

'To grow in wisdom and grace.'

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## Holy Family Catholic High School Weekly Bulletin

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### A new term...

We hope you all have had a restful Easter break and are keeping yourselves and your loved ones well. Although this is a strange start to a new term we look forward with optimism that at some point there will be a phased return to normal school life. It is testament to everyone's compliance with the lockdown that we are all helping to save lives and although it is early days, the measures seem to be working.

As you will be aware, the latest briefing from the government has extended the lockdown for another three weeks at which point it will be reviewed again.

We had already planned for further remote learning and we want all of our students to make the most of this provision over the next few weeks. Staff have been busy preparing bespoke work for different year groups and classes. This will be on class charts for Monday with an explanation for each year group. Following feedback from parents it will not be set lesson by lesson on each day. The week's work or projects will be set at the start of the week so it should be easier for you to judge how much they do each day. If you prefer your child to stick to the timetable they can still do this and just access the work in that subject each lesson. Subject Leaders have also incorporated a fortnightly assessment that will give us further feedback on their understanding and help us in planning the next sequence of learning.

If there are any queries once you have had a look on classcharts on Monday or your child has started to access the work but is having problems please email us, we are here to help!

[enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org](mailto:enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org).

We understand that our students may be running out of school book space, please improvise and use whatever paper and books you have or save your work electronically. We also know that many families will be trying to juggle the computer access around everyone in the house! Again, please adapt what we provide to 'what is possible'.

Keep all those great new hobbies and interests going! It has been heart-warming to hear of all the things our students are doing. It is enriching and a really important part of their learning and mental wellbeing.

Our staff continue to provide provision for the children of key workers and our most vulnerable. A big thanks to everyone who supported these students over the Easter break.

Those entitled to free school meals should have received vouchers via email or post. We know that more families are now eligible and have applied to North Yorkshire. If you could let us know if you have recently applied through our enquiry email, we can then chase this up and support you as soon as we can.

### Messages and information for our inspiring students...

We hope you are keeping safe and feel ready to get back into a learning routine!

- It is really important that you keep doing the work in your subjects and learning. Your learning power will increase as you figure things out and try your best.

See class charts for an explanation of how work will be set from Monday.

- Thanks to all students who have emailed to let us know what you have been up to, there have been some inspiring poems and paragraphs!!! Your form tutors will be having a look at these next week.

It is not too late to contact us... Write a paragraph (or a poem!), along with your name, to tell us and send it to our enquiry email (put your year group and the name of your form tutor in the subject box). [enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org](mailto:enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org)

- The continued lockdown and social distancing is really important to keep everyone safe and well. Please follow the guidance and do not be tempted to meet up and hang around with your friends. We know this is hard but if we don't follow the rules then this lockdown could be longer than it needs to be and much more severe.

**"The time is always right to do what is right."**

**Martin Luther King**

**#staysafe #praytogether**

#### Message to Year 11

Mr Walter is sending you another letter next week to let you know how to get any coursework to us. Please also keep checking the Ofqual and college websites.

#### Message to parents of Year 6

We will be making contact with anyone who has been accepted into next year's Year 7 over the next two weeks.

We realise that this will be an anxious time for students who are due to finish primary education this year and we will be in contact with their schools to support them in their transition to secondary school.

The admissions appeals process has been adapted while schools are closed. If anyone wishes to join our school in September and did not initially apply please contact us directly via email. We have had some parents contact us who did not think they could apply because they are not Catholic! We have many non-Catholic students who successfully apply and thrive in our Catholic school.