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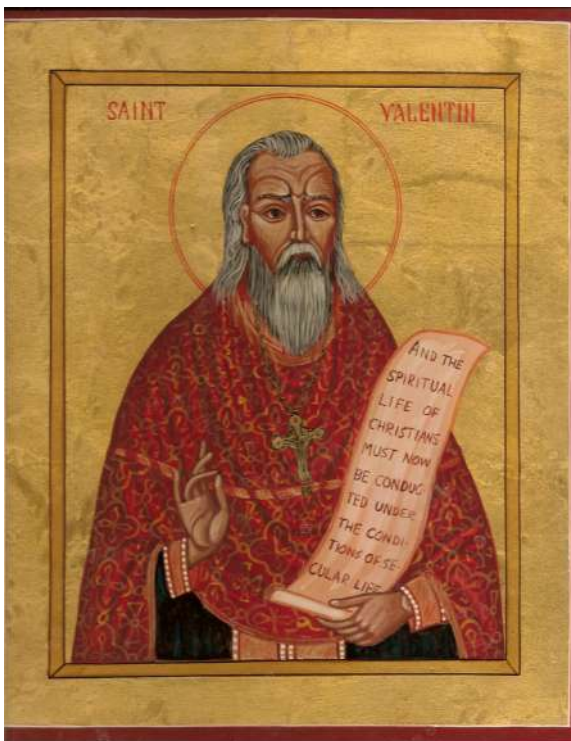
HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Quotation of the week

Today is St. Valentine's Day.

Jesus said ***'Love one another as I have loved you'.***

This week some of our students demonstrated their love for others by visiting the Christian Kitchen, helping to prepare and serve food and talking to the homeless people who benefit from the hard work that they do all year round.



Visit to Dominica

The students who are going on this exciting visit have been fundraising tirelessly for many months. Earlier this week we found out that we have been successful in our bid to the British Council and have been awarded £15,500 towards the cost of the visit.

Relationships and Sex Education

This is a final reminder that we are holding a parents' information/consultation evening on Tuesday 25th February 2020 at 6pm on the Wiseman site when you will be able to hear from the school about our intended approach to RSE from September 2020. We shall have the Diocesan RE Advisor present and a number of our staff on hand to present ideas and to help answer any questions you may have. This event is for parents/carers of all students in all year groups.

Parents' evenings this term

We have parents' evenings for each year group during the spring term and enjoy excellent attendance and support from parents at these events. The remaining ones are listed below for your convenience.

Thurs 27th February - Year 12

Thurs 5th March - Year 10

Thurs 19th March - Year 8

All parents' evenings take place from 4pm to 6.30pm on the site where the year group is based.

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

February half-term

We return from the half-term break on Monday 24th February. Thanks in advance to colleagues who will be delivering revision sessions for students in years 11 and 13 during the half-term. If your child has been invited to attend these sessions then please make sure that they do so.

Parents' surgery

Parents' surgery takes place every Thursday from 4pm to 5pm. If ever, I am unavailable then a senior colleague substitutes for me.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Dr Andy Stone

Headteacher



Sad News

It is with great sadness that we pass on the news that on Sunday night, Dr Stone's wife, Maura, lost her very long and brave battle with cancer. Their son, Sean, is in year 11 at Holy Family. His many friends at school have been a great comfort and support to him both during his mother's illness and particularly throughout this week.

Dr Stone would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support at this very difficult time. He has asked that if anyone would like to do so, donations may be made to the cancer charity that cared for Maura for so many years. We will let you know when a 'Just Giving' page has been set up.

Please keep Dr Stone, Sean and their wider family in your prayers.

SOCIAL MEDIA CATCHUP



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While three-quarters (76%) of secondary school children are using a smartphone regularly at home, *just over a quarter (29%)* use their phone at school*



1 in 3
children

hide websites they've been visiting from parents *while 1 in 5* change the social media safety settings enforced by their parents**



3 out of 10
(30%)



secondary school pupils admit that *they regret things* that they have said online†

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* Source: Techknowledge research 2015

** Conducted by Childwise on behalf of Internet Matters Ltd. Online survey of 1,001 parents of children aged 7-17 2015

† Source: Techknowledge research 2015

**internet
matters.org**

Learn about it/talk about it/deal with it



This week the Justice & Peace group and Peace Club made green heart badges or origami hearts to show their love for everything we want to protect from the climate crisis. One of the badges has been sent to local MP, Stella Creasy to let her know that we are concerned about climate change and we want to create a future where the things we love are protected from climate change. We prayed for the changes needed within our communities, and among the nations, for climate change to be brought under control.

*Guide us Lord, and guide our leaders, to act as you would have us to act.
May our prayers and our actions flow from our love for your creation,
In all its beauty and diversity,
A longing for justice for the poor,
And our commitment to all future generations of your children on this Earth.*

*Amen
©Climate Coalition*

Ash Wednesday (26th February) is the start of the season of Lent where we prepare for the forthcoming feast of Easter. All students will have an opportunity to attend a Liturgy of the Word and distribution of ashes.



Holy Family Year of Sustainability – Live Simply Tip No.18

From each sunrise to every sunset, in every season, and with every breath, may we celebrate our home in creation, and the glorious gift of life.

Pope Francis writes in Laudato Si: Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded. (13)



Thank you

to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants

from

**The Holy Family Catholic
School**

who donated

624 hours

of voluntary service to the local community*

The social value of these hours is

£2,527

* Number of hours of voluntary service
is based on participants who have achieved their
Volunteering section between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019

November 2019

CLARE ARGAR, DIRECTOR – LONDON

6th Formers have been out and about this week getting creative

On Monday a group of students were lucky enough to have the chance to visit the October gallery in Russell Square to participate in a Sculpture workshop.

Here's what one of the students had to say:

"It was really fun, we received a talk on the gallery and sculpture making then we were given the chance to make our own sculpture molds after this we made mini sculptures using miscellaneous items like seashells. Overall the experience was really fun and eye opening into the different aspects of art."

-Bianca Gonzales 12.P



Year 12 photography students working with film cameras and developing the photos!!



Deloitte Technology, Media and Telecommunications Challenge

The Deloitte Technology, Media and Telecommunications Challenge is an exciting opportunity where teams are able to develop skills in communication and presenting, while also gaining an insight into the future trends that are shaping our world. This year's theme is based around the smartphone multiplier market. Last Wednesday, three groups presented their ideas to members of the Deloitte company, who were judging us based on our research, innovation, scalability and the social impact of our products.

The three groups were named 'Sonorous', 'Ability' and 'Team Lightbulb'. Each group came up with their own product idea and had to give presentations based on the product.

Team 'Sonorous' invented the idea of solar powered earphones with a biodegradable case that doubles as a portable charger for your phone. The group focused on the environmental benefits of the product, considering the climate crisis occurring currently, and excellently highlighted the earplug's social impact.



Team 'Lightbulb' focused their product on education and schooling. They invented an app named 'Studioso' whereby students are able to revise through the song of their choice. For example, they would be able to transfer their notes into a favourite song, allowing them to memorise the notes in a quicker and more fun way!

Team Ability's product was earplugs for the visually impaired; the product reflects upon the hardships of those with sight problems, and aims to help them in order to gain some independence. The earplugs have a GPS device, modes of communication and many more aspects to help the visually impaired. The group focused mainly on the social impact of this product, and how it would help so many people in the long term.

The winning teams were 'Ability' and 'Sonorous' who will be merging together and going to the next round, where they will present in front of companies such as Google and Amazon!!

Written by **Chloe Contaldo**

TEAM LIGHTBULB:

Marc, Mia, Marianne, Jezreel, Bianca, Jessica and Germaine.



TEAM SONOROUS:

Hilary, Euan, Kaylan, Similio and Jan.



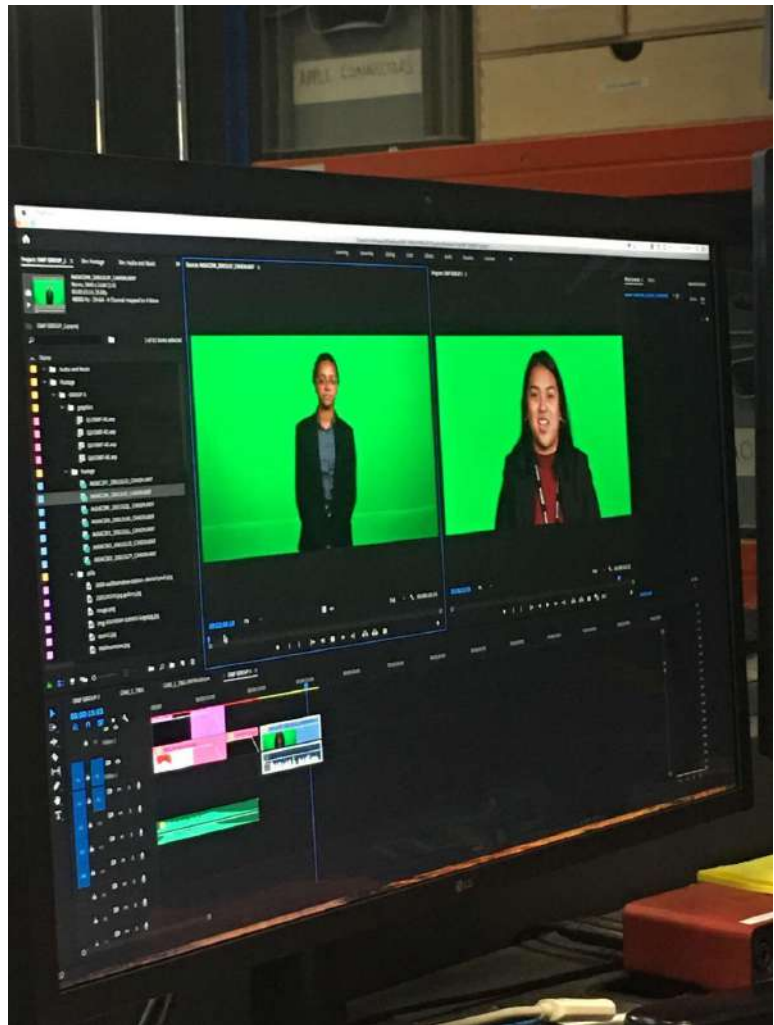
TEAM ABILITY:

Chloe, Michael, Joel.

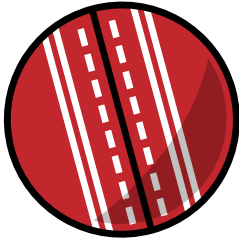


Deloitte IT & Creative Media trip

Photos of the 'News Articles' our 6th Form (IT, Media & Film Studies) students created on their IT & Creative Media trip at Deloitte. Our students were required to create a storyboard and script for a news item on either a factual story around their local community or a fictional piece which could be viewed as 'fake news' item. The production manager was really impressed with the quality of the content produced by our students given the time constraints.

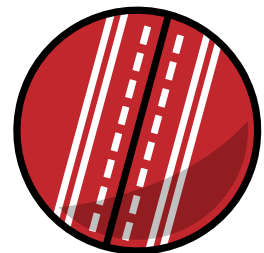


SPORTS UPDATE



Yr 7 and 8 cricketers giving up their Saturday to represent WF in LYG. The girls were fantastic showing enthusiasm as individuals and as part of a team .

A massive thank you to Jen our cricket coach and Ms Lloyd for accompanying the girls on the day .





Year 8 Boys representing Waltham Forest at the Copper Box in the London Youth Games this week.
They began with a lovely moment of group prayer.
Check out our Instagram story highlights to see the team in action! @hfcswaltham



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What we look for

We're on the lookout for enthusiastic self-starters who are quick to learn and always up for a challenge. You'll be working on a wide variety of projects, so it's important that you're adaptable and highly organised. Strong verbal and written communication skills are essential as you'll be communicating at all levels, often explaining complex information both in meetings and in written reports. We also look for team players who enjoy interacting with others and are curious about how businesses work.

If that sounds like you, we know you'll enjoy being part of our team.

Entry Requirements

At RSM, we don't just look for good exam results. We think passion, personality and originality are just as important.

You will need:

- 112 UCAS (new tariff) across 3 A Levels or 104 (new tariff) across 4 Highers/Advanced Highers.

UCAS changed their points system so under the old tariff it would be 280 or 260 points respectively.

D&T ASSEMBLED

TEXTILES CLUB
EMOJI CUSHIONS ARE COMING ALONG WELL!



EMOJI CUSHIONS ARE FINISHED! HOW PROFESSIONAL DO THEY LOOK



D&T ASSEMBLED

HANDMADE BOXES BY YEAR 9, DECORATED USING THE LASER CUTTER



LGBT+ Month

LGBT & CHRISTIANITY TALK

As it is LGBT+ month, discussions surrounding this topic have been held throughout the school this past week. On Thursday evening, a talk about the connections between LGBT+ and Christianity was led by Mr Norman, with the help of Mr Shah and Ms Osei. Students from all year groups attended, giving their insight into the issues discussed, and contributed to ideas highlighted in the talk. We talked about the views from different Christian denominations, and in particular, how accepting both Catholicism and the LGBT+ community is possible. In many teachings, Jesus has taught us to love our neighbours, meaning we should accept all members of society, no matter their sexuality, race, gender, or any other differences. The room was a safe space, allowing everyone to express their opinions and views, which sparked many interesting and insightful discussions about LGBT+ and Christianity. Overall, the talk highlighted the acceptance of the LGBT+ community regardless of religion, and most of all, the acceptance of love and relationships in any form.

Chole Contaldo



LGBT+ Month Whats on?

DEBATE & DISCUSSION WORKSHOP

Tuesday 11th Feb.
3:20pm
U04

*Topic: The N-word and the B-word,
is there any difference?*

DEBATE & DISCUSSION WORKSHOP

Thursday 13th Feb.
3:20pm
U04

Topic: LGBT+ and Christianity

LGBT+ HISTORY & CURRENT AFFAIRS

in History + Politics lessons

STAFF TRAINING DISCUSSIONS & CHALLENGES

ASSEMBLIES & FORM-TIME ACTIVITIES

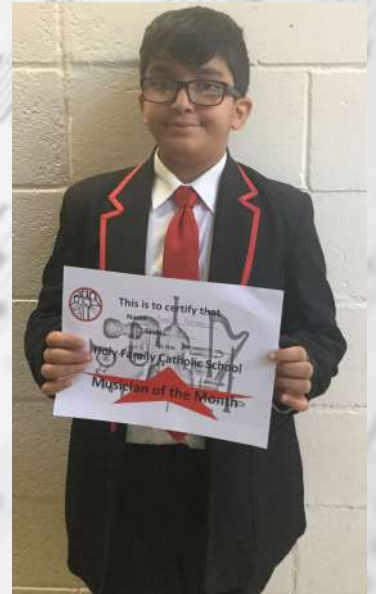
ARTICLE WRITTEN BY DR STONE IN FAMILY MATTERS



MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH

ANDREAS ARGYROU 7E

Andreas achieved the award for January because he achieved the best mark in his year group alongside this he encouraged others to achieve and generally went above and beyond the expectations of a year 7 student in music.



**Thursday
Lunchtime
Starting
6th February
Music Room**

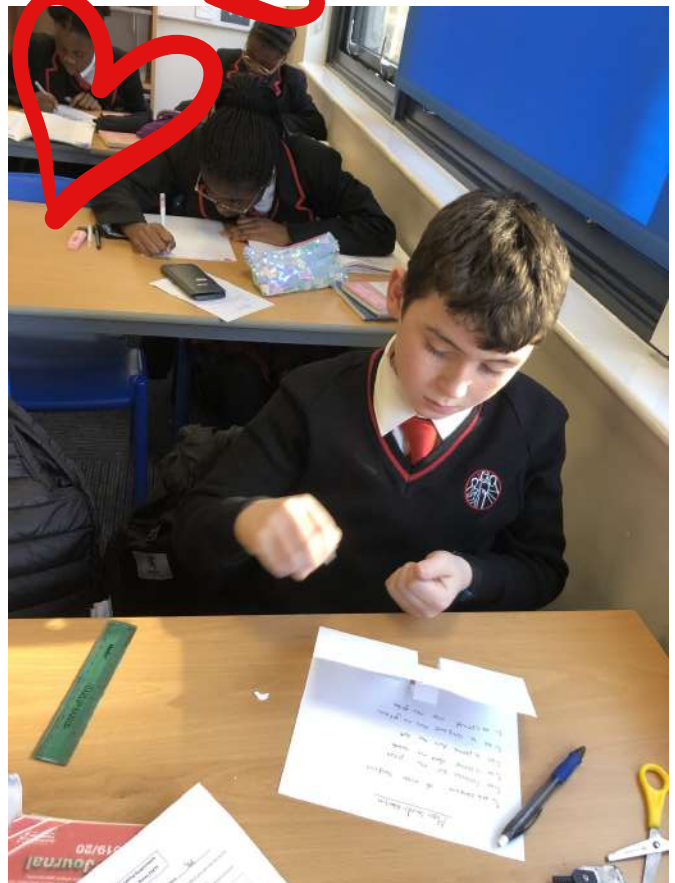
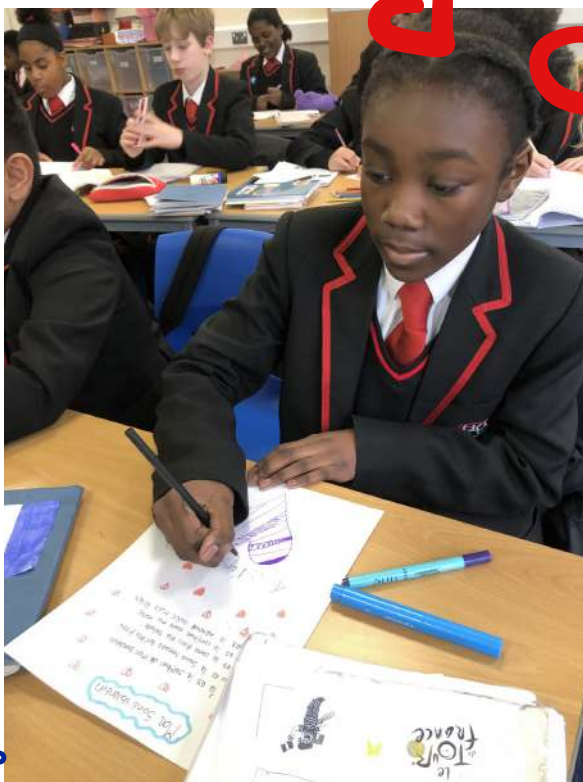
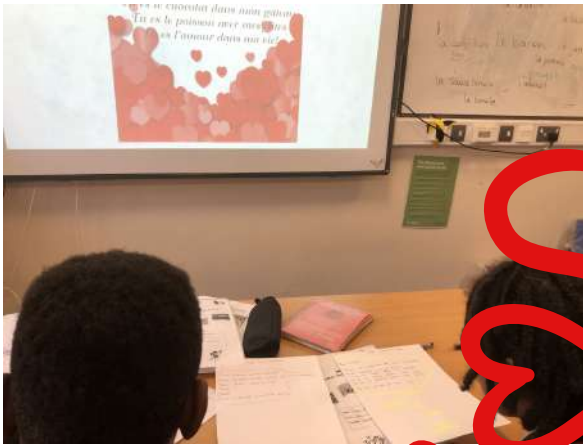
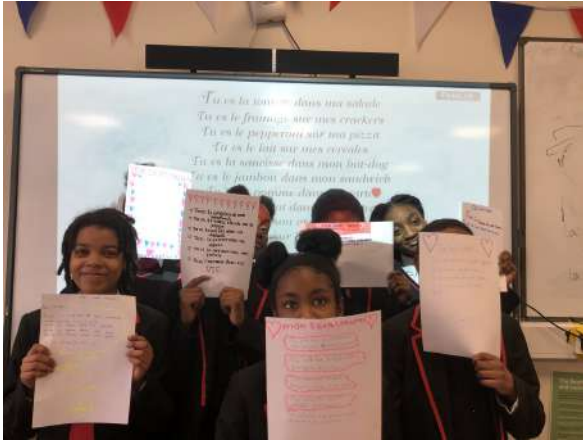
Year 7

Glee Club

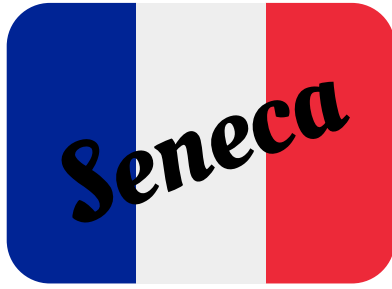


♥ MFL love poems! ♥

7A have worked on writing their own little Valentine's day poem in French



MFL Champions!



Davishka M.
Thomas M.
Ted T.
Anabel C.
Naomi H.
Priscilla A.
Quincy Y.



Aishah S.

Wilton B.
Caden C.
Omari P-J.
Alison T.
Wiktoria M.
Eva P.
Eduard K.
Jayden A.

Tiago C.
William G.



See Mr Wilbraham for more
information

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Activities

17th - 20th February 2020 (10am - 3pm)

Follow up sessions:
26th Feb, 11th and 25th March, 1st April (5.30pm - 7.30pm)

For 11 - 16 years old only
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Alternatively please contact Joanna on 0771 917 0017 or email joanna.vasanth@mvpworkshops.co.uk

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