

HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JULY 2017



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

20th July - End of Term

17th August - GCE Results
Day

17th August - Uniform Sales/
Collection Evening

24th August - GCSE Results
Day

31st August - Uniform Sales/
Collection Evening

4th September - Term Starts
for Staff Only

5th September - All staff and
Sixth Form Pupils Only

6th September - Staff only

7th September - All Pupils In
School

Dear Parents/Carers

Now that we are almost at the end of another academic year, it is important to review and to celebrate our successes. This has been a very busy half term with the GCSE and A Level examinations taking place, our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils had their Graduation and Leavers Day and to finish the celebration their Prom and Ball which were held at Hogarths Stone Manor. I'm sure everyone would like to join me in thanking all the staff involved in organising these events to celebrate our pupils time at Hagley.

Unfortunately the weather was against us for Sports Day, however this did not spoil our day and the PE department were able to put on an alternate programme of events taking place indoors. We were unable to hold our track events and these will now take place on the afternoon of the last day of term .

The Year 8 Gower residential trip's have also taken place and I would also like to thank all the staff who made these trip's such a wonderful experiences for our pupils.

We welcomed our new Year 7 pupils for their Induction Day on Wednesday 6th July which concluded with a Rounders Tournament involving 54 Year 6 pupils who competed in 6 six teams.

On Thursday 7th July we invited pupils from our feeder schools to a Maths Master-class. Our induction programme ended with Induction Evening for all new pupils and parents and I hope that everyone is looking forward to starting at Hagley in September.

The 50's Band Music Tour visited our Primary schools and this was another very enjoyable event for everyone. Our annual Art Exhibition also took place and I hope that many of you had the opportunity to view the wonderful work produced by our talented pupils. Year 10 pupils all had an opportunity to have a mock interview with external employers to assist in their preparation for the work place.

Once again, during the last week of term we had our 3-day Enrichment programme, during which time all pupils followed a dedicated timetable to engage in creative and inspirational learning and also take part in off-site trips. I am sure you will agree our pupils had a wonderful array of enrichment activities to participate in. Also taking place was the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition and the Year 10 History trip to London. I would like to thank those staff members who have spent a considerable amount of time planning and preparing these events and giving our pupils such a wonderful opportunities.

I am sure you will agree that these events require an incredible commitment and dedication from the teaching staff and I am sure you would like me to thank all of those who organise and participate in these events.

Looking ahead to the new school year school, the term will begin for pupils on Tuesday 5th September for Sixth Form pupils only and the whole school returning on Thursday 7th September 2017.

At the end of each year it is inevitable that we are saying goodbye; not only to some of our pupils, but also to staff who are retiring or embarking on new stages in their careers. I am sure you would wish to join me in saying farewell to all these members of staff, details of which are outlined on the next page.

I retire from the Headship of Hagley Catholic High School with so many wonderful memories and it has been a privilege to work with and for this community. Thank you all for your support, prayers and best wishes. May I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing summer break .



T Hammond
Headteacher



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Staff Who Will Be Leaving The School

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| <i>Mrs Emily Aston</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of English</i> |
| <i>Mr Gus Balbuena</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of Electronics</i> |
| <i>Miss Megan Devine</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of PE and Cover Supervisor</i> |
| <i>Mr Ted Hammond</i> | ~ | <i>Headteacher</i> |
| <i>Mr Wade Hankins</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of Mathematics</i> |
| <i>Miss Heidi Jarosinski</i> | ~ | <i>Cover Supervisor</i> |
| <i>Mrs Ann Mason</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of Art</i> |
| <i>Mr Tim Mohan</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of RE</i> |
| <i>Miss Victoria Radio</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of PE and general Class Teacher</i> |
| <i>Mrs Kate Robertson (Charlier)</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of English</i> |
| <i>Mr Nick Smith</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of English and Cover Supervisor</i> |
| <i>Miss Lucy Wade</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of MFL</i> |
| <i>Mrs Rachel White</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of English</i> |

Staff Who Will Be Starting In September

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| <i>Miss Hannah Bartlett</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of Mathematics</i> |
| <i>Ms Alison Crosby</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of English</i> |
| <i>Mr David Goddard</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of Design and Technology</i> |
| <i>Mrs Anneka Griffiths-Boot</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of Religious Education</i> |
| <i>Mrs Judith Morand</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of MFL</i> |
| <i>Mr Peter Neenan</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of French</i> |
| <i>Mr Keith Overton</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of Mathematics</i> |
| <i>Mrs Emma Parker</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of English</i> |
| <i>Mr Richard Phillips</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of Science</i> |
| <i>Mr Mark Smith</i> | ~ | <i>Behaviour Support Coordinator</i> |
| <i>Mr Anthony Sommerville</i> | ~ | <i>Teacher of Religious Education</i> |
| <i>Mrs Jo Toyne</i> | ~ | <i>PA to Director of Sixth Form</i> |

EXAMINATION RESULT DATES 2017

Collection of Results as follows:

GCE ~ Thursday 17th August

Available from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

AS ~ Thursday 17th August

Available from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

GCSE ~ Thursday 24th August

Available from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Intermediate Biology Olympiad

18 Year 12 Biology Students took part in the 2017 Intermediate Biology Olympiad on 26th June. Over 5600 students took part in the competition nationally which involved a 1 hour multiple choice paper completed online. All the students did really well but a special congratulations goes to Joseph MacCourt for being awarded a Bronze Award. Furthermore, Niamh Wilson, Molly Pollard and George Farley achieved a highly commended award and Sam Hayward achieved a Commended award.

All students who have taken part in this year's competition get a free year of BioNet membership, which provides them with electronic subscription to *The Biologist* magazine and e-newsletters featuring bioscience-related news and events.

Mrs Hopkins

Year 12 Biology Fieldtrip

On Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th June, 25 year 12 Biology students visited Bishops Wood centre for a fieldtrip. They spent the two days putting into practice what they had been learning in the classroom in the previous weeks. This involved surveying different areas using quadrats, transects and pond dipping. This is a vital part of the new A Level Biology course where students have to complete a series of required practical's, one of which was fulfilled on the trip. It was also a great way for students to experience some real Biology.



The Schools Sports Partnership

The Schools Sports Partnership has run this year to provide sports across KS1 and KS2 in our feeder schools.

This has included basketball, tag rugby, multi skills, trampolining athletics and rounders coaching plus competitive fixtures for tag rugby and basketball between all 5 SNOMAC schools.

We also conducted a year 6 assessment to help with the transition from primary to secondary which gave us as staff a head start on the incoming year 7 students.

I would like to congratulate the students on their enthusiastic and industrious approach to the sessions and also commend them on some exceptional athletics performances across year 6 in particular.

The year culminated in a rounders tournament after induction day when 54 year 6 pupils volunteered to stay after school and we had 6 teams in total.

Can I thank all liaising staff for their time, communication and support also my colleagues for constructing such a varied timetable.

Next year we are introducing an inter school rowing event as an additional activity.

Mr Carter

SCHOOL UNIFORM CODE

Maintaining a strict dress code plays a very important part of daily school life and ensures that our expectations and standards remain high across the whole school. We would, therefore, ask for the support of all parents so that we continue to be proud of our appearance and attention to detail.

Shops display stock as school wear or back to school wear, however, this does not necessarily mean that it meets the school standards. We would therefore ask that before purchasing any uniform that you consult the document on our website entitled 'School Uniform Code ' as this provides illustrations and further details of the type and colour/shade of skirts, trousers and footwear which are both acceptable and unacceptable.

WHERE STUDENTS ARRIVE AT SCHOOL WEARING UNIFORM THAT DOES NOT MEET SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS, PARENTS WILL BE CONTACTED WITH AN EXPECTATION THAT THE UNIFORM IS CHANGED IMMEDIATELY.

Thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any further questions.

IS YOUR CHILD ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Parents claiming some benefits can claim free school meals for any of their children who are registered at Hagley Catholic High School.

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and you can save yourself time and money. Even if you don't want your children to have the meals, claiming them helps our school. The more eligible parents who claim meals, the more funding the school receives to spend on our students.

For further information regarding Free School Meals please see the Worcester County Council website http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals You can also contact them directly by email primefreeschoolmeals@babcockinternational.com or contact 01905 678154. You can also obtain an application form to apply for Free School Meals from Reception .

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We appreciate the co-operation we receive from parents in sending their children to school in the uniform outlined below.

'Designer' and highly fashionable clothes, particularly coats and training shoes, are very desirable items. Pupils will, quite understandably, show them off to their classmates and friends. Unfortunately, they are left on buses or left unattended for all or part of a school day (for safety reasons they cannot be taken into certain classes). Regrettably loss and theft will occur and ownership is often very difficult and time consuming to establish. The school cannot insure such personal belongings. **Pupils/Parents are very strongly advised not to bring/allow such items into school.**

Items common to Boys' and Girls' uniform

- Navy blue blazer with school badge.
- Plain 'V' necked navy blue jumper (jumpers with school crest are available). **Under no circumstances should hooded tops or black jumpers be worn.**
- Plain navy or black coat or anorak of sensible functional design with no colour deviation.
- Only school design or plain navy or black scarves are permitted.
- Only plain navy or black gloves and hats of sensible design are permitted.
- Bags of sensible size and design.
- Jewellery, tattoos (temporary or not), or non-school badges may not be worn.
- Belts must be of plain black or navy, non-decorated design. Studded belts are not allowed.
- Technology Apron.

Girls' Uniform

- Plain navy blue skirt of **knee length OR** mid grey (NOT BLACK) tailored full-length trousers. **Lycra skirts and trousers are not permitted.**
- **Winter** - Plain white school shirt worn with School tie (Year 10/11 senior school tie).
- **Summer** - Plain white short sleeved blouse with tie or plain white short sleeved shirt with reversed collar may be worn.
- Black shoes of sensible design with low heels and black laces if required. Sandals, boots, trainers or canvas shoes are not allowed.
- Plain navy blue or black opaque tights.
- Plain hair slides or navy blue ribbons are allowed.

Boys' Uniform

- Plain mid to dark grey (NOT BLACK) full-length tailored trousers.
- Plain white shirt (short sleeved in summer is acceptable) worn with the School tie (Years 10/11 senior school tie).
- Black shoes and black laces if required. Boots, trainers or canvas shoes are not allowed.
- Plain navy blue or black socks.

Physical Education Kit

Items Common For Boys' and Girls' PE Lessons

- Navy blue and gold rugby/hockey shirt embroidered with the school crest.
- White polo shirt embroidered with the school crest.
- White/navy blue polo shirt embroidered with the school crest (for pupils studying GCSE PE and Cambridge National Sport).
- Navy blue and gold football/hockey socks.
- White sports socks.
- Sports trainers (not pumps) with a non-marking sole.
- Football boots and shin pads.

Specific Items for Girls' PE Lessons

- Navy blue skirt embroidered with the school crest.
- Plain navy blue shorts or plain navy blue sports leggings.
- Hair band.

Specific Items for Boys' PE Lessons

- Plain navy blue shorts.

ORDERING PE KIT:

All items of PE kit are available from the PE Department. Please collect an order form from Reception. **The PE department request that all items of kit are embroidered with the pupil's full name.** Items such as football boots, shin pads, leggings etc do not have to be a specified brand and can be purchased from most sports shops.

ALL PUPILS PLEASE NOTE

- Extreme and high fashion haircuts are not appropriate for school. Pupils with hair colour or style not deemed suitable for school will be required to change it. Short hair cuts should be no shorter than 'grade 3' and lines or patterns cut into the hair and/or eyebrows are not acceptable.
- If pupils have pierced ears, one **small plain (no stone or gem etc.) discreet stud** may be worn in each ear lobe. For health and safety reasons pupils will be expected to remove studs for PE. No other body piercing of any kind will be acceptable. No other jewellery should be worn. The breaking of these rules will result in the item being confiscated and held by the Principal's PA.
- Make-up must be discreet and natural looking. Brightly coloured products may not be worn. Pupils will be asked to remove excessive make-up.
- Nail varnish, nail gel or false nails are not allowed.
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PUPILS ARE REQUIRED TO BE NEAT AND TIDY AT ALL TIMES – shirts and blouses are to be fastened to the neck and tucked into the waist band of trousers and skirts.

TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017

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| 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 to Friday 27th October 2017 |
| Term Ends | Tuesday 19th December 2017 |
| Training Day | Wednesday 20th December 2017 |

Spring Term 2018

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| Term Starts - Training Day | Tuesday 2nd January 2018 |
| All Staff and All Pupils | Wednesday 3rd January 2018 |
| Half Term | Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February 2018 |
| Term Ends | Thursday 29th March 2018 |

Summer Term 2018

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| Term Starts | Monday 16th April 2018 |
| May Day | Monday 7th May 2018 |
| Half Term | Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018 |
| Term Ends | Friday 20th July 2018 |