



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2021

The Holy Family Catholic High School

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we end this half term, our thanks go to our whole community for their support of our school and our young people. It has been a great start to the school year and the 'attitude to learning and behaviour reports' we have sent out today reflect this, with the large majority of our students achieving good and outstanding grades.

We have launched a 'learning model' for our students to help them to learn more effectively. The launch assemblies will continue after half term and we will send out a webinar in November for parents, so they can find out more about the 'learning model' and support this at home. This model will help students to focus on their learning, improve their memory, extend their learning and be active learners in lessons. Our students continue 'to grow in wisdom and grace' and we support them all to attain and achieve their full potential.

As you can see from this newsletter, it has been a very productive half term. Our students have been great ambassadors for our Holy Family School ethos and mission. Their environmental work, charity work and engagement with the Catholic life of the school show their true virtues of kindness, service and compassion. We also thank our staff for the additional activities they provide for students after school. We had over a quarter of our students taking part in 'after school' enrichment clubs last night!

Finally, we hope that you all have a restful and peaceful half term break. We look forward to seeing all of our wonderful students again on the 1st November.

All my best wishes from a very proud Headteacher.

'I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths.' [Proverbs 4:11](#)



Foodbank Donations (Left)

One of our charitable collections this term was to bring in long life food products for the Selby Food Bank. Well done to all involved.

Pictured with the donation is a Y7 group who helped to pack up the contributions from all years during their chapel lesson. We also raised £2,500 for CAFOD and £1000 for the Good Shepherd Appeal.

**Thank you so much
for your generosity**



School Environment

The Holy Family recycling team are doing a great job. They have equipped every classroom with paper and plastic recycling bins, all nicely labelled with their own design. They guard the recycling bin in the canteen at break and lunch on a rota which they have set up themselves. They take it in turns to do a litter pick during their lunch time and educate other students on the impact of littering and recycling.

I look forward to welcoming as many students as possible to my after school "Wellbeing" club starting after half-term on a Thursday.

Mme Gibert



Peripatetic Music Lessons:

Holy Family has a team of visiting Music Teachers who deliver instrumental lessons each week. Pupils from Y7-11 can sign up for expert tuition on any instrument! Our visiting teachers are top performers in their own right with positions in top national brass bands, cathedrals, and of course, rock bands. Popular choices of instrument include Drum Kit, Piano, Singing and Guitar (acoustic, electric & bass). Other options include String, Woodwind & Brass instruments. All lessons are either 20 or 30 minutes and are during school hours. **Funding is available for Pupil Premium students.**

Please contact Mr Coombs if you want to find out more, or

alternatively, you can book online at <https://www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk/>

[Home - North Yorkshire Music Hub](#)

The North Yorkshire Music Hub was set up in early 2012 and works in partnership with local and national arts programmes and organisations. Its objective is to deliver the government's commitment to improving the quality of local music services and our performance is monitored by Arts Council England.

www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk



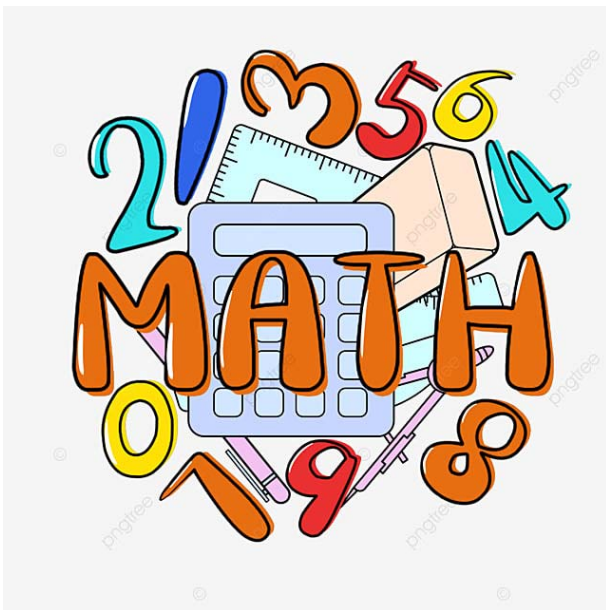
School Choir:

Back up and running after a long spell of limited breathing & singing! The choir is back with a vengeance & with extra gusto and expertise in the form of Miss Leather from Leeds Diocesan Singing Programme. Visiting every Monday from 11:40 until 12:20, Miss Leather is with the school until Christmas, delivering fun, fast-paced singing sessions with a range of styles from musical theatre to sea shanties, spirituals, to smash hits. Visit the YouTube channel to get a flavour of the exciting opportunities available to all KS3 students.

Glee Club:

On Wednesdays after school 15:00-16:00. With the addition of the Diocesan Choir, Glee Club has been able to shift focus from more singing based activities and now supports students either setting up or playing in existing Bands! Groups can sign up on the Music Board to book a slot in one of the 3 available rehearsal spaces.





Additional Maths

"I originally had my reservations about the additional maths course, but I am glad I decided to take it because I feel it gives me an insight into A-level Maths that you do not get from GCSE. There are 11 of us in the group and so far, we have covered polynomials, stretching polynomials, binomial expansion and binomial probability. I think it has pushed me academically and proved to be of great interest and a huge help with general maths skills. As well as this, I believe it will somewhat prepare me for the knowledge gap between GCSE and A-level Maths, and I look forward to further extending my knowledge in future classes."

Tia Slater Lewis

Math Support

There are a number of websites listed below that offer additional support with Math.

<https://eedi.com/>

<https://whiterosemaths.com/for-parents/>

Helping Your Maths-Anxious Child on Wednesday 3rd November at 7:30pm.

Using both the latest research and her vast experience in this area, Rachel (Maths Author and Educational Psychology Lead at Eedi) will give practical advice on ways parents can help their children with their maths, whether they are struggling with maths anxiety or stuck on their homework and they'll learn tips for keeping their own maths anxieties at bay too!

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RaZto011RIGk7HzuDRVYMA

Bookbuzz Fever Hits Year 7 and 8



During the first half term, all of year 7 and 8 have had the opportunity to select a free book supplied by Book Trust, the UK's largest reading charity. Under the scheme "Bookbuzz". Pupils had to choose from a selection of 17 books, ranging from mystery, adventure, humour and drama novels. All pupils in both year groups have now placed their order and these should arrive in the next couple of months. For further information, including how to support your child's reading, please visit www.booktrust.org.uk

Pictured are Year 8 pupils Laurence and Kitty with some of the novels on offer.

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



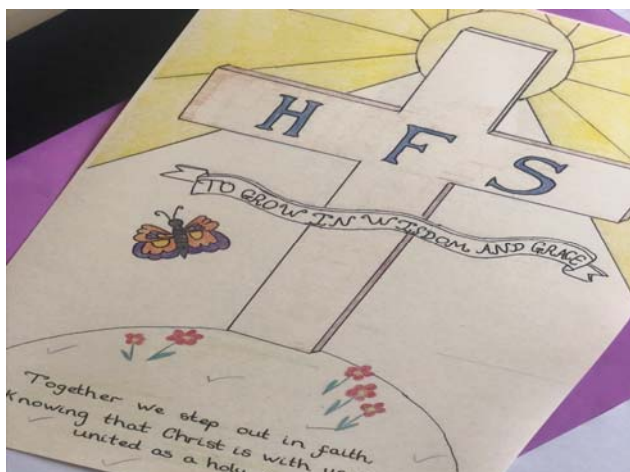
Mission Chapel Lessons

Pupils discussed our school mission. They reflected on how our school is unique and spoke in detail about Catholic Virtues and how the staff and pupils at Holy Family live the virtues mentioned in our school mission statement on a daily basis - love, compassion, forgiveness and reconciliation. Pupils then produced some art work relating to this subject.



St Therese de Lisieux (Right)

On 1st October, the Blessed Sacrament was returned to school. Father Wilson and pupils led a short service in recognition of this. As it was the Feast day of St. Therese de Lisieux, the readings and prayers were based around this. Each year group was represented by two pupils and they all read readings or prayers. Each pupil wore a St. Therese medal that had been made for them.



Year 7 Service of Welcome (Left)

Year 7 prepared their Service of Welcome. They all took part in singing hymns and dancing to 'My Lighthouse'. Lots of the pupils were really keen to read the bidding prayers and Bible readings. Some pupils had never done anything like this before but were very enthusiastic and they did an amazing job. The bidding prayers were written by Y7 pupils and they produced some wonderful pieces of art work for the form booklets.



Prayer Tree

Year 7 started their Chapel lessons by thinking about others. As new students to the school, they discussed the different people who they might turn to for support. They also created a piece of art work for the year 7 prayer tree. Each pupil made a hand template and then added the names of those who were in their prayers in each finger and then in the palm of the hand they drew an item that they felt represented who they are.

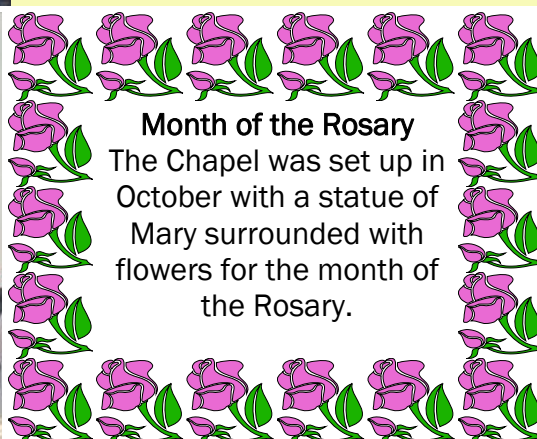


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Family Fast Day– CAFOD Appeal

Over recent years on Family Fast Day, we have donated money to CAFOD. This year, we raised money by having a simple lunch of soup and a roll in the canteen on 01/10/21 which served to remind us how fortunate we are to have the food that we do and to remember that not everyone in the world is as lucky as us. This year's appeal was called 'The Climate Crisis Appeal' and will support the poorest communities most affected by climate crisis. In this way, our school responded to Pope Francis' call for all of us to protect our common home. The lunch was very popular! Over the last year we have raised **£2,500** for CAFOD!



Month of the Rosary

The Chapel was set up in October with a statue of Mary surrounded with flowers for the month of the Rosary.



SETTLING IN....



Year 7 were asked in a Chapel lesson to write down how they felt joining Holy Family School. There were lots of different answers but they all seem to have the same opinion - **they like it here!**



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The Student Council met for the first time this half term. It was a very informative meeting and pupils discussed a range of issues including anti-bullying, prefects and recycling. Following on from the meeting the Student Council organised for the whole school to take part in 'The Big Anti-Bullying Assembly 2021'.

This is a national event organised by The Diana Award. The Council is now looking at setting up anti-bullying ambassadors in each year group.

Applications are now also open to pupils in Years 8, 9 and 10 to become Student Prefects. This is a position of significant responsibility within the student body and the pupils act as role model for all the pupils and help maintain an atmosphere of friendly cooperation and mutual respect for each other. Any pupils wishing to apply should speak to their Progress Leader.

CAREERS & ASPIRATIONS

COLLEGE TALKS

Over this first half term Year 11 pupils have had a series of presentations from a range of local Post-16 education providers. The assemblies have been very informative and covered the wide range of offers available to the pupils for their next stage of education. The local colleges are now welcoming applications for September 2022 and this can be done through their individual websites. Pupils are encouraged to apply to as many different providers as possible and should have at least one application submitted before Christmas. If pupils require any assistance with their applications, please do not hesitate to contact me via the enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org email address.



Post-16 Options

I would like to take this opportunity to give you a brief overview of the pupils' choices after they leave Holy Family. All pupils must do one of the following:

- stay in full-time education, for example at school, sixth form college or further education college
- start an apprenticeship or traineeship
- spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering while also doing part-time education or training

You child may be eligible for the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund, which can help with things like books, travel or equipment if you will struggle with education or training costs. If your child has an Education Health and Care (EHC) plan, you can get support to choose your next steps and extra help when you are in education, training or work. Further information on the different types of courses, including A-Levels, T-Levels and technical and vocational courses, is available from the National Careers Service through this link; <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/career-choices-at-16>

Employer Engagements

Giving the pupils the opportunity to engage with a wide range of employers and employees is a fundamental part of the Careers Education that pupils receive here at Holy Family. This half term we have been able to start welcoming guest speakers back into school and we have already had talks and workshops, for several year groups, from a wide range of employers, including the Royal Navy, Drax Power and Greencore. Details of any online opportunities are regularly shared with pupils via ClassCharts. We actively welcome businesses and employers to take part in our curriculum and if you feel you, or the company that you work for, could offer an opportunity to any of our pupils either in school or at your place of work please do contact me.

Mr Devlin, Careers Leader

On 30 September two young Royal Navy Submarine Lieutenants (one of whom is an ex Holy Family pupil) came to school in order to share details about their school, college and university journeys and how they progressed to the levels of responsibility they have within their current roles as officer engineers. They presented to Years 10 and 11 who found the experience both enjoyable and motivational. Topics covered were careers in the Royal Navy, Engineering and what it is about and the role of a Navy Submariner.



SPORTING EVENTS & NEWS

Y10 FOOTBALL SQUAD



In the last two weeks there have been some brilliant football performances. The mixed 8 & 9 football team have beaten York High School 9-2 and the Y10 team beat Archbishop Holgate's 3-2 in a fiercely contested match. It has been great to have so many students attend fixtures and training sessions with all years soon to be representing the school in local fixtures. For Key Stage 4 pupils this is an opportunity to develop their skills as they continue to be assessed as part of their GCSE PE course .

During this half term, the girls' netball squads have started training and we are eagerly awaiting their next fixture.

Good luck girls!



GIRLS' NETBALL SQUAD

AUTUMN TERM TRAINING & FIXTURE SCHEDULE

Details		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School (3pm -4pm)	Boys			KS3 Football	KS4 Football	
	Teacher			Mr Wadsworth/ Mr Wagstaff	Mr Wadsworth/ Mr Wagstaff	
	Girls		Football	Netball		
	Teacher		Mr Mulligan	Mrs Corrigan		

All pupils must wear their school PE kit to training & fixtures unless they are told otherwise by the teacher. Fixtures usually take place on a Tuesday and/or Thursday. If a fixture has been organised, the training sessions will be cancelled on those days/dates.

KEY DATES & INFORMATION

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UNIFORM REMINDER



**NO
HOODIES**

Please be aware that NO HOODIES should be worn on the school site. Please ensure that your child has a suitable winter coat. For clarity on all uniform issues, please refer to the school website or contact school direct for more information.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Sunday is almost upon us and this year, apart from the sale of poppies, we have a number of commemorative events in and around Holy Family There will be a whole school assembly led by Mr Walter on Thursday 11 November.

**Prize Presentation
25 November 2021**

Diary Dates

Thursday 21 October	School Closes
Friday 22 October	Staff Inset Day
Monday 04 November	School Opens
Thursday 25 November	Prize Presentation Evening
Friday 26 November	Staff Training Day School closed
Friday 10 December	Wellbeing Day
Thursday 16 December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 17 December	School closes
Tuesday 04 January	Staff Inset / School Closed
Wednesday 05 January	School opens

VACCINATIONS

Whole school Flu vaccinations

Thursday 04 November 2021

Details sent out via email letter

Please complete consent
at <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>

COVID UPDATE - Covid is still something that we are all having to live with. We would be very grateful if students could have lateral flow tests before we return on 01/11/21. Additional packs of tests have gone home with students this week. Our enhanced cleaning and hygiene measures will continue after half term. Some neighbouring authorities have reintroduced face coverings and zones. We will continue to monitor the situation and let you know if the local authority changes any of our guidance.



School Car Park

When dropping off or collecting your child, please do so in the designated lane or outside the school site on Longhedge Lane. Our car park is small and over crowded and can only accommodate staff, visitors to the school and private hire transport for our SEN pupils. Barrier walkways are provided for pupils to safely exit the site and to avoid crossing the car park.