

Weekly Bulletin

21 November 2022 - 25 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 (All Pupils Finish School at 11am)
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



Hodge Hill College

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](#)


Year 9 Options Information Session



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**YEAR 9
OPTIONS
INFORMATION SESSION**

Thursday 15 December 2022
1:30pm-3:00pm

0121 783 7807  www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk

In the new year, pupils in Year 9 will start to make choices about the courses they will study for their GCSEs. As part of this process, we are inviting pupils alongside their parents/carers to come to school to find out more about the choices available to them. These are important choices for your child as they will study the subjects for two years and the decisions that they make now can impact the options available to them once they leave Hodge Hill College.

Year 10 & 11 Football Team Visit St. George's Park



At the end of last half-term, 14 Year 10 and Year 11 students who have represented the Hodge Hill football teams were able to visit the "Home of Football" St George's Park. This is where all national-level England players train including the International Men's and Women's Teams. They were taken on a tour where they saw an exact replica of the Wembley football (this includes the length of each blade of grass!) and other areas where the England teams train such as the "Boot Room." It was here that our students laced up their boots just like Harry Kane and Raheem Sterling for their 90-minute coaching session with UEFA-qualified coaches. This session challenged our students to create goal-scoring opportunities while continually scanning the pitch to make the best decision. All the students thoroughly enjoyed the session with many commenting how hard they had to work but relished the opportunity to showcase their skill level and meet the challenge set to them. The students finished with a penalty shootout to see who could score the best penalty!

Charity Event - Aston and Nechells Food Bank and Upcycle Birmingham

After the successful charity donation collection of food, toys and clothes from across the year groups, some of our Year 11 Senior Student Leaders were able to take these donations to local charities. These charities were Aston and Nechells Food Bank and Upcycle Birmingham in Castle Vale. This was a great experience for our Student Leaders to see the positive impact of their charity work so far this year.

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 detention after school without giving parents/carers notice. The Department for Education guidance states:

- 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>.

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.

Flu Vaccinations for Pupils in Year 7, 8 & 9

Your child is due to receive a nasal flu vaccination offering protection against winter flu. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness in children causing fever, stuffy nose, dry cough, sore throat, aching muscles and joints, and extreme tiredness. Some children can get a very high fever, sometimes you may need to go to the hospital for treatment. Serious complications of flu include a painful ear infection, acute bronchitis, and pneumonia.

The vaccinations will take place in school on Friday 27 January 2023. Pupils will be required to attend school as normal and will be called out of lessons for vaccination. The vaccination is a simple spray up each nostril – quick and painless. Only pupils with parental consent will be vaccinated.

Consent forms have been distributed to pupils and must be returned to their Achievement Coordinator/Assistant Achievement Coordinator or the School Office by Friday 2 December 2022.

Should you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the Immunisation Team on 0121 466 3460.

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.

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

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 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

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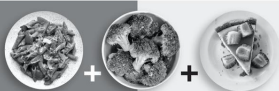
Next Week's Lunch Menu

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 GOUJONS 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

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

FREE TO
ANYONE
AGED
11-17

WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY
16:00 - 17:00

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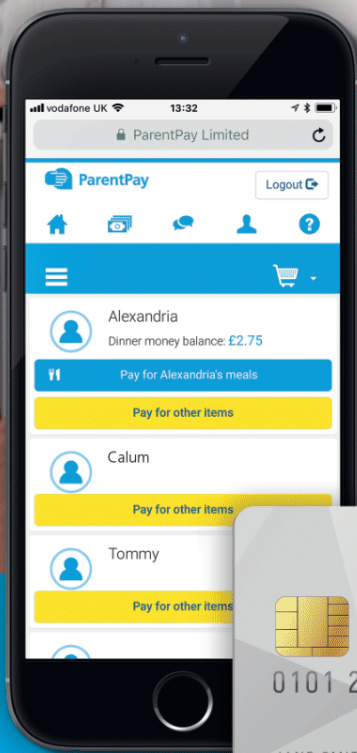
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