



The Holy Family Catholic High School Newsletter 16 December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the term, we thank all our community for their care and support for our students. Our wonderful students continue to demonstrate all the qualities and virtues that are at the heart of the Holy Family Catholic High School.

We have had a fantastic end to the term!

This week it was lovely to be able to welcome our community into school for our Christmas Coffee Morning. Visitors were entertained by our fabulous choir and there was a surprise appearance from Santa! On Thursday evening, our community came together again for our Carol Concert; many thanks to Mrs Ulvaer, Mr Coombs and our choir and readers for making this such a special event.

Today our liturgy focused on the true meaning of Christmas and the joy of this season. We also celebrated our students in each year group by the presenting of awards from subject teachers and tutors. Each year group sat down to eat together and enjoy Christmas lunch as a family. In the afternoon, we had our 'live' Christmas show: a fabulous showcase of our students and their skills... plus some help and support from our talented staff!

Mrs Ulvaer and our Christmas elves will be delivering your generous Christmas Appeal donations to local good causes:

Selby Food Bank, and Community Hub.

The Salvation Army

The Spirit of Christmas Appeal

AND £494 in donations on Parentpay!!!

Please see inside for photographs.

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Christmas Coffee Morning and Christmas show!



Christmas Appeals

Pictured are some of the many kind donations that have been sent in for our appeals this year.



OTHER ACTIVITIES (this week)

Fundraising—Raffle Winners



Our student and staff raffles this week have raised £180 for our Eco Club and Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. Ms Gibert won our staff raffle and Sam Bradley won our student raffle prize!

Eco Fund: This will help our students further improve the school environment and our recycling strategies.

Lourdes: This will support our Year 10 students who are fundraising for their Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Y10 Visits to Drax Power Station

As part of their Science and Geography GCSE studies, Year 10 students are visiting Drax Power Station during December and January. Students learn about the physics of electricity generation, the chemistry of combustion, the biology of biomass and decay in addition to the resourcing and environmental impacts involved in running a thermal power station. Visits include a walking tour of the inside of the plant and a bus tour of the site. Students have an opportunity to experience the sheer scale and materials involved in the biomass storage facilities and to see the control room in action.



Y7 Girls—Bewerley Park

A group of our Year 7 girls took part in team-building skills at Brimham Rocks on Monday. They had an amazing time! Thanks to Ms Corrigan and Ms Howard for organizing this event.



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We have lots planned for 2023! We are improving our progress reporting to parents, and we are really grateful for your help and feedback on this. Mr Devlin has attached a letter and will send out more information in January as we move over to our new, improved system.

In January, we also start our fundraising for a new school minibus, We are currently approaching different organisations with bids to support this, please let us know if you are aware of anyone who could help.

Our bid to run the Duke of Edinburgh Award has been submitted. We will start the programme next term if this is successful!

Finally...

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas break. Thank you all for being so wonderful!

God bless you and your families,

D Mitchell

Mrs D Mitchell
Headteacher



“Together we step out in faith, knowing Christ is with us and united as a Holy Family”

I thought I would share a lovely and poignant quote that a student put in my Christmas card...

‘Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love!’

Hamilton Wright

The staff and governors of our school wish you and your families a safe, peaceful and happy Christmas.

*We look forward to seeing our students return in
January 2023*

Diary Dates

Tuesday 03 January	Staff Inset / School Closed
Wednesday 04 January	School open to all Years
WB 09 January	Y11 Work Experience *
Thursday 19 January	Yr 11 Parents Evening
Thursday 09 February	Prize Award Evening
Friday 10 February	School closes for half term

* We advise all students to contact their employer over the Christmas holidays out of courtesy and to confirm that everything is still in place. Any pupils not going on work experience needs to attend school as normal during this week.