

Holy Family Catholic High School Weekly Newsletter

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'To grow in wisdom and grace.'

Friday 12th February 2021

Headteacher Updates...

Today we have sent out 1500 subject certificates to students who have excelled in their home learning. This shows the fantastic effort of our students and the outstanding support from their families. I am really proud of everything our young people have achieved this half term. They have shown great resilience and adapted to a very different 'school life'. We will be looking at further opportunities for success, and working with families so that all students are able to excel in their home learning.

After half term, we will continue to provide blended learning using Microsoft Teams and work on ClassCharts. We aim to give balance between 'live teaching', accessing work on ClassCharts and independent work. Our student leadership team have given us feedback along the way and we have adapted to their suggested changes. This week, they have asked if we can extend the lunchtime slightly to allow students to prepare and eat their own lunch and to have some time to relax before starting the afternoon sessions. After half term, lunch will end ten minutes later at 1pm. This means that lesson 4 will be from 1pm until 2pm and lesson 5 from 2pm until 3pm. There will be an opportunity for a form 'catch-up' on Monday and Friday afternoons at 2.50pm.

We are planning some more 'virtual' trips and activities for after half term to give students focused enrichment and 'off-screen' time. If any families need to access our on-site 'key school' for their child, or a change of circumstances has resulted in the need for devices and help with internet access for your child, please get in touch. We have some more devices from the DfE and ways of helping families who are struggling with costs of 'data' and internet provision. Please email: enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org

We have made it to half term and I am sure that everyone is ready for a break and to unplug their devices. I am looking forward to reading some books and aim to do some decorating!

If we hear anything about the plans for students physically returning to school we will of course let you know. My final reflection for this half term ...

"People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day."—Winnie the Pooh

Enjoy some time of doing 'nothing'! Stay safe,

Mrs Mitchell

LESSONS RECOMMENCE ON MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY

Headteacher Recognition

Well done to all those who have received 'Positives' this week. These are students who have been selected for special mention. Very well done!!

Art	Maddi	G-D	Year 10
Key School	Oliver	K-H	Year 9
Key School	Bethany	Ι	Year 10
French	Tendai	М	Year 10
Geography	Mills	Т	Year 7
RE	Ella	SL	Year 10
Construction	Zara	U	Year 10
Design Tech	Charlotte	U	Year 7
Н&С	Daniel	K	Year 11
H & S	Phoebe	8	Year 9
History	Ebony	S	Year 7
Maths	Amelia	D	Year 11
Computing	George	Α	Year 9
Core PE	Ava	L	Year 8
English	Mary	Р	Year 10
Science	Cameron	Ξ	Year 8
GCSE PE	Lucy	J	Year 11

Wellbeing in Art—Mr Pearson

This art work comes from pupils working remotely this half-term. In the lower school, each year group works to the same theme yet I am always pleased and often surprised to see how varied the outcomes can be. In upper school, students become increasingly confident about developing their unique ideas on chosen GCSE themes.

As a subject on the curriculum, Art can be studied formally. However, Art can have many beneficial effects. Whilst social and travel restrictions are in place, we have fewer distractions to enjoy. Activities such as drawing and painting or making something from scrap materials can really take us out of ourselves and provide a break from stress and anxiety. You don't have to see yourself as good at these things to enjoy the benefits. Simply have a go and don't worry about the results. The very process of losing yourself in the activity is good for our mental wellbeing! Look at our website for more helpful ideas to maintain your wellbeing. http://www.holyfamilycarlton.org/ wellbeing/



Collective Worship

As we start our period of preparations for Easter, please encourage your children to join with us in our collective worships over the coming weeks. Lent is a time for stripping away the unnecessary distractions and, hence next week, we have the symbolic fasting of Strove Tuesday, allowing us to start our Lenten preparations the day after on Ash Wednesday.