



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**
SEMPER FIDELIS

**“Love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return,
and your reward will be great.” Luke 6:35**

Friday, 15 November 2024

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

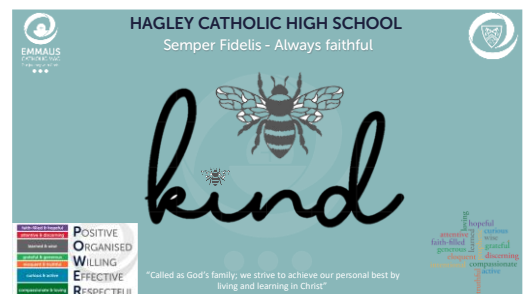
The second autumn half term is now in full swing, the half term break is a distant memory and I am sure thoughts have already turned to Christmas. I know it has for the students, as many of them have already asked when I am putting my tree up.

The joy and celebration of Advent and Christmas is only just around the corner with Advent beginning in just over a fortnight and this signifying the start of a new Liturgical Year.

The final Sunday of the Liturgical Year, next weekend, is always the Feast of Christ the King, which is also denoted as Youth Sunday. Students from across school will be supporting and leading elements of the liturgy at Our Lady and All Saints, Stourbridge at the 5pm Mass on Saturday 23rd November 2024. It would be lovely for you to join us.

Last week we began Autumn Term 2 reflecting and focusing on the value of “Being Kind”. Students were reminded about how we feel when we receive kindness and to remember that as we go about school, and off into the community, we must ensure that kindness is lived and breathed daily.

This tied in nicely with this half term’s virtue and value of being Intentional and Prophetic, calling everyone to be intentional in their positive and kind actions, and prophetic in being seen to do what is good and right, as Jesus himself does.



Advent Appeal 2025

Once again this Advent we are asking students and families to do all you can to support our Reverse Advent Calendar initiative that we have been running for many years now to provide items for those in greater need than ourselves which our Sixth Form Beatitudes Group will distribute in the community this Christmas.

We are requesting the donations listed here. Please do all you can to send students in with some of these items to give to their tutors. All donations need to be in school by Wednesday 3rd December so they can be collated, packed and distributed before we break up for Christmas. Thank you as ever for your support and generosity.

- Year 7:** Hats, Gloves, scarves or socks
- Year 8:** Oral hygiene e.g. Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Year 9:** Soap and Shower Gel
- Year 10:** Hand sanitiser
- Year 11:** Baby Wipes and Face Wipes
- 6th Form:** Sanitary Products, Nut-free Chocolate /cereal bars/energy bars

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Catenians Public Speaking Competition Winner 2024

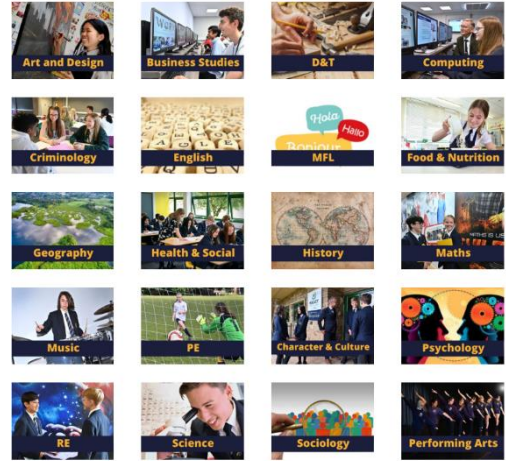
Last week it was lovely to welcome back into school Mr Peter Harrington from the Catenians to present Annalise (Y13) with her trophy for winning last year's Catenians Public Speaking competition.

Annalise is a multi-talented student in many fields and has also been giving her time to support this year's competition entrants.

Curriculum page

Parents/carers often mention that they do not know what their children learn at school. Please be aware that our curriculum pages on the website are full of information about each subject and department area.

You can access all this information at this link, [Hagley Catholic High School - Curriculum Information](#), where you can find information about each subject's Learning Journey, the curriculum, it's aims and content, and links to the enrichment provision from each subject/department area. Please do take a look.



Working together to Improve attendance



Thank you to everyone for continuing to work with us on maintaining high levels of attendance and keeping absence to a minimum. There is still so much we can do together to ensure everyday matters, especially at this time of the year when children's resilience dips a little. Please do always send your child in, even if a little under the weather, we must continue to do our bit to develop a resilient culture, and a can do attitude.

Late to school

As promised before half term we have had a drive on being punctual to school and I want to thank you and recognise the students who have largely responded very well to the challenge and expectation to be on site for 8.45am. Your support has made a huge difference, thank you.

Enrichment and student success

This half term our enrichment offer continues in full swing with some 30 lunchtime and after school clubs, groups and activities in operation for all children.

This week we have had a Year 7 House football competition which was won by 7 Gregory. While the Autumn basketball season has kicked off with a resounding 70 - 29 victory for our Under 14 boys against Earls and a win for the under 15 boys too.



This half term the Under 14 girls football team are competing each week too and began their latest leagues fixtures with two wins and two draws.

While 11 students headed off last Friday to compete in the Wyre Forest Cross Country Championships where they performed exceptionally well, with 8 of the 11 being selected to represent the Wyre Forest, as a result of their performances, at a County event in January.

This coming Monday marks the 31st anniversary of the Hagley minibus disaster. On this important day in the school's history we shall mark this poignant moment of remembrance with a day of prayer before the blessed sacrament in Adoration. Staff and students will attend the chapel throughout the day for silent reflection and to pray for those who the school lost. May they rest in peace.

Finally, as ever I want to wish you all every blessing for a wonderful weekend ahead.

Yours sincerely

J Hodgson
Principal

Forthcoming Events and Calendared items

Autumn 2:

21.11.2024 - Y13 Parents Evening

25.11.2024 - Year 13 PPEs begin

26.11.2024 - Music Concert

10.12.2024 - Year 11 PPE Results issued

12.12.2024 - Year 11 Parents Evening

17.12.2024 - End of term celebration Assemblies (P1)

18.12.2024 - Christmas Mass and Carols

20.12.2024 - Break up for Christmas