

# HFCS BULLETIN

*Weekly bulletin for parents & carers*

TIMETABLE: WEEK 1

## Calendar

**Monday 12th May**

SEND Surgery 3.15 - 4.15pm



**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

**Wednesday 14th May**

**Thursday 15th May**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

## Catholic Life Calendar

Catholic Life and Mission

18 May 2025 - 5th Sunday of Easter

John 13:31-33, 34-35 'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another'

John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger - this passage comes after Judas leaving the other disciples at the last supper to betray Jesus. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another.

Please keep our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, the successor to St Peter, in your prayers. May he be a faithful shepherd, a courageous teacher, and a humble servant of God's people.

May is the month of Mary and there is an opportunity for students to Pray the Rosary at breaktime throughout the month.

Our Lady & St George Marian Procession - Sunday 25 May at 1.15pm

'Our annual OLSG Marian Procession will be held on Sunday 25th May at 1:15 pm from the Lower Site of OLSG school. Please join us as we crown our Blessed Mother and pray the Holy Rosary in different languages to ask her intercession.'

Ascension of the Lord - Thursday 29 May (Holy Day of Obligation) One of the great solemnities in the liturgical calendar, it commemorates the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven. Traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, on the 40th day after Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Please keep all our students in your prayers as the public exams continue.

Denise  
Chaplaincy



## Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you and your families well.

It has been a successful and focused start to the A Level and GCSE examination season this week, and I want to commend our students for the calm, mature and determined approach they have shown. Our Year 12 students have also completed their PPE (pre-public examinations) exams this week, and we are proud of how seriously they have taken this important step in their preparation for next year's final exams.

This week also marks Mental Health Awareness Week, and across the school we have been encouraging students to reflect on their wellbeing, talk openly about mental health, and explore ways to support both themselves and one another. It has been uplifting to see students engage with these important messages through assemblies, tutor time activities and drop-in sessions.

As we approach the final weeks of this half term, I want to take the opportunity to remind families of the importance of maintaining high standards in attendance, punctuality, behaviour, and uniform. It can be tempting to lose focus as we near the break, but it is vital that all students continue to make the most of every learning opportunity.

Looking ahead, formal assessments for Years 7 and 8 will begin during the week commencing Monday 2nd June. These will provide a valuable snapshot of progress and help inform teaching and support moving forward. Year 10 students will be sitting their mock exams during the week commencing Monday 16th June, and should now be entering the revision phase to ensure they are fully prepared.

Just a few important reminders regarding safety and conduct:

- Please reiterate with your child the importance of being aware of their safety on the way home: we ask all our students to make their way directly home and not to gather or congregate in public spaces.
- Roller skates should not be brought into school.
- Our students represent the school when they are wearing our uniform - therefore any behaviour outside of school that brings the school into disrepute will be sanctioned.
- Mobile phones are not allowed in school and will be confiscated for up to two weeks if found, and only returned to a parent/carer by appointment.

Finally, we have been marking May as the month of Our Lady by saying the traditional Memorare prayer in all RE lessons this half term. We ask Mary to bless our school community in the month of May and over the summer term.

As ever, thank you for your ongoing support of the school.  
God bless you and your families,  
Mrs Laws

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HAPPENING THIS  
WEEK ON OUR  
SOCIAL MEDIA  
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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are pleased to invite your child to join our **LAMDA** afterschool club for the upcoming term.

### What is LAMDA?

LAMDA is a world-class drama school in London that offers exams resulting in qualifications in both Speech and Drama that are recognized around the world through their Speech and Communications Board overseen by OFQUAL.

### What are the benefits of LAMDA?

- Helps to increase self-confidence
- Improve presentation and communication skills, valuable for interviews
- Extra qualifications and UCAS points
- Develop creativity and the opportunity to explore a range of texts

### LAMDA afterschool club

This fun and supportive program offers young performers the chance to explore acting, drama, and public speaking, led by professional instructors. Held weekly for one hour, students will build skills in voice technique, self-expression, body language and teamwork—no experience needed!

### LAMDA private lessons (within school hours)

These tailored private lessons are available for individuals or pairs, led by experienced professionals. Held weekly for 30 minutes, they offer personalised support in acting, drama, and public speaking, helping students build confidence, creativity, and communication skills. Students can also work towards LAMDA exams, earning valuable qualifications and UCAS points to support their future ambitions.

**When will lessons take place? On Wednesdays on the following dates:**

February	26th
March	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
April	2nd

### What is the cost?

**£9 per week for the afterschool club. (£54 per half term)**

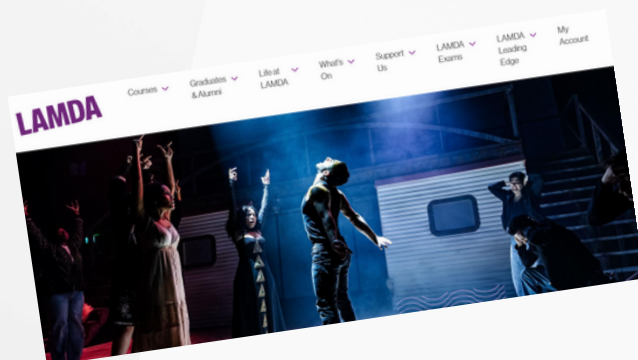
**£16 +VAT per week for private duo lessons. (£115.20 per half term)**

**£21 +VAT per week for private solo lessons. (£151.20 per half term)**

Exams will be available for those taking private lessons and can be taken once a year. This usually costs between **£35-55**.

Places are limited and are strictly on a first come first served basis. If you would like to secure your child's spot, please visit: <https://teachmajor.classforkids.io/venue/19/holy-family-catholic-school>

If you are interested in the classes but are worried about finances, please contact [ms.hampshire@holycatholicfamilyco.uk](mailto:ms.hampshire@holycatholicfamilyco.uk) who will be able to advise about applying for supported payment options.



Classes running in Holy Family Catholic School

**West End In - LAMDA - Spring Term 2**  
Wed 26th Feb 2025 - Wed 2nd Apr 2025

Day	Time	Venue	Class	
Wed	9:00am - 3:10pm	Holy Family Catholic School	Lamda Solo Lessons (7 - 10yrs)	<a href="#">Info &amp; Booking</a>
	9:00am - 3:10pm	Holy Family Catholic School	Lamda Duo Lessons (7 - 10yrs)	<a href="#">Info &amp; Booking</a>
	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Holy Family Catholic School	Lamda After School Club (11 - 16yrs)	<a href="#">Info &amp; Booking</a>



Please click the links to access classes.

# LAMDA