



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
SEMPER FIDELIS

**“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17**

Friday, 29 November 2024

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

I do hope on reading this letter that you are well, and that Black Friday hasn't taken over your life, or your inbox, as it would have appeared to do for me.

As I write I am buoyed by the arrival of Advent. On Sunday, we enter the season of Advent, the start of a new liturgical year. The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin 'Advenio', meaning 'the coming', in the present tense, not referring to a past event. As we enter this time of joyful expectation and preparation for the coming of the Messiah into the world at Christmas, His return at the end of time and His coming into our lives each and every day, we can take the opportunity to pause and reflect on how we celebrate the Word becoming flesh within our schools, the communities we serve and, of course, our personal lives. We are given renewed hope in discerning and responding to God's vocation for each of us by sharing His love for us with everyone in our lives.



This season of giving has always been a time for us as a school community to live out our values of **generosity, compassion, love** and being **active** in our faith. To that end I wanted to pass on our sincere thanks for the items you have donated already to our homeless appeal, for our Sixth Formers to deliver out on the streets of Birmingham and to partner charities, St Chad's Sanctuary and Fr Hudson's Caritas.

**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

We continue to take donations so please do send your child in to pass them on through their form tutor.

These are not the only charitable initiatives being taken on in our community, as staff and students continue to go the extra mile for others, not least Ethan in Year 9 and members of staff from our Science Department.

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### Blue Nose Day Sleepout 2024



Team fundraiser  
Birmingham City Foundation and 68 others are organising this fundraiser on behalf of Birmingham City FC Foundation.

Ethan, alongside his Dad and many others, is doing a sleep out at Birmingham City Stadium to raise money for the Birmingham Children’s Trust. The aim is to raise enough money to buy 11,500 gifts for children within the community.

If you can support Ethan, and his Dad, you can donate at this go fund me page: <https://gofund.me/33d8cba8>. On behalf of Ethan, and his Dad, “thank you”.

Seven members of our wonderful Science Department are also going outside of their comfort zone to run a Race for Life. They have rallied together to fundraise in support our former member of staff and Science Department Technician, Nadine Grant. Nadine worked at Hagley for 3½ years from 2016. Sadly, she is now battling aggressive breast cancer and undergoing treatment. So if you can support the team’s effort to raise money for Cancer Research UK and show solidarity with Nadine it would be gratefully appreciated. You can donate at this link: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/nads-team>



### Music Concert

There has been some wonderful enrichment opportunities and experiences going on in school this term, not least last Wednesday’s Winter Music Concert when some 55 students from across Years 7 to 12 were involved in showcasing their musical talent to an enthusiastic audience, happy to clap and sing along. Once again Mr Mallinson, Mr Smith, Mrs Foster and Mr Handley pulled together a showcase of the very best of Hagley and the opportunities music provides. There’s a couple of videos on FaceBook if you’d like to take a look.

### Medical Society

This year Miss Hegarty is running a new ‘Medical Society’ for students in Years 11 and 12 aspiring towards a career in healthcare. The aim is to inspire and equip students with the foundational knowledge and skills needed to access these highly competitive careers. Our programme includes a combination of professional guidance and talks from healthcare experts, practical work in the form of dissections, first aid, and CPR training, and problem-based learning tasks modelled on interview scenarios and real medical challenges.



This week the theme of our session was mental health. Rosa, Ellen, and Chloe, volunteered to research and deliver this session, and did a fantastic job! They were well prepared, knowledgeable, and highly articulate. They capitalised on the opportunity to lead and share their talents with others and were shining examples to other students.

### Lord Mayor’s Quiz

Last Thursday, Sixth Form students competed in the Lord Mayor’s Quiz at the University of Birmingham. We entered two teams, “Hagley’s Golden Keys” and “Hagley Schmagley” with an unbelievable performance from Hagley’s Golden Keys, taking first place in the Centenary League and winning £1000 in the process. A huge well done to Sebin, Michael, Barney, Maisie and James.



### Inter House Football



This week it was the turn of Year 8 to complete in their Inter House Football Competition. It was another fabulous event, and the competition was fierce but fair with this year’s winners being **CHAD**. Well done to the winners and all who took part.

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| 1st - Chad                |
| 2nd - Gregory             |
| 3rd - Kenelm              |
| 4th - Wulstan             |
| Joint 5th - Anselm & Bede |

## Under 16s Basketball

Meanwhile, the Under 16 Boys Basketball Team continue their winnings ways in this year's Basketball League with a resounding win over Oldswinford Hospital School (OSH) on Tuesday night. A 72 - 33 trouncing was recorded with Archie Morris this week's Most Valuable Player (MVP). Next up, this coming Tuesday, is the local Hagley derby against Haybridge.



## Teacher of Spanish with French Vacancy



**We are recruiting for a Teacher of Spanish and French**  
Required for April 2025 or A.S.A.P.  
Salary Range: Main Scale/Upper Pay Scale  
Hours: Full Time/Permanent

Hagley Catholic High School is looking to recruit a teacher of Spanish and French for an April 2025 start or sooner, if possible. It would be desirable that the candidate can teach across all year groups from KS3 to KS4, with a specialism in Spanish to GCSE and French at KS3, as a minimum requirement.

The Language Department is popular and very well regarded. It has a very well-established team of staff, schemes of learning are well sequenced, and students make excellent progress. Over 50% of all students study a language at GCSE and the EBACC pathway is widely promoted and an inclusive pathway of choice. AT Key Stage 3 students study both French and Spanish in Year 7 and 8 then choose their language pathway at the start of Year 9.

The Department has four refurbished classrooms with state-of-the-art IT facilities, and this is a fabulous opportunity in a very good school.

The successful candidate must have experience of teaching across Key Stages 3 and 4 as a minimum, with the ability to teach Spanish to GCSE level and possess a deep knowledge and understanding of current language specifications at Key Stage 4. The successful candidate would join a team of experienced and talented teachers in a strong department, who were complemented during our last inspection in 2019.

We welcome applications from both Catholics and non-Catholics but expect all employees to support the Catholic ethos and values of the school. If you meet the requirements of the job description and person specification and feel that you make a positive difference to our school, then we can't wait to receive your application.

Emmaus Catholic MAC is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. This position is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure checked under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

All applicants must be able to provide documentation to prove their right to work in the UK.

Effective from September 2021, ICES states as part of the shortlisting process schools and colleges should consider carrying out online searches, as part of the due diligence on shortlisted candidates. This is to determine liability to work with children and keep their safe. All shortlisted candidates are now subject to an online check and if there is anything concerning, then the shortlisted candidate will be asked to comment on it in an interview.

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We have a vacancy to join our Languages Department from April 2025. This is great opportunity to join our thriving Languages Department. Ideally, we need someone who can teach Spanish to GCSE and French at Key Stage 3.

Please share this if you know someone who might be interested. The advert and person specification are at this link:

[Emmaus Catholic Multi Academy - Vacancies](https://www.etaach.com/) or at <https://www.etaach.com/>.

More information is available by contacting school.

## 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.

## Emergency Closure Procedures

It got a little close last week to rolling out the Early Closure Procedures. Fortunately, we dodged the worst of it but thank you for your support with an early finish last Tuesday when at lunchtime it was looking a little precarious. The Emergency Closure Procedures for Hagley can be found on our website at this link, [Emergency Closure Procedures 2024-25](#), should we have any more serious weather this winter.

## End of Term arrangements

Term ends three weeks today and on the last day of term all students will be engaged in Advent services in the morning and our annual Christmas Karaoke lunch, while Sixth Form will part take in their annual Christmas Fancy Dress competition. School will also finish early for the holidays, and I will confirm times next week once the buses have confirmed the time they can get here, and I have aligned this with the train timetable. At times we have seen a real drop in attendance on the last day, but I would urge you to support high attendance on this day as we celebrate the forthcoming Christmas together.

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:**

- 10.12.2024 - Year 11 PPE Results issued
- 12.12.2024 - Year 11 Parents Evening
- 17.12.2024 - End of term Celebration Assemblies
- 18.12.2024 - Christmas Mass and Carols
- 20.12.2024 - Break up for Christmas