

# Weekly Bulletin

19 September 2022 - 23 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

## School Office & Telephone Line Opening Hours (Term Time Only)

A polite reminder of our School Office opening hours:

- Monday to Thursday: 8:00am-4:30pm
- Friday: 8:00am-2:00pm

Our phone lines are open during these hours except on a Friday when the lines close at 3pm.

Any confiscated items must be collected on a Friday between 12:30pm and 1:30pm.

## Year 11 Parents' Evening



**HH Hodge Hill College**

**YEAR 11**

**PARENTS' EVENING**

Wednesday 28 September 2022  
3:30pm-6:30pm

0121 783 7807  [www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk](http://www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk)

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.



Connecting parents, students and schools



Download our  
school app  
NOW

Step 1: Go to your app store

1



Step 2: Search for My Ed

2



Step 3: Download the app

3

**FREE**  
Download

Information about your student  
and school direct into your pocket.

95%

### Attendance

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



### Forms

Fill in forms securely on your app  
and return them directly to school.



### Timetables

Get regular updates  
on timetables.



### Key Dates

Important dates the  
school needs you to know.



### News

Access the latest  
school news.



### Info Packs

Digital information packs  
reduces time, hassle & paper.



**GET  
THE  
APP  
HERE**

SCAN ME



Find out more

[www.myedschoolapp.com](http://www.myedschoolapp.com)

## 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:

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

## Year 11 Autumn Mock Exams

- 10 October: Maths - Paper 1
- 11 October: English
- 12 October: French Listening & Reading
- 13 October: Maths - Paper 2 & French Writing
- 14 October: English - Paper 3

## 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](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.

## 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.



## School Uniform

All pupils are expected to wear full school uniform and their appearance should be appropriate to a working environment. Shirts must be tucked in, top button fastened and ties worn correctly. Coats must not be worn around the building. If pupils are not in the correct uniform, and they refuse to borrow a replacement uniform, parents/carers will be contacted, and the pupil sent home to change.

- Black blazer with school badge (Griffin)
- White shirt
- Black trousers/knee-length straight skirt/tunic
- Clip-on school tie
- Black or dark grey socks
- Appropriate leather shoes (not trainers or boots and no embellishments)
- Black headscarf – this is optional and headscarves with the school logo are available to buy

## During Cold Weather

- Pupils are allowed to wear an option black v-neck jumper under their blazer
- Outdoor coats need to be plain, black, waterproof, warm and have no large logos or patterns
- Fleece, hoodies, sweatshirts and body warmers are NOT acceptable. Blazers must still be worn

## 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**

## Homework - Tips for Parents/Carers

### Set Up a Homework-Friendly Area

Make sure kids have a well-lit place to complete homework. Keep supplies such as paper and pens within reach.

### Can You See What Your Child is Doing?

It is an independent study however to monitor distractions you should be able to regularly check that your child is completing the work.

### Schedule a Regular Study Time

Pupils will work better at different times so ensure you know when this is as children respond positively to routine.

### Help Them Plan

If your child has a particularly heavy homework evening encourage your child to break up the work into manageable chunks and take time for a 15-minute break every hour if possible.

### If Providing Your Child with a Snack

Ensure that it's 'brain food' such as water and fruit which keeps the brain hydrated and working to its maximum. Sugary snacks may provide a temporary 'high' but in the long term will also disrupt concentration and lower the capabilities of key skills such as forming new memories (and therefore work).

### Keeping Distraction to a Minimum

Completing independent study without interruptions such as the TV, loud music or mobile phones will ensure that the time doing the work is better spent.

### Make Sure Kids Do Their Own Work

Pupils sometimes need to make mistakes to learn and this should be encouraged to build up the vital soft skill of resilience.

### Motivate and Monitor

Ask your child about what they're doing. Give encouragement, check completed tasks and be available for questions and comments.

### Praise Their Work and Efforts

Achievement is the biggest motivator.

### Useful Links for Homework



[ClassCharts](#)



[MathsWatch](#)



[My GCSE Science](#)



[myON](#)

### Other Useful Links



[Hodge Hill College](#)



[ParentPay](#)



[MY Ed](#)



[Birmingham City Council](#)

## Next Week's Lunch Menu

# Lunch week 1

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
<b>MAIN MEAL</b> FROM £1.90	CHEESE BURGER IN A BUN	CHICKEN ENCHILADAS TOPPED WITH CHEESE AND SERVED WITH SOUR CREAM	SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE	BBQ CHICKEN SERVED WITH PILAU RICE	BREADED FISH & CHIPS
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
<b>PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN</b> FROM £1.90	VEGETABLE BURGER IN A BUN	VEGETARIAN CHILLI SERVED WITH SAVOURY RICE	BROCCOLI PASTA BAKE	VEGETABLE CURRY SERVED WITH PILAU RICE	CHEESE & TOMATO QUICHE
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
<b>STREET FOOD</b> FROM £2.35	HOT SPICY CHICKEN PANINI	CHICKEN THIGH BURGER IN A BUN	CHICKEN GOUJONS IN NAAN BREAD	SPICY LAMB WRAP	HOT SPICY CHICKEN WRAP
<b>TAKEAWAY TUBS</b> FROM £1.75	Nachos & Cheese				
	FISH FINGER WRAP	CAJUN CHICKEN WINGS	CHILLI LOADED WEDGES	PASTA 'N' CHEESE	BBQ WINGS
<b>PIZZA SLICE</b> FROM £1.45	MARGHERITA	MARGHERITA & BBQ CHICKEN	MARGHERITA & HOT CHICKEN	TOMATO, CHILLI, MOZZARELLA HOT 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 PANCAKE WITH STRAWBERRY SAUCE & ICE CREAM	KEY LIME PIE	APPLE CRUMBLE & ICE CREAM	ICED SPONGE

### 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



# mint



FREE TO  
ANYONE  
AGED  
11-17

# WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY  
16:00 - 17:00

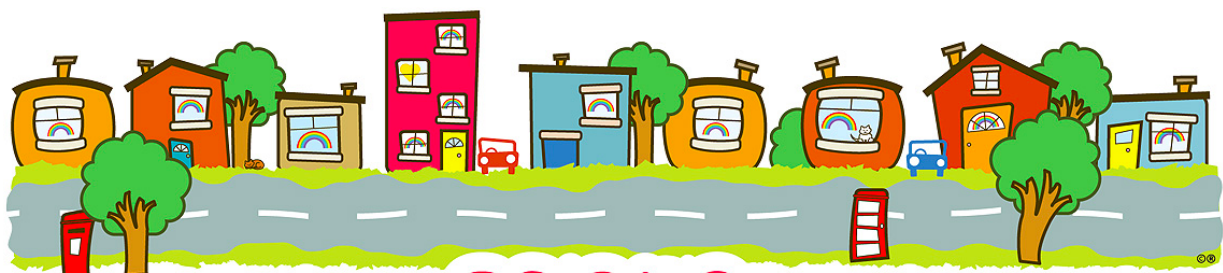
Hodge Hill College, 46 Pitch, Bromford Road,  
Birmingham, B36 8HB

With a special visit from the West Midlands mayor,  
Andy Street, on the 21st September!

**DEVELOP SKILLS. MEET NEW PEOPLE. PLAY & ENJOY.**



## Fill your street with friendliness®



[www.as-one.uk/birmingham](http://www.as-one.uk/birmingham)

**as one**®  
as one

Local communities  
in partnership with

Birmingham  
City Council



# FACEBOOK GUIDE

Facebook is a photo and video sharing social networking service, where users can comment on posts and share links with friends.

You must be aged 13 or over to use Facebook

## 01

### Photo & Video Sharing

Users can share photos, videos, links and status updates with their friends. Profiles and individual posts can either be private or public. Users can report and block inappropriate content.

## 02

### Comments & Likes

Users can comment on or react to pictures, videos, links and statuses. Reactions includes Like, Love, Haha, Wow, Sad and Angry. Users can report comments which are unpleasant or make them feel uncomfortable.

## 03

### Messenger

Facebook's private messaging feature is a standalone app. You can send private messages to one or more people. Messages from strangers are sent as requests which you can chose to read or block.

## 04

### Groups & Pages

Groups are spaces for people with similar interests to discuss and share relevant posts. Groups can be public, private (request to join) or secret (invite only). You can like or follow a Page to get updates from businesses, organisations and public figures. Anyone with a Facebook account can create a Page or help manage one.

## 05

### Stories

Similar to Instagram, these are 20-second photos & videos which are separate from your main content, and last for 24 hours. They show up in the Stories Feed along the top of your regular news feed.

## 06

### Secret Conversations

Facebook Messenger's Secret Conversation function allows users to send encrypted messages. Users can time-limit their messages, which 'self-destruct' after the set amount of time, leaving no trace. Secret conversations can be screenshots without the other person's knowledge.

## 07

### Reporting a Secret Conversation

1. Open the secret conversation you want to report.
2. Tap the person's name at the top.
3. Scroll down and tap Something's Wrong.
4. Select a category to help us understand what's wrong.
5. Tap Send Feedback.
6. Tap Report Conversation > Report Conversation to send the conversation to review.

Note: People in secret conversations can set messages to disappear. You can report messages for a short time after they've disappeared.



## Getting Help:

If social media has left you feeling depressed and anxious, or you have experienced any form of cyberbullying, you can talk to someone at ChildLine, a free confidential 24/7 helpline for children and young people. You can call 0800 1111 or chat online at [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

(ChildLine is run by the NSPCC.)

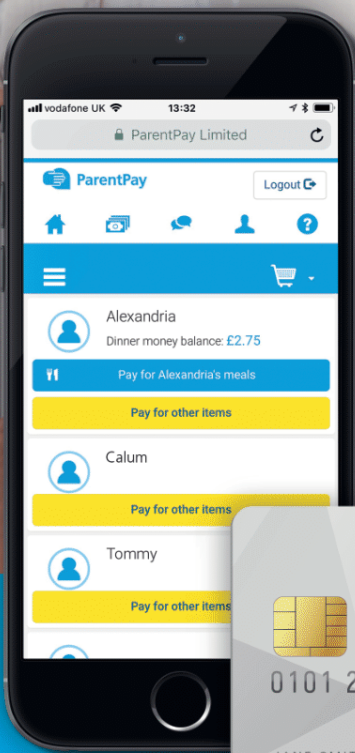




# THE EASY WAY TO PAY

We're using ParentPay so parents  
can easily pay online for school  
dinners, trips and clubs.

**No stress, hassle free.**



**SIMPLE  
QUICK  
SAFE**



[www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)



**ParentPay**  
COUNT ON US

**VISA**

**VISA Checkout**

