Weekly Bulletin

15 May 2023 - 19 May 2023

Important Dates	
15 May-16 June	GCSE Examinations
29 May-2 June	May Half-term
19-28 June	New Year 11 Mock Exams
5 July	Year 6 Induction Day & Evening
10-20 July	New Year 11 Work Experience

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 this winter, 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. Previous support has included supermarket vouchers, new uniform, school shoes and PE kit.

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.

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.

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Pupils in Year 8 will receive their HPV vaccine on 19 July 2023. We have already distributed the consent forms to all pupils, and we kindly ask you to complete and return them to the School Office by 26 May 2023.

The vaccinations will take place on school premises, and pupils will be required to attend school as usual. They will be called out of lessons for the vaccinations. Please note that only pupils with parental consent will be vaccinated.

If you need more information about the HPV vaccine, please visit https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine/.

Should you have any questions or require further details, please contact the Immunisation Team at 0121 466 3460.

GCSE Examinations

This year's GCSE examinations timetable, rules and regulations have been published on our school's website: https://www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk/exams.

Useful Links

Hodge Hill College

ParentPay

MyEd

Birmingham City Council

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Year 10 After-School Tuition

Year 10 after-school tuition for English Literature will be held on Tuesday 16 May & Tuesday 23 May from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Attendance is compulsory.

Year 11 After-School Tuition

Year 11 after-school tuition will run every Thursday from 2:40pm to 3:30pm in the summer term. Attendance is compulsory:

- Thursday 20 April: Maths (East) & English (West)
- Thursday 27 April: Creative Design & Science
- Thursday 4 May: Computer Science, History & English
- Thursday 11 May: RE & Biology
- Thursday 18 May: Maths
- Thursday 25 May: French, Geography & English

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.

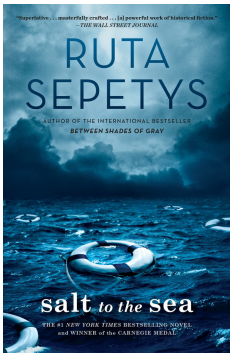
Reading at School

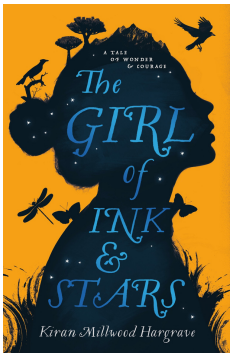
Hodge Hill College offers a unique reading lesson to students in Years 7 and 8, where they acquire new vocabulary, read together as a class, and engage in various activities to ensure comprehension. Our school is dedicated to increasing reading in all subjects, with a particular focus on Key Stage 3. We have also implemented a Reading Reward badge on Class Charts to recognise students' reading efforts in all classrooms. Moreover, our school has an impressive library with books categorised by genre, including ones that celebrate diverse cultures, sci-fi and horror, dystopian novels, and non-fiction books.

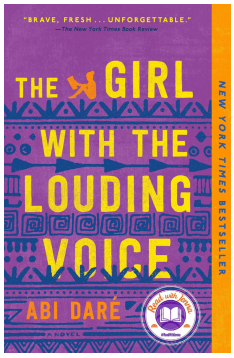
Reading at Home

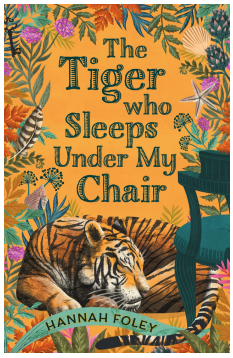
We kindly request your assistance in promoting reading at home by encouraging your child to read more. Allow them to choose what to read as they will be more engaged in the story if they have selected it themselves. Reading with them, listening to them reading, and reading to them are all effective ways to foster a love for reading. Additionally, incorporating reading into everyday activities such as having your child read out the recipe while you cook or the TV listings while you watch TV is a great way to encourage reading. You can also read yourself, whether it's a newspaper, magazine, cookbook, poetry, romance or detective novel. Consider giving books as presents and suggest your child and their friends swap books to read new stories and discuss them. Finally, visiting the local library together is an enjoyable way to discover new books and keep an eye out for special author events at the library or local bookshops. Your child will undoubtedly love meeting their favourite authors.

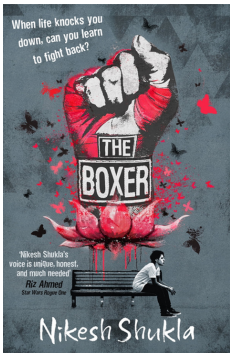
Recommended Reads











Report Remove

Report Remove is here to help young people under 18 in the UK to confidentially report images and videos of themselves and remove them from the internet. For more information, please visit https://www.childline.org.uk/.

The National Numeracy Challenge

The National Numeracy Challenge is a free, online learning tool designed to help you improve your everyday maths skills in manageable steps whilst building your number confidence. For more information, please visit: https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/what-numeracy/challenge.

B.Y.O.B - Bring Your Own Bottle



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.

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

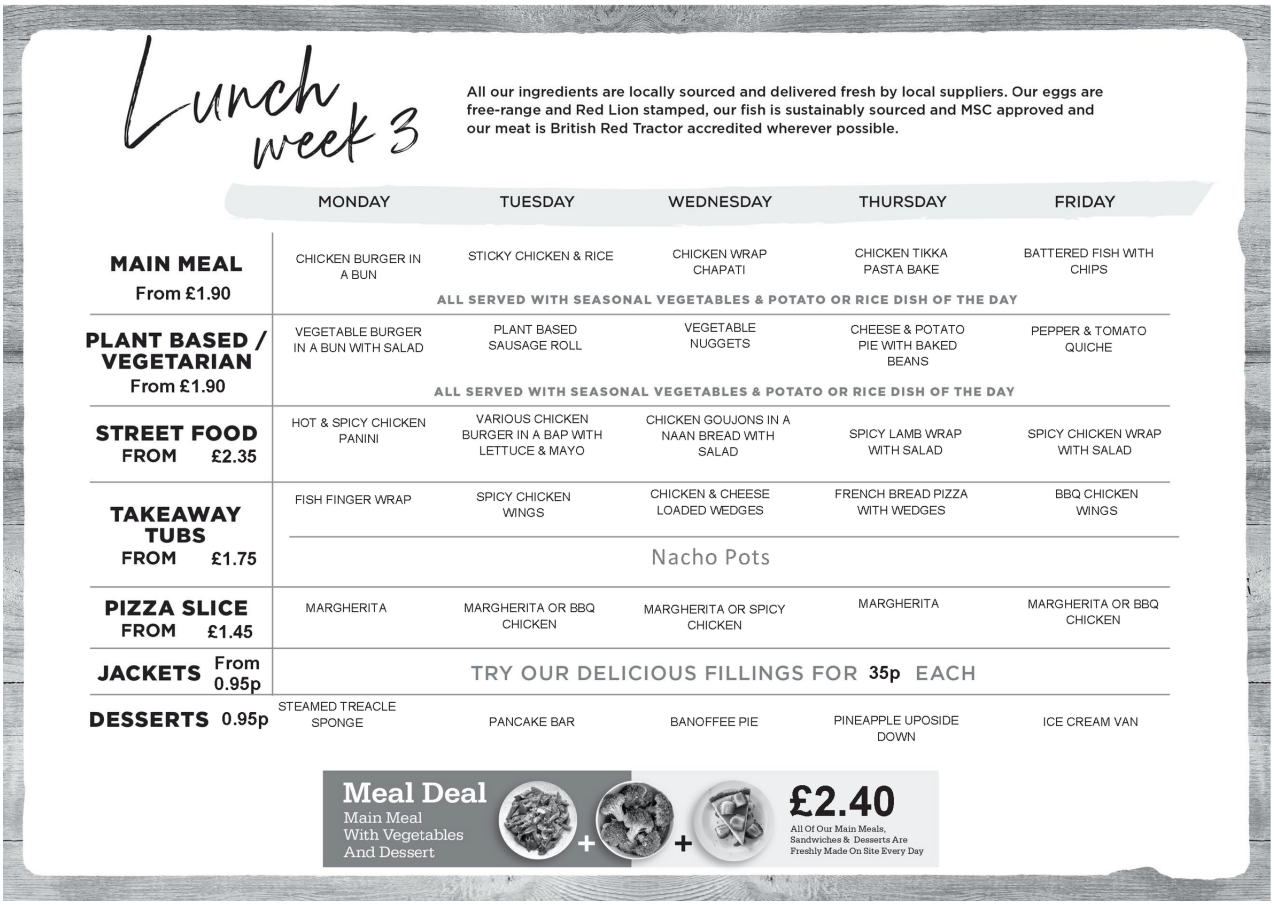
As part of the school's continued drive to improve standards, we would like all pupils to consistently adhere to the expectations on appearance, conduct and equipment. We are a professional environment and as such, we need all pupils to look smart, professionally conduct themselves and come equipped 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.



Next Week's Lunch Menu



Lunch week 3

All our ingredients are locally sourced and delivered fresh by local suppliers. Our eggs are free-range and Red Lion stamped, our fish is sustainably sourced and MSC approved and our meat is British Red Tractor accredited wherever possible.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL From £1.90	CHICKEN BURGER IN A BUN	STICKY CHICKEN & RICE	CHICKEN WRAP CHAPATI	CHICKEN TIKKA PASTA BAKE	BATTERED FISH WITH CHIPS
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN From £1.90	VEGETABLE BURGER IN A BUN WITH SALAD	PLANT BASED SAUSAGE ROLL	VEGETABLE NUGGETS	CHEESE & POTATO PIE WITH BAKED BEANS	PEPPER & TOMATO QUICHE
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
STREET FOOD FROM £2.35	HOT & SPICY CHICKEN PANINI	VARIOUS CHICKEN BURGER IN A BAP WITH LETTUCE & MAYO	CHICKEN GOUJONS IN A NAAN BREAD WITH SALAD	SPICY LAMB WRAP WITH SALAD	SPICY CHICKEN WRAP WITH SALAD
TAKEAWAY TUBS FROM £1.75	FISH FINGER WRAP	SPICY CHICKEN WINGS	CHICKEN & CHEESE LOADED WEDGES	FRENCH BREAD PIZZA WITH WEDGES	BBQ CHICKEN WINGS
	Nacho Pots				
PIZZA SLICE FROM £1.45	MARGHERITA	MARGHERITA OR BBQ CHICKEN	MARGHERITA OR SPICY CHICKEN	MARGHERITA	MARGHERITA OR BBQ CHICKEN
JACKETS From 0.95p	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR 35p EACH				
DESSERTS 0.95p	STEAMED TREACLE SPONGE	PANCAKE BAR	BANOFFEE PIE	PINEAPPLE UPOSIDE DOWN	ICE CREAM VAN

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Main Meal
With Vegetables
And Dessert

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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. 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.

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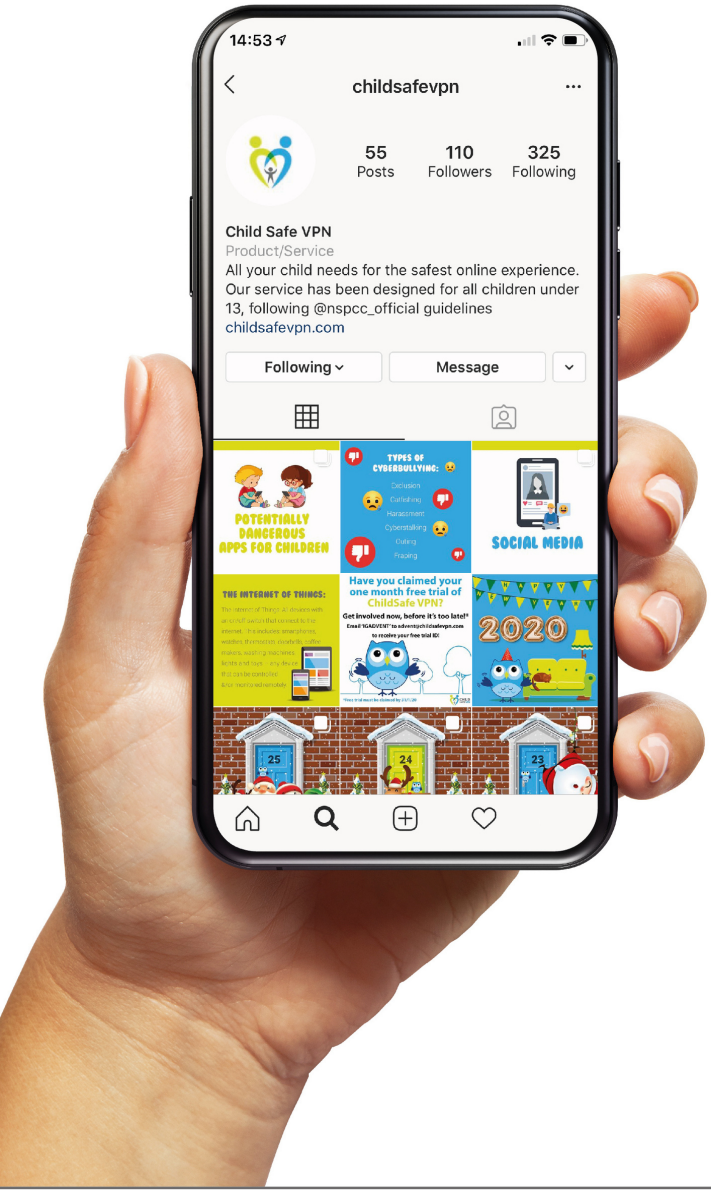
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INSTAGRAM GUIDE



Instagram is a photo and video sharing social networking service. You must be aged 13 or over to use Instagram.

01

Photo & Video Sharing

Users can share photos and short videos with their followers, coupled with a caption and up to 30 hashtags (#). Profiles can either be private or public. Users can report and block inappropriate content.

02

Comments & Likes

Users can comment on posts, or 'like' posts by clicking the heart icon. Users can report comments which are unpleasant or make them feel uncomfortable.

03

Direct messages (DMs)

You can send direct (private) messages to one or more people - including people you don't follow and who don't follow you. Messages from strangers are sent as requests which you can chose to read or block.

04

Disappearing messages

This is a feature within DMs that lets you send timed photo or video messages that recipients can only view once before they disappear, similar to Snapchat.

05

Stories

These are 15-second photos & videos which are separate from your main content, and last for 24 hours. Using the Story Controls, you can limit who sees it, restrict message replies, and allow sharing.

06

Instagram TV (IGTV)

IGTV is a platform within Instagram for longer videos. Instagram allows videos of up to 60 seconds, whereas IGTV allows videos of up to an hour.

07

Mental Health Awareness

Instagram allows users to create an 'image' of how they wish to be seen by others. This means that what you see on Instagram isn't always the truth.

08

Concerns

Focus on perfection , skewed body image ('perfect' selfies, filters), taking risks for likes, effect of 'influencers'.

Getting Help:

If social media has left you feeling depressed and anxious, or you have experienced any form of cyberbullying, you can talk to someone at ChildLine, a free confidential 24/7 helpline for children and young people. You can call 0800 1111 or chat online at www.childline.org.uk (ChildLine is run by the NSPCC.)

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Key Dates

Important dates the school needs you to know.

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