

'To grow in wisdom and grace.'

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# Holy Family Catholic High School

## Weekly Bulletin

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### Great work again this week...

We are up to 6000 GCSE pod casts! Over 800 lessons have been set by teachers using Class-charts! Well done to everyone who has continued a learning routine. We are very proud of you.

### Easter thoughts...

We are really proud of all the families in our community for adapting to the situation we all find ourselves in. As we approach the Easter break we urge you to continue to follow the public health guidance and be strong.

Over the two week Easter break we will not be setting daily lessons but we have attached some sheets with further work links, ideas for family activities and enrichment that may be helpful along with some wellbeing resources. If you think your child would benefit from a routine of continuing work over the holiday please refer to the attached document for ideas, links to sites and other resources. Where possible staff will also set some 'holiday work ideas' on classcharts.

Our school will continue to offer 'emergency provision' for our students with EHCPs and the children of critical workers over the Easter break. We thank all our staff who are working as a 'rota team' to make this provision happen.

We are 'regrouping' over the Easter break to look at the curriculum and the work for after Easter so we can continue to offer effective support in your child's learning going forward. None of us know how long we will be in this position but please be assured that we are planning for different scenarios and will maintain communication as soon as we know any timescales and arrangements.

Some families are now trying different activities to alleviate boredom, others are sticking to routines. Both approaches are fine and please be confident in your own judgement!

A few bits of information...

- ◆ The updated government advice now has a section on online safety links for parents. This has been sent as a group call and is on our twitter page.
- ◆ Our 'emergency' enquiry email will continue to be manned by emergency cover between 10am and 12 noon on weekdays over the Easter break.  
[enquiry@holymfamilycarlton.org](mailto:enquiry@holymfamilycarlton.org)
- ◆ If you need to collect any medication for your child that we have on our school site please email enquiry to arrange this.
- ◆ We are sending a separate letter to our Y11 students with updates and messages in which we urge them to stay positive and be strong. They are amazing young people, please keep them in your prayers.

**We understand that this will be a very different Easter break for everyone but it is important for everyone to have some time to reflect, switch off, relax and recharge for the days ahead.**

**Keep well everyone, follow the advice and stay positive.**

## Catholic Life

Father Wilson continues to lead our spiritual and liturgical lives, we are grateful for his continued prayers.

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Online-liturgy>

<https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/>

[www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk](http://www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk)

### Reminders...

We know that you have all already shown your care and compassion for others over the last few weeks. Keep being kind...

Kind words and reassurance.

Good deeds.

Put a picture of a candle and a prayer in your window.

### Top tips for our students..

- Plan an Easter holiday 'routine'. Include exercise, time in the garden, puzzles and games, being creative and some yoga!
- Keep washing those hands!!!
- We know it is hard but don't be tempted to meet up with friends—keep in contact 'virtually' and keep everyone safe.
- Plan an Easter Egg hunt for your younger brothers and sisters, you can leave them clues around the house. If you don't have chocolate eggs, improvise !!!
- Have an Easter quiz night. You can do the questions and everyone in your house can take part (A prize can be something simple, be creative!)
- We have heard of lots of great meals being made. Have a look at some recipes and ask if you can make something different.
- <https://www.bbc.com/ownit> this has a wellbeing app you can download!
- <https://www.kooth.com/> This is the team who came into school and they offer online counselling and wellbeing strategies.
- Have a look at the other resources we have attached for over the Easter break.
- Go back and look again at any work you need more practice on!

**"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9**

**"I am blessed to be part of this caring and inspiring community, you give me strength and hope." Mrs Mitchell, April 2020.**