



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
SEMPER FIDELIS

**"You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church." Matthew 16: 18**

Friday, 01 July 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)/Students

What a full on couple of weeks it has been for everyone in school. In the last fortnight we have said a final farewell to our Year 11 Class of 2022 with a wonderful Prom at Hogarth's Stone Manor, with sequins, sharp suits and high heels galore, and a great array of converse pumps too!! some just weren't taking the risk on heels. It is the Year 13 Prom this coming week too!

We also held our second annual Year 5 Emmaus Multi Academy Company Sports Day with St Ambrose Catholic Primary School this year's sporting champions. All public and internal examinations finally came to an end. We held a day of staff training focussing on our development priorities for the year ahead with metacognition, assessment, feedback and homework high on the training agenda. Then on Wednesday Years 7 to 10 attended Mass for the Solemnity of St Peter and Paul at Our lady and All Saints, Stourbridge while last night we held our first Awards Evening in over three years.

This all on top of our of day-in, day-out, core business of teaching, learning and student development. Hagley really is a vibrant and enriching place to be.

### **Catholic Life**

As already mentioned we came together on Wednesday in Church for the Solemnity of St Peter and Paul. Mr Miastowski pulled off the logistics of the year to get us all to Our lady and All Saints for Mass and what a wonderful celebration it was. For some of our students it was the first time physically in Church for some time and they were amazing, wonderfully reverant and engaged in the service and so keen to do it again, which is a true testament to them.



Today we have held our third non-uniform day of the year and the donations from you have been overwhelming. This afternoon staff and Y12 students delivered a wealth of items to St Chad's Sanctuary to be distributed amongst those in need in and around the City Centre. Thank you so much for your continued generosity and continuing to support us in living out this virtue.

(nb: we did not donate the bike 😊)

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### Kenelm Youth Trust – It’s a Knock Out

Last weekend as part of our Catholic Life enrichment 25 students from our Chaplaincy group attended the KYT It’s a Knockout competition held at a Scout camp in Coventry. Hagley students had a fabulous time camping, singing and competing and came a very creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> in the overall competition.

Our chaplaincy group is a thriving group of 85+ students but always keen to grow. If your child is keen to get involved point them in the direction of Mr Thomas (Lay Chaplain).



As a reward for the dedication to the Chaplaincy group this year students were taken on a ten pin bowling trip yesterday to Hollywood Bowl. As you can well imagine a fun time was had by all and the compliments we have received since from Hollywood Bowl and Whittles, who transported our students this week to Church and to the bowling, have been overwhelmingly positive, reporting that they “were the best behaved, polite and most lovely children they have had all year.”



### Instrumental and vocal tuition in school

Severn Arts teaches students music in Hagley Catholic High School. If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument or would like to have singing lessons during the school day this can be arranged with Severn Arts.

Instruments in the brass, stringed and woodwind families are all taught as well as percussion, piano and guitar, and many of the instruments taught are available to hire.

Lessons are available as 20-minute individual lessons (£13.60 per lesson) or 30-minute individual lessons (£20.40 per lesson).

Severn Arts teachers are enhanced DBS checked and safeguarding trained.

To book and pay for lessons please go to School Music Tuition . Once they have received payment, Severn Arts will then agree lesson details.

Making music and learning a new skill can have a huge benefit to your wellbeing and can be lots of fun! For further information or any queries please contact Severn Arts at [info@severnarts.org.uk](mailto:info@severnarts.org.uk) or via their website [www.severnarts.org.uk](http://www.severnarts.org.uk).



### Year 7 Induction Evening and Day

This coming week we welcome next year’s new intake as students and families from Year 6 join us on Monday evening and again on Wednesday. We look forward to welcoming new students and some new families to our Hagley community.

### Uniform for September

Further to Mr Miastowski’s email earlier please be reminded that physical uniform sales are available in the school gym on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 3pm to 9pm for all new items for September. Online sales are also now live with links on the website at <https://www.hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk/Page/Detail/uniform-and-standards>.

### **Sporting achievements**

I am pleased to announce that Edward Charles, Abigail Rickard (both Y11) and Seb Hubbard (Y9) have been selected to compete at the English Schools' Track and Field Athletics Championships in Manchester next weekend. To be selected is a phenomenal achievement and places them amongst some of the top athletes nationally for their age group. Sadly, Abi cannot compete next weekend, but she has also qualified for her 6<sup>th</sup> National School's Athletics Final in combined events with a recent heptathlon PB. She will complete in September in Bedford, and I am sure you will join me in wishing all three athletes the very best of luck.

### **Student successes out of school**

As mentioned in my last letter it is always great to hear about student successes out of school and I am always keen to share and celebrate these.

This week I would like to recognise Teresa and Ceyana Fackrell. Both girls completed a scout expedition challenge on 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June. Although it was one of the coldest and wettest two days and night in June they walked 7 miles without giving up, while also setting up their tents, cooking meals, cleaning, keeping the camp fire, planning wide games and then walking route.

In completing the expedition they both raised over £200 in support of their local scout troop. Teresa has also earned the golden expedition award for her efforts. Well done to both girls.

And finally, over the next two weeks Year 8 head off on residential to the Gower. I hope they have a wonderful time and come back better for the opportunities before them and enriched physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend ahead.

With every good wish, prayer and blessing.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Hodgson  
*Principal*

### **Forthcoming Events and Calendared items:**

04.07.22 - Year 7 Induction Evening @ 6pm

06.07.22 - Year 7 Induction Day

07.07.22 - Y13 Ball

19.07.22 - Drayton Manor

20.07.22 - Sports Day

21.07.22 - End of academic year - break up for summer