ISSUE 7

Season of Advent - Hope

4TH DEC 2023

**HFCS BULLETIN** 

Weekly bulletin for parents & carers

TIMETABLE: WEEK 1

### Calendar

#### Monday 4th Dec

SEND Surgery 3.15 - 4.15pm Year 11 Art Mock

### Tuesday 5th Dec

#### Wednesday 6th Dec

Year 11 Photography Mock

Thursday 7th Dec Year 11 Graphics Mock Year 13 Parents Evening (online)

Friday 8th Dec UCAS Deadline

# Catholic Life Calendar

Gospel for Sunday 3 December 1st Sunday of Advent Year B - <u>Mark 13:33-37</u>

This Sunday we begin the season of Advent, which also marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. Advent is the time in which we prepare for Christmas, the memorial of Jesus Christ being born into the world. Preparations are practical, like decorating a tree, but they're also intended to be spiritual. Priests will be in school to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation to students on the following days:

Wednesday 6 December Wiseman Site Wednesday 13 December Walthamstow Site

**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



#### **Jack Petchey Winners!**

A evening celebration to recognise the Jack Petchey award winners for their fantastic contributions to our school and wider communities.

## Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Here at school, we will be lighting the first candle on our Advent wreath - it is purple, representing our longing and waiting for the coming of Christ.

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, we will be focusing on those in need during the season of Advent. This year, our Christmas hamper collection hampers will be for toiletries, including deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo, hand wipes, shaving gel, soap, baby wipes and nappies. All of these items, which we take for granted, are crucial in helping those who are homeless or struggling to maintain their dignity. By collecting and donating these items we are putting our faith into action, in line with Catholic Social Teaching which tells us to work together for the common good and look after those who are most vulnerable in our society. Please give any of the above items to your child to bring into school during Advent.

On the 12th and 13th of December the school will enjoy our Christmas lunch together - for students in Years 7, 8 and the Sixth Form this will be on the 12th and for those in years 9, 10 and 11 this will be on the 13th. On those days, students and staff are invited to donate £2 and wear a Christmas jumper to school - all proceeds will go to Cafod's work in helping both sides suffering in the current conflict in the Middle East. Please note that Christmas lunch will be the only meal served on these days, so students who do not want Christmas lunch must bring a packed lunch instead.

Finally, many congratulations to our Jack Petchey winners! Mr. Fidegnon and I attended the ceremony in Leyton Great Hall last week and were immensely proud to join the families of the students you can see in the photo above, who all won an award for their outstanding contribution to school and community life. Congratulations also to Ms. Duncan, inclusion manager in the Bethany Room on upper site, who won an outstanding leadership award.

Chinedum - Year 12 Milanne - year 11 Kaylen - Year 10 Tejay - Year 10 Josiah - Year 9 Andrews - Year 9 Shania - Year 8

May God bless you and your families in this season. Mrs. Laws



Would you like the opportunity to shape provision at the school? If so, please consider joining a parent feedback forum. Click the purple icon to find out more.

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