



# NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 2019

*The Holy Family Catholic High School*



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On 20 March 6 Year 8 pupils went to York University to compete in the Faraday Challenge organised by the Institution for Engineering & Technology. This was a prestigious and highly competitive event against 6 other secondary schools from as far afield as Ampleforth, Grimsby and Bradford. The event was based around students working as a team to develop a solution to an engineering problem in the design, manufacture or transport of the soon to be launched James Webb telescope.

Teams were judged on their designs, teamwork and presentation skills. After a thoroughly enjoyable day and highly professional presentation, our team came out victorious. Our score of 92 points puts us top, not only of the teams in the heat, but of the national league table for the competition (from around 800 schools). Nationally the heats continue and the league table will be continually updated with all the heat winners until June. If we hold onto our top 5 position, our team will attend the national final in Edinburgh, where they will compete in another engineering challenge. If ultimately victorious, there is a £1000 prize for the school!!

**Many congratulations to the pupils involved and good luck if we make it to the final!**



## ROME 2019

During the February half term break, 40 Year 11 pupils travelled to Rome for a wonderful four day pilgrimage. The group visited many interesting sites including the Colosseum, Palatine Hill, the Trevi fountain, St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican museums, the Bridge of Angels, the Spanish steps and even attended an audience with the Pope.





Spring is here and the Duke of Edinburgh participants are getting ready for their expeditions. Year 9 pupils will be doing Bronze expeditions at weekends in June and September near Harewood House and also in the beautiful Nidderdale valley. They have an adventure planned which includes camping in a field near Dacre and finishes at a spot overlooking Gouthwaite reservoir.

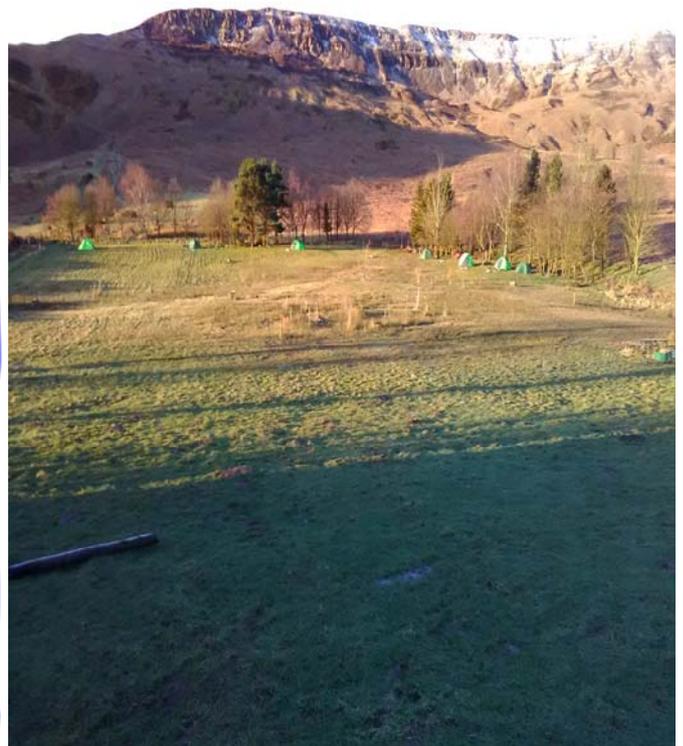
Year 10 pupils working towards the Silver Award will have 3 day expeditions in the North Yorkshire Moors over the Easter and summer holidays. They have a steeper challenge and campsites in stunning locations.

## Congratulations!

Many congratulations to the following pupils who have all recently completed their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

**Bronze:** Eva Abbott, Holly Bristow, Heather Hornshaw, Matthew Johnson, Samuel Massie, Scarlett Oldridge, Alice Pemberton, Freya Sheppard, James Simpson, Jake Tuer, Emily Welburn, Nathan Wilson.

**Silver:** Lizzie Barber, Matthew Cooke, Tom Kitchen, Caity Fox-Smith, Isaac Middup, Hattie Snowden and Evie Watson.



## ACTIVITIES

### MUSIC VISIT TO SELBY COLLEGE

Thursday 21st March saw Y11 Music pupils give their final performances at the recording studios within Selby College. Ryan & Nick, college staff, were on-hand as sound engineers; assisting with setting up the PA, operating the mixing desk and also offering top tips to help pupils deliver the best performances possible on the day.

The performance was the culmination of all the performance work undertaken throughout the 2 year course, with the brief to 'develop, prepare & then perform 8-12 minutes of music based on the themes of Peace & Conflict'.



Evie Watson & Natasha Hepworth  
"Sound Checking"



Lewis Garbutt performing music from the  
Legend of Zelda

Holy Family pupils responded brilliantly showcasing a range of songs in diverse styles. Set lists included 'Pumped up Kicks', 'Petite Fleur', 'Three Little Birds', 'Fix You', and 'What A Wonderful World' (to name just a few). The pupils were focused, professional and enthusiastic throughout the day; right from the set-up, through the sound checks and up to and including the final performances. They represented the school superbly, making a great impression on course leaders at Selby college. A big thank-you to all the pupils involved and to the Selby Music Department staff for supporting.

### Clean up Britain Campaign

On 22 March, Holy Family joined hundreds of other schools in the country to support "the Great British Spring Clean campaign. Over 200 pupils were involved in picking up litter throughout the day and they managed to collect 67 bags of rubbish including 585 crisp packets and 7 bags of plastic bottles.

The students were very positive and surprised to see how much rubbish was dropped throughout a day at school. Year 7s have carried on with the project and are collecting litter for the whole week as part of the campaign. Of course, we will as a school keep up the effort after the Easter break for students to take ownership of their environment and look after it well.

There is a positive outcome already with hundreds of plastic bottles being recycled every week and we have just started collecting Walker crisps packets too as they can also be recycled.

This was a way of caring for the environment and in doing so fulfilling our role as Christian stewards of creation and living out the Virtues of service, respect and being a responsible citizen.

A big thank you and well done to every student who took part on the day and throughout the month of April.



Clean up Britain.....  
& Holy Family Campaign

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Many thanks to all the parents, students, governors and staff who contributed to the consultation regarding changes to the Holy Family School uniform. Whilst the majority of feedback revealed positive support for these changes, there was genuine concern regarding the cost implications. In particular, with regard to the addition of school logos. Therefore, the proposed changes have been kept to a minimum where there was a clear majority of support and the least overall financial impact.

Year 11 will be permitted to wear a black V-neck school jumper with the school logo as there was both pupil and parental support for this. All other students will be required to wear a plain, grey V-neck school jumper with a plain red stripe on the collar. As outlined at the consultations, trousers will remain in line with the current uniform policy but we would draw your attention to the specifics to ensure that trousers are appropriate for our school. The vote on a new Holy Family school skirt was overwhelmingly in favour of the 'plaid' option. (See below) No other skirts will be permitted after September 2019. Many thanks to the student



leaders who organised the pupil ballots on the proposed uniform changes.

The concerns raised through the consultation regarding the additional costs of providing a new PE kit are legitimate as are the equally valid points of the many parents who are in favour of the proposed new kit. Therefore, in order to accommodate both views, school will introduce the new kit as an option for all students from September 2019. It will however, become compulsory for pupils starting in Year 7 from September 2020.

Please see the Uniform Policy on the school's website for specific details and reminders regarding the standards required for all items of uniform.

**Mr Moran, Deputy Headteacher**

## Combined Cadet Force/Read School

Mrs Mitchell welcomed Mrs Ainley, Headteacher of Read School and Company Sergeant M Torr who organises the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) to an assembly for our Year 7 and Year 8 students.

We are excited to be working with Read school to offer some fantastic opportunities for our pupils.

From September 2019, Interested Year 8 and Year 9 pupils will have the opportunity to take part in the CCF programme at Read school. This runs every Thursday evening during term time from 3 till 5. A letter to parents of interested students will be sent home in the summer term with details of a parents' information evening to be held at Read school.

The CCF programme develops skills in team work, resilience, problem solving, initiative and physical activity. It also links to the Duke of Edinburgh Award for older students.

Read school has also offered our students some limited places on the Adventurous Training at Kingsway Outdoor Centre, at Middleton -in-Teesdale over the Easter break from Tuesday 23 April to Sunday 28 April 2019.

We can't wait to see how they get on!







# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## Holocaust Memorial Day -January 2019

Pupils wrote prayers for those who had died in the Holocaust and for those who had survived. RE lessons were dedicated to learning about the Holocaust and pupils learnt about different specific experiences. Pupils also designed posters to support the “We Remember” campaign and wrote postcards to a number of Holocaust survivors.



## Lenten Events

### Ash Wednesday

During the Ash Wednesday service, the readings were delivered by Year 11 pupils who took part in the Lourdes pilgrimage last July and the bidding prayers were read by Angelus members. Father Wilson, Mrs Selway and Mme Gibert distributed the ashes to all present.

### Lent Family Fast day

Pupils and staff were encouraged to eat a simple lunch of soup and a roll to raise money for CAFOD.

### Lenten Form Liturgies

All forms organised their own form Lent liturgy . Pupils and their form tutors took part by reading and saying prayers..

### Reconciliation

Pupils and staff had the opportunity to go to confession during the season of Lent with Father Wilson.

**Good Shepherd Fundraising** -Forms arranged fundraising activities in order to raise money for the Good Shepherd appeal. All monies raised will be presented to Bishop Marcus at a service in Leeds Cathedral.

## Shrove Tuesday

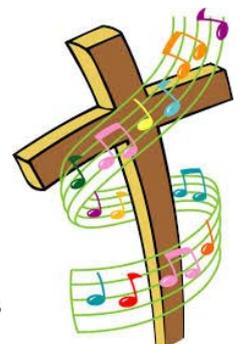
To mark Shrove Tuesday one pupil from each form took part in a pancake race representing each of the four school houses. The winning team were Newman.



**Pancake Race Winners**

## Higher Tour

Amongst Wolves—a Christian music band came in to visit the pupils. They played a variety of music, related their personal faith stories and did a Q&A session all based around identity. The pupils really enjoyed it—there was an amazing atmosphere!



## KEY DATES & INFORMATION

### Diary Dates

**\*Please note the Year 7 Parents' Evening date has been changed to Thursday 09 May 2019**



#### Year 9 Vaccinations

All pupils in Year 9 pupils are being offered two injections the MenACWY vaccine and the DTP booster on 17/07/19 from 9.30am.

Please go to [www.hdft.nhs.uk/immsconsent](http://www.hdft.nhs.uk/immsconsent)  
SCHOOL CODE: N3X6Y  
to fill in the online consent form

Fri 12 April	School closes
Mon 29 April	Staff INSET Day
Tues 30 April	School opens
Tuesday 02 May	Tour de Yorkshire
Monday 06 May	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 07 May	School opens
Wednesday 08 May	Year 10 Tim Milner Evening
Thursday 09 May *	Year 7 Parents Evening
Monday 13 May	Year 11 GCSE Exams begin
Friday 24 May	School closes
Friday 24 May to Monday 27 May	Years 9 & 10 Trip to Paris
Monday 03 June	School opens
Friday 21 June	Year 11 Prom
Monday 24 June	Year 10 Mock Exams begin
Wednesday 26 June	Year 6 Information Evening
Thursday 04 July to Friday 12 July	Lourdes 2019 Pilgrimage
Friday 05 July to Monday 08 July	Year 8 Visit Opal Coast France
W/c Monday 08 July	Year 10 Work Experience
Wednesday 17 July	Year 9 Vaccinations
Friday 19 July	School closes for summer

*The staff, governors and pupils, of our school wish you and your family a very happy and healthy Easter holiday.*

