

# Weekly Bulletin

9 January 2023 - 13 January 2023

## Important Dates

25 January: Year 11 Parents' Evening | 27 January: Year 7, 8 & 9 Flu Vaccinations  
30 January: BTEC Health & Social Care Exam | 1 February: Year 9 HPV Immunisations  
7-8 February: Year 11 Hospitality Practical Assessment | 8 February: Year 9 Parents' Evening  
16 February: Year 9 SLB Immunisations | 20-24 February: 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-4:45pm
- 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 between 12:30pm and 1:30pm.

## Year 11 Parents' Evening



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**YEAR 11**  
**PARENTS' EVENING**  
Wednesday 25 January 2023  
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.

## Useful Links



[Hodge Hill College](#)



[ParentPay](#)



[MyEd](#)



[Birmingham City Council](#)

## Parent Governor Vacancies

The school has two upcoming vacancies for parent governors to join the governing body for a 4 year term. We particularly encourage applications from parents with skills and experience in any of the following areas: finance, site management and education.

Becoming a parent governor offers you an opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of your child's school. Governors play a crucial role in the leadership of the school: they appoint key staff, oversee the budget, ensure legal requirements are met and monitor curriculum progress. Being a governor can be very rewarding and will provide you with the opportunity to meet new people, work as part of a team, gain new skills and contribute towards raising school standards. Training and support is available from the Local Authority and your colleagues on the governing body.

Please note that the most important duty of any governor is to attend meetings of the governing body and you should be sure that you are committed and available to do this before applying. At Hodge Hill College the governing body normally holds three meetings per term and the standard meeting time is 6pm on a Wednesday evening.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please download the nomination forms on <https://bit.ly/3GrUsZj> or collect a paper copy from the school reception. Return your completed form to school reception in a sealed envelope marked for the attention of Mr D Grady (Clerk to Governing Body). The deadline for returning nomination forms is Tuesday 17 January at noon.

The governing body has two vacant posts for parent governors. If more than two parents apply, an election will be held in which all parents will be invited to vote for their preferred candidates. The two candidates with the highest number of votes will be appointed.

New governors will need to undertake a full Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) check and Section 128 (prohibition order) check. If you are new to school governance, the clerk will also arrange for you to attend the local authority's governor induction training.

## Year 11 After School Tuition

Year 11 after school tuition will run every Thursday from 2:40pm to 3:30pm in the spring term:

- Thursday 5 January 2023: History Geography & Creative Design
- Thursday 12 January 2023: Computer Science & Science
- Thursday 19 January 2023: Health and Social Care, French, RE & PE
- Thursday 26 January 2023: Maths (East) & English (West)
- Thursday 2 February 2023: English (East) & Maths (West)
- Thursday 9 February 2023: History, Geography & Creative Design
- Thursday 16 February 2023: Computer Science & Science
- Thursday 2 March 2023: RE, French & PE
- Thursday 9 March 2023: No Tuition
- Thursday 16 March 2023: Maths (East) & English (West)
- Thursday 23 March 2023: English (East) & Maths (West)
- Thursday 30 March 2023: PE, Computer Science & Science

## 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.

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

### 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.

### 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>.

### Homework - Useful Links



[ClassCharts](#)



[MathsWatch](#)



[My GCSE Science](#)



[myON](#)



04 January 2023

### Our Community and the Cost of Living

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your family had a restful break and we welcome you back to the new year here at Hodge Hill College.

Now more than ever, with the rising cost of living, many families are feeling the squeeze. As a school, we are actively seeking to do whatever we reasonably can to support our students and their families with these rapidly growing pressures.

From Thursday 5 January, we will be opening West Canteen to pupils every morning before school between 8:00am and 8:30am to provide a free breakfast including toast and hot drinks.

If you are facing particular hardships this winter, please feel free to get in touch with us here at Hodge Hill College at [householdsupport@hodgehill.bham.sch.uk](mailto:householdsupport@hodgehill.bham.sch.uk). All requests will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and we will look at what support we are able to practically provide.

Further information about support being provided by Birmingham City Council for the cost of living crisis can be found on <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/livingsupport> and this may be of use to you in signposting where you can get help, support, and advice if you are affected.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that we have a second-hand store of pre-loved uniform items, all washed and ready if you need them. Please get in touch with the school at the email address above if you would like to take advantage of this.

As always, I thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Hannah Herrmann  
Headteacher

## 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.

## 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.



## 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</b> FROM £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</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	JAM & COCONUT SPONGE	STICKY TOFFEE APPLE	STRAWBERRY CHEESE CAKE	LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE	CHOCOLATE BROWNIE

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Main Meal  
With Vegetables  
And Dessert



£2.40

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## 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.

FREE TO  
ANYONE  
AGED  
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# WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY  
16:00 - 17:00

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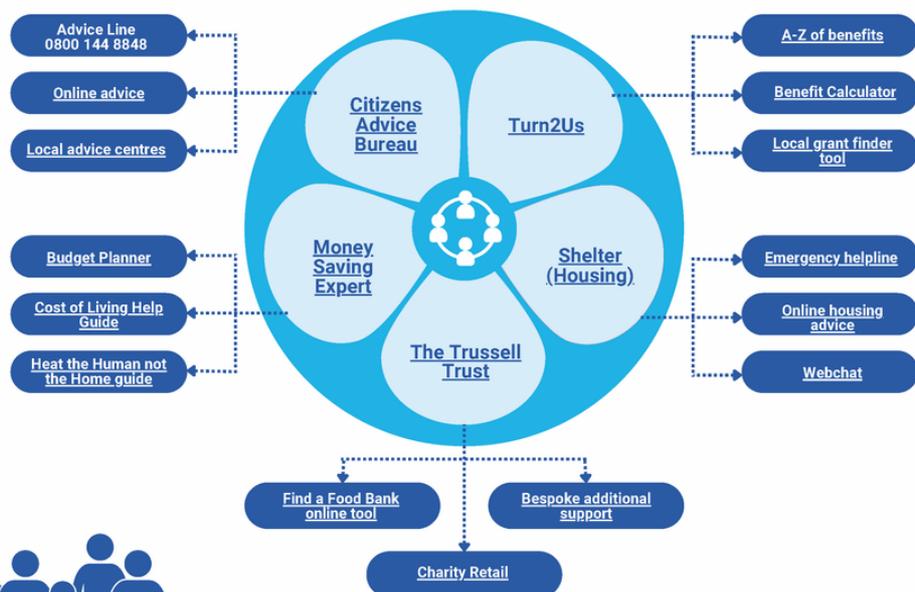
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## SUPPORT WITH THE COST OF LIVING

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.



# 10 THINGS PARENTS CAN DO TO NOURISH THEIR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH

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Provide them with autonomy. Allow them to make their own decisions



Emphasise the importance of good sleep, eating healthily and exercise



Listen, listen, listen. Be patient and present when talking to your child



Support your child to develop positive relationships with family and friends



Talk your child. Help them to express their thoughts and feelings



Make sure your child feels loved, valued and safe



Provide your child with opportunities to play and be creative



Role model positive mental health. Highlight the importance of self care and looking after yourself



Learn some simple coping skills such as relaxation and deep breathing. Practice them with your child



Involve yourself with your child's hobbies. Support and praise them



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Important dates the school needs you to know.



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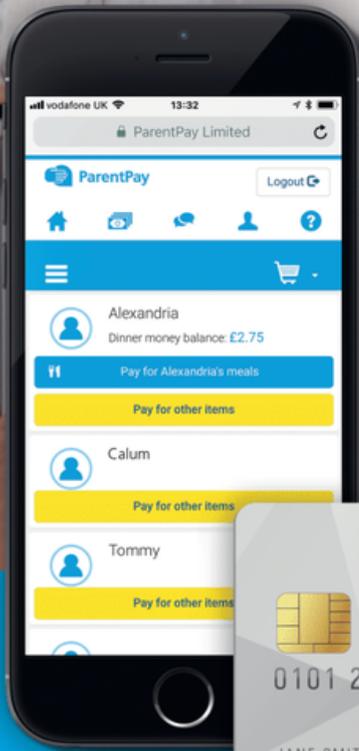
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