

HFCS BULLETIN

Weekly bulletin for parents & carers

TIMETABLE: WEEK 1

Calendar

Year 12 Mock Week

Monday 15th Jan

SEND Surgery 3.15 - 4.15pm



Tuesday 16th Jan

Wednesday 17th Jan

Taster Day

Year 9 into 10 GCSE Taster

Year 11 into 12 Sixth Form Taster Day

No Sixth Form Lessons

Thursday 18th Jan

Friday 19th Jan



Year 9 Basketball Success!

Congratulations to the year 8 basketball team who represented Waltham Forest in Round 1 of the London Youth Games competition. A fabulous 77-47 win vs The City Academy, Hackney. Bring on Round 2!

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Epiphany: This week in liturgical assemblies we have been reflecting on the great Feast of the Epiphany, when Jesus is revealed as God with us. We considered the journey of the three Magi who followed a star to come to the place where Jesus was, and we thought about how we can make a home for Jesus in our hearts at home, at school and in the wider community. It is always a great privilege to lead our young people in contemplation and worship, and to take the time in our busy lives to stop and make space for God.

Thank you: for your understanding when we were forced to close the Wiseman (upper) site on Monday due to an issue with our water pumps. I'm pleased to say that thanks to the work of our site team and outside contractors, we have been able to resolve the issues and hopefully put in place a solution that will enable things to continue to run smoothly until we can replace them.

Year 11 Parents' Evening: It was great to welcome Year 11 parents back into school for parents' evening; teachers gave feedback on the results of the recent mock examinations, identifying gaps in students' knowledge and skills and giving advice on how to close them. Many of you purchased the Revision Guides that were on sale during the evening; if you would like to purchase one for your child, we have a few left at a cost of £2.00.

Parent Focus group: Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to be part of a focus group in school looking at reporting, assessment and personal development. Mrs Gaynor has written to parents inviting them to the first meeting of the group and I look forward to hearing your feedback, which we will use to improve our provision.

Catholic Life Calendar

Gospel for Sunday 14 January
2nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year B
[John 1:35-42](#)

In this Gospel, John the Baptist, who had an immense following in Jerusalem, does something remarkable. He points his followers towards Jesus, the Lamb of God. They walk away from John and follow Jesus, with John's blessing.

This Sunday is also known as Peace Sunday.
More information [Pax Christi UK](#)

Headteacher's Update Cont.

Year 11 and Year 12: Finally, a reminder that our Year 12 students will be sitting their mock examinations next week and that on Wednesday 17th, Year 11 will have the chance to experience post-16 learning in their Sixth Form taster day. Mrs Wilbraham, Head of Sixth Form, has spoken to Year 11 in assembly to remind them of the running order of the day and our expectations for their appearance and conduct - I am sure that students will find it a useful and enjoyable day.

This is a short but busy half term as we head towards completion of GCSE, vocational and A-level courses and embark on revision for the examinations that start early in May. Taking into account the half term break and Easter holidays, Year 11 and 13 have only 6 short weeks until their exams begin. It is crucial that their focus is now on consolidating the work they have done and revising the content they have studied over the last two years. Please ensure that your child develops good study habits, has enough sleep and takes a break from mobile technology - ditching mobile phones in the weeks leading up to exams has been proven to improve results!

Thank you as ever for your support,
God bless,
Mrs Laws

