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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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*"This court has already
concluded that the Prime
Minister's advice to the
Queen was unlawful,
void and of no effect"*
*Lady Hale, Head of the
UK Supreme Court*

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

What a week in politics!

It has been an interesting week in politics with the Prime Minister's decision to prorogue parliament being overturned by the Supreme Court on Tuesday. How many of us knew the word 'prorogue' even a few weeks ago? There is great uncertainty in the world at the moment. Perhaps this illustrates the importance of our Catholic faith and the values by which we seek to live - love, justice, fidelity, tolerance, respect and care for our neighbour. Whatever the vicissitudes of political life our values keep us steady.

Well done to Yr 7

We've been very pleased and impressed with our new cohort of Yr 7 students. They are very polite and well-mannered and are quickly learning the Holy Family Way. There's a lot to get used to at secondary school, not least moving around the school buildings from one class to another and having to pack your bag each evening to make sure you've got the correct books and equipment. They are doing very well so far!

High praise at St Philomena House Mass

We were delighted to hear via Fr Niall at OLSG that a visitor to the parish had been so impressed with the behaviour and reverence that our students demonstrated at the parish Mass on Wednesday morning this week that he made a point of complimenting Fr Niall on the students' conduct. The visitor remarked upon the students' "dignity and participation in the Mass", which was lovely to hear. We always impress upon our students that they are ambassadors for their school and that their behaviour is noticed when they are out in public, be that in church, on public transport or when they are out on a school trip.

Did you know?

Did you know that Leytonstone resident and former Holy Family pupil Philip 'QuickSilver' Bowes is a Commonwealth Boxing Champion? Mr Bowes is looking to establish a boxing academy in the borough and he will be visiting Holy Family in the not too distant future to talk about his career and his journey to gaining a Commonwealth Boxing Belt. We're always delighted to hear about our alumni's achievements. If you know of any other success stories please let us know.

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Sixth Form Enrichment

All our Yr 12 students sign up for our enrichment programme when they join the sixth form. Enrichment involves taking up two different types of activity. One is a personal development activity - perhaps playing sport, or learning an instrument, or a new skill such as cooking or photography. The other form is called community enrichment and all students must give some of their time each week to helping out either in the school or wider community. One very successful element of this is called Holy Family Family Time when Yr 12 students work with Yr 7 students and listen to them reading, advise and mentor them and help them with any problems they may have. It's a great example of living out our Christian values.

Open Evening

Our Open Evening took place this week and we were delighted to welcome many parents to the school. It is not necessary to be a Catholic to attend Holy Family; indeed we welcome applications from all parts of the community and we hope to offer a high quality Catholic education to everyone who joins us. Our students were excellent ambassadors for the school at the Open Evening and we are very grateful to them for all their hard work and commitment to their school.

Parents' surgery

Parents' surgery is every Thursday from 4pm to 5pm on the Walthamstow site. For those new to the school, parents' surgery presents an opportunity to see me, as the headteacher, without an appointment about any concerns that you may have. If ever I am unavailable, a member of the senior team substitutes for me.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Dr Andy Stone - Headteacher



Headteacher **COMMENDATIONS**

We have commendations this week Holy Family Media and Film students who supported this week's Future Film Focus event.

Well done to:

Hilary Kezia El-Msury

Joshua Duffy

Mary Jane Viado

Sereena Lakeman

Liza Fletcher, founder of E17 Films and organiser of this Future Film Focus event which brings industry professionals to speak with students about the creative pathways available to them, said, "I am always impressed at the attitude of Holy Family students but I think that they did themselves proud today and were organised, polite and hard working, powering the event held at Leytonstone School consisting of media and film panelists and organisations."

FUTURE FILM FOCUS

#LEYTONSTONELOVESFILM



This week, we were given the chance to attend the second Future Film Focus as part of the #LeytonstoneLovesFilm season. The second annual event brings industry professionals together from the areas of film and media to help and inspire young Media & Film students in the borough to pursue their passion into the creative industries.

Many of the panelists at the event are proud alumni of Holy Family, Shola Adesina, Tyrell Charles and Tamuka Walker, were among the inspiring and encouraging panel we listened to. Our Film and Media students in Years 12 and 13 were among the audience to take in what the speakers had to say and what advice they had to offer to encourage the students to keep going and grabbing every opportunity they have in front of them!

As well as having our students as members of the audience, some of our Year 13 students: Joshua, Sereena, Hilary and Mary-Jane were a part of the behind the scenes and film crew with Liza Fletcher (founder of E17 Films) who coordinated this whole event.

The young film crew had duties such as being runners, managing the social media page for E17 Films, directing the event, and being part of the camera crew. This gave the students an insight as to what working in the film and media industry is like as well as being able to have the confidence to be able to express their talents and capabilities within the work experience they had.

It gave a pleasing and motivating moment to both students and attendees to see such companies and individuals be promoted and express their successes along with showcasing their work through the form of a short video - giving a true representation of their efforts and passions through visual representations. Students were able to network with professionals from MTV, ITV, ITN, documentary filmmakers and many others.

We are always so grateful for opportunities like these as it allows students to create a collection of their experiences and continue to grow within the potentials that they have through listening and absorbing the journeys delivered.

Article Written by: Mary Jane Viado Year 13



Left: Head Boy and Film Student Joshua on camera and learning from ex-student, now filmmaker, Shola.



Current year 12 students had the opportunity to speak to industry professionals and make contacts. Year 13 students made an excellent impression helping to host the event and ensure everything ran smoothly.





E17 Film Festival
@E17FilmFest

@tyrellfilms says: "my proudest moment so far is that I've learnt to not be afraid of what I'm doing and to not take judgement so heavily." Tyrell, a proud alumni of @HFCSWaltham gives credit to learning and creating within his media lessons during his time there



E17 Film Festival
@E17FilmFest

Another alumni of @HFCSWaltham Tamuka, camera operator for ITV states that demotivation was an encouragement to get him to where he is right now, 'keep having faith within yourself and keep going forward'!!! #FutureFilmFocus #LivingTheFutureLife



*Holy Family Alumni
inspiring our current
Film and Media
students.*

SOCIAL MEDIA CATCHUP



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A BIG thank you to our student helpers tonight at Open Evening - they did a great job of showcasing The Holy Family Way! If you missed Open Evening you can always join us for one of our Open Mornings - check out our website for more details [#aspire](#)



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hfcswaltham All of our Drama and Performing Arts students we privileged to watch a live performance of "The Border" by The Performance Centre today [#aspire](#)

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DID YOU MISS OUR OPEN EVENING? JOIN ONE OF OUR OPEN MORNINGS



Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form

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OF RECORD BREAKING EXAM RESULTS

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Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form

ASPIRE TO THE HOLY FAMILY WAY

Open Mornings

Did you miss our Open Evening?

We will be holding Open Mornings for Parents/Carers to take a look around Holy Family Catholic School for applications September 2020 on:

Friday 4th October 2019 – 10am

Friday 11th October 2019 – 11.30am

Friday 18th October 2019 – 10am

To book your place please email Ms L. Gaynor – l.gaynor@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk

We look forward to meeting you.

1, Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, E17 3EA



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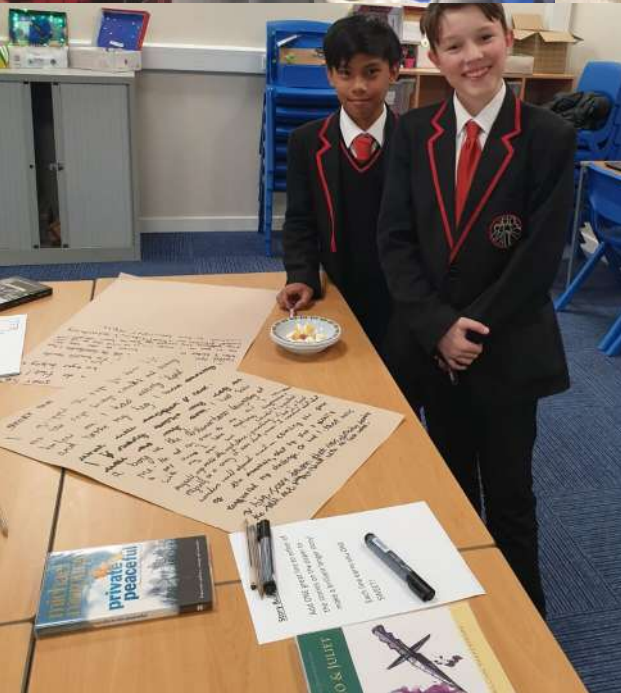


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OPEN EVENING FUN!



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR STUDENT HELPERS



Year 8 Super Stars

A feature dedicated to year 8 students who are going above and beyond to embody the Holy Family Way!

Maria Silvani
8E



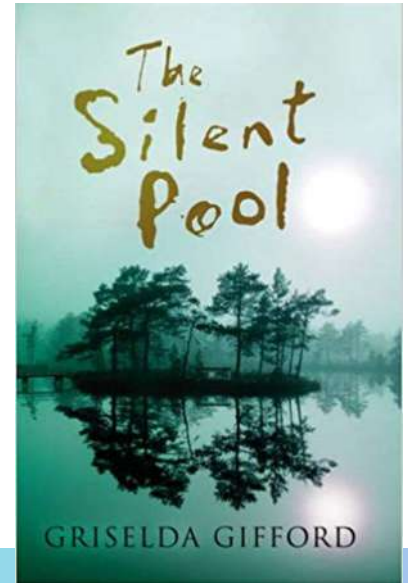
*This is for being an
exceptional student
and contributing to
the Holy Family Way.*

Year 8 Book Review Corner

THE SILENT POOL

Reviewed by:

Giulia Distefano 8R



Plot:

The parents of twins split up because the wife found out his husband was a gypsy. So the dad and the sisters went to live in their grandmother's house for a bit while the mother is on duty as an ambulance doctor. The twins make a friend called Jake Cleremont while they were wandering where they were not allowed they found a tomb 100 years old and was one of Jake's relative and he says that the person that killed his relative has put a curse to the family. But suddenly they heard "HELP, I'M HERE". So they are trying to find the lost key to open the tomb that has shocked and frightened them all and don't know what to do or who to tell.

Characters:

There is Charlie and Cass they are twins they are both adventures but Charlie has the most courage. There are the parents and grandmother that always say to the kids to not get in to trouble but they don't listen because they never give up.

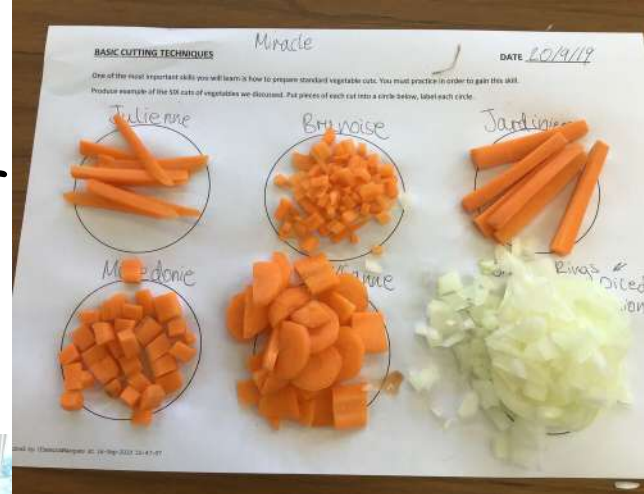
Summary:

I would recommend this book if you like cliff hangers and books that shocks you a bit. I like this book because if you're a person that has a bit of low self-esteem then this book will help you to boost your confidence in yourself. If you don't try everything then you don't your limits!



LET'S GET CHOPPING!

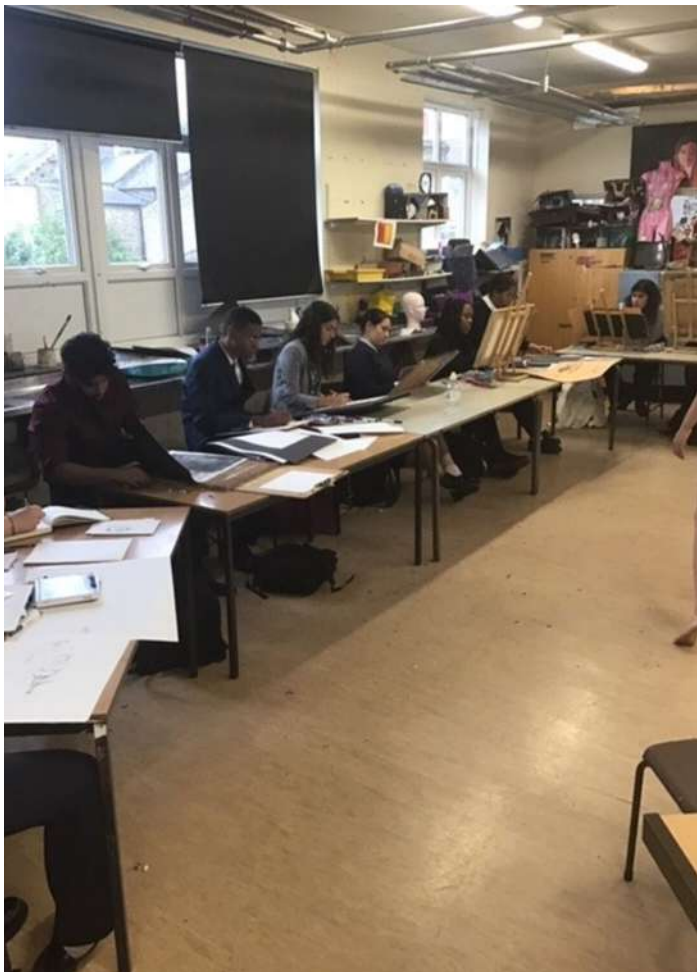
Year 9's developing their skills in Hospitality and Catering last week!



LIFE DRAWING

A-Level Art

As you are no doubt aware, if you want to go onto study Art, Architecture, Graphics, Fashion, Animation or any other area that requires visual skills you must have a portfolio of work. At Holy Family we offer a ten week Life Drawing class that is recommended by colleges and Universities.



LIFE DRAWING

A-Level Art

For any visual artist drawing from and understanding the figure is fundamental as a practice, to train the eye to see accurately and observe emotion and gesture. This is a unique opportunity for Holy Family art students to develop their observational drawings skills and to start creating a visual portfolio. We hope that this will provide more choice for students who wish to study the above subjects at A-Level and Degree level.



House Celebration Day

ST. PHILOMENA

St Philomena's House Celebration was excellent this week! The students, as usual displayed perfect behaviour despite the heavy rain. So much so that we were sent this message from Fr. Niall, "A visitor came up to me after the Mass. He told me how impressed he was with the students dignity, participation and was very surprised with the number who went to Holy Communion." We are always proud of our students but especially so in moments like this. - Miss Scott.



Chaplaincy Corner

This week we belatedly celebrated the Mass for St Philomena House, whose Feast Day falls during the summer holiday on 10 August.

All our House Saints have a word associated with them and St Philomena's is "participation". Whilst all students participated in the Mass, special mention goes to our Readers, Patrick, Khanh, Ayomide and Ceno and to our Year 7 Altar Servers, Alexandra, Rory and Crystal and to Gloria and XXX from the sixth form for the Offertory.



MRS GRIERSON

Chaplaincy Corner

Thank you to Fr Niall and the parishioners of Our Lady & St George for making us so welcome. St Philomena is the Patron Saint of infants, babies and young people and prayers were said for young people in our school, in our community and those who may be struggling or unwell.

St Philomena, you are the patron for the young – we pray for all the students of this school and young people everywhere. May they grow in faith and love of God and be beacons of hope to our world today.

For doctors, healthcare professionals, social workers and teachers, that they may deal gently and kindly with those young people who are struggling and need help.

Amen



Holy Family Year of Sustainability – Live Simply Tip No.1
USE CLOTH BAGS INSTEAD OF PLASTIC CARRIER BAGS

Pope Francis asks in his encyclical *Laudato Si*

160 What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? The issue is one which dramatically affects us, for it has to do with the ultimate meaning of our earthly sojourn

Courtyard

Supporting young people in our parish and school communities

Our Lady & St George, Our Lady of the Rosary & St Patrick, St Joseph and Holy Family School and 6th Form

No youth activities? What does the parish do for young people? Sadly, the answer is next to nothing and this must change. Courtyard is a fresh approach for parishes and schools to engage with young people.

Come and learn about the Courtyard project on Saturday, 5th October at Our Lady & St George parish hall, 132 Shernhall Street E17 9HU – 10.30am - 3.30pm

(tea & coffee provided, but please bring a packed lunch – car parking on site)

Today young people face new threats from social media bullying, substance abuse, hate, gang violence and knife crime. Courtyard is a parish-based way to support to them.

CourtYard is provided by the charity, Million Minutes (charity number 1140079) and supported by Caritas Westminster.



YOUTH GOSPEL CHOIR

**A new joint initiative by Our Lady & St George, St Joseph and
Our Lady of the Rosary & St Patrick parishes**

For young people ages 13 to 25 years old. To be held in St. George's Main Hall 6.30 pm–
8.30 pm from on Thursday 26 September 2019. *TERM TIME ONLY*

APPLICATION FORMS

AVAILABLE FROM EACH PARISH THE WEEK END 21/22 SEPTEMBER 2019, or

MRS GRIERSON (LOWER SITE EMMAUS ROOM OR UPPER SITE CHAPEL)

Forms to be completed by young person and parent/guardian and taken to first meeting 26
September 2019

WANTED: KEY BOARD PLAYER to support the choir, if that person is YOU we would be
interested in hearing from you.



PROJECT POLAND

On Friday, 25th October our Year 8 students will be participating in an event called Project Poland. This is a very exciting event and forms part of the Polish centenary celebrations. The project exists so that school children in the UK can get to know more about Poland, Polish people in the UK and our shared stories. Students discover diversity in Polish history and learn about the concept of migration and understand more about causation. The project promotes the importance of social cohesion and tolerance and the students will acquire an appreciation of a different culture. Students will be actively engaged and there is the possibility of being invited to the reception at the Polish embassy on 5th February 2020.

Here are some interesting facts:

- Bonds have been forged between the two countries since the 15th century
- Polish people fought alongside the British to defeat fascism in WW2
- Many Poles settled in the UK immediately after the War
- Since Poland joined the EU in 2004 thousands of Poles have emigrated to the UK
- Polish people are now the UK's largest foreign-born community.
- 2018 was the 100th anniversary of Poland regaining its independence.



Format of the Day:

Lesson 1:

Introduction

(Context) - How have Polish people enriched my life?

Lessons 2-3:

Connection - What can I learn from interviewing a Polish person?

Lessons 4-5:

Community -
Community Cohesion
Project

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



PROJECT POLAND

Lessons 2 and 3 require the students to interview a Polish person about their experiences in coming to the UK.

We would be delighted if any parents who are Polish would like to join us on the day so that students have the experience of an authentic encounter with Polish people who have migrated to the UK.

It does not matter if you can only stay a short while or for the duration of the day. You are very welcome to share your experiences and stories with our children. You will be working alongside teachers delivering the sessions and helping students to understand and value the aims of the day. The students will be doing a short interview with you as part of their learning.

If you can help please email Mrs Heath:

j.heath17.320@lgflmail.org



YEAR 11

ENGLISH MASTER- CLASSES

**LECTURE
THEATRE
3.20PM START
TIME**

**Thursday 3rd
October**

A Christmas Carol: Context

**Thursday 10th
October**

Reading Between the Lines (Literature & Language)

**Thursday 17th
October**

An Inspector Calls: Context

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WEDNESDAY 17TH OCTOBER

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