

HFCS BULLETIN

Weekly bulletin for parents & carers

TIMETABLE: WEEK 2

Calendar

Monday 22nd Jan

SEND Surgery 3.15 - 4.15pm



Tuesday 23rd Jan

Wednesday 24th Jan

Thursday 25th Jan

Friday 26th Jan

Catholic Life Calendar

Gospel for Sunday 21 January

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

[Mark 1:14-20](#) Repent and believe the Good News

This Sunday we hear that Jesus asks Simon, Andrew and James, who were fishermen, to drop everything to follow him. These first disciples were willing to drop everything in order to make Jesus and the Kingdom of God the most important things in their lives. Jesus also invites us to make living as his disciple the most important thing in our lives.



BBC Singers Workshop

This week our school choir attended the BBC Singers Workshop - they had a fantastic time and look forward to the next session.

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week at HFCS, Year 12 have been doing their mock examinations. Well done to the Year 7 and 8 students who were very quiet and respectful at this time, making sure that they did not disturb the exams going on in the Sports Hall.

On Wednesday, Year 11 had a chance to experience life as a Sixth Former during their Taster Day. It was lovely to welcome students back to the Walthamstow site where they started their journey at Holy Family! I was incredibly impressed by how seriously our students took the day, how well-presented they were and by the maturity of their approach. I look forward to welcoming our Year 11 students into the Sixth Form this coming September.

There are now only a few weeks remaining until the public examinations start at the beginning of May. Year 11 have taken on board the advice of their teachers following the mock exams, and are attending intervention and study clubs regularly; please encourage your child to take full advantage of all the opportunities on offer to help boost their grades in the summer.

There is now growing evidence that students who give up social media use in the weeks running up to their examinations achieve much better grades as a result. You can [read case studies here](#).

I encourage all Year 11 and 13 students to give up mobile phone use in the next few weeks - this will improve their concentration and the quality of their sleep, and could make the difference between success and disappointment in the summer!



Can I also take this chance to remind parents that mobile phones are banned in school for Years 7-11. If discovered, they will be confiscated. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child leaves their phone at home.

Finally, we have been working on our school website to make it a better resource for students and parents. Please encourage your child to check the website for revision tips, extra-curricular clubs and more. We are also sending out a call to all Holy Family Alumni to get in touch and share their aspirational journey with us - if you have an ex-HFCS student in your network of family or friends, please encourage them to make contact!

Have a great week and thank you for your ongoing support.

God bless,
Carolyn Laws
Headteacher



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Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form

CALLING ALL ALUMNI


We are creating an Alumni Wall at school to showcase all the fantastic roles our ex-students have gone on to do, to inspire our current students. We would love to hear from as many of you as possible to give a short summary of your current role and how you got there. Swipe to see an example.

Please get in touch via LinkedIn, socials or email Mrs Farrugia:

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LRC NOTICE

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS



400+ SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE MISSING. THIS RESULTS IN STUDENTS BEING DENIED ACCESS TO A RANGE OF HIGH-QUALITY LITERATURE.

Parents/Guardians: Please encourage your child to return overdue library books or, in the case of lost books, provide an age-appropriate replacement



HFCS ALUMNI

LAUREN SMITH

SUBJECTS STUDIED AT HFCS

- A Level Media Studies
- A Level Art
- A Level Resistant Materials

AFTER LEAVING HFCS

- ➔ Apprenticeship BCE College
- ➔ BBC Apprenticeship Scheme

BROADCAST OPERATOR - BBC

Lauren is now a Multiskilled Technical Operator with BBC World News Studios.

ASPIRE

[Click here for the Extra-Curricular Club timetable plus new KS3 Drama Club.](#)

