

History

Hi Year 6

I hope you all enjoyed the sunshine this half term. Normally in the summer term you would have the opportunity to visit and get to know the school, staff and pupils. As that can't happen just now, I thought I would give you a little information about Year 7 History and a few tasks you could complete for when we meet later this year.

I am Mrs Ashworth; I am Head of History at Holy Family. We are going to begin Year 7 examining what is History, which just means what the subject involves. This gives us the opportunity to understand what historical skills we will develop and build on at KS3. We will start with chronology, one thing you could do for when we meet is to make a timeline of your life so far, including one or two events for each year of your life. For example you may have had a tooth removed, (I say this as my daughter had 4 removed before lockdown, she would definitely include that) won a race on Sports Day, visited Florida. You might want to include a few pictures. It would be lovely to have some Year 7 work to display in Room 6 when we return! We follow chronology with a lesson on historical sources; a source could be a diary, a novel, photographs, monuments. In the first few lessons I will invite you to bring 3-5 sources in to present, which tell the class about yourself, but don't worry if you don't like speaking out you can make a poster. You may include for example a dance trophy, swimming awards, a picture of your dog. My dog is called Steve. But I need to start thinking now about what I will bring in.

Throughout the year you will study the Middle Ages, including the Battle of Hastings, castles, key events such as the Black Death and how powerful the Church was, before ending our study on Henry VIII and why he fell out with the Pope in Rome.

I am looking forward to meeting you all and I am certain you will enjoy immensely your next 5 academic years at Holy Family. If you want to get in touch with me before, please send an email through school.