

# Weekly Bulletin

26 September 2022 - 30 September 2022

## Important Dates

10-14 October: Year 11 Autumn Mock Exams  
12 October: Year 7 Settling-in Evening & Open Evening | 24-28 October: October Half-term  
28 November-9 December: Year 11 Winter Mock Exams

## 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.

## 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.

## Zero Tolerance

Please note that Hodge Hill College operates a zero tolerance policy with regard to verbal and physical aggression.

If you become abusive towards a member of staff, we will need to:

- Close down any conversation and not speak with you any further
- Ask you to leave and come back another time
- If necessary, call the police for assistance

Please be respectful of our staff in the School Office team. They will do their best to help you but in a large school with several buildings, over 150 members of staff, and approximately 1200 pupils, they may not always be able to find out what you want to know or locate a member of staff immediately, so please be patient.

## Useful Links



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## 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

## 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.



## 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
<b>MAIN MEAL</b> From £1.90	LAMB BURGER N A BUN	BEEF BURRITOS	HOMEMADE BEEF LASAGNE	CHICKEN CHOW MEIN	FISH CAKES SERVED WITH SWEET CHILLI SAUCE
<b>PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN</b> 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					
<b>STREET FOOD FROM</b> £2.35	HOT SPICY CHICKEN PANINI	CHICKEN THIGH BURGER	CHICKEN GOUJONS IN NAAN BREAD	SPICY LAMB WRAP	TANDOORI CHICKEN WRAP
<b>TAKEAWAY TUBS</b> FROM £1.75	Nachos & Cheese				
	PIRI PIRI WINGS	CRISPY FISH TACO	CAJUN WINGS	FISH FINGER WRAP	BBQ WINGS
<b>PIZZA SLICE FROM</b> £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	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  
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## Our Food...

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



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ANYONE  
AGED  
11-17

# WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY  
16:00 - 17:00

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# INSTAGRAM GUIDE

Instagram is a photo and video sharing social networking service. You must be aged 13 or over to use Instagram.

## 01

### Photo & Video Sharing

Users can share photos and short videos with their followers, coupled with a caption and up to 30 hashtags (#). Profiles can either be private or public. Users can report and block inappropriate content.

## 02

### Comments & Likes

Users can comment on posts, or 'like' posts by clicking the heart icon. Users can report comments which are unpleasant or make them feel uncomfortable.

## 03

### Direct messages (DMs)

You can send direct (private) messages to one or more people - including people you don't follow and who don't follow you. Messages from strangers are sent as requests which you can choose to read or block.

## 04

### Disappearing messages

This is a feature within DMs that lets you send timed photo or video messages that recipients can only view once before they disappear, similar to Snapchat.

## 05

### Stories

These are 15-second photos & videos which are separate from your main content, and last for 24 hours. Using the Story Controls, you can limit who sees it, restrict message replies, and allow sharing.

## 06

### Instagram TV (IGTV)

IGTV is a platform within Instagram for longer videos. Instagram allows videos of up to 60 seconds, whereas IGTV allows videos of up to an hour.

## 07

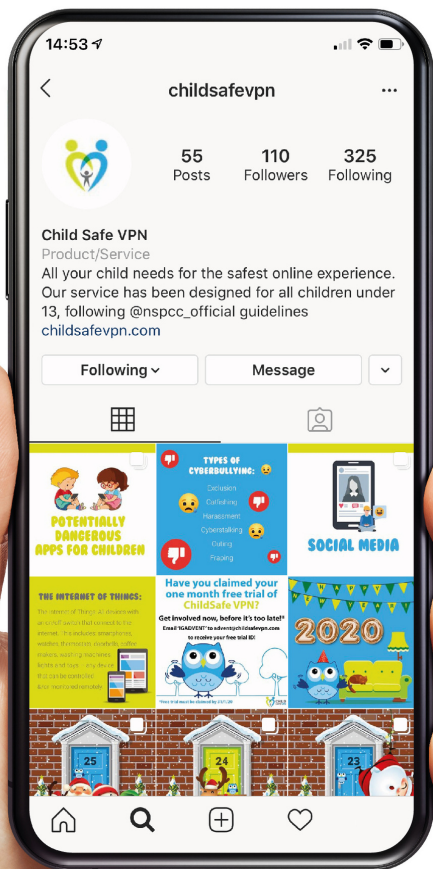
### Mental Health Awareness

Instagram allows users to create an 'image' of how they wish to be seen by others. This means that what you see on Instagram isn't always the truth.

## 08

### Concerns

Focus on perfection, skewed body image ('perfect' selfies, filters), taking risks for likes, effect of 'influencers'.



## Getting Help:

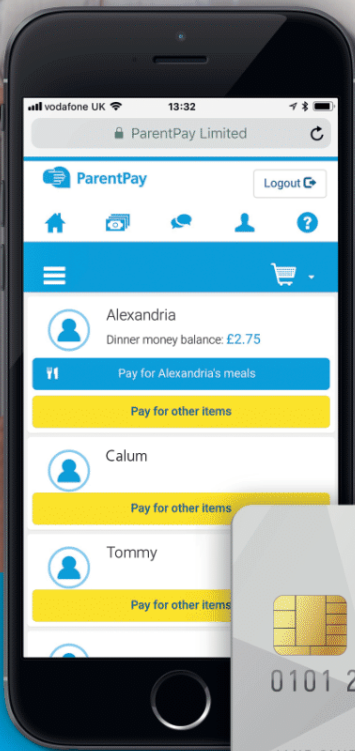
If social media has left you feeling depressed and anxious, or you have experienced any form of cyberbullying, you can talk to someone at ChildLine, a free confidential 24/7 helpline for children and young people. You can call 0800 1111 or chat online at [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)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



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