



Holy Family Catholic High School Weekly Newsletter

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'To grow in wisdom and grace.'

Friday 26th February 2021

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are all okay and feeling hopeful that we are moving towards more settled times!

We wanted to get arrangements to you as quickly as possible to help you plan the next couple of weeks, so I apologise that there is a lot of information to read. I have attached a separate letter to go through various information on testing and school return plus a letter on how to book your child's first lateral flow test appointment. If you are unsure on anything please contact us. There will also be online assemblies for each year group on Wednesday 3rd March (8.45 to 9am) where we will go through information and plans with our students.

You will have also seen the Ofqual announcement on the results of the grading consultation. We will look through all the information from Ofqual and the exam boards then keep our Year 11 students and you, as parents, updated when more specific details are released.

This newsletter contains information and support from the 'Well-being in Mind' Team as well as recognition of our school awarded winners from the class of 2020. Keep going everyone, it will not be long before all our lovely students are back!

Mrs Mitchell

In summary...

Students will continue to be taught online from Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th March. Staff are aware that students will miss some lessons if they are booked in for a slot at our test site.

Parents who want their child to be tested need to complete the consent form via this link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=9RdoldnQgkuskgs_ZlxzBnin2TG_tMdFuIMuFknduAhUQjhTNIFVDVCVlpLV1JZNtIwQUc4NEFWNC4u

See the additional letter attached with information on how to book a slot for the first lateral flow test. Students need to be brought to the site (Sports Hall), have their test and then be taken home immediately afterwards. Results will be sent via the mobile number given on the consent form.

All students will return on Thursday 11th March at the normal time.

Children accessing our 'in-school' provision can continue to attend from 8th March and will attend with all other students from the 11th March. If they have consent, we will organise their test on site so there is no need to book a slot for the first test.

Please read the accompanying letter for further details. There will also be online assemblies for each year group on Wednesday 3rd March (8.45 to 9am) where we will go through information and plans with students.

We are thrilled and excited that the DfE have confirmed that Holy Family Carlton, St Marys Selby and St Josephs Goole will join with the Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust (BKCAT) on Monday 1st March. It is great to know we are now going to be part of the Trust and we are looking forward to accessing and maximising the opportunities this new chapter presents. We have been working closely with the Trust to ensure everything is in place for Monday and there will be a 'welcome programme' over the next few months. Our school name and identity will remain the same and there will be no changes to our uniform or current policies. We will email the Trust's welcome letter to you on 01/03/21.

Headteacher's Recognition Board:

Well done to those who have received 'Positives' via our SIMS App. Keep going! It is great to see the enthusiasm from our students for their work still strong after all these weeks and the following names only represent the hard work of so many students, parents and staff.

Art	Lucy M	Year 11
Key School	Joshua C	Year 11
Key School	James C	Year 9
French	Tiffany W	Year 11
Geography	Fabio N	Year 8
RE	Will D	Year 10
Engineering	Matthew G	Year 11
Construction	Jack CG	Year 10
Design & Technology	Jack Carder C	Year 10
H & C	Oliver K	Year 11
H & S	Tilly H-N	Year 11
Music	Ruby L	Year 7
History	George A	Year 9
Maths	Fabio N	Year 8
Computing	Jacob H-N	Year 9
Core PE	Jack C	Year 9
English	Jacob A	Year 8
Science	Adrian O	Year 8
Creative iMedia	Nathan M	Year 11
Business	Vicktoria S	Year 10
GCSE PE	Billy C	Year 10
Key School	Leon D	Year 11



We are excited to be supporting National Careers Week 2021 which takes place next week. Throughout the week, teachers will be promoting lots of different career paths that their subject areas may lead to and highlighting the key skills the pupils are developing to prepare them for the world of work. Pupils can also access a virtual careers fair where they can hear directly from a wide range of employers and access a wide range of materials and resources. The careers fair can be accessed via the website ncw2021.co.uk

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Wellbeing In Mind Team



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It is so good to know that everyone is getting to return to school in the week of March 8th. I'm sure it must feel like such a long time since we were able to do the normal everyday thing of go to school, see our friends and classmates, engage with our teachers and our learning.

We have gone through what has been an unusual, challenging and unprecedented event in our lives. It can be difficult to fully understand the exact impact the pandemic has had, but what we do know is that every young person and their family will react differently depending on their own individual circumstances. For some, lockdown may have brought positive impacts and experiences; some people have learned new skills and found new hobbies. For others it has brought isolation, loss of routine and disruption. Whether your experience has been positive or negative, what we all share is the impact upon our wellbeing.

Wellbeing doesn't have one set meaning. We might use it to talk about how we feel, how well we are coping with daily life or what feels possible at the moment. Good mental wellbeing doesn't mean you are always happy or unaffected by your experiences. But poor wellbeing can make it more difficult to cope with daily life. However, there is so much we can do to help ourselves maintain our wellbeing and happiness.

For a large number of students the transition back into school will be relatively straightforward, however, some young people will need additional help to cope with the changes and build their resilience. The Wellbeing in Mind Team wants to help you all with that transition. So with that in mind, we have worked together with your teachers and staff at the school to come up with a plan for how we can help you to help yourself.

The team are currently working very hard to build a set of resources that Mr Moran and Mrs Williams will be putting up on the school website. We would really encourage you to access these resources. Through helping ourselves we really build our resilience and learn to trust in our ability to manage our wellbeing across our lifetime.

We will also be providing training to your teachers and staff at the school before you return. This will help them to help you to understand the experience of uncertainty that you may feel, identify coping skills and provide reassurance that the thoughts, feelings and reactions that you may have to that uncertainty are totally normal. So even though these feelings may be upsetting they will lessen in intensity over time.

We are also very excited, because as the term progresses, we will also be coming into some of your classes to do some direct teaching with you about your wellbeing. This teaching will give you further knowledge, skills and understanding so you can build your resilience and learn more about taking good care of yourselves.

We really look forward to seeing everyone over the coming weeks and months.

Jo, Kirsty, Denise and Mark.

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Prize Presentation Event 2020

On Friday 12 February, we held our virtual prize presentation evening for the leavers of 2020. During this event, we recognised the hard work and resilience demonstrated by last year's year 11. 2020 was a most challenging year and with hard work and resolve; all students were able to celebrate success. Mr O'Neill, Chair of Governors and our guest speaker Mr Devlin reinforced this.

Congratulations to those year 11 students who received subject and school prizes for effort and achievement in particular areas of study or contribution to school life. Below is a list of all awards this year and their recipients.

Subject Prize	Recipient	Subject Prize	Recipient
French	Lucy Ruddle	Additional Maths	Heather Hornshaw
Spanish	Holly Bristow	Geography	Eleanor Gash
Biology	Mia Boyle	ICT	Tyler Holmes
Chemistry	Krystoff Spsychalski	Health & Social Care	Amelia Gozdzik
Physics	Will Martland	Business & Enterprise	Alice Young
Combined Science	Matthew Oliver	Engineering	Pippa Nelson
Maths	Kaitlin Mills	Hospitality and Catering	Lily Osborne
English Language	Jake Tuer	Art	Emily Welburn
English Literature	Robert Ross	Music	Izabella Laguniak
Religious Education	Jenna Johnson	Physical Education	Jessica O'Neill
History	Nina Szalecka		

School Prize	Recipient
O'Neill Salver for Academic Excellence	Lucy Ruddle
Headteacher's Award	Mia Boyle
Annette Dews Award for Service to Holy Family	Mateusz Depka-Pradzynski
Fr Leo Zyerveld Award for Religious Education	Scarlett Oldridge
Pauline Howard Memorial Award for Excellence in Mathematics	Heather Hornshaw
David Fagan Award for Excellence in Spanish	Izabella Laguniak
Robert Dominick Award for Achievement	Robert Ross
Jack Shuttleworth Award for Effort	Freya Shepherd
Musician of the Year	Elizabeth Robinson
Contribution to Sports Award	Alex Wood

Many congratulations to all our former students on their success. We wish them continued success in the future whether it be in education, employment or training.