

FAMILY MATTERS

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



Awards
Special inside!

**BRENDA
MANA TAKES
HOME THE
INAUGURAL
TINA SIMPSON
FEMALE ROLE
MODEL IN
SPORT AWARD**

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Quotation of the week

“The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognise him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord”
Henri Nouwen.

Advent

Advent looks back in order to look forward. Our celebration of the first coming of Christ in the stable at Bethlehem has meaning and purpose because of the hope and expectation of His second coming. Christmas is not a sterile memorial of a thing past and gone, but a preparation for what is to come. Advent begins in penitence: its colour is purple, the symbol for Christians of preparation and forgiveness. We reflect on our lives, and realise our inadequacies. But we do not remain focused on ourselves, for Advent calls us to look joyfully to God, who is coming to complete His salvation.

During Advent students on the lower site will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. This is always popular with our young people and we are grateful to our local clergy for supporting this. We also are raising money through next Friday's non-uniform day for the School of Joy in Bethlehem, a school for children with special educational needs that serves both Christian and Muslim families in the city of Bethlehem.

Each year a Holy Family tradition is that we prepare hampers by asking families to donate non-perishable gifts of food etc. Every form group produces a hamper which is then taken to our annual carol service in OLSG Church and presented to the Christian Kitchen for distribution to local families in need. This year the carol service takes place on Tuesday 17th December at 7.00pm in the church of OLSG, Shernhall St. Please do come along and support this event.

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Hustings for Holy Family's mock election

This week our Yr 12 Politics students have been speaking in assemblies about the political platforms of the main parties fighting the general election. On Wednesday they spoke to Yr 13 students about the policies of the Labour Party, the Liberal Democrats, the Greens, the Brexit Party and the Conservatives. Students listened attentively and many were discussing the issues raised throughout the day. Some of our Yr 13s are 18 years old which means, of course, that they are old enough to vote in the election and we have been urging them to ensure they are registered to vote and that they do in fact vote. Voting is a civic duty and we believe that we should all make sure that we vote. If you don't vote, you can't complain about who gets to form the government. We should not take the right to vote for granted - there are many parts of the world and billions of people who do not enjoy living in a democratic society with the rule of law and the right to determine who their political leaders are.

Parents' surgery

Parents' surgery takes place every Thursday afternoon from 4pm to 5pm on the Walthamstow site. If ever, I am not available one of my senior colleagues substitutes for me.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Dr Andy Stone

Headteacher





Headteacher **COMMENDATIONS**

This week we have commendations for students in year 9 Media Studies. Over the last four lessons the students in four teaching teams have delivered a series of lessons to the rest of the class on genres within different types of media.

The completely student led lessons have been engaging, informative and have used a range of impressive teaching techniques. Well done to them all!



Headteacher **COMMENDATIONS**

Daniel Abodunwa, Edem Akator, Bryan Akon, Luke Angus, Nevan Byfield-Price, Ryan Cabral, James Canlas, Ashwin Cherian, Kareem Clarke, Joanna Copa, Luca Da Conceicao, Harry David, Bambo Djabula, Tacyana Ferguson, Kelsey Gyasi-Twum, Arnas Jankauskas, Stacey Kazuma, James Kerr, Exauce Mulamba, Miracle Mulamba, Emmanuel Oppong-Kyere, Shay Radford, Kai Taylor, Sasha Thomas, Myglor Yambuya

Waltham Forest

Sports Awards 2019

The annual Waltham Forest Sports Awards were held on Thursday 21st November in The Assembly Rooms at Waltham Forest Town Hall. Everyone looked resplendent in their glam clothing and trainers!

There were many awards being presented with many of the schools in WF being represented. This year there was an additional award presented. In memory of our former colleague Tina Simpson.



The borough PE departments thought it fitting to present an award in recognition of her service to the borough. The Inaugural Tina Simpson Female Role Model in Sport award was presented by Tina's sister, Lesley Simpson.

This years recipient was our very own Brenda Mana who typifies a positive female role model who goes above and beyond in all sporting disciplines.



Waltham Forest Sports Awards 2019

It was a fabulous evening commemorating the phenomenal legacy of a selfless servant to sport in the borough.



Jack Petchey Awards Ceremony 2019

Each year a prestigious awards ceremony takes place at the Walthamstow Assembly Halls to honour the winners of that years Jack Petchey Awards. We are proud to be so involved with the scheme as it's our chance to recognise the hard work and dedication from our staff and students. Each month colleagues and peers vote for who they think should receive the award, the Jack Petchey committee then make a decision and the year culminates in these fantastic awards.



Jack Petchey Awards Ceremony 2019



"The Jack Petchey award evening exceeded all my wildest dreams. It felt very strange to receive an award because on every previous occasion I have been to the Assembly Halls I have been handing out awards. It was the pinnacle of a long and rewarding career as a teacher at Holy Family and I could never have achieved it without the support, determination and hard work of the countless amazing

students I have had the privilege of working with. This reward would never have been possible without the support of all the staff at Holy Family and I am indebted to everyone who nominated me. Holy Family is truly a fantastic family. I feel honoured to have been given this award, very proud and immensely happy. It was very touching to have the support of my family to watch and they have put up with a lot over the years. I was touched by the words that the host recited and the mayor was extremely encouraging and sincere. It was an occasion that I will always cherish. A truly amazing evening." Mrs Heath

Jack Petchey Awards Ceremony 2019

"On 19th November, I was fortunate enough to represent the Dominica Trip Group in accepting the Jack Petchey medallion for being nominated as 'Outstanding Achievers'. It was an absolute honour to be chosen to accept this award for all of our efforts. The event consisted of numerous schools receiving similar awards for a variety of reasons. The group won the award for our continuous fundraisers and our ability to manage sitting our GCSEs alongside the preparation of the trip. It was a wonderful event where I had the opportunity to receive the award from Waltham Forest Mayor Councillor Christopher Robbins CBE. During the intervals, I got to witness three different types of entertainment; ranging from a steel pan drum performance, dancers and string players. Overall, the night was a great success and a time for the borough's achievements to be recognised. The group is still currently fundraising to reach the total amount before we go in May 2020 – if you can help, please donate on our Just Giving Page [here](#)."

Kylie Coffie –
Year 12



Jack Petchey Awards Ceremony 2019



Ben



Kevin



Marcus



Edwin



Pavaram



Weronika



Chaplaincy Corner



God of Love,

Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.

He is a sign of your love.

Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,

As we wait and prepare for his coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.

Amen.

Sunday 1 December is the start of the season of Advent. In school, the Advent wreath and Crib will be displayed and the Christmas tree decorated.

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning “coming”. Jesus in coming and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival.

Each Sunday of Advent is represented in the Advent Wreath by a candle. Three purple candles, representing Hope, Love and Peace and one rose coloured candle, representing Joy.

Advent is also a period of self-preparation. The colour purple is associated with Advent and is also the colour of penance, and there is an opportunity for students and staff to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during school time on the lower site.

We also look forward to seeing many of you at our Annual Carol Service that takes place on Tuesday 17 December at 7pm in Our Lady & St George’s Church, followed by mince pies and mulled wine. This is always an enjoyable event and a wonderful way to begin the countdown to Christmas.

May you all have a blessed Advent season.



Holy Family Year of

Sustainability – Live Simply Tip No.10

Choose wrapping paper without foil or glitter – then it can be recycled!

Pope Francis writes in his encyclical Laudato Si

#211 “There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions”

Mrs Grierson, Chaplain

KEY DATES FOR ADVENT 2019

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER — 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT HOPE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER -

WALTHAMSTOW 10AM-1.20PM

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER — 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT PEACE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER -

WALTHAMSTOW 10AM-1.20-PM

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER — 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT JOY

TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER — CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY / LOWER SITE CHRISTMAS LUNCH / CAROL SERVICE 7PM, OUR LADY & ST GEORGE'S

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER — UPPER SITE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER - CAROL SINGING AT BLACKHORSE ROAD TUBE STATION 5-8PM

ORGANISED BY HCPT ALL WELCOME!

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER — LAST DAY OF TERM

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER — 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT LOVE

WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER — CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY 26TH DECEMBER — ST STEPHEN'S FEAST DAY

TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER — HOLY FAMILY FEAST DAY



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH
FORM CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



"O Come, Let Us Adore Him!" Psalm 95:6

TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 7PM

Our Lady and St George's Church, Shernhall Street

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE SERVICE
ALL WELCOME!**



CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

It is an annual tradition in Holy Family that hampers are prepared and distributed to the Christian Kitchen at Christmas. This is a homeless charity based in Walthamstow. The presentation takes place during the Christmas Carol Service which this year takes place on **Tuesday 17 December at 7pm**, Our Lady & St George's church, followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

We are asking our students to bring in something from home, such as: mince pies, a bottle of juice, a packet of pasta or spaghetti, pasta sauce, tins of food such as baked beans, soup, fruit, custard, tuna and packets of biscuits, tea and coffee.

Please ensure all items are well within their “use by” date.



SOCIAL MEDIA CATCHUP



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The Beatitudes and social media

At the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends eight beautiful qualities. But what do the Beatitudes mean for social media and life online?

- > **Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven**
I will remember that my identity comes from being made and loved by God, not from my online profile.
- > **Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted**
This world is full of grief and suffering. I will tread softly and post with gentleness and compassion.
- > **Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth**
I will not boast or brag online, nor will I pull others down.
- > **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled**
There are many wrongs to be righted. I will not be afraid to name them and look for justice in the world.
- > **Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy**
I will not judge others but be generous online. I will be conscious of my own failings.
- > **Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God**
I will be truthful and honest, and I will not pretend to be what I am not.
- > **Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God**
I will seek to reconcile those of different views with imagination and good humour.
- > **Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven**
I will not add to the store of hate in the world, but I will try to be courageous in standing up for what is right and true.

TIPS

A YEAR IN TO HOLY FAMILY, YEAR 8 PROVIDE SOME TIPS AND ADVICE FOR THE NEW YEAR 7S



THIS WEEK WE HEAR FROM
ELENA O'BRIEN 8R

When I was in year 7 I remember that I talked to people as I wanted to make friends and it helped find people I had got on with. I felt secondary school was a big change and I wouldn't settle in but after a few days I already had friends and new my way around the school. In year 7 I wanted to ask how to make school life easier and how to get through without problems. How I got through year 7 was by making friends and doing homework. Now in year 8 I'm happy in this school and I'm confident in working at Holy Family. The advice I would give is listen to teachers and be organised.

- **Three top tips:**

- Do homework
- Listen to your teachers
- Do any extra work to help you in class.

Castle Competition

Huge congratulations to the year 7 winners of the History Castle Competition, pictured with their Head of Year Miss Carrick here. Thank you to Miss Parker for organising such a brilliant competition!



English Literature Trip

‘Love Through the Ages’

A number of students from the year 12 English class were able to go on an educational trip whereby we listened to various lectures surrounding ‘Love Through the Ages’, which is the theme based around the scheme of work we are currently studying in our lessons.

We were spoken to by five lecturers, including a theatrical director of Shakesperian plays, three University lecturers, and an English examiner. They were all able to give us diverse and interesting interpretations of the texts we were studying, therefore widening our knowledge and understanding of them. The University lecturers spoke to us about the meaning of our texts and delved into the language techniques of various plays, novels and poetry, whereas the theatrical director approached Shakespeare’s texts from a completely different angle, giving us a different outlook and interpretation. Lastly, the examiner gave us many tips in terms of answering the exam question - he gave us advice on what to do and what not to do, including what examiners wanted to see when marking an essay, which was highly useful as an indicator to see where we’re doing well, and what we need to improve on. Overall, the trip was highly useful in allowing us to widen our knowledge and understanding of the various texts we are currently studying in our English lessons, therefore enhancing our literary abilities and preparing us for any upcoming exams.



ALSO THIS WEEK...



Rosamary Zilouka (year 12) from the PR & Marketing Team found this interesting article regarding tools to help students become more successful - [click here to find out more.](#)

10A enjoyed their Pixl Edge activities. Most students are now moving up to the graduate level. Well done to Mr Yohannes!!



Year 7&8 students took part in a fantastic Biomedica Science Art workshop.



MFL Seneca Champions!



Seneca
Champion

Most Questions Answered

Juno V, Anabel C.



Seneca
Champion

Most Questions Answered

Aaliyah H



Seneca
Champion

Most Time Studied

Aleena C.



Seneca
Champion

Most Time Studied

Aaliyah H



Seneca
Champion

Most Sessions Completed

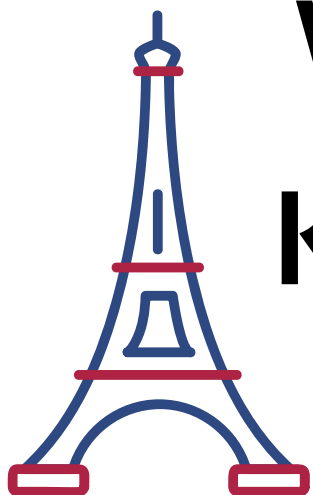
Juno V, Anabel C.



Seneca
Champion

Most Sessions Completed

Aaliyah H.



Well done to all!
Keep up the good
work!



6th Form Notices

CALLING ALL
YEAR 13 LEAVERS
FROM 2019



IT'S TIME TO COLLECT YOUR EXAM
CERTIFICATES

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2019

5PM

FROM THE AQUINAS CENTRE

FOOD AND DRINK WILL BE PROVIDED



APPLY NOW

**Applications are now
open to join our 6th
Form for September
2020 - click here to
apply now!**

Christmas Club



Arts & crafts

Snowflake
making



Christmas tree
decorations

Christmas card
making



In **L26** (Art room)

Tuesday lunchtimes

- Mr Shannon & Ms Parker -



YOUR FUTURE. YOUR BOROUGH. SPEAK UP.



**A FREE EVENT BY WALTHAM
FOREST EAST LONDON LEADERS**

12-5 SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30

**DOZENS OF LOCAL POLITICAL AND ACTIVIST ORGANISATIONS
THAT YOU CAN GET INVOLVED WITH.
LIVE MUSIC.
NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES.**

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The Holy Family Catholic School and Sixth Form
Wiseman House Main Hall, 34 Shernhall St,
Walthamstow, London E17 6EA

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An opportunity to find out about the organisations and groups operating in Waltham Forest that are changing your borough, and your future.

What is this event?

Dozens of political, activist or community-focused organisations will be represented at this event by some of their members and a stall. Those who come will have a **unique opportunity** to talk to these local organisations, **network**, and learn about what is happening in the borough.

There will be talks given by people who are doing amazing things for young people and Waltham Forest, **live music** by local professional musicians and rising stars, **free food and drinks**, **prizes to win...** and so much more!

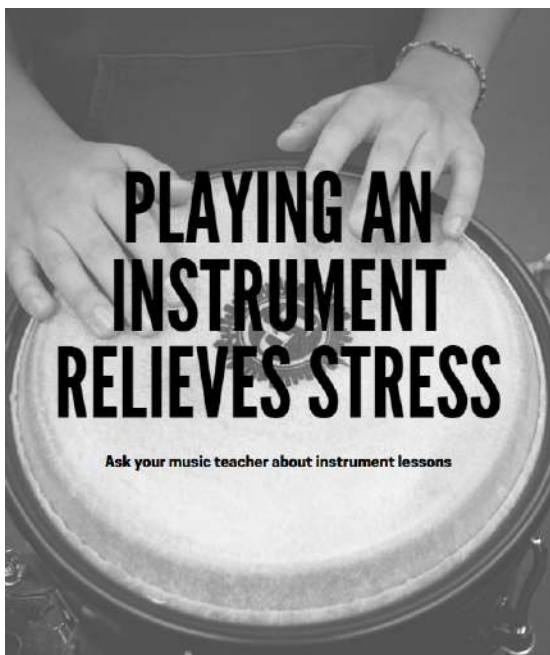
Do you want to learn how to get involved in serious discussions that affect your future?
Do you want to have a say on local issues and influence the future of this borough?
Do you have any questions about politics or the borough that you want answered?

According to a House of Commons report, more than 80% of under-18s are dissatisfied with our politicians.

We can change UK politics, together.

This event has been organised by Waltham Forest East London Leaders. We are a group of young people who want to help the youth in Waltham Forest become more politically engaged and active in their communities.

DID YOU KNOW HOW BENEFICIAL MUSIC IS FOR YOU?



ASK YOUR MUSIC TEACHER ABOUT LESSONS

YEAR 11 ENGLISH MASTERCLASSES

○ **Thurs 7th Nov** - Approaching ○
○ Poetry (Power & Conflict and ○
○ Unseen) ○

○ **Thurs 14th Nov** - Sitting Literature ○
○ Exams ○

○ **Thurs 21st Nov** - Drop ins ○

○ **Thurs 28th Nov** - Drop ins ○

Thurs 5th Dec - Writing Workshop:
Language Paper 2

Thurs 12th Dec - Showing your
understanding of texts (AO1)

LECTURE THEATRE 3.20PM START



FREE DANCE WORKSHOP SERIES PT1 - IRISH DANCE

Wiseman House Site, London E17 9RT - 29th November, 6th, 13th & 20th December 3.30pm - 5pm

Join The Artist Asylum at Holy Family Catholic School for our free community art workshops Supported by Waltham Forest London Borough of Culture 2019 designed to give a platform for our Waltham Forest Art talent to educate and empower their local community and we will deliver to two very different dance styles in a program lasting 4 weeks.

For the initial two weeks, the workshops will be led by Annagh Drake (@_annagh) who is an actor, dancer, costume designer and movement director. Having just graduated from East 15 Acting School, Annagh is now back in her home borough of Waltham Forest working as a freelancer working numerous projects. Annagh will be returning to the school she attended as a child to deliver two sessions of traditional Irish dancing, come along regardless of your level! Age Group:

JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY TO EXPLORE ART TOGETHER!

Please come barefoot or with trainers, socks only is not allowed. Year 11 and below.

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instagram.com/theartistasylumorg
[#TAAInTheCommunity](https://twitter.com/TAAInTheCommunity)

MONOUX'S CHRISTMAS CAROUSEL

19TH OF DECEMBER

TIMES: 14:00 - 18:00

MUSIC THEATRE DANCE
PERFORMANCES

LOCATION

THEATRE

MUSIC ROOMS

ADULTS: £1.50

STUDENTS: £1.00

(SUGGESTED DONATION)

