



Holy Family Catholic High School Weekly Newsletter

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'To grow in wisdom and grace.'

Friday 5th February 2021

Headteacher Updates

One week to go until half term! Here are a few updates from me...

We are pleased to see so many of our students taking the time to look at our 'collective worship' on ClassCharts. It is a really important aspect of our 'Catholic Life' in school and is a great way to start each day with something that our students recognise and are used to.

We are finding as many ways as possible to stay connected and our weekly year group assemblies ensure that everyone in each year group gathers to look at a key theme as well as hearing important information from their Student Progress Leader. If you as parents/carers are able, we welcome you to watch the Year Group assemblies with your child.

Teaching staff are looking forward to seeing our current Y11 students and their parents/carers via Teams for our Y11 parents evening on Thursday 11th February. If you need any assistance with the online booking system, please let us know.

We have been busy filming for our virtual 'Prize Presentation Evening' for our 2020 Year 11 Leavers. A link will be sent to their parents/carers later next week and we will let our school community know the recipients of the subject and special awards in next week's bulletin!

For our current year groups, rewards certificates will be posted out next week to recognise the sustained effort and achievement of students this half term.

So, for now, keep going everyone! We can all look forward to a rest when we finish for half term on Friday 12th February.

'Courage is not having the strength to go on; it is going on when you don't have the strength.' Theodore Roosevelt

Headteacher Recognition Board

'Fantastic Effort' to all those who have received 'Positives' this week. You are really earning your half term! Check your SIMS App to see all the positives awarded to students each day.

Art	Molly	C-C	Year 11
Key School	Megan	N	Year 9
Key School	Jacob	W	Year 10
French	Hannah	M	Year 9
Geography	Bristow	T	Year 11
RE	Billy	C	Year 10
Engineering	Luke	B	Year 9
Construction	Alyssa	FF	Year 10
D & T	Laurence	M	Year 7
H & C	Jenson	C	Year 9
H & S	Olivia	H	Year 10
History	Evan	P	Year 10
Maths	Jess	S	Year 9
Computing	Jake	H	Year 10
Core PE	Lewis	O	Year 11
English	Molly	C-C	Year 11
Science	Holly	P	Year 10
iMedia	Ryan	J	Year 9
Business	Isobella	W	Year 9
GCSE PE	Justin	A	Year 10
Key School	Phoebe	R	Year 7

Blended Learning & Wellbeing — Mr Leatherland

If you are struggling to hear or keep up when listening to a live Teams lesson you can turn on captions and read along with what your teacher is saying. It only works in the app version of Teams, but you can get this for free if you haven't already. If you click on 'more options' (the three dots) you can then select 'live captions' to read along when someone is speaking.

If you are using gallery mode, you can pin important people so that they are always visible, no matter who is talking. Right click on their video on your screen and select 'pin'.

Remember to keep moving. Try to get up from wherever you are working and have a walk around whenever you can. You could also try doing some exercises whilst you are sat down. A relaxed body creates a relaxed mind which helps you think, grow, and learn.

Here are some ideas from Darcey Bussell: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p095xd6b> The card game she talks about is also brilliant and great for getting your brain and body working.

Strava Running Club—Mr Wadsworth

www.strava.com/clubs/HFSPE

Click on the link and create a free Strava account using your school email.

Once you have signed up you will get an email for you to verify your account.

Privacy Settings

We want pupils to remember to stay safe when online. To reduce the number of people who can see your private information please do the following:

1. Hover the mouse over the picture icon in the top right-hand corner
2. Click on 'Settings'
3. Click on 'Privacy Controls'
4. Set your profile so that only your followers or you can see your profile and personal information
5. Scroll down to 'Privacy Zones'
6. Enter your postcode and then click the drop down box and choose '100m', this will set an exclusion zone around your address
7. Your teachers will be uploading runs as well..... can you beat them?

Happy Exercising, The PE Department

Lesson Absence

Teachers are now issuing 'Lesson Absence' comments for any student who is not on Teams and/or not submitting work for learning activities. It is important to note that there are no negative points associated with this, and they will not be recorded as attendance concerns. It is purely to inform parents/carers and to ensure we are monitoring students together for safeguarding. Please do not see these as a sanction and as long you are aware they were unable to access the lesson and associated learning, then there is no need to contact school. Records will not show these comments as accruing any negative points, or impact on reported attendance.

Congratulations!! A big Holy Family welcome to the new arrivals of our Head of Music, Mr Coombs, and our Chaplain Ms Lambert. Both of whom have been blessed with beautiful new born babies this week. We wish them and their families every blessing as they adjust to their 'new normal'!