see the students together again after a well deserved half term break for all our school community. Of course, this new half term had started with some uncertainty as yesterday's four week national lockdown begins. But for us here at Hagley it is systems as usual as the control measures that we had in place last half term were already in line with the new lockdown measures for secondary schools, especially in respect of mandatory face coverings/masks around school. A reminder though to please, as we are, keep reminding your child to sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day.

This week Year 7 and 11 have switched blocks and this has gone very smoothly and gives our new Year 7's the opportunity to experience science in laboratories this term. While next week we will open our brand new toilet facilities in D block for the use of Year 9 at this the current time.

Equally helpful this week has been the dry weather and all students have been able to get outside for much needed fresh air at lunchtime, I do hope this dry spell continues.

COVID 19

We have had a further case confirmed by a member of our school community this week but fortunately the case was symptomatic over half term and did not come into school this week and hence no action was necessary for school.

Train Travel

The train service leaving Hagley at the end of the school day this week has been much improved as anticipated with two trains departing in both directions by 15:46pm. Unfortunately, there have been two days this week when delays have occurred in the morning but parents/carers and students should be reassured that at the current time where train delays cause students to arrive late they will not be penalised on the school register for this.

Sixth Form Admissions 2021

Admission information for September 2021 is now live on the school website and subject information videos are still being shared with students in school time, while our launch video will be released next week. Any admission queries should be directed to Mrs Elcock at selcock@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk.

Careers Advice Service

This week we welcomed Mrs J Smith as our new Careers Advisor. Parents/carers and students can contact her on careers@hagleyrc.worc.sch.uk should they require any guidance about post 16 or 18 pathways. This term she will be focussing her attention on meeting with Year 11's to support them in their preparation for Sixth Form and beyond.

Parent/Carer Meetings in School

In light of the new lockdown, and the heightened incidence of COVID nationally, at this current time meetings are more difficult than ever and to that end I must insist that parents and carers do not arrive to school unannounced and only come onto site if they have a pre-arranged meeting or have been invited in. Where

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possible matters should be dealt with by phone but we are equally open to video calls if parents/carers would prefer.

Black History Month

In my last letter I mentioned the focus we had given to Black History Month and the students presentations and competitions that had been run. I am delighted to congratulate Orla in Y7, Elena in Y8 and Alejandro in Y9 who were judged winners by some of our Year 11 prefects. You can see examples of some of the work and entries on our Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/hagleyc/photos/pcb.10159163043426617/10159163037401617>.

Remembrance Day Service

To mark Remembrance Day next week, we will be holding a virtual Remembrance Service live from our memorial garden from 10.50am. The service will be streamed to every classroom in school but also via our You Tube Channel at this link, <https://youtu.be/ypUeKEFBiZ8>. Links have also been sent out via our Facebook and Twitter pages. I do hope you can join us in remembrance of all those that we have lost.

Year 11 and Year 13 After School Intervention

From next week we will be starting after school intervention sessions for Years 11 and 13. We will refer to these as period 5 and they will run until 4.40pm. Students will be invited to these sessions based on what analysis this term tells us about progress and where the gaps in students' knowledge and skills might be. They will run for 5 weeks in the first instance, impact will be reviewed and further sessions set up accordingly for the Spring Term.

You will be informed if your child is to be invited to these sessions. I do appreciate that students who get the bus might not be able to access these unless they can make alternative arrangements to get home.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend, with every good wish, prayer and blessing.

Yours sincerely



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Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 12th November – Year 13 Virtual Parents Evening

Monday 16th November – Year 11 Pre-Public Exams (PPEs)