

Weekly Bulletin

17 November 2025 - 21 November 2025

Important Dates	
24 November	Staff Training Day (School Closed to All Pupils)
25 November - 18 December	<u>Year 11 Creative Design, French Speaking & Winter Mock Exams</u>
22 December-2 January	Christmas Holidays
5 January	Start of Spring Term & Staff Training Day (School Closed to All Pupils)
6 January	All Pupils Return to School
4 February	Year 8 HPV Immunisations
16-20 February	February Half-term

Upcoming Staff Training Day

The school will be closed to all pupils on Monday 24 November 2025, for a staff training day.

CENTURY Tech – Year 11 Revision and Homework Platform

CENTURY Tech provides a range of tools and resources to make revision more effective and efficient, helping students focus on what they need to learn next. Students get a Recommended Path that shows what to focus on based on their strengths and weaknesses. Diagnostic Quizzes help find gaps in knowledge and suggest short lessons to fill them. Smart Assignments give personalised revision tasks for areas that need improvement. Plus, there are plenty of Revision Resources to support both self-study and teacher-led activities.

How to Log In

- Website: <https://app.century.tech/login/>
- Username: forename.surname@hodgehill
- Example: adam.ali@hodgehill
- Password: century123 (do not change this)

Need Help?

If pupils need login support, they can message Mr Naqvi or Mrs Shaheen on ClassCharts.

Upcoming Year 11 Mock Exams

The following mock exams are scheduled for Year 11 pupils in the coming weeks. We encourage parents to support their children's preparation by reviewing the provided study materials together. These mock exams are an important opportunity for pupils to measure their progress and identify areas for additional focus in preparation for their GCSEs in May:

- 25 November 2025 to 28 November 2025 - Creative Design Practical Mock Exams (Week 1) & French Speaking
- 1 December 2025 to 12 December 2025 - Winter Mock Exams
- 15 December 2025 to 18 December 2025 - Creative Design Practical Mock Exams (Week 2)

Visit our [exams page](#) for up-to-date timetables and important exam information.

Useful Links



[Hodge Hill College](#)



[ParentPay](#)



[MyEd](#)



[Birmingham City Council](#)

Health • Fun • Food • Wellbeing

Family Health Day

FREE



Saturday 29th November 2025



1pm - 4pm



Birmingham Central Mosque,
180 Belgrave Middleway, B12 0XS

Health Checks for the Whole Family

Health Checks for Children
and Young People
(aged 2 - 16 years) include
measuring height, weight,
and checking teeth

Health Checks for Adults
include having blood
pressure measured and
health advice



NHS

Birmingham
Community Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust



St. Paul's Community
Development Trust



Child
Bereavement UK
REBUILDING LIVES TOGETHER



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bodies

For more information visit our website: www.sparkbrookchildrenszone.co.uk
or email us at scz@greensquareaccord.co.uk

ParentPay

ParentPay enables parents/carers to make secure payments for their child's lunches and school trips.

ParentPay Activation

When pupils join Hodge Hill College, parents/carers are issued with a ParentPay Activation Letter that contains a temporary ParentPay username and password. As part of the account activation, the parent/carer will need to choose an email address and new password to use with ParentPay. Parents/carers should follow the instructions in the letter, and on www.parentpay.com to successfully activate their account. If you have more than one child at our school or have children in other schools that use ParentPay, you can create a single account to manage them all.

Forgotten Password

If a parent/carer can't get into their ParentPay account, they should go to www.parentpay.com > For Parents > Parent Login, and click on the "Forgotten password" link. Parents/carers should not need to contact school to regain access to ParentPay accounts.

Outstanding Balances

If you have an unpaid balance on your child's ParentPay account, we kindly request you to settle it as soon as possible by logging into your account. Your child will need to bring their own packed lunch and they will not be able to use the school canteen until the account is topped up and the debts have been cleared.

If you need help with adding credit to the account, please visit the School Office with your debit card.

FAQs & More Information

- FAQs: www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk/parentpay
- More information: www.parentpay.com
- Call the School Office: 0121 783 7807

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. 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.

Weekly Lunch Menu

The [school lunch menus](#) are available to view on our website and provide an overview of the menu items that will be served each day.



Responsibly sourced,
Safe British Produce,
Good Animal Welfare.



Organic Product Suppliers



Healthy Food
Fresh Ingredients
75% freshly prepared



Highest Standards in UK
Egg Production



Wild fish or Seafood from
Sustainable Fishing



FAIRTRADE Sourced Ingredients



Sustainably Farmed Products



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environmental improvement.

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Step 2: Search for My Ed

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Step 3: Download the app

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Forms

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Timetables

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Key Dates

Important dates the school needs you to know.



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Parent Carer Support Groups

We are pleased to share that Forward Carers will be hosting a Parent Carer Support Group for families in our community. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents and carers, share experiences, and access valuable advice and guidance.

Each session will include a focus on wellbeing and embracing neurodiversity, with guest speakers offering practical insights. A representative from Autism West Midlands will also be present to provide support. Light refreshments will be available.




For more information and details of upcoming sessions/locations, please visit the [Parent Carer Support Group page](#) on our website.

A to Z List of Post-16 Open Events 2025

As Year 11 pupils prepare for their next steps after GCSEs, visiting local colleges and sixth forms during their open events is a valuable opportunity to explore future pathways. These events enable pupils to experience the learning environment, meet staff, and ask questions about courses and available support. We strongly encourage all parents and carers to check the [A to Z list of post-16 open events](#) on our website and attend with their child to help them make informed decisions.

Is Your Child Unwell? Know When to Seek Help

Please refer to the traffic light guide to help you decide what action to take if your child is unwell:

 <p>RED</p>	<p>If your child has any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Is going blue around the lips■ Has pauses in their breathing (apnoeas) or has an irregular breathing pattern or starts grunting■ Severe difficulty in breathing - too breathless to talk or eat/drink■ A harsh noise as they breath in (stridor) present all of the time (even when they are not upset)■ Becomes pale, mottled and feels abnormally cold to touch■ Becomes extremely agitated (crying inconsolably despite distraction), confused or very lethargic (difficult to wake)■ Develops a rash that does not disappear with pressure (the 'Glass Test')	<p>You need urgent help. Go to the nearest Hospital Emergency (A&E) Department or phone 999</p>
 <p>AMBER</p>	<p>If your child has any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Has laboured/rapid breathing or they are working hard to breath - drawing in of the muscles below their lower ribs, at their neck or between their ribs■ A harsh breath noise as they breath in (stridor) present only when they are upset■ Seems dehydrated (sunken eyes, drowsy or not passed urine for 12 hours)■ Is becoming drowsy (excessively sleepy) or irritable (unable to settle them with toys, TV, food or picking up - especially if they remain drowsy or irritable despite their fever coming down)■ Has extreme shivering or complains of muscle pain■ Continues to have a fever of 38.0°C or above for more than 5 days■ Is getting worse or if you are worried	<p>You need to contact a doctor or nurse today. Please ring your GP surgery or contact NHS 111 - dial 111 or for children aged 5 years and above visit 111.nhs.uk</p>
 <p>GREEN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ If none of the above features are present	<p>Self Care Continue providing your child's care at home. If you are still concerned about your child, contact NHS 111 – dial 111 or for children aged 5 years and above visit 111.nhs.uk</p>

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26



Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

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Absence Reporting

If your child is going to be absent from school, please let us know before 08:30. You can do this by sending an in-app message (free of charge) to the Absence Hotline via our MyEd app or calling 0121 783 7807.

Parents/Carers may be asked to provide medical evidence where there are repeated absences due to reported illness.

Punctuality

All pupils must arrive on time each day to run the school efficiently. Pupils are expected to be on school premises by 08:30.

The Key Stage 3 and 4 gates will close at 08:37, and any pupil who arrives after this time will need to sign in via the School Office.

If a pupil is late for school, they will receive a 30-minute detention on the same day. Similarly, if a pupil is late for a lesson, they will receive a 30-minute detention on the same day. If a pupil is marked late more than once in a day, the detention time will be increased on the same day.

Learning Wallets, School Bags & Equipment

All pupils have been given a learning wallet containing the equipment they need to bring to school to support their access to the curriculum. This needs to be brought into school every day in a school bag to ensure it is kept safe. Pupils without a bag have been provided with one. Failure to bring in the learning wallet or school bag will result in a 60-minute detention.

If pupils lose any of their equipment, they are responsible for replacing it. Stationery items are available for purchase at both canteens for a nominal amount of 10p per item (cash).

If your child needs to replace their calculator, you can either provide one or purchase a new one through ParentPay/the School Office for £15 (cashless).

Empty learning wallets are also available to purchase through ParentPay/the School Office for £1.70 (cashless).

School Policies & Documents

Parents can access the latest school policies and important documents on the [policies page](#) of our website.

Parents can view the school's stance on prominent issues that may affect their child and see the codes of conduct that their child should adhere to as a member of the school student body.

School Catering Price Increase - November 2025

Following careful consultation with ABM Catering, we have made the difficult decision to increase the cost of school meals at Hodge Hill College due to rising food, fuel, and labour costs.

While we've worked hard to minimise the impact, the price of the Meal Deal has risen to £2.70 from 3 November 2025. We remain committed to keeping meals affordable for students and staff.

[More information and the full tariff menu](#) are available on our school website.

Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies – Now Available to Order

Leavers' hoodies for Year 11 pupils are now available to order online. Parents have been sent a letter containing a unique code to place their order. All orders must be made directly with the company via their website: <https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/shop/hoodie>. The deadline for placing orders is 27 April 2026, and each hoodie costs £28.99.

Year 11 Extra Tuition Available Throughout the Week

We are pleased to offer extra tuition sessions for Year 11 pupils throughout the week to help support their learning and exam preparation. We encourage all parents to check the [Year 11 Extra Tuition Timetable](#) for more information.

REWARDS

EARN POINTS | CLAIM PRIZES | CELEBRATE SUCCESS!

Prize Drawer Entries

- £40 Uber Eats Voucher Raffle Ticket (*Termly*)
25
- Laptop Raffle Ticket (*Yearly*)
75
- Game Console Raffle Ticket (*Yearly*)
100


Creative & Sports Equipment

Colouring Book 250	Table Tennis Bat 600
Water Colour Paint Set 350	Wilson Basketball 700
Felt Tip Pens 400	Nike Football 750
LEGO Technic Mercedes 600	£20 Amazon/Argos Voucher 750




Academic & Learning Supplies

Wobbly Fuzzy Head Pen 75	Book of Choice 250
Learning Wallet (<i>Empty</i>) 75	Calculator 400




Experience & Lifestyle

- Free Breaktime Snack or Drink / Free Slush Pass
50
- Jump the Queue Pass (*1 Day Only*)
75
- Shadow SLT for the Day (*KS3 Only*)
400



Audio Rewards

- Wireless Headphones
900
- Bluetooth Speaker
1000



SAVE YOUR POINTS OR SPEND THEM - THE CHOICE IS YOURS!

Personal Development Timetable

As a part of your child's education at Hodge Hill College, we promote personal well-being and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme.

PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, strategies and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

Our PSHE programme is delivered through form-time activities to all year groups and through our Personal Development weekly lessons to pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9.

Please find below a table of topics pupils will be learning about in tutor time and Personal Development lessons:

W/C	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
3 November	Introduction to Social Media	What is Social Media?	Discrimination: Homophobia	Importance of donating blood	Online Safety: Protecting personal information
10 November	What is bullying? (National Anti-Bullying Week)	What is cyberbullying? (National Anti-Bullying Week)	What is cyberbullying? (National Anti-Bullying Week)	What is cyberbullying? (National Anti-Bullying Week)	What is cyberbullying? (National Anti-Bullying Week)
17 November	What is cyberbullying?	Keeping yourself safe: Dangers of Online Trends	Discrimination: Hate Speech	What is organ donation?	Online Safety: What is your digital footprint
24 November	What is the difference between banter and bullying?	Keeping yourself safe: Online grooming	Discrimination: Equality & Equity	Importance of vaccines	Online Safety: Exploitation through social media
1 December	Safe Online Friendships	Keeping yourself safe: Appropriate/Inappropriate images to send	Laws that impact society (organ donation, human rights)	Health checks for young people	Online Safety: Dangers of oversharing
8 December	Online Risks: Privacy	Keeping yourself safe: Identifying mis/disinformation online	Difference between civil and criminal law	Healthy relationships: risks of unprotected sex	Online safety: Who are you really talking to?
15 December	Managing Screen Time	Managing Screen Time	What is court and how does it work?	Healthy relationships: intimacy without having sex	Online Safety: Reporting dangers/inappropriate content

If you would like to discuss our Personal Development & Tutor Time curriculum, please email personaldevelopment@hodgehill.bham.sch.uk and a member of staff will be in contact to arrange a meeting.



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AND SUBMIT THIS FORM: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3UXZI4X](https://bit.ly/3UXZI4X)**

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

This guidance is available on the Government's [Behaviour in Schools](#) page.

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.

Our full school uniform and PE kit list can be found on the [uniform page](#) of our website.

Year 11 After-school Tuition

We have introduced a comprehensive new tuition model to support Year 11 pupils' academic progress. Pupils requiring additional help are identified early through mock exams and subject-led assessments.

Teachers use focused tuition sessions to provide targeted support in small groups. There are dedicated after-school sessions each week for Maths, English, Science, and other core subjects. Those making significant progress can move out of the tuition program, while those who require further support may receive more intensive interventions with subject specialist teachers.

This multi-layered approach aims to collect and utilise data effectively, allowing teachers to adapt and personalise tuition to meet individual pupils' needs throughout the academic year.

This timetable is available on the [tuition page](#) of our website.

Extra-curricular Activities & Clubs

At Hodge Hill College, our enrichment and extra-curricular provision provides our pupils with a breadth and balance of activities designed to broaden their horizons, allowing them to develop their own interests and talents. The programme is an extension of the school's curriculum and builds on our CARE brand whilst instilling British Values.

We offer quality provision which provides our pupils with a number of opportunities to develop their resilience, character and performance. Our sports provision has continued to improve to develop pupils physically and mentally.

Please note, that all pupils must sign in at reception upon arrival for before-school sessions each morning.

More information and the activities timetable are available on the [extra-curricular page](#) of our website.

Penalty Notices

From 19 August 2024, the new National Framework for issuing penalty notices will apply.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold to consider if a Penalty Notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence.

The 10-school week period can span over different terms and school years.

Penalty Notice Fines will continue to be issued per parent per child.

Example: 2 parents with 3 children would receive a total of 6 Penalty Notices

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First Offence

- £100 per parent, per child paid within 28 days
- Reduced to £60 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days
- Unpaid Penalty Notices after 28 days may result in a prosecution

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Second Offence (within 3 years of the First Offence)

- Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second Penalty Notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice
- £100 per parent, per child paid within 28 days
- Unpaid Penalty Notices after 28 days may result in a prosecution

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Third Offence and any further offences (within 3 years of the First Offence)

- The third time that an offence is committed for either a term time holiday and/or irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, the case may be proceeded straight to prosecution under the Education Act 1996, Section 444
- If found guilty of the offence of "failure to secure their child's regular attendance at a school" the Magistrates can impose a fine of up to £1,000 and you will have a criminal record

Please Note

If you take any Leave of Absence PRIOR to 19 August 2024 (e.g. in July 2024) then the Penalty Notice will be at the old rate of £60/£120. Any Leave of Absence taken in or after September 2024 will be charged at the new rates as above.

Zero Tolerance

Please note that Hodge Hill College operates a zero-tolerance policy about 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.

Is my child too ill for school?

We know that, at certain times of the year, children pick up bugs and illnesses. However, please remember that children can come to school with some illnesses if they feel well enough. The NHS guidance can be accessed online via the [NHS Guidance](#) page.

Medical Appointments During the School Day

In order to ensure that your child's learning is not disrupted, it is strongly recommended that non-urgent GP, dentist, or optometrist appointments are scheduled outside of school hours.

If your child has a hospital appointment or requires specialist medical care, please inform the school in advance. You can do so by sending a photo of the appointment letter via MyEd or by submitting it in person to the School Office. A copy of the letter will then be sent to your child's AC and AAC to authorise the absence.

Medication

As a parent or carer, it is your responsibility to provide the school with accurate and updated information regarding your child's medical needs. You should also be involved in developing and reviewing your child's individual healthcare plan.

If your child has any medical needs or needs to take medication during school hours, please visit the School Office to complete a Parental Medical Consent Form and drop off any medication that needs to be kept in school.

If your child has asthma, we highly recommend that they always carry an inhaler with them. Please provide us with an inhaler by dropping it off at the School Office in case of any emergencies, and completing the consent form.

Contact Details

Please remember to inform the school of any changes to your contact details.

This is important because we may need to contact you if your child is injured or taken ill, to provide you with information about trips and closures or to send you reminders and cancellations of any event.

Please update and submit any new details via the Change of Pupils Details Form on the MyEd app. Alternatively, you may visit the School Office to complete an electronic/paper copy of the form.

Confiscated Items

If a pupil has an item confiscated, their parents/carers can pick it up from the School Office after school on the same day between the following times:

- Monday: 16:10-16:45
- Tuesday to Thursday: 15:10-16:00
- Friday: 13:40-14:30

If parents/carers cannot collect it on the same day, they must pick it up on another day after school. Pupils are not permitted to collect the item.



B.Y.O.B

BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE

As part of our move towards sustainability, single-use plastic cups are no longer available in school.

All pupils must take responsibility for bringing in their own reusable water bottles.

Reusable water bottles are available to purchase from West Office using money on ParentPay.

Key Stage 3 Assessment and Core Vocabulary Booklets

This term's assessment and core vocabulary booklets are linked below. These booklets feature key vocabulary that pupils will learn this term, along with definitions. They are organised by subject area for easy reference. This will support pupils in their comprehension and language development.



Curriculum Handbook

You can find detailed information about the curriculum and the specific subjects and skills your child will be learning each year on the [curriculum page](#) of our website.

Our Community and the Cost of Living

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.

We are continuing to open West Canteen to pupils every morning before school between 8:00am and 8:30am to provide a free breakfast including toast and hot drinks. Please encourage your child to attend this, particularly if they arrive early to school in the morning, as it is a supervised space with access to games and other activities.

If you are facing particular hardships, please feel free to get in touch with us here at Hodge Hill College at 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 can be found on their [cost of living crisis](#) page on their website and this may be of use to you in signposting where you can get help, support, and advice if you are affected.

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.

Uniform Donations

Throughout the year, we kindly request your help in supporting other families in need. If your children have outgrown their old school uniforms, please consider donating them to the School Office. We will collect all donated uniforms and distribute them to pupils who would greatly benefit from them. Even a single donated item can make a significant difference.

We are happy to accept donations of new uniforms too. Whether gently used or brand new, your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Please make sure to wash any used uniforms before donating and ensure they are in good condition. You can send the uniforms with your child or drop them off at the School Office yourself. We appreciate anything you can provide to help clothe and equip pupils whose families are facing financial difficulties.

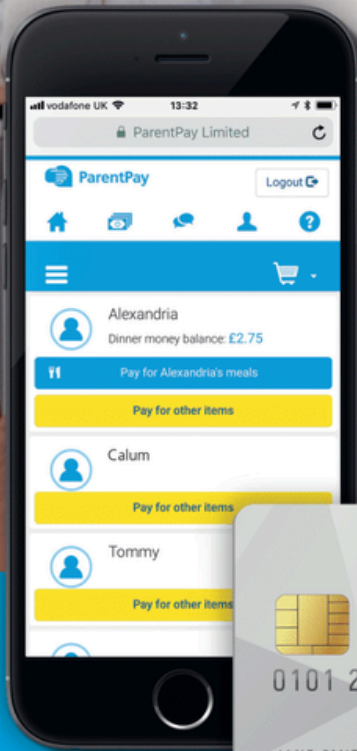
Together, we can ensure that all our students feel comfortable, confident, and ready to learn.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

THE EASY WAY TO PAY

We're using ParentPay so parents
can easily pay online for school
dinners, trips and clubs.

No stress, hassle free.



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Translate Our School Website Using Google Translator on Chrome

If you need help understanding information on our school's website, Google Chrome has a built-in translation feature that can translate the pages into your preferred language.

To use this, first make sure you have the latest version of Google Chrome installed on your device. Then navigate to our school's website and click on the three-dot menu icon in the top right corner of Chrome. Select **"Translate"** from the menu. This will bring up a sidebar where you can choose which language you want to translate the page into. Click on your desired language and Chrome will automatically translate everything on the webpage.

The translation may not be completely perfect, but it should help convey the key information and allow you to understand important updates from teachers or the school administration.

This feature works for dozens of popular languages - just select the one you feel most comfortable with.

Examples:

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