



Holy Family Catholic High School Weekly Newsletter

'To grow in wisdom and grace.'

Friday 15th January 2021

Mrs Mitchell's Update

Many thanks again for all your help supporting home learning this week. We have been able to support more families with devices and internet access this week. If you are still having issues with connectivity, devices or access to our platforms please get in touch. Our online learning is continuing to work well and we are taking feedback from parents and students to 'tweak' our provision as we go along.

On Monday, we had a Teams meeting with our Student Leadership Team to gather some feedback on the online learning and student well-being. It was really helpful to hear the positives and also the challenges. We have attached a letter that is going out to our students via Class Charts which includes some healthy hints and tips on working from home and on computers/devices to get the most from home learning.

Year 11 Update:

Please look out for the Ofqual consultation which is due out tomorrow. We encourage our Year 11 students and their parents to complete it and have their say. We will be in touch with our Year 11 students and parents to explain how mock examination marks will be communicated next week.

Art:	Fabio N	Y8
Key School:	Megan N	Y9
Key School:	Bethany H	Y10
French:	Harrison M	Y8
Geography:	Jack M	Y11
RE:	Will J	Y9
Engineering:	Cody C	Y11
Construction:	Aaron M	Y10
Hospitality/Catering:	Jack P	Y9
Health/Social Care:	Bonnie M	Y11
Music:	Hannah W	Y11
History:	Nathan M	Y11
Maths:	Olivia H	Y10
Computing:	William J	Y8
PE:	Poppy L	Y8

Headteacher's Recognition Board:

In each classroom we have a 'Recognition Board' displaying the names of students who are doing well in the lesson. It is important that we continue with this praise and you should now have access to the SIMS App which will show you any positives your child's teachers are awarding them. This is now our primary form of communication.

However, the students listed on the left have been recognised for their hard work and effort this week by their teachers and I wanted to add my own congratulations to them!



Safeguarding & Wellbeing Support

As a school, we are committed to ensuring everyone's physical, emotional and mental wellbeing. Please encourage your child to use their afternoon tutorial time: 14:50 – 15:00, to message tutors, so that we can continue to assist with access, workload or how they are feeling. Students should also be aware of the direct messaging systems on ClassCharts and on Teams. This week, you can expect your children to be reminded of the 20 20 20 rule to help maintain good eye health. They may even be asked to take a break for two minutes and have a walk around to avoid remaining in the same position for a prolonged period.

Free School Meals—Vouchers Update

We have registered again for the National Voucher Scheme. We will inform parents when this is confirmed. Until that point, we will continue to provide food vouchers from school.

Lateral Flow Testing Update

Our core team of staff have completed their training. We will begin testing staff next week and contacting parents of students who are currently in school to offer them the opportunity for their child to be tested. Further information will be sent to parents and their children during the next few weeks to tell them about the testing programme. We have been asked to be ready to 'mass test' students when the government allow more students back into schools. Thanks to parents, carers and other members of our community who have offered their services to help with the testing programme. At the point where we are testing more students, we will be in touch!

And finally to all our parents and carers... You are doing a great job! If things do not go quite right, technology fails or you decide for your child's well-being to do something differently, please do not worry. We realise that everyone is doing the best they can. Be kind to yourselves and know that 'Everyone is with you'.

Have a safe and happy weekend,

Mrs Mitchell