

Weekly Bulletin

13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023

Important Dates

20-24 February: Half-term | 6-13 March: Year 11 Spring Mock Exams | 7 & 9 March: Year 10 English Literature Mock Exams | 3-14 April: Easter Holidays | 17-28 April: Year 11 French Speaking & Listening Exams | 26 April: Year 7 Parents' Evening | 1 May: Early May Bank Holiday | 2-10 May: Year 11 Creative Design Practicals | 8 May: His Majesty's Coronation (Bank Holiday) | May-16 June: GCSE Examinations | 29 May-2 June: May Half-term

Hardship Grant Community Fund

Birmingham Voluntary Support Council are opening the Hardship Grant Community Fund, part of Birmingham City Council's wider Household Support Fund (HSF) activity for this Winter. BVSC will be distributing grants of up to £200 to Birmingham households currently facing hardship, intended for support with food and energy payments. For more information, to check eligibility and apply, please visit <https://www.bvsc.org/hsf>.

Trip to Manchester City vs Newcastle United (Premier League Fixture)

The PE department are running a trip for students to watch the Premier League fixture between Manchester City and Newcastle. All details about this trip can be found on <https://bit.ly/3Y5XVUz> and ParentPay. There is now also an option to pay in two instalments. If you wish to do this, please ask your child to contact Mr Stewart to organise this.

Year 11 Spring Mock Exams

6 March 2023: English - Paper 1 & Maths - Paper 1
7 March 2023: Computer Science
8 March 2023: Maths - Paper 2 & Geography
9 March 2023: English - Paper 2
10 March 2023: Maths - Paper 3
13 March 2023: French - Reading & Listening, French - Writing, Hospitality & ESOL

Year 10 Spring Mock Exams

7 March 2023: English Literature - Paper 1
9 March 2023: English Literature - Paper 2

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



[Hodge Hill College](#)



[ParentPay](#)



[MYEd](#)



[Birmingham City Council](#)



B.Y.O.B

BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE

As part of our move towards sustainability, after the February half-term single-use plastic cups will not be available in school.

All pupils will need to take responsibility for bringing in their own reusable water bottle.

Social, Emotional and Mental Health Resources by Kooth

For guidance on coping with loneliness and exam stress, upcoming events, parent guides and much more, please check out the range of resources available on cloud.brandmaster.com/shared/assets/00603df378b71ed56f70.

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.

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](#)



FREE

Bring it on Brum



**TO REGISTER
YOUR FAMILY**

Feb Half-Term

Family Taster Session

**12-4
PM**

THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

@AT CONCORD YOUTH CENTRE

CLAREMONT ROAD, SPARKBROOK, BIRMINGHAM B11 1LF

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

**PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES • HEALTHY EATING WORKSHOP
LIVE PERFORMANCES • SIGNPOSTING FOR HELP LOCALLY**

AND IT'S FREE !!!

**IMPORTANT NOTE: ALL CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 10 MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED AND SUPERVISED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT.**



Hall Green
Families



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 AND BARGAINS UK

KIDS EAT OUT FOR LESS
FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2023



Morrisons - Kids under 16 eat for free at Morrisons Café when an adult spends £4.99 or more on a meal.



ASDA Kids Free Hot Breakfast Between 8am-12pm every day during Half Term no purchase necessary.



Kids Eat for £1 with no purchase necessary until end of March 2023
Bella Italia - Kids Eat for £1 when an adult purchases a main meal between 4pm-6pm at Bella Italia.



Dunelm - Kids Eat for Free at Dunelm when an adult spends £4 or more at Pausa Cafe.



YO Sushi - Kids Under 10 Eat for Free at YO Sushi Between 13th - 24th Feb when an adult spends £10 or more.



Dobbies - Kids Eat for Free at Dobbies Garden Centre Cafes when an adult purchases a main meal.



Sizzling - Kids Eat for £1 at Sizzling Pub and Grill when an adult meal is purchased.



Hungry Horse - Free Kids Breakfast at Hungry Horse Pubs when an adult spends at least £3.49.



Farmhouse Inns - Kids Eat For £1 when you sign up to receive their email newsletter on their website.



IKEA - Pasta with Tomato Sauce and a soft drink for 95p or any other Kids Meal for £1.50. Available every day from 11am in their restaurants.

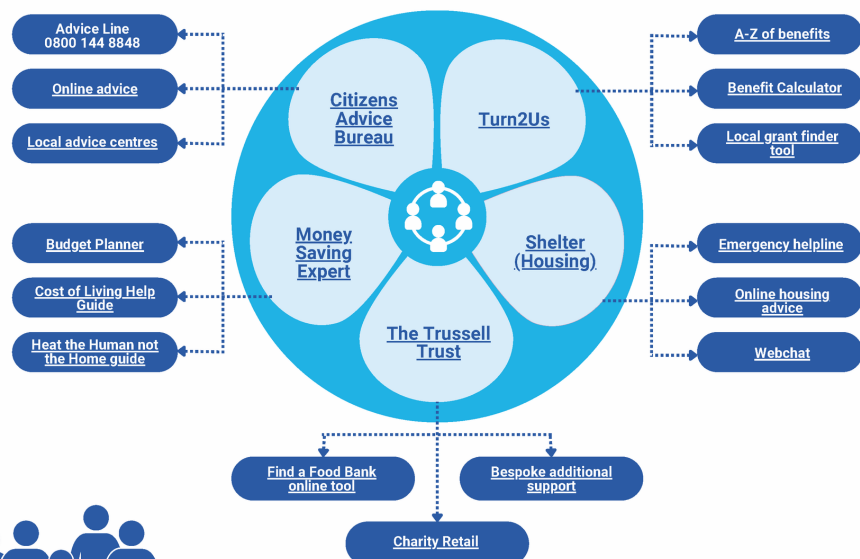


Beefeater, Brewer's Fayre & Table Table - Two kids under 16 eat breakfast for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased.

INFORMATION CORRECT AT TIME OF POSTING

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.



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

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.

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.




Lunch Menu for w/c 27 February 2023

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.

COME AND TRY BRING IT ON BRUM!



Suitable for children & young people aged 4-16
eligible for free school meals.

Young people and their families are encouraged to join us this
half -term at one of our **FREE** taster sessions, to learn all about
Birmingham's **FREE** Holiday Activity & Food Programme.

- Activity tasters including, Arts & Crafts, Cooking & Sports
- Signposting to further cost-of-living support services
- And much more!

**DON'T MISS OUT
THIS HALF-TERM!**

BOOK IN ADVANCE TO GET A FREE LUNCH WHEN YOU ATTEND

**TO BOOK A PLACE AT YOUR LOCAL
VENUE AND TO FIND OUT MORE GO TO:**

WWW.BRINGITONBRUM.CO.UK

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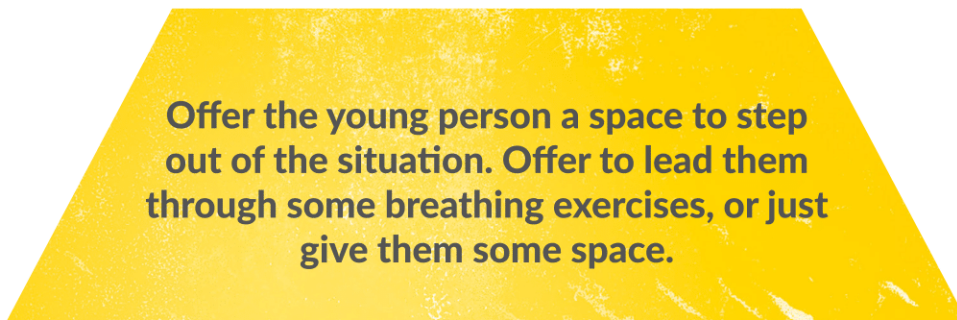


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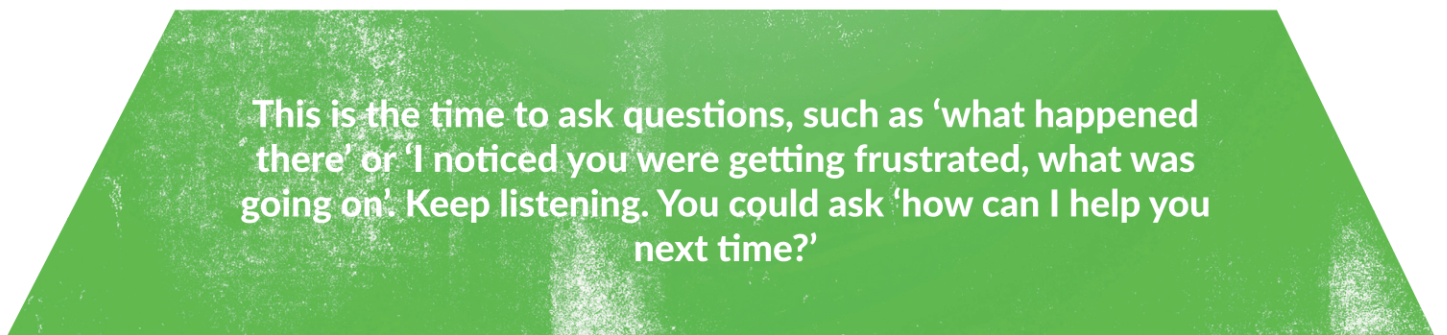
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Frustrated, tense, but in control



Calm



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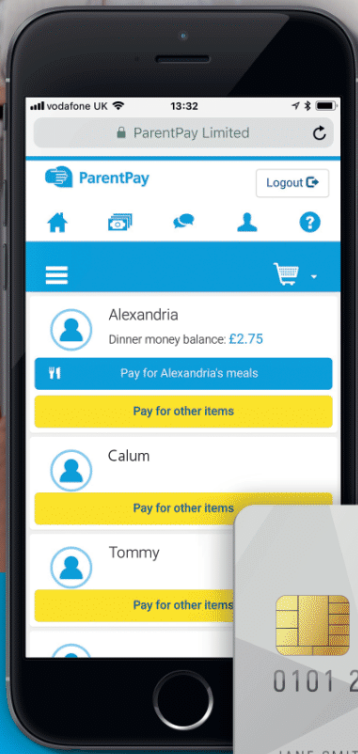
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