

'To grow in wisdom and grace.'

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## Holy Family Catholic High School Weekly Bulletin

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### Getting back into a routine...

Thanks to everyone for helping our students to reestablish routines this week.

We have had a really positive response to the new, more flexible way of working from the majority of families. If your child preferred a more rigid routine, please just stick to their timetable and access each subject's work at that time. In response to suggestions from parents each subject will now add an optional 'stretch and challenge' for students who finish the work set. Please remember that everyone is doing their best and we thank staff for keeping learning going in difficult circumstances.

The large majority of you seem to have created a good balance between work and well-being. If you have struggled this week and need some help in prioritising what work your child needs to focus on then please email us.

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We are mindful that some families are struggling with a lack of devices or the software to access the work. We have asked our IT provider to reconfigure our school and staff laptops for use at home, this should be completed by early next week and we will contact those who have alerted us of issues to access this support. The government arrangements for delivering devices to eligible students has been announced today. These will be distributed to schools from the local authority. As soon as we have more details we will contact those who are eligible.

Changes to events on the calendar this half term...

- We are obviously postponing the Year 7 parents evening that was calendar for next week and will relook at the logistics of this when the lockdown is reviewed. We will ensure that parents receive feedback, in some form, by the end of the summer term.
- Mr Devlin has contacted Y10 this week regarding work experience.
- The North Yorkshire vaccination team are setting provisional revised dates

### Please keep in your thoughts and prayers...

Those in our community who have died, those who have lost loved ones, those who are ill and the families who are suffering hardship.

God you have made us your Holy Family, with Christ, the Church and each other.  
In Jesus may we learn the joy in forgiveness;  
Mary the Mother of God let us find comfort through our love of others;  
May the example of Joseph help us grow as we serve.  
Make our family an instrument of your peace, guided by your wisdom and strengthened by your grace.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen.

Our love and thoughts are also with the families in our community who are celebrating the holy month of Ramadan in challenging circumstances.  
'Let the spirit of Ramadan remain in your heart and light up your soul from within.'

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

Thank you for adapting to a new way of working. We know some of you preferred the lesson by lesson setting of work but this is not practical or possible for many students. We are relying on you to set up your own way of working and to be proactive in accessing extension work if you want to do more. Subjects will be offering some optional 'stretch and challenge' activities from next week.

Please remember that learning is not just about doing more content, 'work' or 'exercises'. It is about deepening your understanding on the topics you are studying.

- ◆ If you complete work look back and see how you can improve it.
- ◆ Find some more examples or read more about the topic.
- ◆ Teach it to someone else and get them to ask you questions about it.
- ◆ Revisit previous topics and see what you have remembered.
- ◆ Write your own test and test yourself.

We have included a document about life-long learning and characteristics of good learners that should help you.

'It is not that I'm so smart. But I stay with the questions much longer.' –Albert Einstein

'The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.' –Dr. Seuss

Thanks to all the students who have emailed us to tell us about your hobbies and interests. There have been some further inspiring photographs, poems and paragraphs!!! Your form tutors will continue to look at these and reply to you. Again, it is not too late to contact us. Write a paragraph (or a poem!) or send a photo along with your name 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)

### School News...

- We welcome Mr Haisman into the maths department. He is covering Mrs Green's maternity leave and has already introduced himself on classcharts to his classes!
- You will see on our twitter feed that we have been making visors for care homes and the NHS. We have now teamed up with Read school to make more! If any parents can help us to source materials please get in touch. There is a 'just giving' page on the Read facebook page to fund more materials.
- Mr Walter will contact Y11 students again next week with more updates. You all continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.