

# Weekly Bulletin

22 June 2026 - 26 June 2026

Important Dates	
1 July	New Year 7 Induction Day & Welcome Event
3 July	Staff Training Day (School Closed)
6 July-16 July	New Year 11 Work Experience
17 July	New Year 11 Work Experience Debrief & End of Summer Term
20 July-31 August	Summer Holidays
1 September	Autumn Term Starts & Staff Training Day (School Closed)
2 September	Year 7 & 11 Pupils Start
3 September	Year 8, 9 & 10 Pupils Start



## Free School Meals

*Could your child be entitled to free school meals from September 2026?*

If you receive Universal Credit or other benefits, your child may be eligible for free school meals. The rules have changed, so more families now qualify.

Please apply and we'll check this for you — we're happy to help.

Please note: Although parents/carers can apply now under the new criteria, eligibility will not commence until 1 September 2026.

### New Year 11 Sex Education Workshops

New Year 11 pupils will be taking part in Sex Education Workshops on Wednesday 24 June & Tuesday 30 June. These workshops will be delivered by trained professionals from Umbrella, a sexual health service in Birmingham and Solihull. The workshops will be completed in single sex groups with both workshops looking at STIs and contraception. These workshops form part of the school's Secure Curriculum and evidence of meeting statutory guidance set out by Department for Education. We advise that all pupils should be present in the workshop and take part in the activities that they feel comfortable with. However, if you would not like your child to be present during these workshops, please email [personaldevelopment@hodgehill.bham.sch.uk](mailto:personaldevelopment@hodgehill.bham.sch.uk) and a member of the Personal Development team will be in contact.

### Useful Links



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## Loneliness

Everyone feels lonely from time to time but if you have limited social support or a lack of healthy relationships, it can really start to get you down.

You might find yourself feeling isolated, rejected or abandoned.

Loneliness can be a difficult thing to deal with. Although it's not a mental health problem in itself, loneliness can often cause or be the result of a mental health issue.

There are a number of ways to tackle loneliness:

- Work out what makes you feel lonely
- Talk about how you feel
- Meet new people

Visit the [Forward Thinking Birmingham](#) website for more information and tips.

## 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.

## 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. 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 the Ready to Learn Hub 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. This includes our behaviour and expectations policies, which outline how we promote a safe, inclusive and positive learning environment and support high standards of conduct for all pupils.

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## 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.

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All Hodge Hill College

Offer ends 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026

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Girls  
Trousers

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(Twin Pack)

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Skirts

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## New Year 7 Induction Day & Welcome Event



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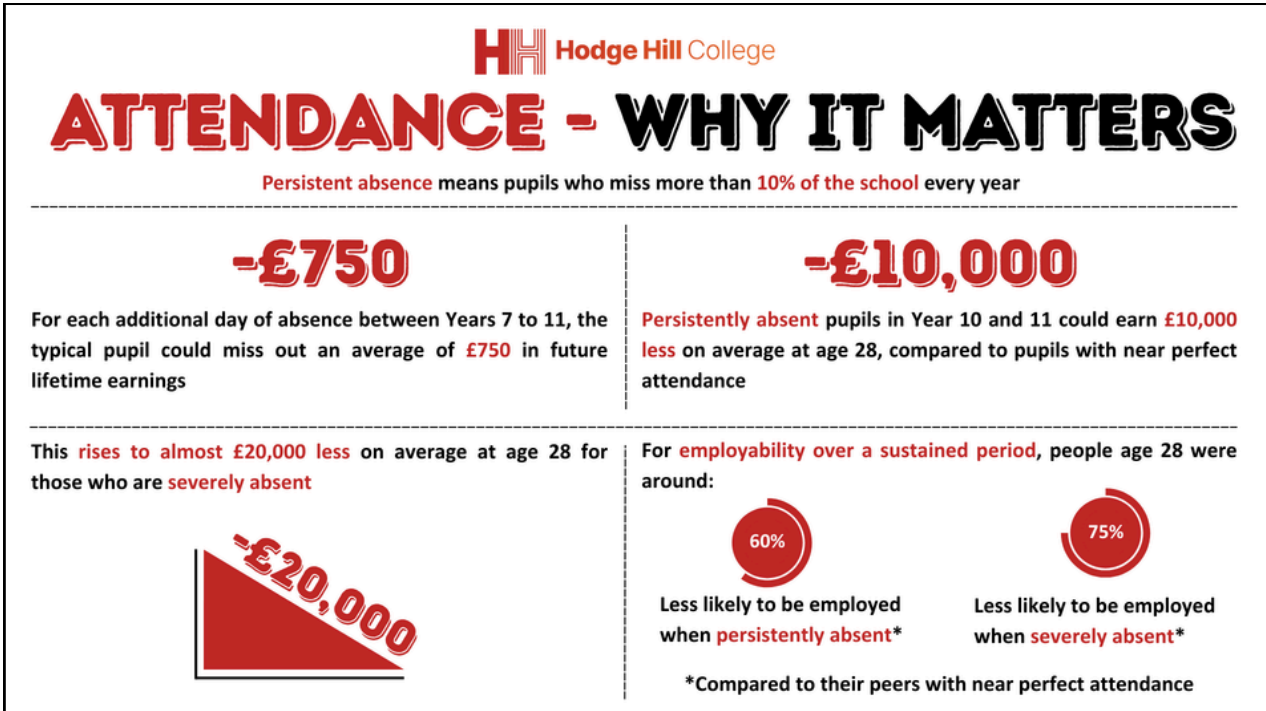
**WEDNESDAY 1 JULY 2026**  
**YEAR 7 INDUCTION DAY**  
08:50-14:45  
Entry/Exit Point: Main Entrance

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**WELCOME EVENT**  
16:00-18:30  
Entry/Exit Point: Main Entrance

0121 783 7807  [www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk](http://www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk)

## Attendance - Why It Matters










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# ATTENDANCE - WHY IT MATTERS

Persistent absence means pupils who miss more than 10% of the school every year

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<h2>-£750</h2> <p>For each additional day of absence between Years 7 to 11, the typical pupil could miss out an average of £750 in future lifetime earnings</p>	<h2>-£10,000</h2> <p>Persistently absent pupils in Year 10 and 11 could earn £10,000 less on average at age 28, compared to pupils with near perfect attendance</p>		
<p>This rises to almost £20,000 less on average at age 28 for those who are severely absent</p> 	<p>For employability over a sustained period, people age 28 were around:</p> <table border="0"><tr><td> Less likely to be employed when persistently absent*</td><td> Less likely to be employed when severely absent*</td></tr></table> <p>*Compared to their peers with near perfect attendance</p>	 Less likely to be employed when persistently absent*	 Less likely to be employed when severely absent*
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## Food and Mental Health

Some studies suggest that what we eat and drink can affect how we feel. But it can be difficult to know what to eat, especially when healthier foods can be more expensive. And it can be hard to think about our diet when we're struggling with our mental wellbeing.

Visit the [Mind](http://www.mind.org.uk) website for more information and tips on food and mental health, and advice on:

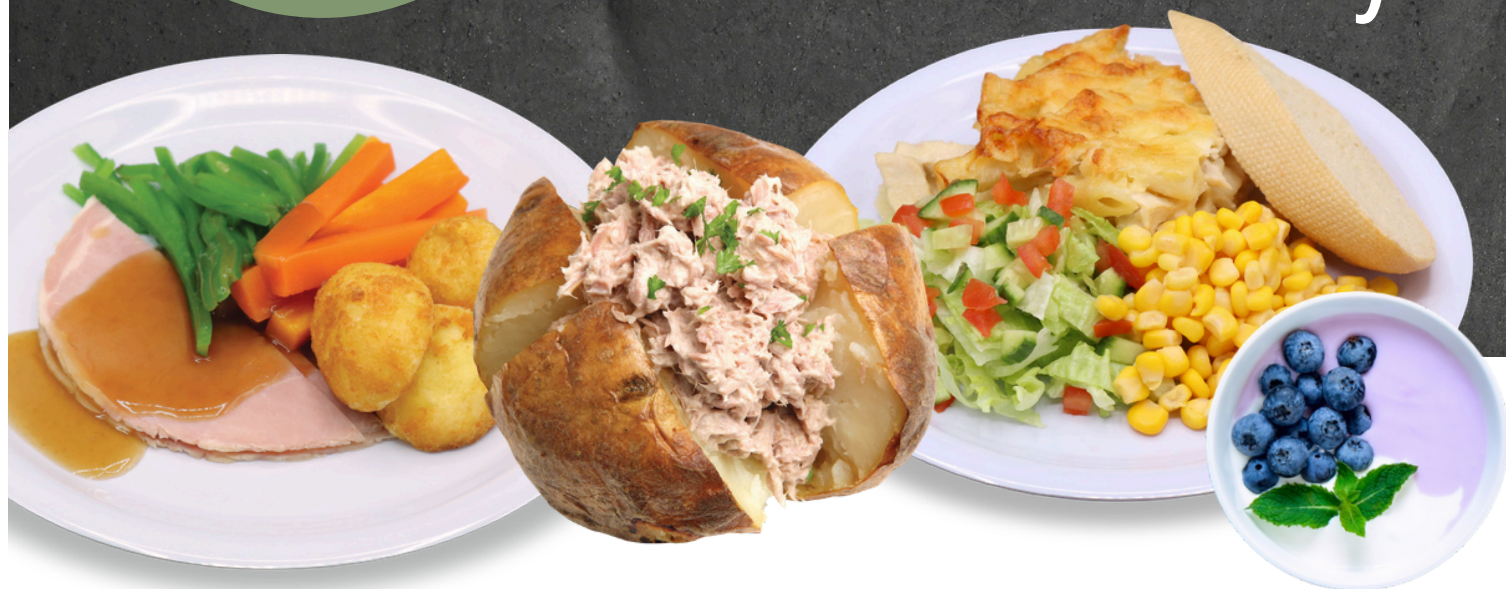
- Types of mental health problems
- A-Z mental health
- Drugs and treatments
- Trips for everyday living
- Online peer support

Did you know...

The price of  
a supermarket  
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increasing?

# COME DINE WITH US

## Savetime & money!



## All our meals are freshly made!

We understand how important it is for every child to receive a healthy, nutritious meal.

Serving delicious menu options:

- Vegetarian & Special Diets
- Jacket Potatoes with a range of fillings
- Tomato & Basil Pasta
- Sandwiches & Salad Bar available daily
- Yoghurt, Jelly or Fruit
- Dessert of the Day

You could **save**  
**£400 a year** by  
not having to provide  
a packed lunch  
for your child!

Find out if your child is eligible for free  
school meals, visit the Government website:  
[www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals)

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## 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk/parentpay).
- More information: [www.parentpay.com](http://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:

- Universal Credit
- 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 are 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)

### 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



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FAIRTRADE Sourced Ingredients



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**TO REQUEST SUPPORT, KINDLY COMPLETE  
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.

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## HELPING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN NAVIGATE THE ONLINE WORLD

Neurodivergent people tend to be early adopters of technology, and many influential innovators in this space are neurodivergent themselves. It's therefore likely that a neurodivergent child or young person may be drawn to the online world from an early age. This isn't a concern in itself, but understanding both the benefits and potential risks is essential. Here are ten key considerations to support safe and positive online experiences for neurodivergent children.

### 1 TREAT ONLINE LIKE THE REAL WORLD

You wouldn't allow a child to cross a road without guidance – you'd hold their hand, use a pedestrian crossing, and model safe behaviour. In the same way, a neurodivergent child's first experiences online should be supported by an adult who can guide and explain safe and responsible digital behaviour to them from the outset.

### 2 MODEL RESPONSIBLE USE

Children learn from what they see. Show all children, regardless of neurotype, what responsible internet use looks like. Reflect on your own use of social media and AI. Consider how often you use them and your own understanding of these platforms. Talk openly about when and why you use these tools, helping all children develop a balanced and informed approach.

### 3 KNOW YOUR LIMITS

Current government guidance suggests no solo screen use below the age of two, with a maximum of one hour per day for two- to five-year-olds. Screen time can support communication and connection when shared with an adult. However, passive watching can affect neurodivergent children's attention and language skills. Focus on the type of content they watch, encouraging slower-paced and meaningful material rather than fast-paced, overstimulating content.

### 4 CONSIDER AGES AND STAGES

For older children and teenagers, agreed limits are important. Screen time can be beneficial, but it should form part of a balanced lifestyle. Neurodivergent children may find online communication easier than real-world conversation, supporting their social interaction. However, it shouldn't be their only option. Encourage a range of activities, including creative play, physical exercise, and opportunities for real-world connections.

### 5 KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN

Discussions about online safety should begin early and continue as children grow. However, neurodivergent children may worry about getting things wrong or being misunderstood, meaning these kinds of conversations should feel open and fair, rather than like a lecture. If a child encounters a problem – such as a scam or inappropriate content – they need to feel able to speak to a trusted adult without fear of judgement or embarrassment.

### 6 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

You aren't expected to be an expert, but it's important to stay informed about the platforms, games, or apps neurodivergent children use in order to provide practical support. Social media platforms have age limits, and many apps and games offer parental settings that can control access. Schools and families should work together to understand these tools, helping neurodivergent children use them safely while keeping up to date with new features and changes.

### 7 SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES

Children and young people often know more about current technology than adults, meaning it's important to recognise that controls may be bypassed. Clear, predictable boundaries should be used, based on trust and consistency. Involving children in discussions that affect them helps them feel heard. This is particularly important for neurodivergent children, who may respond strongly to perceived unfairness.

### 8 UNDERSTAND AI CONTENT

The internet now includes large amounts of AI-generated content, including images, videos, and stories. These can be difficult to identify. Children should be encouraged to question what they see and check the information using trusted sources. Neurodivergent children may interpret content literally, meaning adult guidance is important in helping them recognise what's real and reliable – and what isn't.

### 9 EXPLAIN AI LIMITATIONS

AI isn't the same as a search engine. It generates responses based on prompts and patterns, and its accuracy depends on how it's used. Sometimes, it produces incorrect or unrealistic information, known as 'hallucinations'. Both adults and children need to understand this and learn how to check information carefully using reliable and trusted sources.

### 10 CLARIFY AI RELATIONSHIPS

AI can feel conversational and personal, but it's not capable of real relationships. It learns from patterns in user input rather than human understanding. Some neurodivergent children may experience a sense of connection with AI chatbots, particularly if they find social situations challenging. It's therefore important to explain that these are simulated conversations and aren't a substitute for real, human relationships.

## Meet Our Expert

Catrina Lowri is a neurodivergent former SENCO and Advisory Teacher who works with nurseries, schools, colleges, and businesses to improve inclusion for neurodivergent people. She is the Founder and Director of Neuroteachers and the author of "The Other 29 – How Supporting Your Neurodivergent Learner Can Improve Teaching and Learning for the Whole Class".



See full reference list on our website

## 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	New Year 8	New Year 9	New Year 10	New Year 11
1 June	What are British Values?	What is Community?	Internet Safety: Online Laws	What is Community?
8 June	What are Protected Characteristics?	How Can Young People Impact Their Community ?	Internet safety: Privacy Settings	How Can Young People Impact Their Community?
15 June	What are Stereotypes?	Celebrating Multicultural Britain	Internet Safety: Dangers of Oversharing	Importance of Charity Work in the Community
22 June	Celebrating Diversity in Birmingham	Celebrating Diversity in Birmingham	Celebrating Diversity in Birmingham	Celebrating Diversity in Birmingham
29 June	What is Community?	What Issues are Faced by Communities in the UK?	Internet Safety: Impact of Influencers	Getting Ready for Work Experience
6 July	How Can Young People Impact Their Community?	Importance of Charity Work in the Community	Internet Safety: Impact of Harmful Online Content	
13 July	Water & Rail Safety	Water & Rail Safety	Making the Summer Holidays Productive	

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

# REWARDS

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## Prize Drawer Entries

£40 Uber Eats Voucher  
Raffle Ticket (*Termly*)

45

Laptop Raffle Ticket  
(*Yearly*)

75

Game Console Raffle  
Ticket (*Yearly*)

75



## Creative & Sports Equipment

LEGO Mini Figures

300

Colouring Book

350

Water Colour Paint Set

450

Felt Tip Pens

500

LEGO Technic Mercedes

800

Table Tennis Bat

400

Nike Football

850

Wilson Basketball

900



## Academic & Learning Supplies

Wobbly Fuzzy Head Pen

75

Book of Choice

250

Learning Wallet (*Empty*)

100

Calculator

500



## Audio Rewards

Wireless Headphones Bluetooth Speaker

1200

1300



## Experience & Lifestyle

Free Slush Pass

50

Jump the Queue Pass  
(*1 Day Only*)

75

Free Breaktime  
Snack or Drink

100



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

### 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.

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)

[Year 9](#)

### 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](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 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.

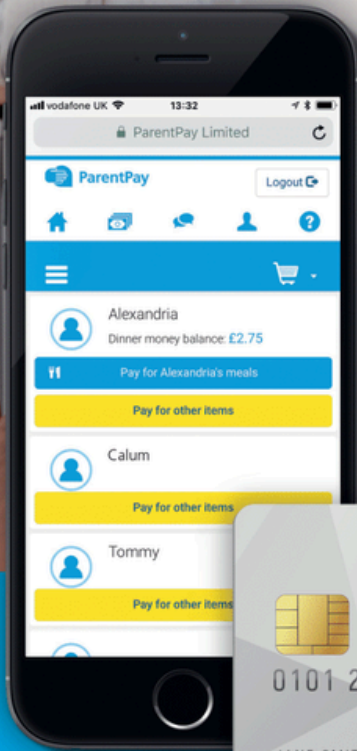
Together, we can ensure that all our students feel comfortable, confident, and ready to learn.

**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.**



**SIMPLE  
QUICK  
SAFE**



[www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)



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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:

#### Arabic



#### Bangla



#### Chinese



#### Romanian



#### Polish



#### Urdu



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