

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## **RE: Welcome from the Head of Year and Student Form Groups**

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

I do hope you and your families are all well and enjoying these warmer days. I am writing to introduce myself, extend a warm welcome and to inform you and your child of the house he/she will be in when they join Hagley Catholic High School in September 2024.

Having worked as SENDCO here at Hagley since September 2013 I have had the opportunity to work closely with many families and our primary schools, supporting transition. I am truly excited to embark on a new role as Head of Year 7 and Transition, supporting your students and families alongside this journey into their secondary education, navigating and embracing the challenges ahead.

The role of a Head of Year encompasses supporting and nurturing the holistic development of students, enabling them to flourish spiritually, academically, emotionally, and socially. At Hagley Catholic High School, we pride ourselves on our ambitious standards of academic excellence, maintaining a warm family environment that encourages every student to strive for their personal best. Our dedicated and passionate staff are committed to ensuring that your child's wellbeing remains our utmost priority. In addition to academic rigour, Hagley Catholic High School is grounded in the values and teachings of the Catholic faith. We strongly believe in nurturing the spiritual and moral development of our students. Catholic life is at the heart of our school.

We passionately believe that a strong partnership between school, parents and carers is vital for the success of each student. We strive to foster open communication, transparency, and trust, as we work together to provide the best possible education and support for your child. Throughout the academic year, there will be numerous opportunities for us to liaise with you alongside your child's first year here at Hagley via Parent's Evenings, progress reports and communication via email and our digital platform (Arbor) will provide regular updates on your child's progress and any areas that may require additional support.

I am pleased to announce that your son/daughter will be in **ANSELM** house. The coloured stripe on the school tie you need to purchase for your child is **BLUE**.

Students meet daily in their house groups with their Form Tutor. The Form Tutor is a key person in ensuring that your child is happy at school. Form groups are deliberately mixed up to enable students to make new friends and are different from teaching groups. During the first days at Hagley, students will take part in ice-breaker activities to get to know their peers and throughout their journey at Hagley will represent their house in competitions, for example, on sports days. **Please note that it is not possible to change house groups until after your child has started at Hagley.** 

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A reminder that **Intake Information Evening** is on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024** at **6pm**. Uniform and PE kit can be purchased from our two uniform suppliers, Hagley Sports, and Monkhouse Specialist Schoolwear, between **3.00pm–9.00pm** in the sports hall. The Principal's talk will begin at **6.45pm** and you will also have the opportunity to meet myself and other key staff who will be involved in your child's school life here at Hagley on the evening.

On **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 – Induction Day,** your child should gather under the canopy for a **9am start** in their current primary school uniform. During induction day, your son/daughter will meet their form group and take part in a variety of icebreaker and transition activities. There will be no formal lessons for Year 6 on this day. In preparation for the induction day, please complete the following form <u>https://forms.office.com/e/G50NpBrhbf</u> It is important that your child brings with them a packed lunch and medication e.g., inhalers, on the day. Students should be collected at **3.00pm** or can remain in school until 3.25pm if going home with a sibling/another student.

Prior to Induction Day please ensure that you have logged in to the Arbor Parent Portal to provide us with your child's emergency contacts, consent for biometrics (used for the cashless dinner system), GDPR consents and transport information. Should your child have a diagnosed medical condition that may require support/treatment at school or requires the use of aids such as EpiPens or Inhalers, please also ensure that you have informed the school via our Student Medical Condition Form <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/42z50mnvQc">https://forms.office.com/e/42z50mnvQc</a>. If you require a paper copy of any of the data collection, consent or medical condition forms, copies will be available to complete at the Intake Information Evening.

In September, the first day for Year 7 will be **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024**. Students should gather under the canopy in their Hagley uniform for the start of the school day. If you require further information regarding transition, please visit our <u>Year 6 transition page</u> on our school website.

If you have any final queries before the end of term, please contact either myself <u>limrie@emmausmac.com</u> or <u>admissions\_hchs@emmausmac.com</u>. Please note that the end of the summer term is **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024** and queries sent after this date will not receive an immediate response.

I wish you and your family a happy and restful summer, and from all of us at Hagley we look forward to welcoming you into our school family. I would like to leave you with these words of St Paul in his letter to the Philippians:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs L. Imrie Head of Year 7 & Transition