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Dear Parents and Carers,

Holy Family Community News

Please follow the link for this week's news.

<https://youtu.be/f1uUsmSENIU>

Y10 Parents Evening

It was so great to see the parents and carers of our Year 10 students in person this week. Thank you for attending and for the really positive feedback on the questionnaires. If you could not make it and would like some more detailed feedback on your child's progress please get in touch through our enquiry email.

We asked the parents of our Year 10 students if they would like parents' evenings to be online or 'in person'. The large majority voted for the event to be in school. Over the course of the year we aim to do an online and an 'in person' parents' evening with each year group.

Well-being Event

Our 'Well-being Event' takes place on Tuesday 5th April from 5pm till 7pm. Thank you to those who have expressed interest, tickets will be sent home on Monday. If you would like to join us next week, there is still time to get your free tickets, please just contact school.

Virtues



As I announced at the start of term, we have now moved to rewarding students using virtue points instead of positive praise points. Students are awarded virtue points in much the same way and the greater the effort they show, the more points are awarded. The purpose of is to make them more visible for students and therefore make their targets 'smarter'. Instead of thinking they must simply work harder, each level has a specific learning characteristic that we are encouraging which leads to a deeper understanding of their work.

V1 Self Control: One point is awarded for showing positive behaviour and attitudes without being reminded by the teacher. We expect to see this for the majority of lessons.

V2 Love of Learning: Two points for knowing how to learn effectively and taking pride in their achievements. This is given where students have worked to the best of their abilities, or looked for opportunities to extend their own learning.

V3 Resilience: Resilience is a cornerstone of learning, and shows that students have demonstrated that they can recognise setbacks in lessons and overcome these challenges rather than giving up. When this is demonstrated in lessons, your child will be awarded three virtue points. This might be achieved in an independent part of the lesson, such as memory zone.

V4 Reflection: The highest lesson virtue is worth four points, signifying the importance of learning from both successes and mistakes, and more importantly, showing that students can improve future work as a result of what they have taken from these opportunities. They might expect to receive these for work completed in feedback activities or in extended learning.

Spiritual Life

We are delighted that our regular weekly Mass will return to our Chapel, each Friday at pm after the holiday. Students will be invited to attend, along with their form group, as part of their collective worship opportunities. We are also taking Year groups to St Mary's Church for Mass, starting this week with Year 10 on Tuesday and Year 9 on Thursday, the other year groups will be involved after the Easter break. This coming week and in preparation for Easter, we look forward to having a whole school liturgy, the first for two years! As ever, we are grateful to Fr Wilson for all his support of the spiritual life of our school.

Wellbeing Day

Friday, 8th April will be the second Wellbeing Day of this academic year. As usual, and in keeping with our wellbeing strategy, this will be based around the Five Ways to Wellbeing.

Connect: Healthy relationships are critical for promoting wellbeing. Understanding ourselves is essential for this, so all students will receive a dedicated personal wellbeing session.

Be active: Activity is associated with reducing low mood and anxiety. This term students will choose which activities to participate in, music, sports, arts, etc.

Take notice: Reminding yourself to 'take notice' can strengthen awareness; therefore, we will start our day in reflection for our Easter liturgy

Learn: Learning enhances self-esteem and encourages social interaction. At Holy Family, we have committed to learning British Sign Language incorporating it into every Wellbeing Day.

Give: Individuals who report a greater interest in helping others are more likely to rate themselves as happy. Part of the day will incorporate the Walk for Hunger, which will be in support of CAFOD. The day will also be a non-uniform day, £1 minimum contribution (payable on ParentPay). At the request of our Student Leadership Team any donations above £1 will be donated to assisting the work of the DEC in the Ukraine.

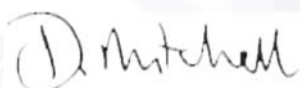
Easter Break

School closes for the Easter holidays on Friday 08 April 2022 at 3pm. Please note that there will be no homework club on that day. We open on Monday 25 April 2022.

"Self-care is not selfish. You cannot serve from an empty vessel." – Eleanor Brown

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your kindness and support,

Yours faithfully,



Mrs D. Mitchell
Headteacher