



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
SEMPER FIDELIS

*"There is surely a future hope for you and your hope will not be cut off." Proverbs 20:18*

18 June 2021

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

The half term break and Bank Holiday seems such a long time ago already but I do hope that you were able to enjoy some part of it, and the wonderful weather, with your families.

I am sure many of you feel the same as I did this week, after Monday's announcement to delay the next relaxing of restrictions and probably feel a little fatigued by it all. But as this letter's quote reminds me, and hopefully resonates with you too, we must maintain hope and not cut ourselves off from it.

Sadly, the delay to the reopening roadmap has impacted on school life and events we hoped to run this term have been cancelled. This includes the Year 11 Prom and Year 13 Ball, Year 10 Information Evening, Year 7 Induction Evening and Day, as well as the postponement of our first ever Year 5 Emmaus Catholic MAC Sports Day, which we hope to run in September.

#### **Sixth Form Induction Day**

Fortunately next Wednesday we are still able to run our Year 12 Induction Day for next year's Sixth Formers. Letters will come out today, with specific details for our current Year 11, but it is still not too late for external candidates to come and join us and see what we have to offer. If you do know any current Year 11 students who might be interested please do give them a nudge and ask them to contact Mrs Elcock (Sixth Form Administrator) at [selcock@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:selcock@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk).

#### **Sixth Form Committee 2021 - 2022**

It was great to meet with the new Sixth Form Committee and Sixth Form Leadership Team with management from Shire Services (School Caterers) to discuss developments to the new sixth form block and to consult with the Committee on provision of improved food service, direct to their new block from September.

#### **New Morning Protocols**

The new protocols that have been in place this past fortnight have been really well received by all the students and staff alike and have created a really positive and ordered start to the day with the whole school together in their year groups. The student response has been exemplary and I have every confidence it will continue and set the tone for the working day.

#### **Drinks Bottles**

With the lovely warm weather we have experienced since half term keeping well refreshed and hydrated has been vital. Every year group has their own water cooler to use but it is imperative students have water bottles to fill up as we do not have cups to give out. Please do make sure your child brings a water bottle with them while the warm weather continues.

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## **COVID 19**

Sadly the national rise in COVID cases has affected Hagley again, with confirmed cases in Year 9 and 10 over this past fortnight and all affected students and families contacted. For those with home testing kits please do continue to routinely test twice a week, with more test kits due to come out to you in the coming fortnight and report the results via the website on the school and Government link.

Please also be aware that if your child is placed in isolation they must remain so for the full duration of their isolation period regardless of any negative test they might get from an LFD home test.

Please continue to be vigilant of the symptoms of COVID (temperature, cough, loss of smell or taste) and do not send your child(ren) to school if they have even the slightest signs, including the ancillary symptoms of headaches, nausea, sore throat, fatigue, chills, aches and sore throat. In such circumstances please book a PCR test and do not send your child to school while awaiting the results.

## **Uniform**

A brief reminder that during the summer weeks students must still have their full uniform in school at all times other than on PE days. On very hot days I will direct that blazers can be removed and carried around school.

## **Transport**

The tender process for the new bus contract is still ongoing, with tendering company presentations at the end of this month. I will be in touch again once this stage of the process is complete but please be aware that passes for next autumn term will not be able to be purchased until the summer holidays.

## **Year 10 and 12 Pre-Public Exams 1**

Next week Year 10 will complete core subject exams, under examinations condition, in the gym. This is the first of three sets of PPEs they will sit between now and next Easter. Students must be in their full school uniform for their exams, even if it is a PE day, and Mr Behan (Assistant Principal) has already spoken to students about this.

Year 12 PPEs commence the following week. Good luck to everyone.

## **Drayton Manor**

Ticket sales for the Drayton Manor trips have gone really well, with over 350 tickets sold in Years 7 and Year 8, and 300 in Years 9 and Year 10. The ParentPay window for ticket purchases closes today so if your child still wants to go please do not miss today's deadline. If you want your child to go and cannot meet this deadline and need some help or support please contact Ms Hackett (Assistant Principal) or your child's Head of Year in the first instance.

## **GDPR Consent and Contact Details**

This final summer term is always a great time to confirm, refresh or update student contact details and GDPR consent. Please anticipate contact detail update forms and new Emmaus Catholic MAC GDPR consent forms coming your way in the coming days, and please do get these back to us by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

## **Student Successes**

On Wednesday of this week Emily, Bendarleen, Jack, Louis, Robyn and Russel in Year 12 represented Hagley at the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accounting Sixth Form Games. A fabulous effort and typical Hagley team work saw the team finish as West Midlands runners up. A huge well done to all the team with a special mention to Bendarleen who won the best individual contributor.

Finally, it was a pleasure to have Bishop David Evans in school today to meet with our Year 7 Confirmandi who are weeks away now from making their confirmation. I would like to thank him for joining us today, for his support of the students and his prayers whilst with us.

With every good, wish prayer and blessing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Hodgson".

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