



FAMILY MATTERS

The Holy Family Technology College

A Catholic Secondary School & Specialist Technology College

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Friday 17th. October 2008

Dear Parents/Carers

You will probably have seen in the media this week that the Secretary of State at the Department for Children, Schools and Families has announced this week that there will no longer be Key Stage 3 Sats tests at the end of Yr 9. The government feel that the shambles of this year's marking of the Sats tests resulting in delayed and unreliable results means that it is no longer worth testing students in this way.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of such a move we will continue to ensure that we monitor the progress of all our students and that we set them challenging targets. While there will be many in education who will welcome a reduction in external exams that does not mean that we will not challenge our students to work hard and make the best progress they can during Key Stage 3 and to give them the best preparation for their GCSE courses.

I am delighted to report that our attendance is extremely good so far this term with an average attendance across the College of 95.9%. May I take this opportunity to congratulate our students and thank you as parents and carers for contributing to such an impressive figure.

You will receive a letter next week asking for contributions to School Fund. Please do support us with this as our School Fund does help us to provide additional resources and facilities for our students which we would otherwise be unable to. We are very grateful for all contributions made in this way.

Please do get in touch if you have any concerns about your child's progress in the College.

Dr Andy Stone
Headteacher

The October Rosary

JOY SORROW GLORY LIGHT

During the month of October the rosary is traditionally prayed. It is a beautiful and ancient way to reflect upon the key events in the life of Our Lord in the company of the blessed Virgin Mary. May I encourage this practice in your family throughout this month. If you would like any help or guidance please contact Mr. Norman or Margaret, our chaplain.

P. Norman

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Bazaar

Mayors Benevolent Fund

Venue. ShernHall Methodist Church, Shernhall Street / Oliver Road.

Saturday 1st November 2008 Time 10am - 1pm

Cut Price Groceries for Sale, Cakes, Books, Bric-a-Brac, Charity Stalls,
Refreshments, a Raffle etc etc.

This year, the Mayor is raising Funds for two locally based Charities.....BRANCHES, for the Homeless and MS ACTION, a project to help Multiple Sclerosis sufferers.

Memory sticks, 1 gb, can be bought from

L31 on The Walthamstow site and the photocopy room on the Wiseman site
£6 each

New Hope Orphanage- Kenya

Last year pupils from our school raised enough money to buy 500 chickens for the new hope Orphanage in Kenya. The chickens have produced eggs for the children to eat and sell for profit. From the profit they have built a kitchen and bought a water pump.

On Tuesday, Anne, who founded the Orphanage and Clive, who runs the Hand in Hand Charity which supports their work and raises awareness in schools throughout the UK came to a special assembly held for year 9 pupils.

Our pupils greeted them with open hearts! Anne passed on the thanks of the children in the Orphanage and answered many questions from the year group.

"Why did you give up your job to help these children?" one year 9 pupil asked.

"I was answering Gods call" Anne replied in a humility that reminded us of mother Theresa.

Their next project is to raise money to buy mattresses and blankets for the 130 beds in the Orphanage. The pupils of year 9 have pledged to play their part by faith into practice!

Pupils form 9.5 have written letters to send to the children in the New Hope Orphanage:

"It is amazing to see how much progress has been made" (Keisha 9.5)

"We hope you can write back, so we can learn more" (Raven 9.5)

"We saw Anne and Clive today... I want you o know these people are brilliant and doing a wonderful job" (Sean 9.5)

GIFTED AND TALENTED P.E TRIP

Last Friday, the Gifted and Talented PE students of the college visited the cycle show at Earls Court. Apart from seeing all the latest innovation and technology in the world of cycling, they also had an opportunity to ride the Road Safety Circuit, the Mountain Bike Course, get professional coaching on stunt bikes, test themselves on sprint bikes, witness no-handed somersaults on BMX's and see Shanaze Reid and Paul Manning interviewed.

David Da Silva wrote;

"This was a great experience for me and everyone who went. We all learnt basic rules on bike riding in public. There were various workshops that allowed us to ride

different types of bikes. My favourite bit of the day at Earls Court was when we

got to watch professional bikers perform some breathtaking moves".



David Da Silva & Zaine Frances- Angoz negotiating obstacles on the stunt bikes

Remember, breakfast club Wednesday and Thursday-7: 45-food studies room.



Just a reminder for year 9 Breakfast Club students, that this will take place every Wednesday and Thursday- Wiseman Site Food Technology Room.

You will have a healthy and delicious breakfast and support with your Maths and English
See you there, don't forget!!

Ms Ttofi

SPOKEN WORD CLUB

Venue: Walthamstow Site Library
Day: Thursday, 3.45 - 5.00
For more info speak to Miss Cowburn or Mr Love

Starts after October Half Term

FOOTBALL CUP FIXTURES

Monday 20th October- Yr.11 v Fred Bremer @ Peter May- Cup

Tuesday 21st October- Yr.9 v Norlington @ Peter may- Cup

Wednesday 22nd October- Yr.11 v Heathcote @ Salisbury Hall- League

T.BA- Yr.10 v Tom Hood @ Peter May- Cup

Friends of Holy Family Technology College Walthamstow Site

Quiz Night

Saturday 18th October, doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30 start

**Fish and Chip Supper
Bring your own refreshments
Prize Raffle**

**Tickets £8.00 and £5.00 for students
Further details or to book a place ring Dave Ling 0208 556 0829
Please support this event and have fun!**