



Holy Family Catholic High School Weekly Newsletter

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'To grow in wisdom and grace.'

Friday 22nd January 2021

Mrs Mitchell's Update

We are halfway through this half term and have settled into good routines with our 'in-school' and online learning. I have really enjoyed joining a variety of lessons again this week to see what is going on and helping out where I can! Thanks to all students who are interacting in the lessons, answering questions on microphones and in the chat function. This really helps teachers to check understanding and will also help those who may be struggling. Teachers are also setting quizzes and assignments. We will be feeding back to parents if these are not being accessed.

Art	Alexus	LD	Year 11
Key School	Xander	D	Year 9
Key School	Luke	C	Y
French	Fabio	N	Year 8
Geography	Breffni	S	Year 7
RE	Alex	T	Year 11
Engineering	Jacob	H	Year 10
Construction	William	H	Year 10
DT	Fabio	N	Year 8
H & C	James	W	Year 11
H & S	Brooke	P	Year 10
Music	Bethany	C	Year 11
History	Peirson	M	Year 10
Maths	Peter	R	Year 10
Computing	Liliana	K	Year 8
PE	Charris	H	Year 10
English	Tilly	W	Year 11
Science	Kiera	D	Year 8
Creative iMedia	Xander	D	Year 9
Business	Matthew	G	Year 11
Science	Lily	U	Year 11

Headteacher's Recognition Board:

Once again I happy to share with you a sample of our classroom 'Recognition Boards'. These are just a few of the many names of students who are doing well in lessons and who are being recognised daily. This is shared with you on a daily basis via our SIMS App which is now our primary form of communication.

A big congratulations to those who have been nominated for special recognition this week in our newsletter, Keep it up!

SIMS App and Attendance Notifications:

Most parents have now downloaded the SIMS App which gives access to praise and concerns given by teaching staff. In order to track 'attendance' at our live lessons and on other platforms, teachers will be issuing 'SO' comments for any student who is not on Teams and/or, who is not submitting the work to show they have completed the learning activities. There are no negative points associated with this and they will not be recorded as attendance concerns. It is purely to inform parents that students did not access the work set and to ensure that we are monitoring students for safeguarding purposes. Please contact us if you feel we can assist with enabling your son/daughter with any lessons they have struggled to access.

Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening

The year 11 parents' consultation event scheduled for Thursday 28 January has had to be postponed. Whilst remote learning takes place, we are considering the most effective method of accommodating this event. The event will be re-scheduled such that it takes place before the half term break in February. As soon as we have agreed a format for the event and a date, we will inform parents/carers.

Student Wellbeing

Please encourage your child to continue to use their afternoon tutorial time, 14:50 – 15:00, to message their form tutor. This week we will be putting out our Collective Worship via Teams for students to take a moment each day and reflect on their spiritual and emotional wellbeing. Please encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity and to look after themselves to the full.

Student Leadership Update

On behalf of the pupils of Holy Family, our Student Leadership Team has decided that the donations received for our non-uniform day before Christmas should be equally divided between 'NHS Charities Together', and 'Butterwick Hospice Care' in light of the strain placed on the NHS and independent hospices due to COVID-19. These are both worthy causes who will appreciate this donation greatly. A big thank you to you all.

"The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice." – Brian Herbert

Have a safe and happy weekend,

Mrs Mitchell