

Weekly Bulletin

12 September 2022 - 16 September 2022



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

Important Dates

19 September: School Closed for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral
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

School Closed for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral

Following the announcement of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral, Hodge Hill College will be closed on Monday 19 September 2022 as a mark of respect.

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.

Useful Links

- A way of reporting non-crimes to the police: <https://www.police.uk/pu/notices/streetsafe/street-safe/>
- Support services: <https://www.ipwm.org.uk/>

Year 11 Parents' Evening



Parents' Evening is very important for all parents/carers, students and teachers. The evening will provide teachers with an opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress and crucially give advice on suggested next steps to secure further improvements.

We place a huge emphasis on working in partnership with families and, therefore, you must take this opportunity to discuss with teachers how your child is performing in relation to their potential and what could be done together to further support your child.

All students will be given their academic reference during the evening and this should form the basis for discussion around attainment and effort. Teaching staff will be available from 3.30pm and 6.30pm to meet with you.

Please note: if you wish to see all of your child's teachers, please allow at least an hour and a half and arrive no later than 5.00pm.

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

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

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.

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>.

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

Energy Advice Workshop 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 3

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	CHICKEN BURGER IN A BUN	CHILLI CON CARNE WITH SALSA & SOUR CREAM	CHICKEN & MUSHROOM PIE	SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN	BATTERED FISH WITH PEAS
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN From £1.90	VEGETABLE BURGER IN A BUN	QUORN BURRITO WITH SALSA & SOUR CREAM	VEGETABLE LASAGNE	VEGETABLE NOODLES WITH CRISPY VEGETABLES & SOY SAUCE	VEGETARIAN 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 GOJONS IN NAAN BREAD	SPICY LAMB WRAP	HOT CHICKEN WRAP
TAKEAWAY TUBS FROM £1.75	Nachos & Cheese				
	FISH FINGER WRAP	SPICY CHICKEN WINGS	CHILLI LOADED WEDGES	PASTA N CHEESE	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	STEAMED TREACLE SPONGE	PANCAKE BAR	BANOFFEE PIE	APPLE TURNOVER	ICE CREAM VAN

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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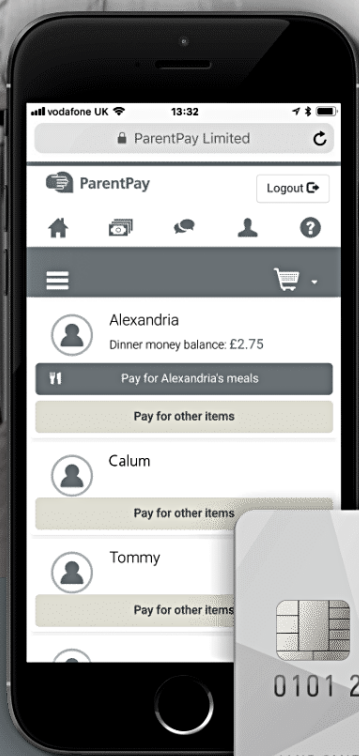
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