

# 'To grow in wisdom and grace.'

## Holy Family Catholic High School Weekly Newsletter

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### Friday 12 June 2020

#### Headteacher's Message

It has been a really busy and productive week!

We have been making final preparations for the 'face to face' contact provision for our **Y10 students**.

Any Y10 student who has asked for **workshops** has been allocated a 'family' group, day and time to come into school. We have sent them information and guidance to ensure they have a safe return. There is an enhanced provision for our Y10 students who are unable to return to school due to their own or other family member's shielded or vulnerable status.

**Staff** have taken part in **training** sessions this week on: health and safety in school; Y10 'face to face' contact workshops; and new classcharts upgrades.

**Y8** options letters have been posted home this week. From next week Y8 will have classcharts work on their chosen option subjects alongside their Maths, English, Science and RE work.

We have been in contact with our Y6 primary schools. Mr Wadsworth (Student Progress leader for Y7) and Miss Agar (SENDCo) are gathering lots of information about our **new Year 7** pupils who join us this year. We have a dedicated page on our website for transition information. <u>http://www.holyfamilycarlton.org/</u> <u>transition-to-holy-family/</u>

Mrs Barlow and our **Y11** student leadership team are busy organising our virtual leavers assembly!

**Enhanced Learning** - Please read the page on 'Online Classroom Upgrades', these new features will really help enhance your child's online learning.

Lots of great work this from our students. We really **appreciate** all the **support** from parents and carers that has ensured the large majority of our students are continuing their learning.

The **Leeds diocese** enter the next stage in their **academisation of all of their schools**. You will have received details on the consultation process for our school. Further information and frequently asked questions are on our website. <u>http://</u> <u>www.holyfamilycarlton.org/academy-consultation</u>

We have been successful in our application to be one of the **Targeted Mainstream Provisions** in North Yorkshire for 'Communication and Interaction' needs. We already support many students with these needs and it will be a great relief to staff and parents that this great work can continue. This provision will now be 'in reach' which gives us more time and resources for our students in school.

God bless and keep you all safe,

Mrs Mitchell

**Essential Worker Provision:** Our 'key school' provision will continue to run alongside the provision for Year 10. If you are an essential worker, or feel you child maybe vulnerable, and need your child to attend, please contact us. This is a legal safeguarding requirement to ensure we know who to expect each day, we cannot accept responsibility for children arriving without prior arrangement. We can then also ensure the correct staffing ratios. Please contact the school email address: enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org

#### Mrs Mitchell's Message to Students

We know that many of you are desperate to get back to school to see your friends and your teachers. All schools are waiting for the government to let us know the plans for the summer and for September. As soon as we know anything we will let you know!

You might be getting fed up of the work online but you need to keep going! You can now upload work onto classcharts to show your teachers and they can give you feedback. If you are really stuck you can also securely message them through classcharts. Please see the bulletin page that tells you how to do this. We are trusting you to use these systems in a responsible way, parents will be contacted if there are any issues. Please remember that your teachers are also delivering lessons in school to Year 10, looking after students in our 'key school', planning online lessons and marking assessments. They will be checking their messages and responding at different times so please do not expect responses to be immediate! They will get back to you as soon as they can.

Stay positive and try your best in everything you do,

Mrs Mitchell

"Always be kind, for everyone is fighting a hard battle." ~ Plato

#### Year 6

Transition packs were posted to our parents this week, with an initial information booklet and some **forms that need to be returned**. We have a webpage under 'Our School', called 'Transition to Holy Family' where you will find Mr Wadsworth's virtual tour and further information:<u>http://</u> www.holyfamilycarlton.org/transition-toholy-family/

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## Chaplaincy

#### Message from Mr Moran, Deputy Headteacher



Max Lacado wrote a beautiful story called, 'You Are Special'. It is a story of a wood carver named Eli. Eli has made lots of little wooden models who all live together as a community of Wemmicks, wooden people. The Wemmicks judge each other's worth as being pretty, having smooth wood and fine paint, being talented, lifting things, jumping high, knowing big words, or singing songs. They spend their time sticking yellow stars and grey dots on the other Wemmicks. The stars they stick on to the pretty and talented Wemmicks,

the ones who have rough wood, chipped paint, and are clumsy, they stick dots to. One unfortunate feeling Wemmick is a boy called Punchinello, who had only dots stuck to him. He knew that this was because he was not seen as being pretty or talented, and as a result he started to believe it

One day he meets a Wemmick named Lucia, she was different, she had no stars or dots sticking to her. When Punchinello asked how this was, she explained it was because she visited Eli the wood carver and creator of all Wemmicks, every day, and pointed Punchinello toward Eli's workshop. The wood carver would tell her how much he loved her and that he had created her just as perfectly as he wanted her to be. Lucia encouraged Punchinello to go and visit the wood carver.

At first he was reluctant to do so, but eventually he plucked up the courage. When he got there, Eli was expecting him and explained that Lucia's stickers didn't stick because she cared more about what Eli thought than anybody else. "The stickers only stick if you care what they think, the more you trust my love, the less you care about their stickers." Punchinello doesn't understand. As Punchinello walks away, his dots begin to fall off. Then he realises that the stickers of the other Wemmicks only stick if he cares what they think about him.

You Are Special introduces the idea of what being special means and that it matters more what those who genuinely love us think, more than anyone else. Being special can feel like it is being pretty, clever, strong, just like the Wemmicks' think. However, it could also mean being special to someone, as we are unique. It is important to realise that the opinions of others do not have to be the final word. The race is not to beat others, but to achieve our personal best. When we have doubts we should trust in our God given talents and abilities. We should look to do great things, not to be great. We must not waste our abilities, we need to be the best version of ourselves that we can. Mr Moran



We hope that now and always, we will all "visit" our Maker each day, taking time to consider how He has made each one of us special. It takes resilience to ignore the dots that people give us. However, it takes humility to keep the stars in their rightful place, and not be influenced by them. Our value is greater than the opinions of others.

So do not fear, for I am with you Isaiah 41:10

Lord, help me to see myself through your eyes, and to see the beauty and person as a whole that you have created. You don't make mistakes, Lord. Amen

## 'To grow in wisdom and grace.' Online Classroom Upgrades

We've been working hard the last few weeks to develop our online classroom. We've now invested in new features and the time in training all our staff. Start using the following to enhance learning further, particularly sending work and messages directly to your teachers.



#### Student Wellbeing

We know working from home can be particularly challenging for young people. So we have added an additional function to let us know how it's going. . If your feeling great about your work, send us a smiley face, if not, choose the one that reflects your motivation. That way we can monitor how you doing. Parents can send an emoji too!

#### Student Homework Uploads



When a student sends work to a teacher, they can now upload their work directly to ClassCharts for their teacher to pick this up and offer feedback, again via the

ClassCharts app, or even upload a model answer.! This allows much greater flexibility with the types of assessments set and feedback given. Try it out on your next work requiring a submission.

#### Differentiating Work



Some students are already receiving additional work. The Year 10 students who are entitled to be accessing provision from next week but might be unable to do so because they are shielding can expect to see additional lessons set specifically with them in mind.

#### Messaging System

You can now send a message directly to your teachers, either from a student or a parent. Look for the 'Speech Bubble' icon. It will enable student work queries to be answered, and an exchange of ideas in connection with work. **This is to be limited to subject concerns. All other non-work related contact must go via our enquiry email.** This will give us the direct connection between students and teachers that we need in order to lift your learning to the next level.



### 'Together we step out in faith, knowing that Christ is with us and united as a holy family.'

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Dominic		Maths	Mrs Garbutt
	L-D	Art	Mr Pearson
Oliver		Science	Miss Camy
	D	Science	Miss Camy
Dylan	Μ	Science	Miss Camy
			Mr Hetherington
Eryk		English	Mr Hetherington
	D		Mr Hetherington
Imogen			Mr Hetherington
			Mr Hetherington
Lucy		Art	Mr Pearson
Sam		RE RE	Miss Lambert
Emily	в W	RE	Miss Lambert
Amy Emily		RE	Miss Lambert Miss Lambert
Sam		RE	Miss Lambert
		RE	Miss Lambert
Lily		RE	Miss Lambert
Amy	W	PE	Miss Schager
Thomas		RE	Mr Lancaster
Ellie		RE	Mr Lancaster
Sam		RE	Mr Lancaster
Xander	D	RE	Mr Lancaster
George	A	RE	Mr Lancaster
Imogen		RE	Mr Lancaster
Jasmine		RE	Mr Lancaster
Ryan	Dunn	RE	Mr Lancaster
Maddie	GD	Science	Mr Wilde
		Science	Mr Wilde
Noah		Science	Mr Wilde
Cody		Science	Mr Wilde
Daniel		Science	Mr Wilde
	WY	Science	Mr Wilde
Carmen		Science	Mr Devlin
Olivia		Science	Mr Devlin
Lewis	0	Science	Mr Devlin
		Science	Mr Devlin
Maddison		Science	Mr Devlin
		History	Mrs Ashworth
		History	Mrs Ashworth
Charlotte	D	History	Mrs Ashworth
Ella		History	Mrs Ashworth
Molly		Geography	Mr Bailey
Jack		Science	Mrs Tinning
Ariana		Science	Mrs Tinning
George		Science	Mrs Tinning
Niamh	RE	Science	Mrs Tinning
Sam Luke	G C	Science	Mrs Tinning
Lily	U U	Science Science	Mrs Tinning Mrs Tinning
William	D	Science	Mrs Tinning
Keely	N	Science	Mrs Tinning
George		RE	Mrs Selway
Oliwier		RE	Mrs Selway
Kayleigh		RE	Mrs Selway
Harry	НТ	Maths	Mrs Garbutt
Kasey		Maths	Mrs Garbutt
Kiera	D	Maths	Mrs Bainbridge
		Science	Miss Camy
Olivia		Science	, Miss Camy
Daniel		Science	, Miss Camy

## **Reward & Recognition**

**Hello year 11!** Your online shop for your hoodies is now open! You can find the shop at <a href="https://">https://</a>

www.leavershoodies.com/shop/holyfamilycatholichigh2020

Here you can pick your style, colour, size and a nickname. The past week, the Student Leadership Team have been working hard on creating a special memento for you all. We don't want to say too much about it so that it is a nice surprise for you all. However, we would like you all to contribute to this. We will send an email to the email address we hold for you (this will be your parent/carer email address) and this will invite you to write a message about yourself and to your friends, upload photographs and take part in online polls. You will have a week to contribute to this special keepsake so please look out for the email! We would very much like to include everyone in this so please do contact <u>enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org</u> if you need the invite to be sent to an alternative email address, or have any issues with your hoodies!

Love and God bless, Mrs Barlow



This week's 'Top Podder's; Biology: Niamh R-E; Sam G; Combined Science: Luke C; Lily U; William D! Well done and keep up with this as it is an essential tool to develop understanding of key issues. **Remember, GCSEPod is for all students, in all year groups!!** 











