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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Happy New Year everyone!**

We have had a great start this week with two days to ease us all into a new term. Many thanks for ensuring our students returned in correct uniform and fully equipped. Your efforts are much appreciated and, as always, please get in touch if you need any support with uniform or equipment from our 'Pre-loved' donations.

### **This week's notices...**

#### **Timetable Changes**

We have made some changes to classes in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9. This will enable more students to access specific support. These changes start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Students have been given a paper copy of their revised timetable today and these will show on edulink and the Sims app from Monday.

If you have any queries please contact [Enquiry@holyfamily.bkcat.co.uk](mailto:Enquiry@holyfamily.bkcat.co.uk)

There are some changes to timetables in Year 11 to ensure they have extra support in science in the lead up to the exams. Please contact Mr Devlin if there are any queries.

#### **High Expectations and good 'Behaviour for Learning'**

Today our students have attended assemblies to go over our high expectations in lessons and around school. Please see the additional letter from Mr Wadsworth with further details.

#### **Science Department**

At the end of last term, we said our farewells to our Science lead, Mr Wilde, and thanked him for his help and support for our students over the last 20 years. We wish him well on his next adventure!

Mr Devlin takes over as our Lead for Science in school.

This week we welcomed Miss Dawson into school who is a specialist Biology and Chemistry teacher. She is currently completing her 'new staff' induction programme and will begin teaching groups over the next week. We welcome her into our school family. She has already met lots of our students and can't wait to get started!

#### **Finally this week...**

Just before New Year, on 31<sup>st</sup> December, was the 'The Feast of the Holy Family' in our liturgical calendar. This week we reminded our students about the importance of 'family' and where our school motto originates.

"When Mary and Joseph had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him." (Luke 2:39-40)

Our school motto is '**To grow in wisdom and grace**' and it is the mission of our school to support all our students in this academic and spiritual growth. As a school family and supportive community, 'Together we step out in faith, knowing that Christ is with us and united as a Holy Family'

Our love and best wishes to all of you and your families for 2024,

Mrs D. Mitchell  
Headteacher