

# FAMILY MATTERS

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER



*The Season of Advent*

## HOLY FAMILY VOTES!

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**ALSO FEATURED THIS WEEK...**



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# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

## Quotation of the week

'It is more blessed to give than to receive' Acts 20:35. This seems counterintuitive- surely we all like to receive gifts so isn't it better to receive than to give. There is an easy answer to this that anyone who has seen the joy on a child's face, or the happiness of the recipient of an unexpected act of kindness will understand.

## Advent

This Advent we thank you for your generosity in donating food for the hampers which we give to those in need in our local community. We also thank you for supporting last week's non-uniform day and over £1200 is being sent to the School of Joy in Bethlehem to help support their excellent work with children with special educational needs from all of Bethlehem's communities. I had a lovely thank you message from Fr Mahmoud in Bethlehem who was so grateful for our support. It is truly better to give than to receive.

## The general election

As they say on Strictly Come Dancing, the results are in and the outcome of the election is a massive Labour landslide with 72% of the vote! Oh, sorry that's the results of Holy Family's mock election. Students and staff here voted in large numbers - the turnout was about 70% and the Labour Party won in every year group and among the staff. Politics students will know there is a long-standing correlation between age and likelihood of voting Labour or Conservative. Younger people tend to vote Labour, while older people are more likely to vote Conservative and, in fact, more likely to vote.

Meanwhile in the general election the result has been the return of a Conservative government with a clear majority. This means we shall be leaving the European Union and we shall have to see what it means for education, health and other public services.

# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

## **Sunday Times Young Writer of the Year.**

Several years ago we employed a Spoken Word teacher-poet from the USA called Peter Kahn for two years. He brought with him six young poets to spend a year at Holy Family, one of whom Raymond Antrobus, has just been named Sunday Times Young Writer of the Year. Congratulations to Raymond whose poetry will now form part of the GCSE English anthology. If you want to read some of Raymond's work [click here](#).

## **Parents' surgery**

As this is the last week of the term there will be no parents' surgery this week. Parents' surgery will resume in the New Year.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Dr Andy Stone

Headteacher





# *Headteacher* **COMMENDATIONS**

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This week we have commendations for the following students:

First, from Mrs Perera who nominates **Gabriella Francis and Tiara Davis**, both in 8RI, for their extraordinary way of conducting themselves in Food Technology lessons, not only doing their best but also helping other students in the group.

Next from Ms Nordon and Ms Heath who nominate **Hubert Zajko** for supporting the EAL group in Year 10. Hubert works with another student in Geography and supports her in that subject.



# *Headteacher* **COMMENDATIONS**

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Finally this week from Mrs Wilbraham who nominates the following students in Yr 13 for showing excellent commitment and effort to their Year 13 studies this term:

**Oliwia Kilic**

**Dasho Mbo**

**Angel Gince**

**Anitha William**

**Victor Fernandes**

**Nikodem Mikucki**

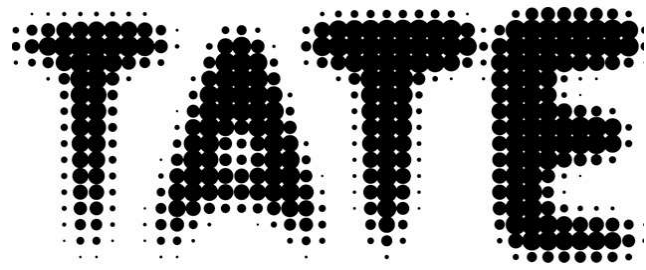
**Orient Mylla**

**Parfaite Omango**

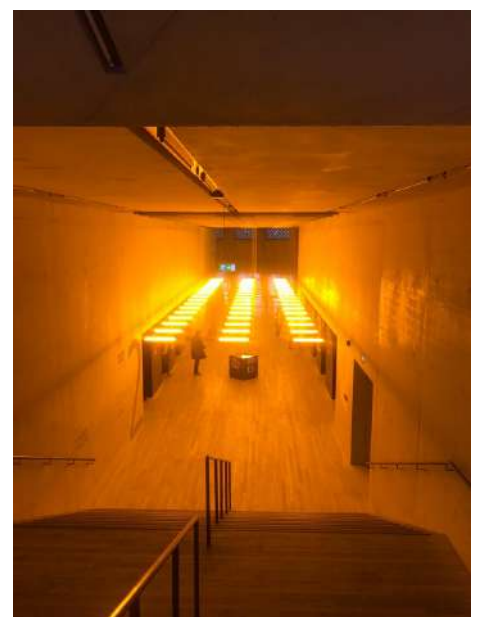
**Vitor Rodrigues de Sousa**

**Rajuraam Yogarajah.**

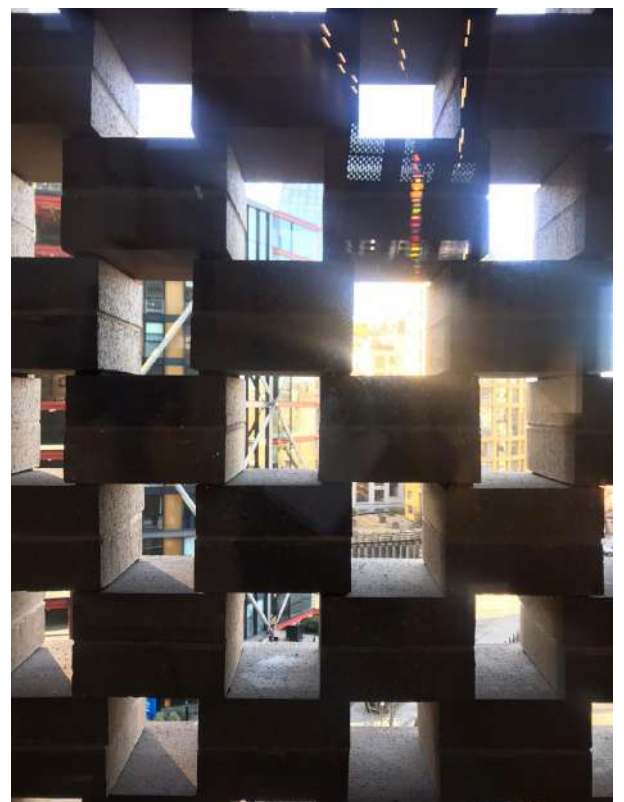
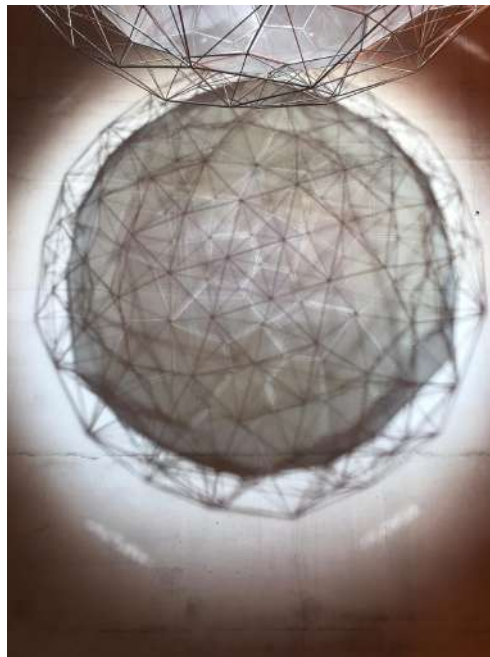
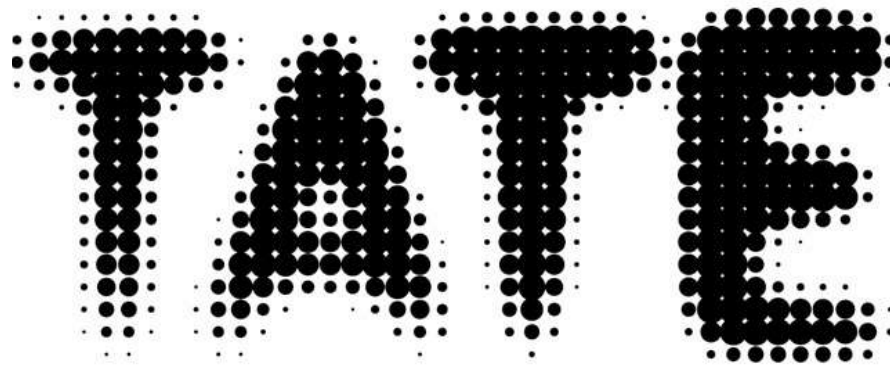




# Year 9 Art Trip to the Tate Modern











# Awards at the WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF INVESTMENT BANKERS

Last week our students received their awards at the Worshipful Company of Investment Bankers for their economics essays. The students took part in a London wide competition against many prestigious schools. The event was held at the ING company building. Fergus McGrath received £100 for first prize and Mary Ann Cooke received £50 for runner up.







# Silent Film Day

Last Friday, the Year 12 Film Studies class went on a trip to the British Film Institute on the Southbank whereby we took part in a Silent Film Study Day. The event was held in a huge auditorium, where we were given presentations surrounding different aspects of Silent Films, including their historical context and aesthetics. The speaker introduced us to three significant film movements; Realism, German Expressionism and Russian Constructivism. We discovered the various micro elements surrounding each of the movements as well as widened our knowledge and understanding of the social constructs surrounding each film movement. We also compared ideals of modern films to those of silent films, allowing us to understand that despite the massive technological advancements in films, techniques from the Silent Era, are still used often today.

Furthermore, we watched a screening of 'The General', directed by Buster Keaton, accompanied with live music by a professional pianist. This enabled us to watch the film as if we were part of an audience in the 1920s, which was an amazing and diverse experience as we were all in awe of the pianist's skills. The screening was followed by a Q&A, where we found out more about the musician's career, even discovering that most of his work is through improvisation! Overall, the trip was highly useful in widening our knowledge of the periods surrounding Silent Film, not only assisting us in our A-Level Film Studies course, but it was also extremely informative and interesting. - Chloe C



# Chaplaincy Corner



*Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas.*

*Amen*

This Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, the pink candle of joy is lit.



The Year 10 Retreat Day took place this week. The theme was Peace and Forgiveness. Students joined the parish Mass at Our Lady & St George and during the Homily Fr Niall spoke about how hard it is to forgive, we have to, otherwise the person we can't forgive continues their life as normal but we are all consumed by the wrong they did us and it eats away inside us.

One thing he said that resonated with many of us was "forgive the sinner, hate the sin". Forgiveness does not mean forgetting, nor does it mean condoning or excusing.



The day continued with a talk from CAFOD about climate change and how it can cause conflict and another workshop on child soldiers. We were also joined by Youthwave who asked "how do you react to conflict in your own lives". Year 10 also had the opportunity to let go and forgive, times when they have been wronged and are hurt, angry or bearing a grudge and to ask God to help let go of these feelings.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as 7 times?" Jesus said, "Not just 7 times, but rather as many as 77 times." (Matthew 18.21-22)



Our annual  
Carol Service takes place on  
Tuesday 17 December at 7pm  
in Our Lady & St George's Church.

May you continue to have a blessed Advent season.



*Holy Family Year of Sustainability – Live Simply Tip No.12*  
74 million mince pies are thrown away each year! Don't be tempted by supermarket deals you don't need. If your favourite mince pies are on a two for one deal and you know you won't eat them all, donate the extra pack to our Hamper Appeal.

Pope Francis writes: "Throwing away food is like stealing from the table of the poor and hungry."

Mrs Grierson, Chaplain



# Reconciliation



**We once again thank Fr Francis, Fr Freddy, Fr Niall, Fr John and Fr Jean Laurent for bringing the Sacrament of Reconciliation to our community on Thursday. It was wonderful to see so many Year 8s and Sixth Form bearing witness to our faith.**





# 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.



# KEY DATES FOR ADVENT 2019



**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**

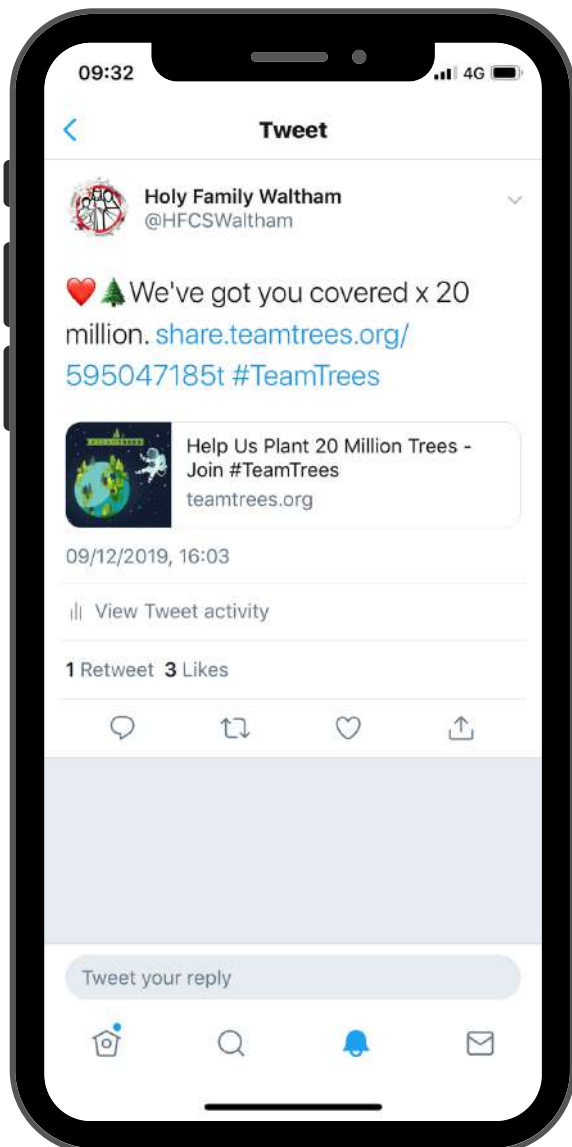




# SOCIAL MEDIA CATCHUP



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# SPORTS UPDATE



**Well done to Joshua, Jack, Ethan & Jacob for competing in the U16 badminton tournament, the boys played 3 won 1 lost 2.**



**A great team spirit in the year 8 basketball team. Travelled to Lammas and just missed out on another win. A fabulous display of basketball, Lammas winning 28-22**



# SPORTS UPDATE



**The U15 girls handball team competed in the borough tournament held at WSFG. Girls played really well finishing joint top with 2 other schools; number of goals scored per team is then taken into consideration . The girls just missed out on the gold medal but were very worthy and fabulous silver medallists matching the U13 team who achieved the same result last week .**



# ALSO THIS WEEK...

The year 13 BTEC Performing Arts did their devised performance to year 9 on the dangers of social media - they were fantastic and year 9 took part in a great discussion afterwards!



Well done to Rimi & Burang for hosting a fabulous Afternoon Tea!

Last week the fantastic Holy Family Debate team attended Pinsent Masons East London debating competition in Liverpool Street. They won the heat against Eden girls but sadly didn't make it through to the finals. They did a brilliant job!



# Holy Family Votes

This week we have been looking at how young people can make their voices heard in the world of politics, the possible voting patterns of 3 ethnic minority groups and how and why they may change.

So how do I get through to politicians...  
How do I make **my voice** heard?

Most  
Commitment

✓Join a political party to stay informed and join campaigns  
e.g. <https://londonyounglabour.co.uk/>



✓Support a pressure group (an organisation that seeks to influence and change government policy) e.g. Amnesty International, Greenpeace, LGBT Foundation,



✓Send a letter to your MP (it is fun!!!) and see what response you get

Least  
Commitment

✓Sign a parliamentary e-petition – it works!  
✓Try to influence your loved ones on how to vote!



## Holy Family Votes

Real Election: 12<sup>th</sup> December

Holy Family Mock Election: 12<sup>th</sup> December



## Know your rights

How do I make **my voice** heard?



## Should 16..15..14..13..year olds be able to vote?

At 16 you can legally:

- Get married (with parental consent)
- Buy a lottery ticket (youngest lottery winner was 16 when she won £2m)
- Enlist in the armed forces (with parental consent)

**But not vote in elections**

## How will Britain's minorities vote?

Consider how your family votes?

Do they tend to vote for one party?

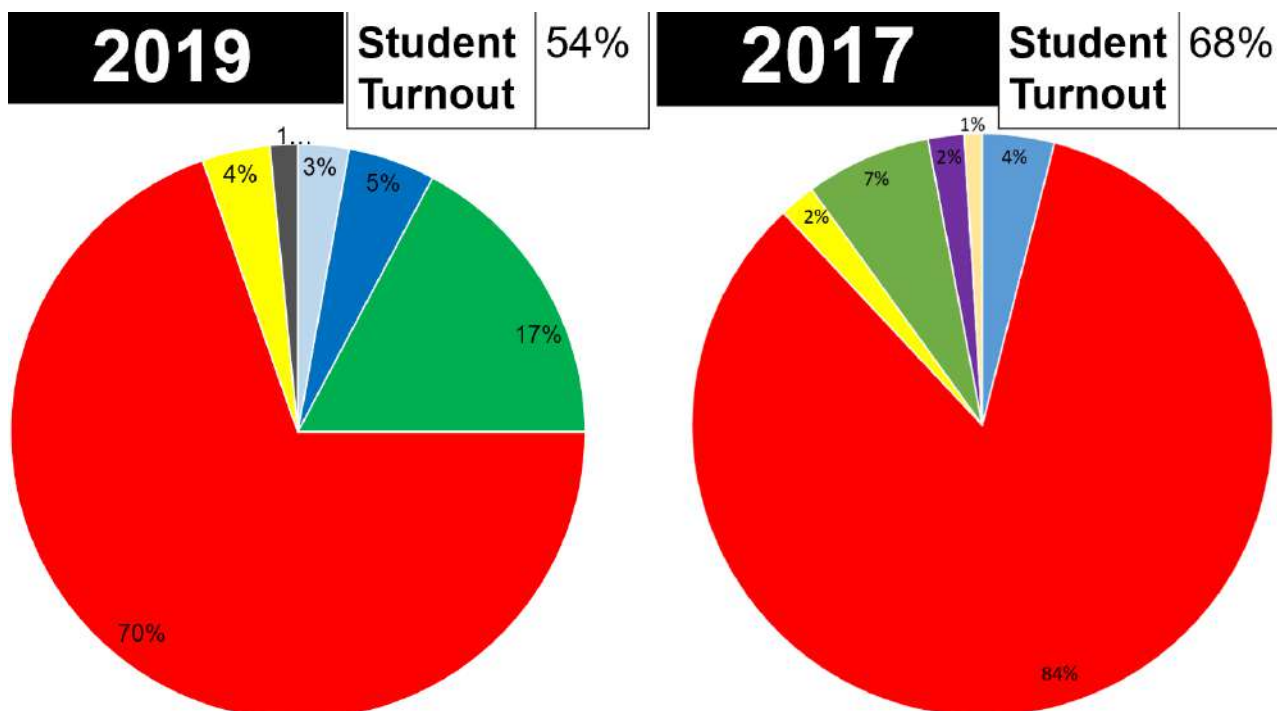
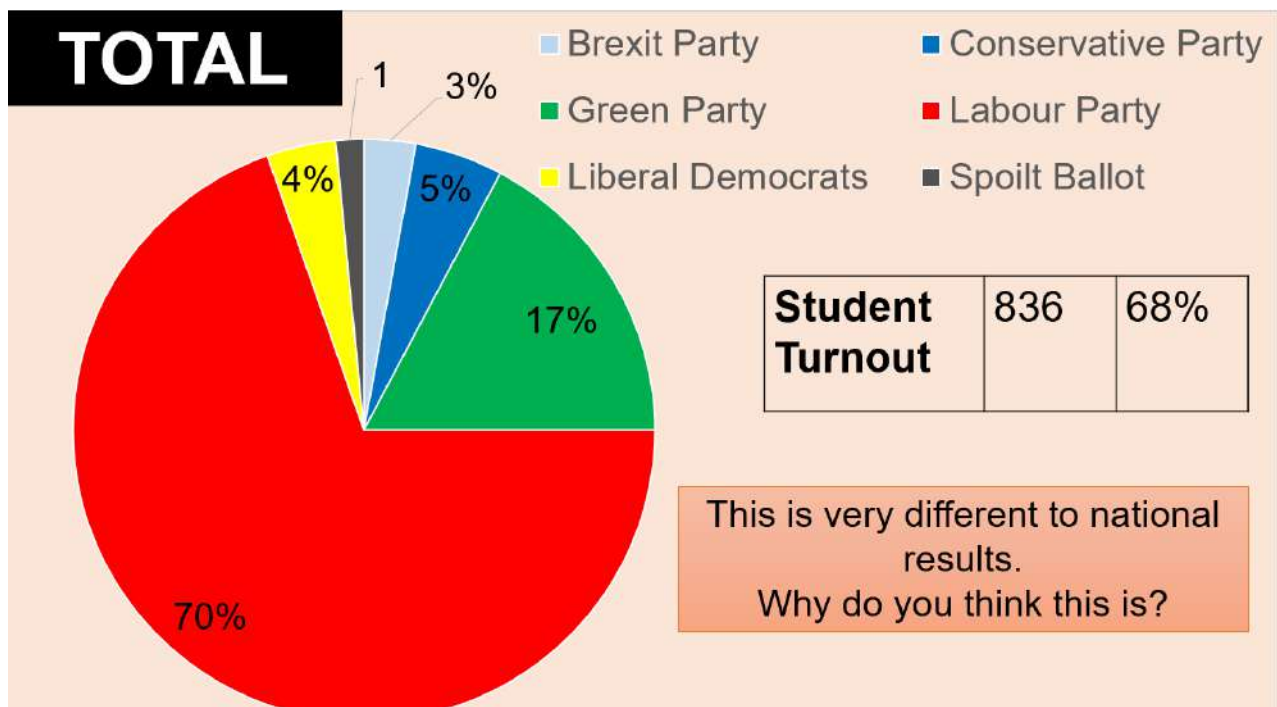
Why do you think that is?

Are minorities *really* loyal to one political party?

**We will look at 3 interesting groups that could swing this election!**

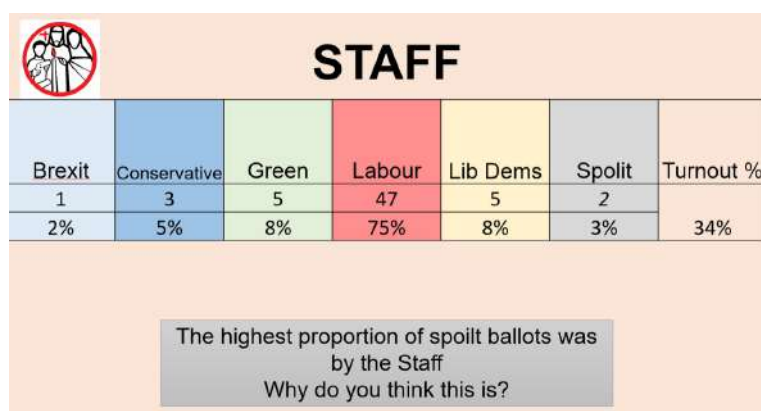
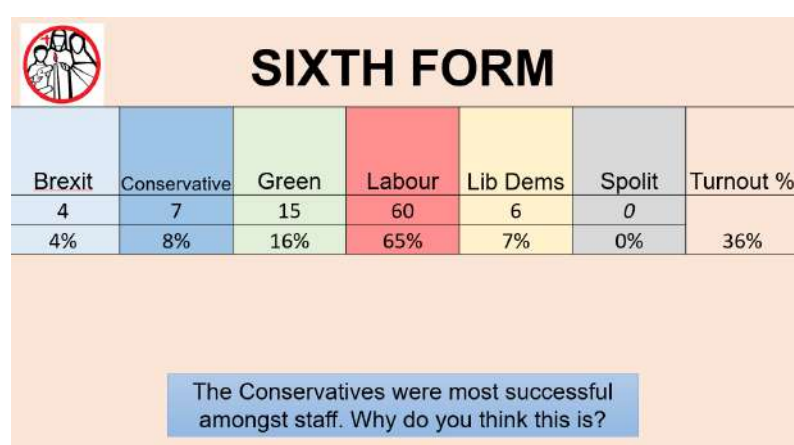
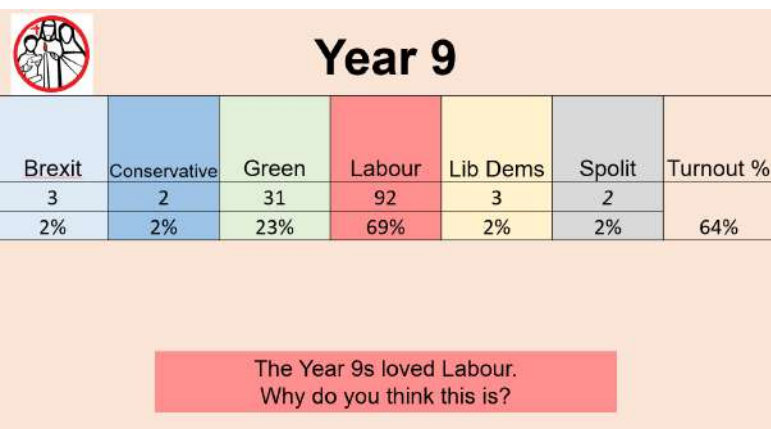
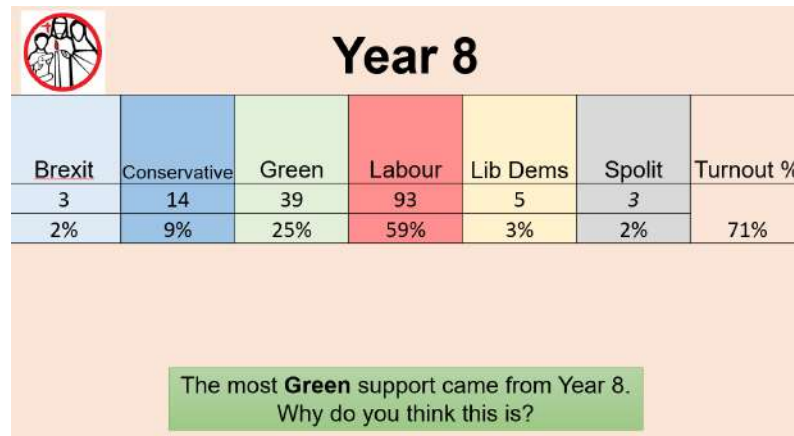
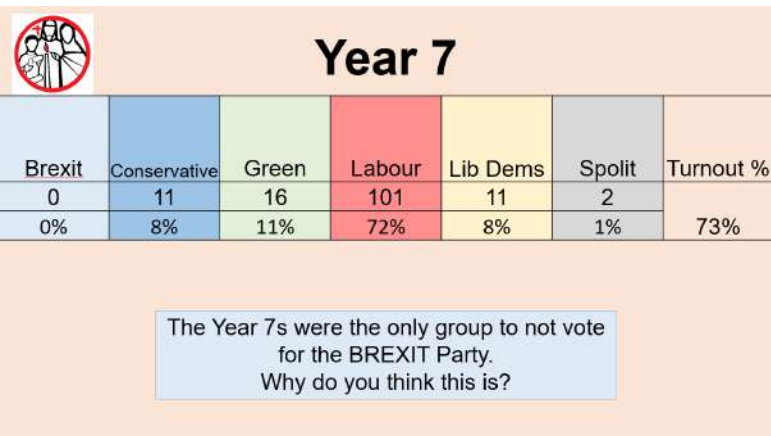
# Holy Family Votes...the results are in...

Thank you to the History and Politics Department for teaching our young people how to have a political voice & helping make it tremendously more likely that they will vote in the future.





# Holy Family Votes...the results are in...



# TIPS

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



THIS WEEK WE HEAR FROM  
JOSIAH DA SILVA 8EL

In year seven there are a few tips that you need to know:

1. Don't get yourself into any trouble, just keep your head down and focus.
2. When you are set homework just do it the moment you get it.  
You need to do it quickly as you can as you don't want to be last minute.
3. When you are going home, go straight home, don't be sticking around the streets or go into any chicken and chip shops.



# MFL Seneca Champions!



Seneca  
Champion

Most Questions Answered

**Naomi H.**



Seneca  
Champion

Most Questions Answered

**Aaliyah H**



Seneca  
Champion

Most Time Studied

**Jayden A.**



Seneca  
Champion

Most Time Studied

**Aaliyah H**



Seneca  
Champion

Most Sessions Completed

**Jayden A.**



Seneca  
Champion

Most Sessions Completed

**Aaliyah H.**

**Most Questions Answered on Active Learn This Week:**

**French: Y7: Naomi H., Y8: Wiktorina M.,  
Zackary R., Francis W., Y11: Sarita A., Juno V.**

**Spanish: Y7: Aaliyah H., Y8: Yu Ruo C.**



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!**



# 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



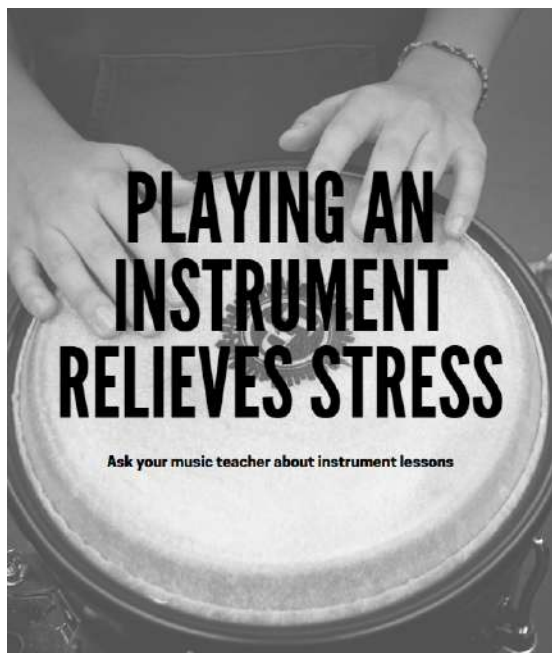
In **L26** (Art room)

**Tuesday lunchtimes**

- Mr Shannon & Ms Parker -



# DID YOU KNOW HOW BENEFICIAL MUSIC IS FOR YOU?



## ASK YOUR MUSIC TEACHER ABOUT LESSONS

# 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)

