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## Headteacher's End of Year Message

Thank you for your appreciation and support for us as we moved to online learning this week. It has definitely been an interesting year to navigate! As always, our staff and students have risen to the challenge and we have had a productive end to the term.

In the last four weeks, we have facilitated online parents evenings for each year group to discuss recent assessments; strengths and any additional work that would help further develop your child's learning. Next year we are planning to have two parents' events for each year group during the course of the year, one online and one in school. We will finalise the calendar dates over the summer and send this to you in September. Our additional 'booster' programmes will continue in English and Maths as well as small group extra tutoring.

Below are some notices, our end of term 'farewells and welcomes' and information on September's lateral flow testing arrangements. I wish everyone in our Holy Family community a well-earned summer break. Stay safe and well and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September to what I hope and pray will be a more traditional school year. With every good wish and God's blessing to you and your family.

Mrs Donna Mitchell  
#proudheadteacher

**'You should tell your family every day that you love them. And make sure they know that you're proud of them too.'** *Will Schwalbe*

## Notices

- The consultation on proposed changes to the summer 2022 exams closes on 1<sup>st</sup> August. We urge new Y11 students and their parents to have their say. Follow the link.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-changes-to-the-assessment-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022>
- As we mentioned last week, we are planning for teachers to be back in their subject classrooms and students will no longer be in zones. The feedback from students and parents is overwhelmingly in favour of keeping the staggered breaks and lunches so this will continue in September. Students will also continue to wear their school PE kit on PE days as the large majority of responses agreed with this. The student leadership team are very clear that it is important that all students should be in the correct PE kit. Please check the uniform policy on the school website if you need more information.
- Year 11 results day is Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Students have already been given a time slot to collect their results. Selby College and our careers advisor will be in school to support students with next steps.
- Year 7 and Year 11 students return on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021. All other year groups return on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Attached to this email is another document entitled **'Be Ready'** with reminders for September!



## Lateral Flow Testing

We have been asked to set up a lateral flow testing site again for the beginning of term. This is to try to minimise the risk of students who are asymptomatic spreading the virus at the start of the new term. Attached to this bulletin is a general letter about Lateral Flow Testing and another with specific information on booking your child's test.

**Please note test booking does not open until 6am on Wednesday 01/09/21 and closes at midnight on Friday 03/09/21**

Appointments for Years 8 & 11 will be on 06/09/21 and for Years 9 & 10 on 07/09/21. Our new Year 7s will receive a separate letter with a different booking system.

Please use the link below if you would like to give consent for your child to be tested.

<https://forms.office.com/r/pxADynenY2>

## End of term Farewells...

Miss Dale has completed her teacher training and moves on to new, exciting opportunities as a qualified English teacher.

We wish Mr Hetherington well as he moves back 'down south'! We thank him for inspiring our students in their English Language and Literature.

We thank Miss Camy for all her care and support of our students. She will be greatly missed.

We wish her every success in her new school.

Mrs Tinning leaves us to do a Masters in Psychology! We thank her for helping and supporting our students both in their science lessons and pastorally.

Mrs O'Neill retires after 14 years supporting students at Holy Family. She will be greatly missed by both staff and students.

Mr Neesam leaves us for leadership opportunities in another school. We wish him all the best and thank him for his work and care of our students.

Mr Pearson leaves us after 30 years teaching Art at the school. We thank him for all his support for school productions and raising the profile of the Arts. He is looking forward to having time to work on his own art projects!

## Governors

Mrs Annette Dews (our former Headteacher) has come to the end of her term as a governor. We thank her for her support of our community and her commitment to Holy Family over many years.

Mr Peter O'Neill has come to the end of his term as our Chair of Governors. He was a pupil at Holy Family from 1969 to 1974 and has been a member of our governing body since 1996. He became our Chair of Governors in 2011. He is an advocate for Catholic Character Education in this area and his number one priority has always been our students. He has accompanied us on many trips and visits, giving his time and helping our students 'to grow in wisdom and grace'. We wish him all best from all the staff, students and their families who have been part of our Holy Family community since his term of office began.

## Welcomes and changes...

We welcome Mr Sweetman in September who will be our new curriculum leader for English. He is an experienced teacher and leader and has been working with Mr Hetherington and the English team to ensure a smooth handover. He can't wait to get started!

Mrs Neal will be leading on Creative Technologies, developing our technology provision to include art, textiles, graphic design and photography.

Our RE team, Mrs Selway and Miss Hannan, will be delivering the RSHE curriculum.

We will be appointing two additional teaching assistant roles at the end of the summer. Vacancies will be on our website in September.

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