

# Weekly Bulletin

17 July 2023 - 21 July 2023

Important Dates	
21 July	Pupils Finish for the Summer Holidays
24 August	GCSE Results Day
4 September	Start of Autumn Term & Staff Training Day (School Closed)
5 September	Year 7 Pupils Start & Year 11 Return to School
6 September	Year 8, 9 & 10 Pupils Return to School

## Our Community and the Cost of Living

Now more than ever, with the rising cost of living, many families are feeling the squeeze. As a school, we are actively seeking to do whatever we reasonably can to support our students and their families with these rapidly growing pressures.

We are continuing to open West Canteen to pupils every morning before school between 8:00am and 8:30am to provide a free breakfast including toast and hot drinks. Please encourage your child to attend this, particularly if they arrive early to school in the morning, as it is a supervised space with access to games and other activities.

If you are facing particular hardships, please feel free to get in touch with us here at Hodge Hill College at [householdsupport@hodgehill.bham.sch.uk](mailto:householdsupport@hodgehill.bham.sch.uk). All requests will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and we will look at what support we are able to practically provide. Previous support has included supermarket vouchers, new uniform, school shoes and PE kit.

Further information about support being provided by Birmingham City Council for the cost of living crisis can be found on <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/livingsupport> and this may be of use to you in signposting where you can get help, support, and advice if you are affected.

We have a second-hand store of pre-loved uniform items, all washed and ready if you need them. Please get in touch with the school at the email address above if you would like to take advantage of this.

## Happy, Safe Summer - Reminder from West Midlands Police

The summer holiday is fast approaching, it is important our students are reminded what we, as a school community, expect of them in terms of behaviour while they are enjoying socialising with friends and family during the break. We also want to ensure they feel confident to keep themselves safe and away from crime and anti-social behaviour.

Parents/carers and students should already be aware that as part of our safeguarding arrangements, the school has a two-way information sharing agreement in place with West Midlands Police, and we are active members of the local Police & Schools Panel. This joint approach helps us to intervene early to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour involving our students and provide support and up-to-date safety messages.

Continue reading: <https://bit.ly/3OmjHBm>.

## Useful Links



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B8 2HB



07503967232

#### EMAIL ADDRESS:

rakuniforms@yahoo.com

**Opening Times:** MON -SAT

11AM till 6:00PM

(Mid-August to Mid-September open 7 days)

**HODGE HILL COLLEGE**

## YEAR 7 SPECIAL OFFERS

### OFFER 1 - UNIFORM

Badged Blazers	from £30
Tie	£6 each
Badge for blazers	£6
School trousers	from £8
Skirts	from £5

### HH OFFER 2 – PE KIT HH

Football shorts + PE t-shirt with  
logo + red football socks + PE bag  
£22

### OFFER 3 – PE KIT

PE t-shirt with logo + navy track  
bottoms £20

Offers (shown above) are valid in  
store until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

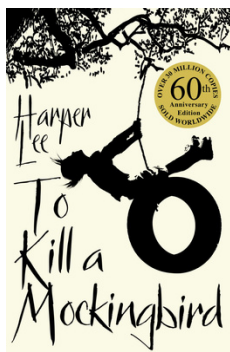
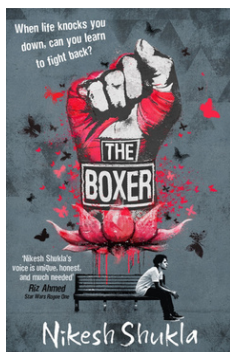
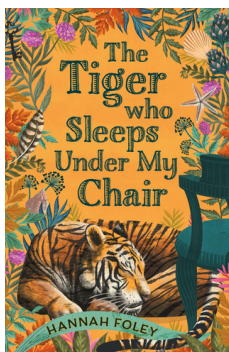
### Reading at School

Hodge Hill College offers a unique reading lesson to students in Years 7 and 8, where they acquire new vocabulary, read together as a class, and engage in various activities to ensure comprehension. Our school is dedicated to increasing reading in all subjects, with a particular focus on Key Stage 3. We have also implemented a Reading Reward badge on Class Charts to recognise students' reading efforts in all classrooms. Moreover, our school has an impressive library with books categorised by genre, including ones that celebrate diverse cultures, sci-fi and horror, dystopian novels, and non-fiction books.

### Reading at Home

We kindly request your assistance in promoting reading at home by encouraging your child to read more. Allow them to choose what to read as they will be more engaged in the story if they have selected it themselves. Reading with them, listening to them reading, and reading to them are all effective ways to foster a love for reading. Additionally, incorporating reading into everyday activities such as having your child read out the recipe while you cook or the TV listings while you watch TV is a great way to encourage reading. You can also read yourself, whether it's a newspaper, magazine, cookbook, poetry, romance or detective novel. Consider giving books as presents and suggest your child and their friends swap books to read new stories and discuss them. Finally, visiting the local library together is an enjoyable way to discover new books and keep an eye out for special author events at the library or local bookshops. Your child will undoubtedly love meeting their favourite authors.

### Recommended Reads



# Summer Reading Challenge



Read. Relax. Review.



Read 5 books, write reviews and return this to your form teacher to win a prize!

Title

Review



Hodge Hill College





# Notice of utility diversions on A452 Chester Road -Birmingham

June 2023 | [www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk)

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Balfour Beatty Vinci (BBV) is working on behalf of HS2 Ltd to build the new high speed railway in your area.

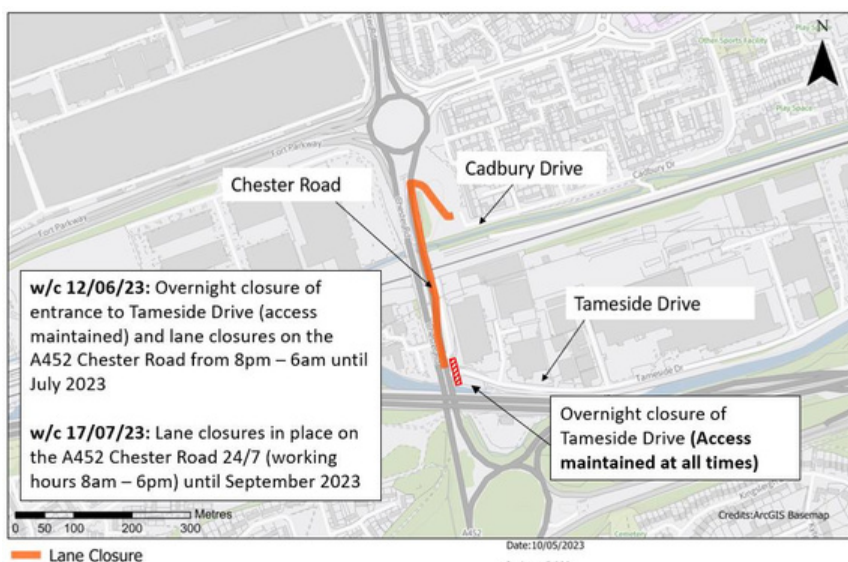
## Update on the A452 Chester Road works

Please see below for an update on the scheduled works on the A452 Chester Road:

- w/c 12/06/23 - overnight lane closures between 8pm – 6am only until July 2023
- w/c 17/07/23 - lane closures 24/7 until September 2023

## We'll be carrying out the work in phases

Over the coming months, we will be carrying out utility diversions on the **A452 Chester Road**. The works will be taking place between Spitfire Island and Castle Bromwich Interchange. We will carry out this work in phases to minimise disruption on the A452 Chester Road to road users ensuring the road always remains open, and access to Castle Bromwich Business Park is maintained throughout.



If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434

or email [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)

## Duration of works

Works are anticipated to take place from w/c **Monday 12 June** through to September 2023 on the **A452 Chester Road**

## What to expect

Phased lane closures on the A452 Chester Road

**w/c 12/06/23** – overnight lane closures on the A452 Chester Road between 8pm – 6am only.

**w/c 17/07/23** – lane closures on the A452 Chester Road 24/7

Access will be maintained at all times.

## What we will do

Clearly signpost these lane closures and explain these changes to road users and pedestrians.

Keep disruption to a minimum.

Answer your questions via the 24/7 HS2 helpdesk. Keep you updated via [www.hs2inbirmingham.co.uk](http://www.hs2inbirmingham.co.uk)

Call our HS2 Helpdesk team on **08081 434 434**

## School Summer Holiday 2023's Resource Booklet for Families

Here is a signposting guide for Birmingham families to access information on various play and youth activities, free holiday clubs with meals, family attractions and known organised community events in Birmingham, during this year's Summer School Holiday period: <https://bit.ly/43ZARKx>.

### B.Y.O.B - Bring Your Own Bottle



### Medical Appointments During the School Day

To ensure your child does not miss out on learning, we strongly advise that non-urgent appointments at the GP, dentist or optometrist are made out of school hours.

If your child has a hospital or specialist appointment, please notify the school in advance. You may do this by sending a photo of the letter via MyEd or bring it to the School Office where a copy will be sent to your child's AC and AAC for authorisation.

### Detentions

Hodge Hill College operates a detention system. If your child is late, misbehaves or doesn't hand in their homework on time, they will be given detention at lunchtime or up to 30 minutes at the end of the day. You will usually get a text or an in-app message on MyEd to inform you. Please ensure your contact details are up to date. For more serious matters, staff can issue an hour's detentions after school without giving parents/carers notice.

### What the Law Allows

- Teachers have the power to issue detention to students (aged under 18)
- Schools must make clear to students and parents/carers that they use detention (including detention outside of school hours) as a sanction
- The times outside normal school hours when detention can be given (the 'permitted day of detention') include:
  - any school day where the student does not have permission to be absent
  - weekends - except the weekend preceding or following the half-term break
  - non-teaching days – usually referred to as 'training days', 'INSET days' or 'non-contact days'
- Parental consent is not required for detentions
- As with any disciplinary penalty, a member of staff must act reasonably given all the circumstances

The Government's summary on behaviour and discipline in schools can be read online at: <https://bit.ly/39yoRFb>.

## ParentPay

### Cashless Payments

We operate a biometric cashless catering system in school. In addition to school meals, we do not accept cash payments for trips or uniform (ties, badges and hijabs).

### Activation

If you are yet to activate your ParentPay account, please do so as soon as possible. If you would like another copy of the activation letter with your username and password, please call us on 0121 783 7807 or send a message via MyEd.

### Outstanding Balances

If you have an outstanding balance on ParentPay for your child, we would appreciate if you could arrange for it to be paid immediately by logging into your account.

If you would like assistance with activating your account or adding credit, please visit the School Office between the following times (term-time only) along with your debit card:

- Tuesday to Thursday: 3:00pm-4:00pm

## Medication

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to provide the school with sufficient and up-to-date information about their child's medical needs and be involved in developing and reviewing their child's individual healthcare plan.

If your child has any medical needs or is required to take medication during school hours and you are yet to inform us of them, please visit the School Office to complete a Parental Medical Consent Form and drop off any medication you would like us to keep in school.

If your child has asthma, we advise that they always carry an inhaler on them. Please drop an inhaler at School Office for us to keep in case of emergency and complete the consent form.

## Uniform & Standards

As part of the school's continued drive to improve standards, we would like all pupils to consistently adhere to the expectations on appearance, conduct and equipment. We are a professional environment and as such, we need all pupils to look smart, professionally conduct themselves and come equipped for their learning.



If a pupil does not meet the standards consistently, they will sit a 30-minute detention. We must have your support to raise our standards collectively. Please can we remind you that pupils are not permitted to wear nose studs and patterns and lines are not to be shaved into hairstyles or eyebrows.

If there are any problems in acquiring uniform, please contact the school and we will endeavour to work with you to address these issues. Such cases will be treated with due sensitivity and confidence.





## Lunch Menu - w/c 4 September 2023

<div>  <p>All our ingredients are locally sourced and delivered fresh by local suppliers. Our eggs are free-range and Red Lion stamped, our fish is sustainably sourced and MSC approved and our meat is British Red Tractor accredited wherever possible.</p> </div>					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN MEAL</b> FROM £1.90	HOMEMADE BEEF BURGER TOPPED WITH CHEESE	CHICKEN TIKKA FLATBREAD WITH SALAD	CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA WITH RICE	CHICKEN DHANSAK WITH PILAU RICE	BATTERED FISH & CHIPS
ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY					
<b>PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN</b> FROM £1.90	VEGGIE BURGER IN A BUN WITH SALAD	QUORN MEATBALLS WITH TOMATO SAUCE & PASTA	CAULIFLOWER & POTATO CURRY WITH RICE	VEGETABLE SAUSAGE	CHEESE & TOMATO QUICHE
ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY					
<b>STREET FOOD</b> FROM £2.35	PANINI OF THE DAY	VARIOUS CHICKEN BURGER IN A BAP WITH SALAD & MAYO	CHICKEN GOJONS IN NAAN BREAD WITH SALAD	SPICY LAMB WRAP WITH SALAD	HOT & SPICY CHICKEN WRAP WITH SALAD
<b>TAKEAWAY TUBS</b> FROM £1.75	FISH FINGER WRAP	CAJUN CHICKEN WINGS	CHICKEN & CHEESE LOADED WEDGES	FRENCH BREAD PIZZA & WEDGES	BBQ CHICKEN WINGS
NACHOS & CHEESE					
<b>PIZZA SLICE</b> FROM £1.45	MARGHERITA	MARGHERITA PIZZA OR BBQ CHICKEN PIZZA	MARGHERITA SPICY CHICKEN	MARGHERITA	MARGHERITA BBQ CHICKEN
<b>JACKETS</b> From 0.95p	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR 35p EACH				
<b>DESSERTS</b> 0.95p	BANANA CAKE	DROP PANCAKES SERVED WITH STRAWBERRY SAUCE &	KEY LIME PIE	MARBLE SPONGE	ICED SPONGE
<div> <div> <b>Meal Deal</b> Main Meal With Vegetables And Dessert           </div> <div>  </div> <div> <b>£2.40</b> All Of Our Main Meals, Sandwiches &amp; Desserts Are Freshly Made On Site Every Day           </div> </div>					

## Free School Meals

### Who is eligible for Free School Meals?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

### Apply for Free School Meals

We encourage you to apply for Free School Meals through the online service found on our website: [www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk/freeschoolmeals). You can also telephone (0121 783 7807) or come into school and complete a Free School Meals application online with a member of staff if you prefer.

Please make sure you have the National Insurance Number with you for the named person who receives either working tax credit/child tax credit and we will be happy to help.



## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023



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### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

### TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

### PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

### FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

### TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S and Farmhouse Inns



# School's out for summer!

## It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



**A Parent's Guide to Social Media**



**A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures**



**A Parent's Guide to Gaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming**



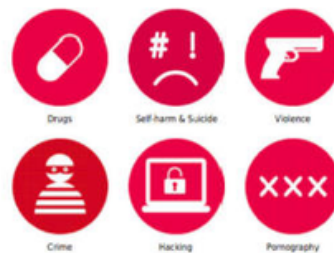
**A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers**



**A Parent's Guide to Fake News**



**A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings**

**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

**Schools** please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

### Skips Educational

Web: [www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org)

Email: [info@skips.com](mailto:info@skips.com)

Tel: +44 121 227 1941

142 Newton Road

Great Barr

Birmingham B43 6BT

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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# Skips



# GIRL'S YOUTH CLUB

For ages 14-16

**EVERY  
WEDNESDAY**

**26 JULY - 30 AUG  
12PM - 4PM**



Join us for a summer of creativity, fun and connection, every Wednesday from 26 July - 30 August 2023!

*Activities:*

- Arts and crafts
- Cooking/baking
- Exercise classes

**Refreshments will be provided**

Further information, or questions about transport and how you can get to us for free, can be requested via email at [enquiries@anawim.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@anawim.co.uk) or [emmawhite@anawim.co.uk](mailto:emmawhite@anawim.co.uk)

*Anawim – Birmingham's Centre for Women is a charity for women struggling with emotional, practical, domestic or personal problems. We are a non-judgemental space for women to access advice, a safe space or simply a listening ear. We offer services such as counselling, creative activities, support and confidence building for all women.*

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### Forms

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### Timetables

Get regular updates  
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### Key Dates

Important dates the  
school needs you to know.



### News

Access the latest  
school news.



### Info Packs

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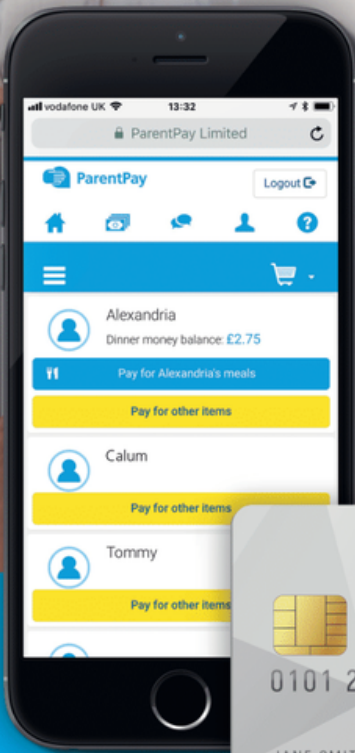
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