



Holy Family Catholic High School Weekly Newsletter

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'To grow in wisdom and grace.'

Thursday 26th November

Mrs Mitchell's Message

As we all navigate the local tiered restrictions, make our plans for the Christmas season and ensure we are being 'jolly careful', we have another 'ask' of you all over the next three weeks!

At Holy Family we reflect, during advent, on the true meaning of Christmas and encourage our students to demonstrate the virtues of kindness, charity and gratitude. Our advent appeal starts next week and we have some projects that students are involved in where we would appreciate your support and encouragement...

- *Christmas Card Competition to design this year's Holy Family School card.*
- *Friday, 11 December is the deadline for all donations*
- *World Gifts: (All Years) where each form will purchase a life-changing gift(s) for families in developing countries*
- *'When a child is born': (Years 7, 8 & 9) The Catholic Care Appeal for mothers and babies in need at this time.*
- *Christmas Hampers: (Years 10 & 11) distributed to senior citizens within our community.*

'Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share'

Next three weeks...

Learning remains our key priority in school and lessons will continue as normal up to the end of term.

Thursday, 17 December will be **Christmas Lunch Day**, this year we are having a celebration for all students to take part in, whether they buy a Christmas lunch option or bring their own, so that all students can be seated for this meal as a year group. This will also be **Christmas Jumper Day**, our non-uniform day. The decision for distributing the monies raised for charities will be decided by our Student Leadership Team, in consultation with year groups.

Payment for our Christmas Lunch options and financial donations for Christmas Jumper Day and World Gifts should be made via Parentpay which will be available from 01/12/20.

Our **'Online Carol Concert'** will also go out 'live' at 6pm on 17/12/20.

On the last day of term, **Friday 18th December** students should attend in full uniform and we will hold our virtual whole school Christmas liturgy, our year group presentation assemblies and our virtual talent show!

We will finish at the normal time.

Picking up students from school...

We would be really grateful if parents could avoid parking near or opposite the gates where the buses 'swing' into the turning circle.

We know that space for picking up is restricted and we have put on after school provision until 5pm to allow parents to pick up their children throughout that time.

From 3.15pm onwards it is really quiet!!

Many thanks for your help and cooperation.

See the next page for introductions from our students leadership team.

We have had a huge response from Y9 and Y10 students to be school prefects. We look forward to their group interviews on Monday!

Introductions...

Message from our Head Girl and Head Boy

Hello, we are Molly and Alexis and we are really excited to be the Head Girl and Head Boy of Holy Family this year.



Alongside our dedicated team, we will be working to improve the school environment and making sure that everyone feels happy and safe. We are looking forward to working with a wide range of pupils, strengthening the link between students and staff, as well as offering great new opportunities to all year groups. We are also here to try our best to solve any issues you have; so please do not hesitate to speak to us or any of the Student Leadership Team .

Message from our Extended Leadership Team

Hello, we are the Student Leadership Team and we are very honoured to be given our roles, which we hope to fulfil to the best of our abilities.



Even during these difficult times, we are already organising events, such as fundraising and whole school liturgies and we're looking forward to leading exciting new opportunities to make our school an even better place for our fellow students.

Our aim is for every student to be happy here at Holy Family.

