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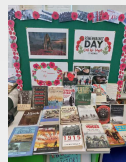
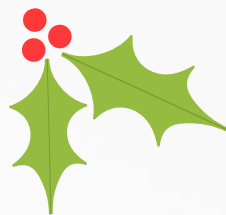
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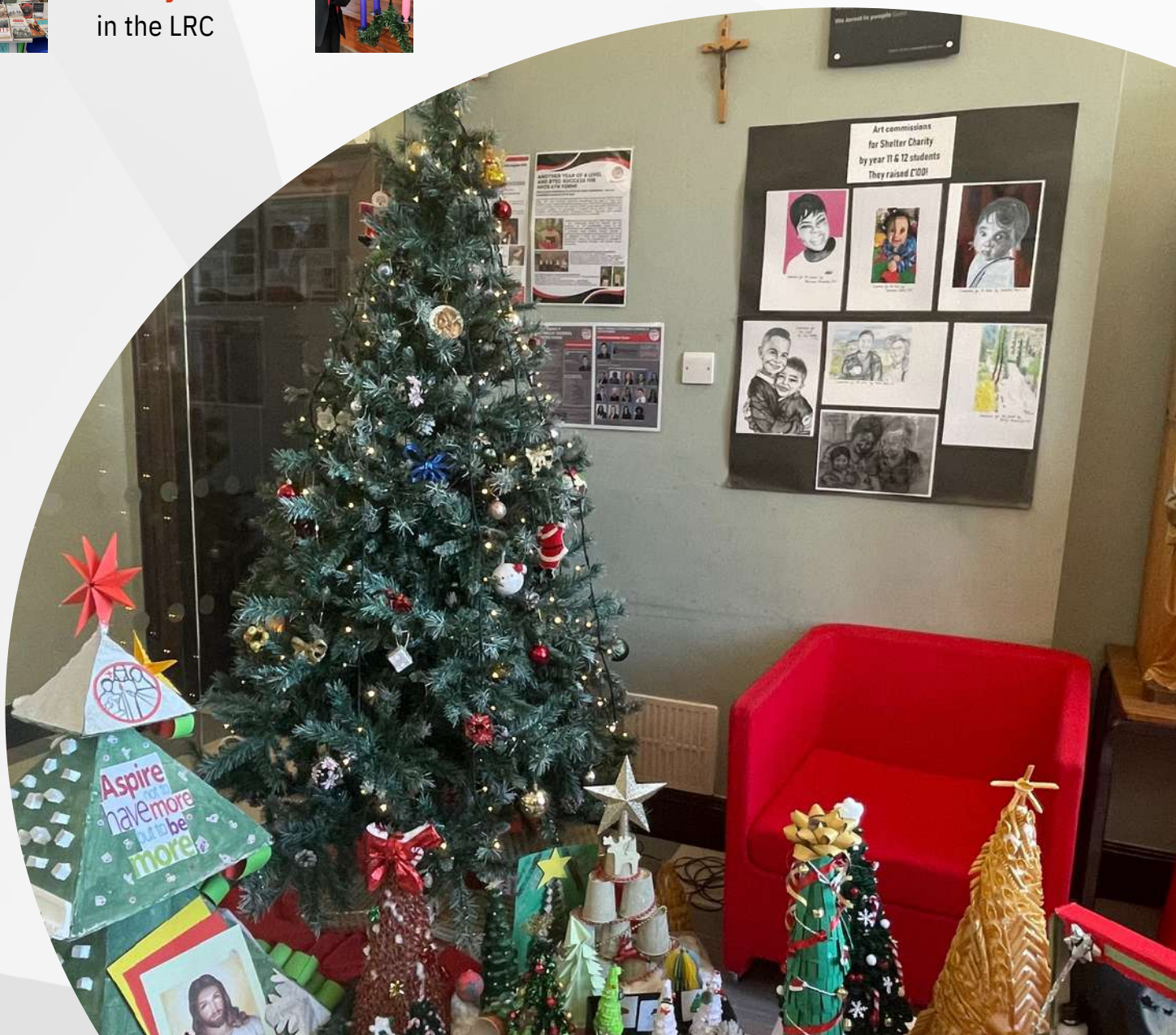
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# HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

## Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with great pleasure that I present the second edition of HFCS news. This is a bumper edition that rounds up the many and varied ways that our staff and students have responded to Catholic social teaching and the message of Advent during the past weeks. As always, thanks to all of the staff who have worked so hard this term to ensure that everyone in our school has what they need to aspire to excellence and to “be more”. As a Catholic school, the faith life of our community is central - the rhythm of the liturgical year is the heartbeat that accompanies our daily life at HFCS.

The All Saints Mass in November and the beautiful Remembrance assemblies, the Sacrament of Reconciliation offered here in school to help students and staff prepare for Advent, our House charity fundraising efforts and the work of our newly-formed SVP group, as well as the Carol Service, unite all of us in our faith and give deeper meaning to our shared life at school. A huge thank you to Mrs. Grierson, our school Chaplain, for all her work with the students this term, and to Ms. Joseph for leading the SVP group.

I have been incredibly impressed by the generosity of our students who have not only given of their time this term to help others, but also donated hundreds of items of toiletries to the Christian Kitchen Appeal to help those who are homeless retain their dignity. Thank you to all the Year Leaders and House Leaders who worked incredibly hard to make sure the hampers were filled and ready to be presented before the Carol Service - over thirty boxes!

As you will read in these pages, students at HFCS have also had many opportunities for enrichment and leadership development this term. Our students have been to Alexandra Palace Theatre, the Freud Museum, the Supreme Court and Southwark Cathedral, to name but a few; they have participated in borough sports, led assemblies, organised a tea party at our local senior citizens' home, organised charity events and carried out acts of service in the wider community.

I am immensely proud of our young people and their inspiring commitment to the life of the school - they are truly a credit to you and to us.

As we come to the end of this term, I wish you, your families and loved ones the peace of the Christ child in your homes and in your hearts. I hope you enjoy a restful break and a very Merry Christmas!

God bless,  
Mrs. Laws





# CHAPLAINCY

## The month of Remembrance

This half-term has been a busy one in the Catholic Life of the school.

November is traditionally the month of Remembrance. We welcomed Fr Freddy from Our Lady & St Patrick's church to celebrate Mass on the Feast of All Saints. Mass was celebrated with Years 7 and 8 and live-streamed to all other year groups. Fr Freddy is pictured here with our altar servers and readers.

The Roll Call of past Governors, Staff and Students was read out during all Assemblies by Year 12 students Maria and Tony.



On the upper site, our Year 10 Liturgy Leaders spent their lunchtimes selling poppies, whilst on the lower site this was enthusiastically undertaken by our Youth SVP Year 7s.

Prayers and memories for our departed family and friends were displayed throughout the month of November.



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# CHAPLAINCY



## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

We also welcomed the Priests of the Deanery for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This was offered on both sites.

We are grateful for the support of our local parishes, Our Lady & St George, Our Lady of the Rosary & St Patrick, and St Joseph's.



## Design a Christmas Card competition

CONGRATULATIONS TO  
MAXIM SHEPETYAK  
7P



## Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Maxim S in 7P for designing the Chaplaincy Christmas card.

The Christmas Cards were handed out at the Carol Service and everyone was very impressed!

The card included a lovely image of the Holy Family. Well done Maxim!

## Christmas Hamper Donations

Our annual Christmas hamper collection this year focussed on toiletries. Once again we collected for Christian Kitchen, providing support for local street homeless, and our local SVP group, providing support for local needy families. We had a terrific response and these were displayed at our Carol Service and distributed to Christian Kitchen and the parish SVP group. Thank you once again to our families for their generosity.





# A D V E N T

## Advent Season

It has been a busy Advent season, beginning with our CAFOD Young Leaders leading Advent assemblies for each Year group, assisted by the Liturgy Leaders and Prefects. As well as the meaning of Advent, the assembly focussed on refugees - ahead of International Migrants Day 18 December.



Thank you to Marcus in Year 8 and Umavi in Year 10 for lighting our first Advent candle, the candle of Hope.





# A D V E N T

## Holy Family Carol Service

Our Annual Carol Service was a wonderful celebration of carols, readings and drama, it was an excellent start to the Christmas season. Whilst it is always hard to pick out individuals, special mention must go to the soloist, Giselle in Year 11, who sang a beautiful version of Peace on Earth and also James in Year 7 who sang the first verse of Once in Royal David's City and Year 7s Lennie, Ashton, Nana, Angeline and Josh for their solos in Gaudete. The drama linked the Nativity with the plight of refugees in our world at this time. A moving message.

Thank you to all our prefects and liturgy leaders who helped to welcome and generally ensure all went smoothly. Special mentions to Berenise in Year 11 for lighting the Advent Candles, Miryam for presenting the hampers to Christian Kitchen and SVP, Head Boy Arek, Deputy Head Girl, Elizabeth and Deputy Head Boy Lyan for their beautiful readings. Finally thank you to the Music lead, Mr Strachan, Head of Drama, Ms Hampshire and also Mrs Quinton from Our Lady & St George primary for helping with the music, and finally Mrs Howard for providing the refreshments. There was a retiring collection for CAFOD Israeli/Palestinian Crisis Appeal.



*Dear Jesus, may the light of your  
love always shine in our hearts.  
As Christmas draws closer, we  
marvel at your great love for us.  
Let your love transform every  
aspect of our lives and touch  
everyone we encounter.  
Our hearts are open to you, Jesus.  
Amen*



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

**The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ. Wishing you a joyous Christmas and blessings in the coming year. Mrs Grierson, Chaplaincy.**

# JACK PETCHEY FOUNDATION



**Kylah Slinn -Nelson September 2023**

Nominated for the award by The Geography Department. They nominated Kyla for:

“Consistently demonstrating a fantastic attitude to her studies, and listening to all advice she has received about how to manage Year 11. Kylah is completing HW, attending revision club, asking questions when unsure, communicating on classwork to check she is on the right track, and is demonstrating a positive attitude and resilience, even when she is unsure. I am impressed at her start to Y11 and have heard positive reviews from other teachers too. We are very proud of her!”



**Jada-Marie Orafu October 2023**

Jada-Marie was on the way to school, when she saw a homeless individual sleeping in the cold. She went into Tesco Express and purchased a chocolate bar and Fiji water. She then approached the homeless individual and placed the chocolate and water next to them. A member of the public saw her and asked which school she goes to, and then emailed in to let school know.





# JACK PETCHEY FOUNDATION



**Tiara Davies November 2023**

Tiara has made an outstanding start to her role as a Year 12 Prefect. She has not only attended all the mandatory meetings and sessions for her role but has gone above and beyond to support the school. Tiara is one of a number of students who volunteered to support Mrs. Farugia with her Yr6 Open Mornings. Led on Whole School Assemblies for the Black History month and contributed to the making of the school Anti-Bullying week media production. Tiara is not just a 'body' when she is supporting these activities but an integral contributor and often taking the lead and intuitive to make things happen.

**A huge congratulations to all of our amazing Jack Petchey winners, who each receive £300 to spend on a chosen project in school!**

**Do you know a teacher,  
peer or other member  
of staff who you  
believe should be  
nominated for an  
award?**

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**If you think you can, you can!**

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE EACH  
MONTH VIA PUPIL PORTAL!**

**JackPetchey  
Foundation**  
Inspire • Motivate • Achieve



# END OF TERM AWARDS



'Aspire not to have more, but to be more'



The following students have been nominated by form tutors and Heads of year.  
Their achievements exemplify our values to be more.  
We are proud to collectively celebrate their achievements!

## Award 1: Academic Excellence



<b>Year 7</b>	Shai P
<b>Year 8</b>	Prithika V
<b>Year 9</b>	Kian C
<b>Year 10</b>	Maria S & Jack W
<b>Year 11</b>	Nicholas N
<b>Year 12</b>	Stacy D
<b>Year 13</b>	Lyan W



# END OF TERM AWARDS

## Award 2: Most Improved



**CERTIFICATE**  
FOR MOST IMPROVED

*Congratulations*

For showing significant progress and improvement in academic performance.



Year 7	Nicholas P
Year 8	Trevon O
Year 9	Martin M
Year 10	Shae W
Year 11	Kylah Slinn N
Year 12	Charles G
Year 13	Valentina F

Year 7	Ayaan H
Year 8	Aleyna S
Year 9	Sylvia B
Year 10	Tianna C
Year 11	Berenise D
Year 12	Tyrees A & Aleesha L
Year 13	Kuciel, Arek & Velu, Nilofer

## Award 3: Leadership Award



**CERTIFICATE**  
FOR LEADERSHIP

*Congratulations*

For demonstrating exceptional leadership skills, taking initiative in organising events, leading teams, or serving as role models for their peers.





# END OF TERM AWARDS

## Award 4: Community Service



Year 7	Lennie E
Year 8	Nina S & Liza L
Year 9	Martinique S
Year 10	Gideon F
Year 11	Devonte B
Year 12	Tiara D
Year 13	Blessing B

Year 7	Shanae H
Year 8	Jamia J
Year 9	Daniel O
Year 10	Marcio D
Year 11	Tayjah S
Year 12	Deboral L
Year 13	Ethan D

## Award 4: Sports Achievement



# END OF TERM AWARDS

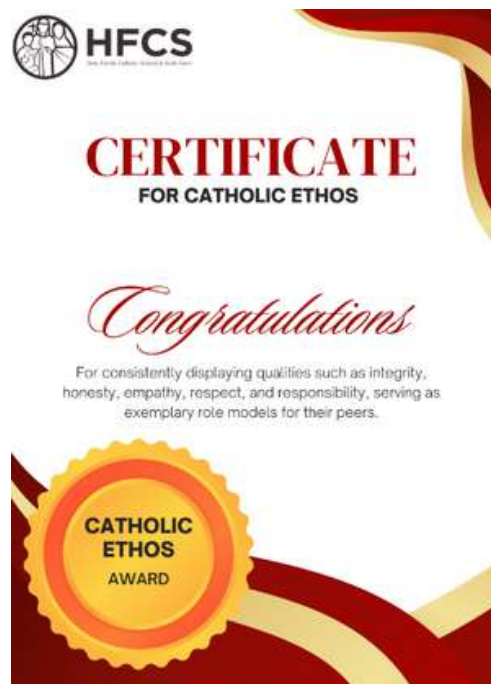
## Award 5: Teamwork Award



Year 7	Milan R
Year 8	Laksha S
Year 9	Andrews O
Year 10	Cynan L
Year 11	Bruna C
Year 12	Fabrice F
Year 13	Faustina A

Year 7	Nana-Yaa T
Year 8	Marcus C
Year 9	Ebony S
Year 10	Geraldin B
Year 11	Miriam M
Year 12	Allison T
Year 13	Lyan W

## Award 6: Catholic Ethos





# END OF TERM AWARDS

## Tea with Mrs. Laws!

The following students have been awarded with tea with the Headteacher as a result of their hardwork and dedication over the term:

### Year 7

Ashton Y  
Kenisha S

### Year 10

Geraldin B  
Paris W

### Year 8

Govind N  
Soliyana W

### Year 11

Sean J  
Peter N

### Year 13

Mary I  
Marcke Louse S

### Year 9

Ellie F  
Olivia M

### Year 12

Dandoczi T  
Shotikare M



## Pizza Party

One form in each year group has won a pizza party! A lot of factors were considered when choosing the winning form; including attendance, achievement points and behaviour points. We hope each winning form enjoy their party, you deserve it!



The Winning form groups are:

7S  
8E  
9AN  
10P  
11A  
12S  
13P

**A huge congratulations to all of the students who won an award for this term. You encompass everything that Holy Family Catholic School stands for and we are very proud of you!**



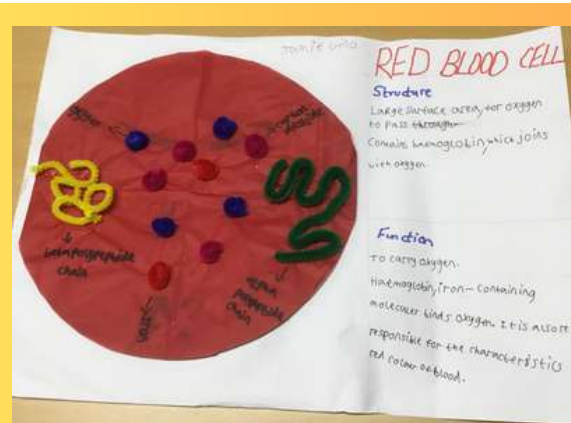
# SCIENCE

## Year 7 Science

This half-term, class 7i have been learning about specialised cells. At the end of their learning they were asked to produce a poster on a specialised cell of their choice. Students produced some colourful and informative posters on red blood cells and on an animal cell. Some of the posters even had some 3D elements!

A huge well done from Miss Anjorin who was very impressed with the work that the class produced.

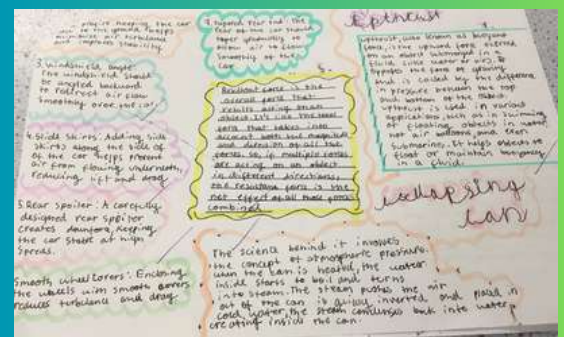
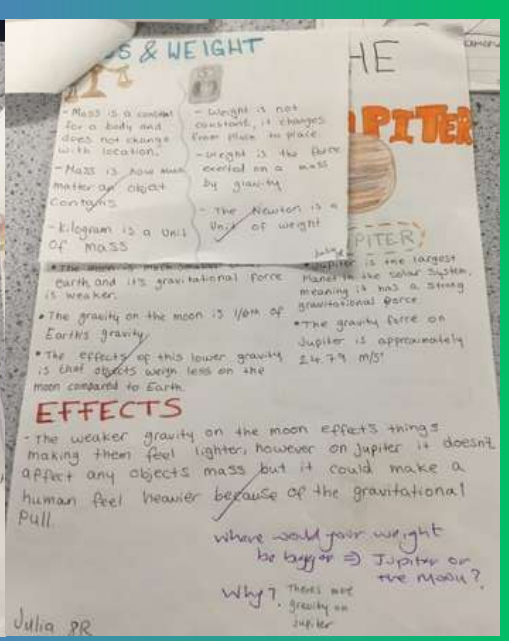
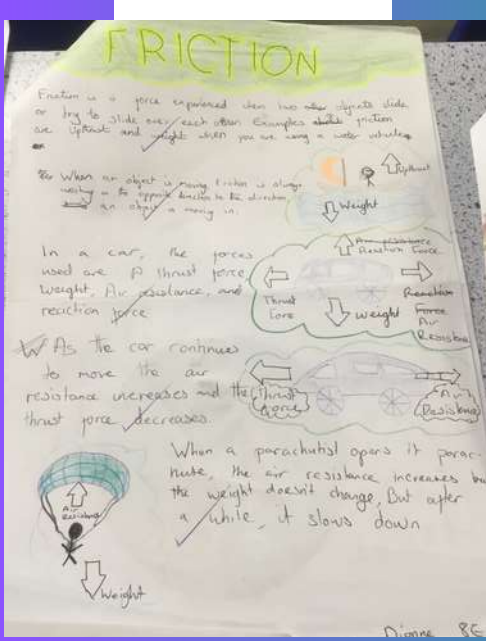
**Well Done**



## Year 8 Literacy Projects

Classes 8E and 8R have been completing literacy projects on 'Forces and Pressure.' Students could pick a specific topic of their choice and explain it using good spelling, punctuation, grammar and key scientific terminology.

We were very impressed with the projects produced!





# DRAMA & PERFORMING ARTS

## A Christmas Carol

Miss Hampshire and Mrs. Henry took the Year 11 GCSE Drama class to the theatre on Wednesday 6th December to see Dicken's 'A Christmas Carol' at Alexandra Palace. A thoroughly Christmassy time was had by all.

A member of staff in the theatre approached Miss Hampshire to let her know that she thought our students were "brilliantly behaved and a pleasure to have in the theatre". She was also very impressed as they all sat "scribbling away" notes for their Theatre Evaluation (Section B of their Component 3 exam) during the interval.

We wish the GCSE Drama students luck in their Theatre Evaluations!





# HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

## Freud Museum Trip

On Thursday 7th December, 50 Health and Social Care and Psychology Students traveled to North London to visit the Freud Museum. Whilst here, students had a self-guided tour of Freud's last accommodation which was still set up with his infamous sofa. Students also enjoyed a workshop on 'Freud and Schizophrenia' which focused on trying to define what the condition is, and how Freud would explain it in modern society. Our sixth form students represented Holy Family perfectly and staff at the museum commented on their enthusiasm.





# HISTORY



**The Supreme Court**  
History and Politics students enjoyed a trip to the Supreme Court and Imperial War Museum. Here, students made themselves at home in the court and in the Judge's seat! The visit was then following by a statue treasure hunt.



**Local Black History Tour**  
Year 10 and Year 12 History students went on a school trip in the local community. A guide took the students on local black history tour around Walthamstow. The students all listened attentively and enjoyed finding out more about black history relating to areas that they frequently visit. The trip was then followed by a book talk in the lecture theatre.





# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

## The 'SVP' Society

Miss Joseph and a team of Year 7, 8 and sixth form students have joined together to form the 'St. Vincent De Paul Society' at Holy Family.

The society have been very busy over their first term! They have hosted a commissioning service with Deacon Richards and the District Council President, delivered an assembly on violence against women, and more recently they have been preparing food for the Senior Citizen's Christmas Party. This is all while planning events for next term and considering other ways to raise money for charity in the school.





# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



## **Pictured:**

Our Youth SVP led an assembly highlighting Elimination of Violence Against Women. They also ran a successful bake sale, making all the cakes themselves after school.



“In the Saint Vincent De Paul Society, we have an amazing time. In November, we had our badges blessed at a special service. We learned so much about the roots of the club and why it's called the SVP (it's because he is the saint of charity). We planned an assembly about White Ribbon Day (against sexual harassment) and a bake sale to raise money so we can cheer up at our Christmas Party with the elderly at Highcroft Care Home on the 14th December. We also were selling poppies for the poppy appeal, so we are trying to volunteer and be charitable.”

Nina Stapleton 8E (SVP Secretary)



# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

## The Senior Citizens Christmas Party

On Thursday 14th December from 12noon, the SVP society visited the residents at Highcroft Care Home for their annual Christmas party. The students took with them food that they had prepared for the residents. Once at the care home, the SVP society worked with students from Our Lady Saint George's Primary School to chat to the residents and play games such as bingo and board games.

Festive cheer was in the air as the Our Lady Saint George's choir sang festive hits and carols. Layla in form 7E managed to team up with her younger brother who attends the Primary School to entertain the residents!

When asked about the party, Miss Joseph said "The party was amazing! The students were fabulous and the children from OLSG were lovely singing."

Well done to all involved for embracing the Catholic Ethos of Holy Family and volunteering to help make the events so successful.

We wish you a Merry Christmas







## DT Christmas Competition 2023

The DT department ran their annual Christmas Competition which involved Year 7 and Year 8 students channelling their inner creativity to design and make a 3D Christmas tree!

The DT department would like to say a big thank you and well done to all the students who entered and contributed to making the lower site reception look so festive!

*And the Winner is...*



Emilia N  
Year 8S

**Pictured from left to right - our amazing runners up!**

2nd Place: Marcel V 7Ri

3rd Place: Layla V 7E

4th Place: Aleyna S 8A

5th Place (Not Pictured): Daniel A 7E



# YEAR 8

## Year 8 Girls basketball Competition 2023

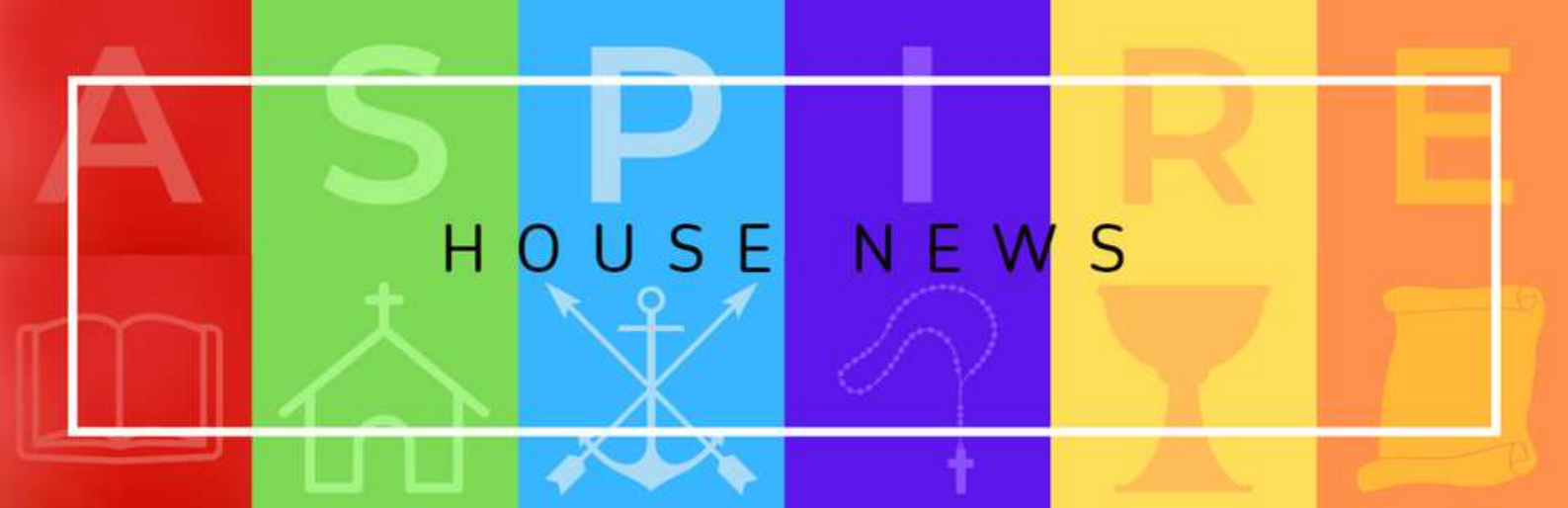
Our Girls Basketball team won against Frederick Bremer 26-2. They played extremely hard and showed great sportsmanship. The girls have been practicing and have shown such an improvement in their skills. We look forward to more wins from our girls!



Jamia, Shondrella, Jasmime, Deanna, Shalen, Isabella, Esther, Malika, Annabel, Ainara & Tiara







## House Christmas Lunch



On Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December we held our Christmas lunch on both Walthamstow and Wiseman staff. We the wonderful help of our sixth formers, we were able to transform the hall in a winter wonderland! Our students said that this was the ‘best Christmas lunch they had ever had!’



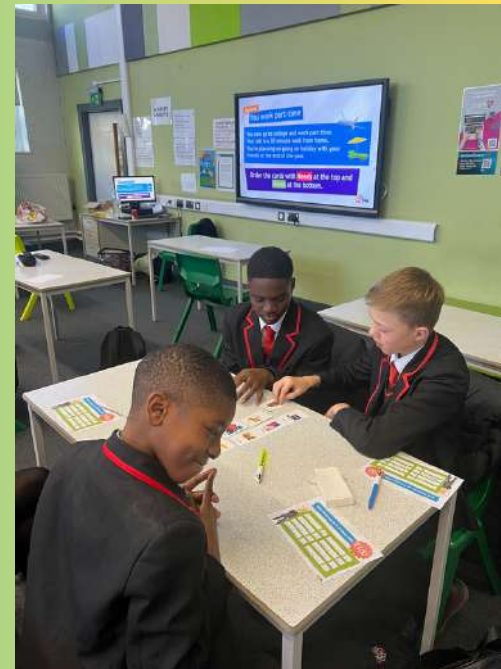




### **Year 8 & 9 MyBnk Workshops - November 2023**

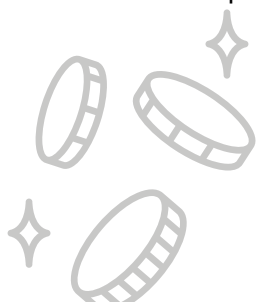
All students in year 8 and 9 participated in a two hour workshop delivered by MyBnk in November. These workshops aim to improve the financial literacy of our young people, and cover a range of topics from budgeting to part time jobs to pay slips.

Students were really engaged in the interactive workshops, which got them thinking about their own futures (both short and long term).



Our PSHCE curriculum is a key element of our students' personal development and these workshops will play an important part in their economic education, as well as getting them thinking about the different career paths available to them whilst they are younger.

The workshops introduced them to different jobs they can do before they turn 18, encouraging students to think about financial independence, the value of money and the transferable skills a small part job can teach, which will help with future career prospects.



**For more information about MyBnk, visit their website:  
<https://www.mybnk.org/>**









# THE LRC

## Book Donations

Following the last issue of HFCS News where we highlighted the amazing donations we receive in the LRC from the public, we have received a huge amount of book donations from teachers and other members of the community.

As you can see from the images, the students were very excited to receive such a vast amount of new books to read.

Thank you so much to all who were generous enough to donate:



Mr. Parry  
Mrs. Gaynor  
&  
Members  
of the public

*You  
are  
Awesome*

Donated books include:

**Enid Blyton** - The Famous Five

**David Walliams** - Fing

**Jaqueline Wilson** - My Mum Tracy  
Beaker

**Tom Fletcher** - The Creakers

**David Walliams** - The Worlds Worst  
Teachers



# SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES





# KEY DATES

## Forthcoming Events - Spring Term 1

**Friday 5th January** - Students return to school (Week 2)

**Monday 8th January** - BTEC Public Exams start

**Monday 15th January** - Y12 Mock Week begins

**Wednesday 17th January** - Taster Days

**Thursday 9th November** - Year 11 Progress Evening  
3.30pm

**Sunday 28th January** - Racial Justice Sunday

**Wednesday 31st January** - UCAS Deadline

**Thursday 1st February** - Start of LGBTQ+ Month

**Friday 2nd February** - Sixth Form Applications close

**Monday 5th February** - Geography Field Work trip

**W/C Monday 5th February** - National Apprenticeship Week

**Tuesday 6th February** - Internet safety day

**Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February** - Half-term

**Sunday 18th February** - First Sunday of Lent

**Tuesday 20th February** - World Day of Social Justice

**Friday 23rd February** - CAFOD Lent fast day

**W/C Monday 26th February** - Culture Week

**Monday 26th February - Wednesday 28th February** - Y10  
Geography Trip

**Thursday 29th February** - Year 9 Boys Tottenham Inspires

**Friday 1st March** - Feast of St. David

**Tuesday 5th March** - Reconciliation for Lent (Wiseman)

**Wednesday 6th March** - PSD Drop down day

**Thursday 7th March** - Year 9 Parent's evening

**Friday 8th March** - International Women's day

**Friday 8th March** - Y12 Geography field trip (Wetlands)

**Monday 11th March** - Beginning of house charity fortnight

**W/C Monday 11th March** - Sixth form interviews

**Friday 15th March** - Pi Day

**Sunday 17th March** - Feast of St. Patrick

**Thursday 21st March** - Y8 Bletchley Part trip

**Sunday 24th March** - Palm Sunday

**Monday 25th March** - Deadline for Y9 options form

**Thursday 28th March** - Maundy Thursday

**Friday 29th March - Saturday 30th March** - Bronze DofE  
practice

**Monday 1st April - Friday 12th April** - Easter Holidays

**Please note that whilst these dates are correct at the time of going to print, they are subject to change. Don't forget that the calendar at [www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk](http://www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk) is regularly updated.**

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