



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have a few students who are self-isolating due to close contact with family or friends who have tested positive for coronavirus. We do not currently have any students or staff who have tested positive. We have had quite a few queries over this and some misinformation has been shared on social media. Please be assured that we will contact you if your child has been in close contact with anyone in the school environment who has tested positive.

As there are increasing numbers of positive cases in other schools and in the local area, we are asking our students to be respectful to others and to wear masks when moving around inside the school as well as continuing to wear them on the buses. We are aware of those students who are exempt for whatever reason. We would be grateful if you could check that your child has a suitable, plain mask and please remind them to bring it to school every day.

We thank you for all your support.

## School News

### **Virtual Open Event**

If you have not already seen it, please check out our virtual open event via the link below.

A big thankyou to all the staff and students involved.

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[www.visitholyfamily.org](http://www.visitholyfamily.org)

### **'Attitude to Learning' Reports**

A2L reports will be issued to students next Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020.

### **Uniform**

Even better this week!

Keep up the good work everyone.

### **Half Term Holiday**

We break up for our half term on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October and students return on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **Catholic Life**

Our chaplaincy team have been busy thinking of creative ways to support charities and are planning our Advent Appeal for next half term.

### **Y11 – Post-16 Information**

Mr Devlin is adding information to our website from local colleges, including their virtual events. Follow the link below.

<http://www.holyfamilycarlton.org/college-information/>

Our Year 7 students are preparing for their 'Service of Light'. More details will follow next week. There has been some great participation in the filming today!





## Sports News from Mr Wadsworth

### Back in Action!

The first half term has been a very successful one for the PE department. There have been quite a few Covid related challenges to overcome regarding equipment, safety and activity choices but we have risen to meet those!

It has been wonderful to see all of the pupils involved in sport and becoming active again after such a long period away from school. Within lessons, there has been a real focus on raising awareness on leading a healthy and active lifestyle.

In a short space of time, each pupil has taken part in a wide range of sports that have been fun but more importantly, all-inclusive! Rounders and Athletics were introduced in September to make the best use of the good weather. Recently, most pupils have taken part in Badminton, Volleyball, Benchball and Cross-Country running.

### Looking Smart!

It has been good to see pupils from every year group arrive to school smartly dressed in their PE kit. Coming to school in PE kit not only saves time at the start of PE lessons, but it also means that pupils are in the right mind-set to be active during the school day.

### Leading the Way

Our Sports Leaders programme is well under way. As part of timetabled enrichments lessons, pupils in KS4 have the opportunity to become a trained sports leader. In the future, they will visit primary schools and deliver a wide range of activities to younger children. They will also be responsible for organising sports events at Holy Family including Sports Day 2021 and inter-form competitions.

### Building strong links

Mr Wagstaff and Miss Schager are now visiting primary schools to deliver a wide range of sporting activities. Their enthusiasm and high quality teaching will ensure children in the local area can begin living a healthy, active lifestyle through sport. This builds on the superb primary network that Mrs Hunt set up during her time at Holy Family. Our Sports Leaders have also been taking part in 'pod-casts' for primary schools across the region!

One of the best privileges of being a Headteacher is regularly visiting lessons on 'learning walks'. It is great to see our students taking pride in their work, focusing on their learning and responding to the feedback from their teachers. Witnessing the skills of our staff as they teach, support and motivate our students is inspiring. The staff in our KS3 and KS4 hubs are very impressed with the positive attitude and growing confidence of our students who are accessing additional support.

**"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere."  
— Chinese Proverb**

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs D. Mitchell  
Headteacher

