

HFCS BULLETIN

Weekly bulletin for parents & carers

Calendar

Anti-Bullying
Week



Borough Champs!

Congratulations to our Year 11 Netball team - this week after a tough season they became the Borough Champions!

Monday 13th Nov

SEND Surgery 3.15 - 4.15pm
GCSE Maths Paper 2 Resit



Tuesday 14th Nov

Year 13 Art/Photography Mock

Wednesday 15th Nov

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Thursday 16th Nov

Friday 17th Nov

Catholic Life Calendar

Gospel for Sunday 12 November

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A [Matthew 25:1-13](#) also Remembrance Sunday

Saturday 11 November Armistice Day

At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month - we will remember them.

Armistice is Latin for to stand (still) arms. Armistice Day around the UK is marked with a 2 minute silence at 11am

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

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, Year 13 have been doing their mock examinations. The grades from these will be used to help teachers decide on predicted grades for university applications so I am pleased that the students have prepared so well for them and taken them seriously.

Our Sixth Form Open Evening was very well-attended by our Year 11 students as well as a significant number of students from other schools. We have a high-performing Sixth Form and each year, more of our students go on to Russell group universities including Oxbridge. If you need any help or advice about your child's post-16 choices, please contact Mr. Sayer, Head of Year 11 or Mrs. Wilbraham, Head of Sixth Form. Our Sixth form students have access to a wide range of opportunities to prepare them for the world of further education and work - this Friday, for example, selected students from Years 12 and 13 attended a career fair at Olympia, one of over 50 opportunities given to our Sixth Form since the start of term. We are hugely grateful to Mrs. Warwick, our Sixth Form careers adviser, for all her work in this area.

Next week we will be reminding students in all year groups about our expectations for behaviour in and out of lessons. Our mantra "Ready, Respectful, Safe" means that all students must be:

READY to learn - books and equipment out, standing in silence for the prayer, no disruption of learning

RESPECTFUL of themselves and all other members of the school community

SAFE in their behaviour within the classroom, on the corridors, in the playground and on the way to and from school

Headteacher's Update Cont.

We will be sharing with students a reminder of our standard operating procedures for lining up, entering and leaving the classroom and in the lunch hall. We expect every student to comply with our clear and simple expectations in order that the school runs effectively and everyone is able to learn.

From next week, we are also operating a "no disruption" approach which means that students who disrupt learning will be removed from class immediately and be sanctioned with a one-hour detention at the end of the day. Students will also miss either their break or lunchtime if they are removed.

Any disruption wastes valuable learning time, which is why we are moving to zero tolerance for any student who holds up the learning of the class. Disruption includes: not following instructions from the teacher; moving around the class without permission; shouting out; rudeness or backchat; calling across the classroom. The core business of our school is teaching and learning - no child is permitted to stop their teacher from teaching or others from learning.

Finally, two important reminders -

1) Next week is **Anti-Bullying Week**. The theme of the week this year is "*Make a noise about bullying*" and students will be looking at how they can stand up against bullying in assemblies and during their PSHCE lessons. Students can show their support for anti-bullying by wearing odd socks to school on Monday!

2) This Sunday is **Remembrance Sunday**. We will mark this with a minute's silence in school, and as we continue through the Month of Holy Souls, the names of those students, staff and governors of Holy Family who have died will be remembered next week during the Liturgical Assemblies.

Staff and students are also invited to record the names of your family and friends who have died in the past year, so that as a community we might remember them in our prayers and Mass will be offered for them.

God bless.

Mrs. Laws

SIMS Parent App

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