

Weekly Bulletin

14 November 2022 - 18 November 2022

Important Dates

21 November-9 December: Year 11 Winter Mock Exams | 30 November: Year 10 English Literature Mock Exam & Year 8 Parents' Evening | 8 December: Year 10 English Literature Mock Exam
15 December: Year 9 Options Information Session (Year 7-10 Finish at 11am & Year 11 at 12:30pm)
16 December: Staff Training Day & End of Term | 19 December-2 January: Christmas Holidays
3 January: Staff Training Day | 4 January: Pupils Return to School

Year 8 Parents' Evening



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YEAR 8

PARENTS' EVENING

Wednesday 30 November 2022
3:30pm-6:30pm

0121 783 7807 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 report 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.

Useful Links



[Hodge Hill College](#)



[ParentPay](#)



[MyEd](#)



[Birmingham City Council](#)

South Asian Young Person's Mental Health Project

WORKING TOGETHER WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

**Calling all parents and carers who have a child in year 6,
attending school in the Hodge Hill area.**

SOLIHULL APPROACH PARENTING COURSE TO SUPPORT YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR

- Understanding your child's behaviour
- Gain more confidence in your parenting
- Courses undertaken in face-to-face groups
- For everyone who wants to know more about parenting
- How children develop
- Exploring feelings
- Communication with your child
- Parenting styles
- Behaviour difficulties
- Anger and temper tantrums
- Sleep patterns

**For more information, please
call our
Parenting Support Worker
Fozia Parveen-07971759134
Or
Zreeda - 07563389420**

VOLUNTEER TO BECOME A PARENT CHAMPION FOR YOUR COMMUNITY.

Training available to support you:-

- Understanding what mental ill health is and how it differs.
- Be familiar with the Mental Health Services and be able to find relevant information.
- Learn how you can support to reduce mental health stigma and discrimination
- Feel confident to be able to take on the role of mental health champion and know how and when to get support and help

WELLBEING SESSION'S

PROMOTING MENTAL WELLBEING

- Are you looking after yourself? MINDFULNESS
- Do you experience anxiety, low moods and depression? Would you like advice how you can manage the symptoms
- Support to develop a more positive sense of well-being
- Foster a healthy lifestyle, relationships and much more

Free Advice, Support and
Training



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Hodge Hill Locality Phone Number:
07976199894

Email: earlyhelp-hodgehill@familyaction.org.uk

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Year 11 mock exams are taking place from Monday 21 November to Friday 6 December:

Monday 21 November & Tuesday 22 November

- Art (11A/Ar1 & 11B/Ar1)
- Photography (11B/Po1)

Wednesday 23 November 2022 & Thursday 24 November

- Photography (11A/Po1 & 11C/Po2)
- 3D Design (11C/TD1)

Friday 25 November & Monday 28 November

- Photography (11B/Po2 & 11C/Po1)
- 3D Design (11B/TD1)

Tuesday 29 November

- Science - Biology
- History
- EAL - Reading & Writing

Wednesday 30 November

- RE
- EAL - Listening

Thursday 1 December

- Science - Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Health & Social Care

Friday 2 December

- Science - Physics

Monday 5 December

- English Language
- French - Listening & Reading

Tuesday 6 December

- English Language
- French - Writing

Wednesday 7 December

- Geography
- Hospitality
- RE

Thursday 8 December

- Computer Science

Friday 9 December

- Maths

For more information on exam rules and regulations, please visit <https://www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk/exams>.

Year 10 English Literature Mock Exams

Year 10 English Literature mock exams are taking place on Wednesday 30 November & Thursday 8 December.

For more information on exam rules and regulations, please visit <https://www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk/exams>.

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

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.

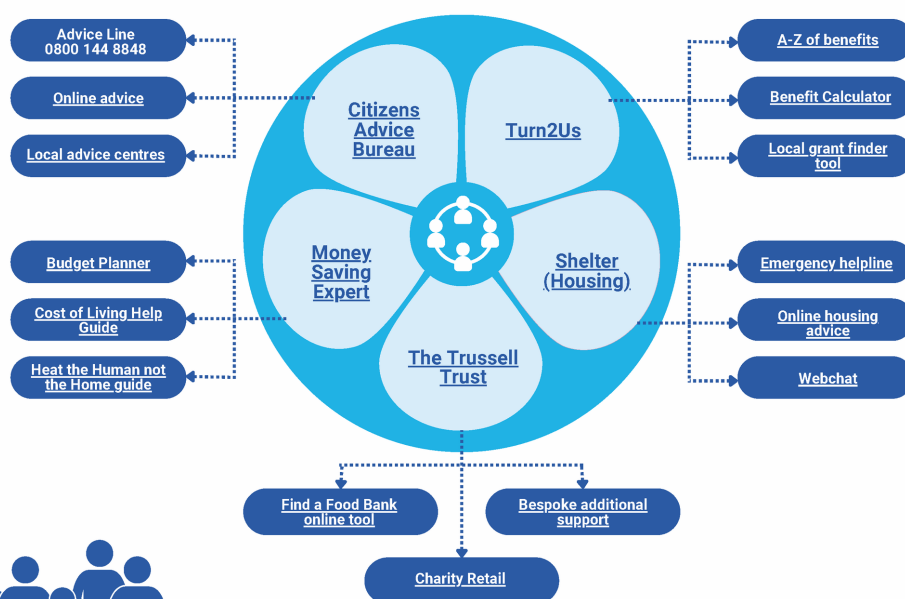
If a pupil does not meet the standards consistently, they will sit a 30-minute detention. We must have your support to raise our standards collectively. Please can we remind you that pupils are not permitted to wear nose studs and patterns and lines are not to be shaved into hairstyles or eyebrows.

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.

Support with the Cost of Living

SUPPORT WITH THE COST OF LIVING

As we approach a challenging winter, schools are likely to experience an increased demand to signpost to services and organisations that can provide support with the cost of living crisis. The organisations and resources listed here may be useful. Click on the links to find out more.



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

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.



12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Menu

DECEMBER

1st - Shortbread Stars

2nd - Seasoned Roast Potatoes with Gravy Dip

5th - Gingerbread Men

6th - Festive Tikka Bap

7th - Cinnamon Buns

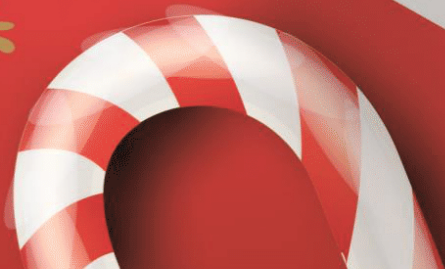
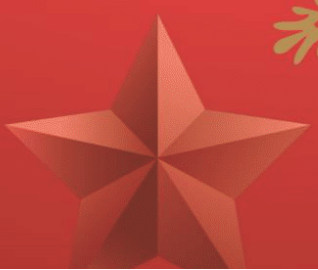
8th - Chocolate Christmas Puddings (Crispy Cakes)

9th - Christmas Wrap

12th - Snack Pot Spicy Chicken Wrap

13th - Homemade Festive Samosas

14th - Festive Cookies



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AGED
11-17

WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY
16:00 - 17:00

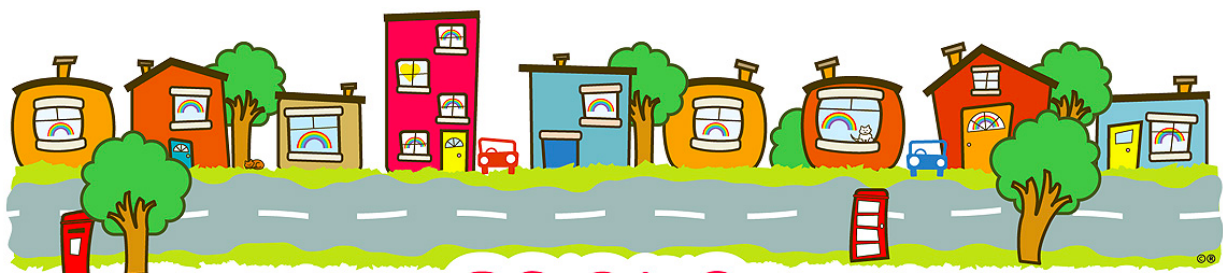
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Keep your child safe on WhatsApp



What are the risks?

- › Bullying, particularly in group chats
- › Seeing content of a sexual nature, or showing violence and hatred
- › Settings that allow messages to disappear after 24 hours or 7 days. This could make it harder to track bullying, and your child might share things they wouldn't otherwise because it'll disappear
- › Sharing their live location, particularly with people they don't know in person
- › Spam or hoax messages
- › Being exposed to strangers through group chats

WhatsApp says the **minimum age** to use it is **16**, but younger children can still use it easily.

6 steps to help your child use WhatsApp safely

1. Keep their personal information and location private

By default, WhatsApp shows profile photos, status and when you last used it to all users.

Encourage your child to only share this information with their contacts, and be careful about who they talk to on the app, as anyone could pretend to be a child online.

To check and change these settings:

- › On an **iPhone**, open settings in WhatsApp (the cog icon), then Account > Privacy. Tap the setting you want to change, then choose who it should be visible to
- › On **Android**, tap the 3 dots in the top-right of the home screen, then > Settings > Account > Privacy. Tap the setting you want to change, then choose who it should be visible to

WhatsApp also has a feature that you can use to share your 'live location' with others. Tell your child to keep this turned off, or to only share their location with people they trust.

To check this:

- › On an **iPhone**, go to phone Settings (the cog icon) > WhatsApp > Location, and tap to change if you need to
- › On **Android**, go to privacy settings as above, then scroll down to 'Live location', and tap to change if you need to

2. Remind your child to be careful about what they share

It's easy to forward messages, photos and videos to others on WhatsApp. Even if your child sets a message to automatically disappear or deletes it after sharing it, the person they send it to could still screenshot it, forward it to someone else, or save it.

So before they share anything, tell them to ask themselves: "Would I want others to see what I'm about to send?"

3. Remind your child they can leave group chats

If they see something they're not comfortable with in a group chat, or are in a chat with someone they don't know and are uncomfortable with, they should leave the group. To do this:

- On an **iPhone**, go into the group chat, tap the group subject, then > Exit group > Exit group
- On **Android**, go into the group chat, tap the group subject, then > Exit group > Exit

4. Make sure your child knows how to report and block people

When they first receive a message from an unknown number, they'll have the option to report it.

If someone in your child's contacts is upsetting them or making them uncomfortable, they can report or block them at any point (WhatsApp won't tell the user they've been blocked/reported).

To do this:

- On an **iPhone**, open settings in WhatsApp, go to Account > Privacy > Blocked > Add New..., then find the contact they want to block, and tap the contact
- On **Android**, tap the 3 dots icon, then Settings, then tap Account > Privacy > Blocked contacts, tap the icon in the top right showing a person and a plus sign, search for the contact they want to block, then tap the contact to block them

To report issues like offensive or abusive content or spam:

- On an **iPhone**, open the chat with the user you want to report, tap the contact then then tap Report Contact > Report And Block
- On **Android**, open the chat with the user you want to report, then tap the 3 dots icon, then > More > Report

5. Encourage your child to watch out for spam and hoax messages

These can appear to come from contacts, as well as people they don't know. Tell your child to watch out for messages that:

- Ask them to tap on a link, or specifically to click on a link to activate a new feature
- Ask them to share personal information like bank account details, date of birth or passwords
- Ask them to forward the message
- Say they have to pay to use WhatsApp
- Have spelling or grammar errors

6. Tell our school about any bullying they experience

Look for signs they your child may be being bullied, like being afraid or reluctant to go to school, feeling nervous, losing confidence or becoming distressed and withdrawn, or losing sleep.

Sources used in this factsheet

- [Bullying and cyberbullying, NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/)
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>
- [Help Centre, WhatsApp](https://faq.whatsapp.com/?locale=en_US)
https://faq.whatsapp.com/?locale=en_US

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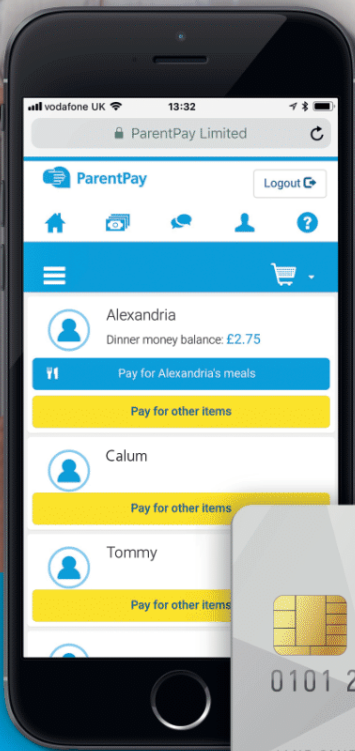
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