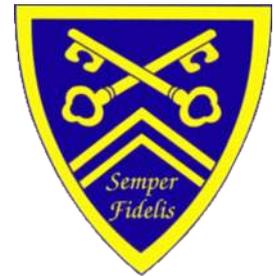


# HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 2016



### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 24th November - Music Winter Concert
- 25th November - MUFTI Day
- 27th November - Start of Advent
- 6th & 7th December - Dance Show 7pm
- 8th December - Year 11 Parents Evening
- 9th December - Year 7 Winter Disco
- 15th December - Carol Service
- 16th December - School Christmas Dinner and End of Term, School to Close at 2.20pm
- 3rd January - Start of Spring Term

Dear Parents/Carers

At the beginning of November a group of our Year 10 pupils had the wonderful opportunity to take part in a trip to France visiting our French partner school Saint-Dizier, Collège Luis Ortiz. Our pupils also visited the sights of Paris and Euro Disney. I would like to thank Miss Mugnier for organising this trip and to Mrs Evans, Mr Taylor and Mr Farley who accompanied the pupils. Please read Miss Mugnier's article on page 3 for further information on this trip.

I would like to draw your attention to the dance show that will be taking place on the 6th and 7th December. Our pupils have been busy preparing for the annual dance showcase. This year, the pieces are based on 'Icons and Idols' and the show includes dances choreographed in a range of styles such as contemporary, musical theatre and jazz.

The Carol Service will take place on Thursday 15th December at 7pm. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us in celebrating Christmas. After the service we will hold our Christmas Fayre in the school gymnasium where our Year 12 will be raising funds to support their Lourdes Pilgrimage fund. Please see page 5 for further details on how you can help support this event with donations if you are unable to join us at the Carol Service.

During the winter months it is always possible that bad weather may require an emergency closure of the school. The arrangements we have established work well and if we need to close the school our website will clearly display a message on the front page stating that the school is closed. We will also send a text message to the first parental contact from our pupil records. Please be assured that the school will only close if the children's health and safety is compromised.

On Friday 16th December we will be having our school Christmas dinner. We have been granted a dispensation from our school chaplain Father Martin to

serve meat at this meal. Tickets will be available for pupils to buy on the 7th and 8th December and there will be alternative options available.

Once again on the last day of term we plan to close the school early at 2.20pm for staff and pupils. This will enable pupils catching the trains home to catch the 2.33pm trains. The Spring term will begin on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.



T Hammond  
Headteacher



### Communication With Parents/Carers

#### Contact Information

From September 2016, we will be making much greater use of electronic communication between the school and parents, it is therefore imperative that the contact details we hold for all parents/carers are kept fully up to date, including mobile number(s) and email addresses.

If you have changed your email address or mobile recently, or think that we might not have your correct details, please send in a letter to Mrs Millard with the correct information.

If you do not have an email address, please inform us and we will make sure that important information reaches you by alternative methods.

Mr Jones Network Manager

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## Dance Trip to See 'The Red Shoes'



There are still a few spaces left to join the Dance Department trip to see Matthew Bourne's latest work 'The Red Shoes' on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017. This world premiere is set to a new score arranged by Terry Davies using the mesmerizing music of golden-age Hollywood composer, Bernard Herrmann (most famous for his collaborations with Alfred Hitchcock, Orson Welles and Martin Scorsese), whose work ranges from the witty and playfully robust to the achingly romantic and bittersweet.

*A beloved fairy tale and Academy Award-winning movie, The Red Shoes has seduced audiences and inspired generations of dancers with its tale of obsession, possession and one girl's dream to be the greatest dancer in the world. Victoria Page lives to dance but her ambitions become a battleground between the two men who inspire her passion.*

If your child is interested, letters are available from Mrs Aston and Miss Williams in C Block.

### Year 10 Trip to France

Thirty-seven of our Year 10 students went on a very successful French trip organised by the French department from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> November. They enjoyed spending a day at our French partner school in Saint-Dizier (College Luis Ortiz) where we were wonderfully welcome by staff and pupils. Our students were able to observe and take part in lessons and the excellent programme for the day gave them fantastic opportunities to interact with the French pupils.

Everybody thoroughly enjoyed site-seeing around Paris on the third day. In the morning, students were able to go in the famous Cathedral Notre-Dame to appreciate its beauty from inside, but also to reflect and pray. Later on, we ascended the Eiffel Tower up to the second floor, and we admired the amazing views over the whole of Paris. We were also given the chance to see Paris and its old historical buildings from the river Seine on a boat trip, which was enjoyed by everybody. We then took the Parisian metro to make our way to a restaurant which was situated in a vibrant area of the capital where we were lucky to enjoy a typically French dinner. This very busy day ended with a final visit to the Arc de Triomphe where we amazed by the views over Paris by night and particularly over the illuminated Eiffel Tower.

Students enjoyed spending the fourth day in Euro Disney where they had fun on the rides and took in the magical atmosphere. We could not have left Paris without going to the area of Montmartre on our last day where we visited the stunning Basilica Sacré-Cœur. Students enjoyed walking around the Place du Tertre, the artists' quarter of Paris, watching hundreds of painters work in the streets.



## Scholars Train Passes

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: All future notifications regarding scholars train pass renewals will be done via email and posted on the school website. Orders can normally be placed for the next term after the current half term\*\*\***

In future, texts regarding renewal of train passes, will no longer be sent. However, an email will be sent with order forms attached. The order forms can then either be printed and sent in to school or completed on line and emailed back to me.

Train pass renewals will start after each half term for the following term. When completing the form, it is important that you complete it in full, particularly the travelling from section as some of the fares are the same in both directions.

Train pass renewal forms submitted any time after the 18<sup>th</sup> November will still be processed but it cannot be guaranteed that they will be received before the end of term. Order forms can be found on the school website:

<http://www.hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk/index.php/ourschool/documentsparents/transport>

Could you also please note the following:

### Transport Policy – Sharing of Information with London Midland

There may be occasion when London Midland and Hagley Catholic High School are required to share student data (only name, direction travelled and if a pass has been purchased for the current term). By purchasing a scholar's train pass through the school you are agreeing to this.

If you have any questions, then please contact Mrs Tyrrell at the school.

Mrs Tyrrell

Transport Coordinator

# RE Department and Catholic Life

## Revision Resources

A wide variety of revision resources are available for year 11 students in preparation for their Mock and external exams on our virtual learning environment. The link to the 'haggle' page is on the school website and all students have been issued with passwords. Further information has been emailed to year 11 parents over the October half term.

## Harvington Hall

Before half term, year seven students took part in the annual retreat to Harvington Hall to learn about our school's patron, St Nicholas Owen. Each child had a half day retreat, seeing and venturing into the priest hides St Nicholas Owen built. If you are invested in the history and work of Harvington hall visit <http://www.harvingtonhall.com/>.

## Upcoming Retreats

This year a number of fantastic retreat and trip opportunities are available to students across the school. Full details will be given to students in the coming weeks.

<b>The Briars</b> (Yr. 8)	18 - 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
<b>Alton Castle</b> (Yr. 7)	6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
<b>Lourdes Pilgrimage</b> (Yr. 12)	27 <sup>th</sup> May - 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017

## Lourdes Events This year

Please come along and support us this year:

<b>Year 7 Winter Disco</b>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2016
<b>Christmas Fayre</b>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2016
<b>Quiz &amp; Raffle Night</b>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2017

## 200 Club



Be in with a chance to win fantastic cash prizes each month! To get involved you simply need to subscribe to a number and keep your fingers crossed. Once a month 2 numbers are drawn; the first wins £100 and the second drawn wins £50.

Some numbers are still available. Subscription costs £3 per month by standing order or a one off payment of £36. To get your number contact Mr McArdle at [bmcardle@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:bmcardle@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk) or complete the forms available on the school website and send into school FAO Mr McArdle. All monies raised goes to support the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.

## RE Department & Catholic Life



Could you help this year's Lourdes Pilgrims to raise vital funds by donating unwanted **Toiletries?**

**Do you have unopened bottles or tubs of lotions and potions that aren't to your taste? Or toiletry gift sets you will never use?**

If so, please donate them to the Lourdes Pilgrimage fund. In preparation for our Christmas Fayre on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December we will be lovingly repackaging donations into prizes and hampers for the Toiletries Tombola. This stall is very popular and helps us to raise much needed funds. All money raised goes to our pilgrimage fund which allows year 12 students to take part in the annual Diocesan pilgrimage working with the sick and elderly or our Dioceses. Please send any donations to IG4 in the RE department - Thank you!



## **Raffle Prizes!**

**Would you, someone you know or a local company be able to make a donation to the Lourdes Quiz Night Raffle?**

The raffle takes place during the Lourdes Quiz Night, raising much needed funds. Last year the evening raised over £1000, a total we would love to match this year. Any raffle prizes are very much appreciated – large or small. Donors have the option to remain anonymous or to feature in our promotions and publicity on the website, in newsletters, literature on the night and posters etc.

All money raised goes to our pilgrimage fund which allows year 12 students to take part in the annual Diocesan pilgrimage working with the sick and elderly or our Dioceses. For more details please contact [cotterill@hagleyc.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:cotterill@hagleyc.worcs.sch.uk) or donations can be sent into school **FAO** Mrs Cotterill. Thank you!

## Physical Education Department

### Extracurricular Timetable (November 2016 – February 2017)

Lunchtime Sports Clubs					
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<b>Monday</b>	Girls Netball (Courts - VRA/MDE)			Girls Basketball (Sports hall - WB)	Girls Basketball (Sports hall – WB)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Table-tennis club (Gym – AHI)	Table-tennis club (Gym - AHI)  Girls Netball (Courts - VRA/MDE)	Table-tennis club (Gym – AHI)  Girls Netball (Courts - VRA/MDE)	Boys Basketball Club (Sports hall – MBE)	Boys Basketball Club (Sports hall – MBE)
<b>Wednesday</b>		Girls Basketball (Sports hall - MDE)	Girls Basketball (Sports hall – MDE)	Table-tennis club (Gym - MBE)	Table-tennis club (Gym – MBE)
<b>Thursday</b>		Boys Basketball Club (Gym – RCA)	Boys Basketball Club (Gym – RCA)	Volleyball Club (Sports hall – SRI)	Volleyball Club ( Sports hall - SRI)
<b>Friday</b>	Girls Danish Longball (Gym - VRA)	Girls Danish Longball (Gym - VRA)  Girls Football (Sports hall—MCA)	Girls Danish Longball (Gym - VRA)  Girls Football (Sports hall - MCA)	Girls Danish Longball (Gym - RA)  Girls Football (Sports hall - MCA)	Girls Football (Sports hall—MCA)

Afterschool Sports Clubs & Teams					
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<b>Monday</b>				Girls Basketball Match (Sports hall - WB)	Girls Basketball Match (Sports hall - WB)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Trampolining Club (VRA)	Trampolining Club (VRA)  Girls Football Match (MCA)	Trampolining Club (VRA)  Girls Football Match (MCA)	Trampolining Club (VRA)  Boys Basketball Match (Sports hall - MBE)	Trampolining Club (VRA)  Boys Basketball Match (Sports hall - MBE)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Volleyball Club (Sports hall – SRI)	Volleyball Club (Sports hall – SRI)  Girls Basketball Match (Gym - MDE)	Volleyball Club (Sports hall – SRI)  Girls Basketball Match (Gym - MDE)	Volleyball Club (Sports hall – SRI)	Volleyball Club (Sports hall – SRI)
<b>Thursday</b>		Boys Basketball Match (Gym – RCA)	Boys Basketball Match (Gym – RCA)	Girls Football Match (MCA)  Badminton Club (Sports hall - SRI)	Girls Football Match (MCA)  Badminton Club (Sports hall - SRI)
<b>Friday</b>				Table-tennis club (Gym – MCA)	Table-tennis club (Gym – MCA)

*Please note.* Team sheets (including details of venue, return times etc.) will be completed for all sports fixtures and events. These will be displayed on the notice boards in the PE department. **Clubs timetabled in the gym will not take place during the mock exam periods.**

**All students are welcome to attend the extra curricular clubs. Please encourage your son or daughter to come along and have a go at what might be a new sport to them. A healthy body = a healthy mind.**



**TERM DATES**

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2016/2017**

**Autumn Term 2016**

Term Starts - Training Day – Staff Only	Thursday 1st September 2016
Training Day - Staff Only	Friday 2nd September 2016
All Staff and Sixth Form Only	Monday 5th September 2016
All Staff and All Pupils	Tuesday 6th September 2016
Training Day - Staff Only	Friday 14th October 2016
Half Term	Monday 24th October 2016 to Friday 28th October 2016
Term Ends	Friday 16th December 2016 (School will close early for pupils at 2.20pm)

**Spring Term 2017**

Term Starts	Tuesday 3rd January 2017
Training Day - Staff Only	Friday 17th February 2017
Half Term	Monday 20th February 2017 to Friday 24th February 2017
Term Ends	Friday 7th April 2017

**Summer Term 2017**

Term Starts	Monday 24th April 2017
Half Term	Monday 29th May 2017 to Friday 2nd June 2017
Term Ends	Thursday 20th July 2017

**Bank Holidays**

Transferred from New Year's Day	Monday 2nd January 2017
Good Friday	Friday 14th April 2017
Easter Monday	Monday 17th April 2017
May Day	Monday 1st May 2017
Whitsun Bank Holiday	Monday 29th May 2017



**TERM DATES**

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018 - PROPOSED DATES**

**Autumn Term 2017**

Term Starts - Training Day – Staff Only	Monday 4th September 2017
All Staff and Sixth Form Only	Tuesday 5th September 2017
Training Day - Staff Only	Wednesday 6th September 2017
All Staff and All Pupils	Thursday 7th September 2017
Training Day - Staff Only	Friday 13th October 2017
Half Term	Monday 23rd October 2017 to Friday 27th October 2017
Term Ends	Tuesday 19th December 2017
Training Day	Wednesday 20th December 2017

**Spring Term 2018**

Term Starts – Training Day	Tuesday 2nd January 2018
Half Term	Monday 19th February 2018 to Friday 23rd February 2018
Term Ends	Thursday 29th March 2018

**Summer Term 2018**

Term Starts	Monday 16th April 2018
Half Term	Monday 28th May 2018 to Friday 1st June 2018
Term Ends	Friday 20th July 2018

**Bank Holidays**

Good Friday	Friday 30th March 2018
Easter Monday	Monday 2nd April 2018
May Day	Monday 7th May 2018
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 28th May 2018