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HFCS BULLETIN

Weekly bulletin for parents & carers

TIMETABLE: WEEK 1

Calendar

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS

Monday 20th Nov SEND Surgery 3.15 - 4.15pm Year 12 English Trip



Tuesday 21st Nov

Jack Petchey Winners Evening

Wednesday 22nd Nov Year 9 MyBnk Careers Workshop

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Friday 24th Nov

SVP Fundraiser Day

Catholic Life Calendar

Gospel for Sunday 19 November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A <u>Matthew 25:14-30</u>

World Day of the Poor 19 November To access help or to volunteer <u>Caritas Diocese of</u> <u>Brentwood</u> - reaching out to all those in need.

Date for your diary

Tuesday 12 December 7.30pm Please join us for our School Carol Service Held at Our Lady & St George Parish

Every Monday and Wednesday 10am-5pm Our Lady & St George Parish, Day Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. "Come to be with Jesus"

Every Wednesday 6pm Our Lady of the Rosary & St Patrick's Pray for peace in the world.





Book Review Winners!

Congratulations to our winners of the book review summer project competition 2023!

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we have reminded students of our high expectations for behaviour, punctuality and attendance. I have been dropping into lessons in all year groups and have been impressed by the focus and excellent attitudes to learning that I saw, particularly in Year 11 classes who are preparing for their mock examinations next week. Please ensure that your child is well prepared for these exams, which take place in the Sports Hall in the same conditions as the real GCSE examinations.

The focus of liturgical assemblies this week was Remembrance. Students prayed for all those who have died and a roll call of former staff and students was read out at all assemblies. Thank you to Mrs Grierson, School Chaplain, and the Sixth Form liturgy leaders, for creating such reflective and prayerful resources.

The 13th-17th November was also anti-bullying week and this was the focus for all year group assemblies and PSHCE lessons. I was impressed by the very professional video produced by students which was shared in assemblies and highlighted the importance of taking a stand against bullying. Mr. Gharu, who is Deputy Headteacher in charge of Pastoral and Safeguarding, reminded students of the Sharp system for reporting any concerns. This can be accessed via the school website and is a safe way for students to report any concerns including bullying. Look for this icon on our homepage:

As well as the Year 11 exams next week, we have a number of events and trips happening. On Monday, Year 12 English students are out on a trip to Poetry Live, on Tuesday evening, our Jack Petchey winners attend their rewards ceremony at the Great Hall in Leyton and on Wednesday and Thursday, Year 9 students will participate in workshops facilitated by MyBNK, an organisation who deliver expert-led financial education in schools.

Finally, on Friday 24th November our newly-formed SVP group will be running a fundraiser for White Ribbon Day, which highlights the campaign to end violence against women and girls.

Thank you as ever for your prayers and support. God bless. Mrs Laws.