



FAMILY MATTERS

The Holy Family Technology College

A Catholic Secondary School & Specialist Technology College

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Dear Parents/Carers

I'm very pleased to welcome you to the new Academic Year. September is, for schools and colleges, a time for reflection on the achievements of students in public exams and also a time for looking forward to the achievements of our current students and of course a time to welcome those joining our community for the first time.

I'd like to congratulate all our students who did so well in their public exams. At GCSE level we achieved 61% 5A*-C grades with 49% gaining 5A*-C grades including Maths and English. Our top 25 students all achieved at least 3 A or A* grades which was very pleasing. Of particular note are the following students' achievements:

- Patrice Thompson 10A* and 2A
- Liam Coyle 4A* and 5A
- Kirsty Mulcair 2A* and 5 A
- Taras Savko 5A* and 2A
- Lydia Davis 3A* and 8A



Our congratulations to them and to their families. We had many departmental success stories too including particularly pleasing results in English (72%A*-C grades), Maths (61% A*-C grades), Graphic Products (78%A*-C and 34%A*/A grades), Resistant Materials (70%A*-C grades and 17% A*/A grades), History (64%A*-C grades and 32% A*/A grades), French (78%A*-C grades and 22% A*/A grades) and ICT (63%A*-C grades and 17% A*/A grades). We hope to build on these with the current Yr 11 cohort.

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At KS5 the overwhelming majority of our Yr 13 students passed their A levels with 92% A-E grades and 59% gaining the higher A-C grades. I am very pleased that so many have progressed to good universities and will give full details of these university places next week. At AS level our pass rate was 83% and we have our largest cohort of Yr 12 students moving into Yr 13 which is excellent news. The sixth form this year will be the biggest in our history with over 200 students. This is very encouraging because our sixth form is a key priority and reflects the success of our young people at Holy Family.

At KS3 you will be aware that there have been significant problems with the company, EDS whom the government employed to administer and mark the test papers. This led to delays in receiving results. I am afraid we still do not have a complete set of results in all subjects and are pursuing this. EDS has had its contract terminated but, of course, that is small comfort to students and staff still awaiting results. So far, we can only confirm the following: English Level 5+ 82%.

As I said, September is a time for reflection and also a time for looking forward. We want to do even better and fully expect to in the coming academic year.

Year	Year Leaders	Assistant Year Leaders
7	Ms D Baxter	Ms A Boaten / Ms A Chick
8	Mr A Perkins	Mrs D Cameron
9	Ms K Connolly	Ms U Kosanovic
10	Ms R Dixon	Mr I Mensah
11	Mr J Fidegnon	Ms J Lisowska

We have put in place additional staff resources to ensure that your son/daughter's progress is monitored effectively and have created the posts of Assistant Year Leaders to work with each Year Leader to support them in their work. In addition we have a new Head of Geography, Head of Careers Education and have created a Sixth Form Management Team to assist the Head of Sixth Form in her role. Finally we have appointed two members of staff to oversee the areas of display and

ensure that we truly celebrate the achievements of our students. A full list of these new appointments is included here. Please do not hesitate to contact them, or indeed, any member of staff if you have any concerns about your child's progress.

Head of Sixth Form	Mrs C Warwick	Head of Geography	Ms S Petrie
Deputy Head of Sixth Form	Ms J Doyle	Head of Careers/ Work Related Learning	Mr P Farren
Assistant Head of Sixth Form	Ms F Whelan	Display/Celebration	Ms A Akinyemi

Congratulations to all new post holders and I wish them every success in the future.

Key Dates to note.

September		October	
Monday 8 th	Sixth Form Lessons begin	Thursday 2 nd	Open Evening for Prospective Yr 7 Parents 2009
Tuesday 9 th	Start of year meeting for Yr 12 parents with Sixth Form Team	Thursday 9 th	Start of year meeting for Y 7 Parents with Year Leader
Thursday 11 th	Start of year meeting for Yr 11 parents with Year Leader	Monday 13 th	Yr 10 French students on residential visit
Friday 12 th	Y 12 'Outward Bound' Team Building Day	Thursday 16 th	Start of year meeting with Yr 8 Parents and Year Leader
Tuesday 16 th	Start of Yr Meeting for Yr 13 parents with Sixth Form Team	Monday 20 th	Yr 13 Progress check to parents
Wednesday 17 th	Friends of Holy Family AGM and first meeting of the year	Thursday 23 rd	Students break up for half-term
Thursday 18 th	Start of year meeting for Yr 10 parents with Year Leader	Friday 24 th	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 24 th	School Photographer for Yrs 7 and 8		
Thursday 25 th	School Photographer for Yrs 9, 10 and 11 Start of year meeting for Yr 9 parents (options presentations)		

November		December	
Monday 3 rd	School re-opens Review meetings with sixth formers on contract and their parents Yr 9 Success at Key Stage 3 booklet to parents	Monday 1 st	Season of Advent Yr 11 Mock Exams Week – week 1 Yr 7 Success at KS3 booklets to parents
Thursday 6 th	Whole School Mass of Remembrance	Thursday 4 th	Yr 12 Parents Evening with subject teachers 4.00pm
Monday 10 th	Yr 11 Success at Key Stage 4 booklets to parents	Monday 8 th	Yr 11 Mock Exams Week – week 2 Yr 10 Success at Key Stage 4 booklets to parents
Thursday 13 th	Sixth Form Open Evening for entry in September 2009 7.00pm	Monday 15 th	Yr 8 Success at Key Stage 3 booklets to parents Presentation and Certificate Evening 7.00pm
Tuesday 18 th	Yr 11 Mock Interview Day	Tuesday 16 th	Carol Service in St George's Parish Church 7.00pm
		Thursday 18 th	A2 Drama Performance – Walthamstow Hall
		Friday 19 th	Last Day of Term – break up for Christmas Holidays
		Monday 05 JAN 09	First Day of Spring Term

Please note that Family Matters is going weekly! You should expect to see it every Friday. It will come home with your son/daughter so please ask them for it. Any comments or feedback would be appreciated – the College contacts appear at the end of the newsletter. It will also be posted each week on our website which has been relaunched with better graphics. Again any feedback would be very helpful, particularly ideas for what you would like to see on the website and/or what information you would find useful.

We are very fortunate here at Holy Family to be part of such a supportive community of parents and friends of the College. Please pray for us and, if you can, become involved in the life of the College.

With every good wish for the Autumn Term.

Dr Andy Stone
Headteacher

Our Lady & St George Parish Events

QUIZ NIGHT FOR BAZAAR FUNDS

Our next Parish Quiz Night will be on Saturday 4th October 7.30 to 10ish £5 per person including table nibbles. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Come with friends or on your own and join a table. Just come along for an evening of fun. See you there.
For bookings please call Jan 8520-4367 or Sybil on 8521-0673

CAKE SALE FOR BAZAAR EXPENSES

A Cake Sale will be held on Sunday 12th October after each Mass. Please help us raise funds for our Parish Bazaar by donating and or purchasing cakes. All donations of either home baked or shop bought cakes/ pies/ quiche can be left at the Presbytery from Friday 12th or call Chris on 8524 -1119 to arrange collection. Many thanks