

Weekly Bulletin

5 September 2022 - 9 September 2022



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
21 April 1926 to 8 September 2022

Important Dates

28 September: Year 11 Parents' Evening | 10-14 October: Year 11 Autumn Mock Exams
12 October: Year 7 Settling-in Evening & Open Evening | 24-28 October: October Half-term

The School Day & Entry/Exit Points

Monday: 8:30am - 3:45pm | Tuesday - Thursday: 8:30am - 2:30pm | Friday: 8:30am - 1:30pm

Year 7, 8 & 9: Technology Gate, Bromford Road | Year 10 & 11: Top Gate, Bromford Road

Family Handbook 2022-2023

Our [Family Handbook](#) contains all the information you and your child need to know in relation to life in school. We advise that you take the time to read it to familiarise yourself with school guidance: <https://bit.ly/3QttJyH>

School Attendance

Hodge Hill College is working in partnership with parents and the Local Authority to improve school attendance. Please read the linked letter for an important update on school attendance for 2022-2023: <https://bit.ly/3KV3G29>

Our Brand New Website

In August, we launched our brand new school website. The website reflects the school and its vision and values. It's user-friendly and easily accessible on mobile phones and tablets as well as desktops and laptops. Check it out: www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk

ParentPay

Cashless Payments

We operate a biometric cashless catering system in school. In addition to school meals, we no longer 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:

- Monday to Thursday: 3:00pm-4:00pm
- Friday: 1:30pm-2:00pm

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. 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.

Year 11 After School Tuition

Year 11 after school tuition will run every Thursday from 2:40pm to 3:30pm in the autumn term:

- 8 September: History, Geography & Creative Design
- 15 September: Computer Science & Science
- 22 September: Health and Social Care, French, RE & PE
- 29 September: Maths (East) & English (West)
- 6 October: English (East) & Maths (West)
- 13 October: History, Geography & Creative Design
- 20 October: Computer Science & Science
- 3 November: Maths (East) & English (West)
- 10 November: English (East) & Maths (West)
- 17 November: History, Geography & Creative Design
- 24 November: Health and Social Care, French, RE & PE
- 1 December: Computer Science & Science
- 8 December: Maths

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>.

Homework - Useful Links



[ClassCharts](#)



[MathsWatch](#)



[My GCSE Science](#)



[myON](#)

Road Safety

Each year thousands of pupils are seriously injured on Britain's roads whilst out walking or cycling. Can you please remind your child once again of the protocols they should use when travelling to and from school to keep them safe:

- Choose a safe place to cross a road, where they can see traffic and can be seen
- Wear something bright so that they can be seen on dark mornings and nights, such as a reflective strip
- Plan a safe route to school with your child, ensuring your child uses pedestrian crossings where ever possible

Pupils must never run out into the road and should never be encouraged to dodge or cross a busy street. To help us reduce road traffic injuries, please support us in taking the time to discuss road safety with your child.

If you collect your child, please use the crossing points with your child to model good crossing behaviours and do not encourage them to run across or enter the road in an unsafe manner to get into your car.

You can ensure the safety of all our children by making sure of the following:

- Driving at the speed limit for the type of road and your type of vehicle
- Cars should not be parked on the zig-zags or yellow lines, across driveways or on pavements because this obstructs the view of oncoming vehicles and children who are trying to cross the road
- Please remember those families who need to walk past with a buggy and our neighbours
- Please ensure that you model the highest safety standards with your child by walking them to/from the pedestrian crossing if you are dropping them off or collecting them from school

We are very grateful to all the parents/carers who have been supportive and hope that we can all continue to work together to make the journey to and from school a safer one.

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.

Please ensure you support the school and your child by reviewing the policies below:

- [Behaviour for Learning Policy](#)
- [School Uniform](#)

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.

Energy Advice Workshop



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PREPARING FOR WINTER

OPEN TO ALL - JOIN VIA TEAMS

Hall Green Early Help will be joined by Groundwork's Green Doctor to discuss the impact of rising energy costs and what this could mean for families across Birmingham, how Early Help can support families with rising energy costs & practical advice on how to save money this winter.



"Groundwork's Green Doctors help UK residents stay warm, stay well, and save money on household bills."



Thursday 29th September
12.30 - 2pm

FREE TICKETS!



Register on **Eventbrite**

Next Week's Lunch Menu

Lunch week 2

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.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL From £1.90	LAMB BURGER N A BUN	BEEF BURRITOS	HOMEMADE BEEF LASAGNE	CHICKEN CHOW MEIN	FISH CAKES SERVED WITH SWEET CHILLI SAUCE
PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN From £1.90	CHEESE & ONION PASTY	VEGETABLE QUESADILLAS	MAC & CHEESE	VEGETABLE SAMOSA WITH YOGURT & MINT SAUCE	VEGGIE SAUSAGE ROLL
ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY					
STREET FOOD FROM £2.35	HOT SPICY CHICKEN PANINI	CHICKEN THIGH BURGER	CHICKEN GOUJONS IN NAAN BREAD	SPICY LAMB WRAP	TANDOORI CHICKEN WRAP
TAKEAWAY TUBS FROM £1.75	Nachos & Cheese				
	PIRI PIRI WINGS	CRISPY FISH TACO	CAJUN WINGS	FISH FINGER WRAP	BBQ WINGS
PIZZA SLICE FROM £1.45	MARGHERITA	MARGHERITA & BBQ CHICKEN	MARGHERITA & HOT CHICKEN	TOMATO, CHILLI, MOZZARELLA HOT MARGHERITA	MARGHERITA & BBQ CHICKEN
JACKETS From 0.95p	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR 35p EACH				
DESSERTS 0.95p	JAM & COCONUT SPONGE	STICKY TOFFEE APPLE	STRAWBERRY CHEESE CAKE	LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE	CHOCOLATE BROWNIE

Meal Deal
Main Meal With Vegetables And Dessert

£2.40
All Of Our Main Meals, Sandwiches & Desserts Are Freshly Made On Site Every Day



Our Food...

We really care about the food we serve, the ingredients and who supplies them. That's why we only used the highest quality ingredients that are;

- Locally Sourced
- MSC & Red Tractor Certified
- Soil Association & Assured Food Standards approved.
- We use Fairtrade & only British Lion Eggs



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Attendance

Keep up to date with your
child's attendance details.



Forms

Fill in forms securely on your app
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Timetables

Get regular updates
on timetables.



Key Dates

Important dates the
school needs you to know.



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school news.



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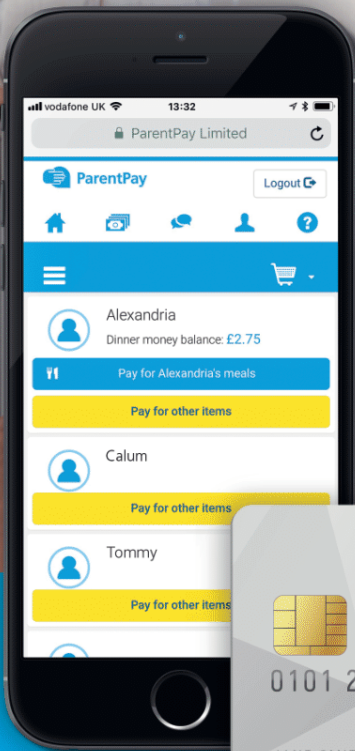
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