

FAMILY MATTERS

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

*'Double, double, toil
and trouble; Fire
burn, and cauldron
bubble', William
Shakespeare, Macbeth*

HALF-TERM SUCCESS!

THIS ISSUE IS FILLED TO THE
BRIM WITH CONGRATULATIONS
& CELEBRATIONS



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Quotation of the week

‘Double, double, toil and trouble; Fire burn, and cauldron bubble’, William Shakespeare, Macbeth

Halloween falls next week during half-term and the 31st October was also supposed to be Brexit Day. That doesn't seem to be the case, but the feeling now seems to be that we will still be in the European Union when we return to school on Monday 4th November.

A month of remembrance

We shall then find ourselves in the month of November, a time of remembrance for all of us. We remember our family members who have died and we celebrate our whole school Mass of Remembrance on Thursday 7th November in the Waltham Forest Assembly Rooms. Students will be dismissed from there at approximately 3.10pm. I say approximately because we can't be entirely sure how long the Mass will last.

First class

Congratulations to former student Brandon Quirin who recently graduated with a first class degree in software engineering from Brunel University.

Our expectations of behaviour

Our expectations of behaviour are very high and we are there to correct and guide students. What we are not there for is to be constantly questioned by some of our students as to why they are being pulled up for breaches of the behaviour code. It is hugely wearing for the staff. It is very tiring to always be asked why? Toddlers and young children do this with their questions and it is not easy to keep patience with them. Teenagers often want to answer back and this needs to change. We are not here to constantly be questioned about what the students are told. We are in loco parentis meaning in place of parents when your children are at school and in the same way that no-one's family runs as a democracy neither does school. It is exceptionally tiresome to be constantly questioned about what should be commonly understood expectations.

For example: we don't allow ear-rings and nail varnish. If you come to school wearing nail varnish you will be told to remove it. You are inviting an unnecessary confrontation. We don't expect to have to be questioned and explain why nail varnish is not permitted when it should be commonly understood.

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

A second example, you are expected to take your hood off in the building. Why? Well, because it is a school rule and the reason we have it as a school rule is twofold. First, that it is not possible to identify students if they have hoods on and second, because the commonly understood expectations in society are that when we are indoors we don't wear hoods and hats inside a building.

Rudeness from a student in response to such points of correction can cause such incidents to escalate and can lead to students saying things which they later regret.

As I'm sure everyone appreciates, teaching can be a very difficult job. Teaching teenagers can be very challenging. Parenting just one teenager can be very difficult. We often teach classes of 30 who all want their individual needs to be met. It's very difficult and we ask for your support in talking to your sons/daughters about not answering back and doing the right thing.

We will be taking a hard line on students answering back when we return to school after the break and I ask for your support and understanding with this.

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.

Enjoy the week off and we return to school at the usual time on Monday 4th November.

Dr Andy Stone - Headteacher



Headteacher COMMENDATIONS

This week we have commendations for a number of students:

Ms Salahy nominates **Shawn Edwards (9An)** who has taken up the role as Head Chef during food practical lessons.

He is responsible for leading the catering staff (our students), by ensuring they are working effectively, giving words of encouragement, taking charge to make sure dishes are prepared on time and ready for service. He has demonstrated fantastic leadership skills in managing a catering environment. Well done to him.



Headteacher **COMMENDATIONS**

Mrs Perera nominates **Ozge Aytun (8EL)** and **Chloe Glanville (8EL)** for their excellent organisational skills, their support for others in lesson specially when it comes to cleaning and their great enthusiasm in Food – Product Design lesson.

Ms Skullion nominates **Amelia Walas 8Ri** for consistent excellent effort in English.

Ms Atakan nominates **Aleesha Loates 8S** for her fantastic efforts in leading the class assembly on Unsung Heroes.



Headteacher **COMMENDATIONS**

Ms Gaynor nominates the following two students for Headteacher

Commendations: **Akinlolu (Lolu)**

Akinsanya 7R and Maria Shotikare 8E

For the past three Fridays they have been guides for the Open Morning tours. They were outstanding ambassadors for the school, they took on this responsibility with such maturity and grace. The large groups of parents and junior school children they toured around were all so complimentary about how fantastic Lolu and Maria were. The pair answered many questions and helped parents by truly embodying the Holy Family Way.

SOCIAL MEDIA CATCHUP



Holy Family Waltham
@HFCSWaltham

Busy year 7 assembly today, led by the student prefects on the theme of friends and heroes. Peace Club announced the winner of guess the number of sweets for Harvest fundraising @CAFODSchools and Mr Harvey from @GideonsUK distributed New Testament books to students #ASPIRE



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hfcswaltham Year 10 were building their public speaking skills today for the @jackpetcheyfoundation Speak Out Challenge. We had some incredible topics and thought provoking speeches. Our students will be attending the borough final on the 20th November #aspire #speakoutchallenge #aspire

6 days ago





And the winner is ... Christabel!

Christabel (7lg) was the lucky winner of Guess the Number of Sweets in the Jar – our Harvest Fundraiser for **CAFOD**.

Kaylah-Lee, Davina and Berenise put together a lovely certificate and presented the jar of sweets to Christabel during the Year 7 assembly.

Well done all!

Missio joined us for a Retreat last term and we have received a lovely thank you for our donation, raised by the current Year 9s.



We also received acknowledgement from Bishop Declan Lang, of the school's **livesimply** plan – part of our Year of Sustainability. Linked with CAFOD, The **livesimply** award is an opportunity for Catholic communities - parishes, schools, religious orders and chaplaincies - to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in *Laudato Si'* to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us"

*Compassionate and loving God,
you created a beautiful world for us to share:
Give us the desire to live simply,
so that our lives show your generosity.
You made us responsible for the earth:
guide us so that those who come after us may enjoy your creation.
Amen.*



Holy Family Year of Sustainability – Live Simply Tip No.5

Don't leave appliances on standby. The Energy Savings Trust estimated that each UK household spends around £50-86 a year powering appliances left in standby mode or not in use!

Pope Francis writes in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*

#202 Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change.

Mrs Grierson, Chaplain

Our Lady of the Rosary & St Patrick's

CONFIRMATION 2019-2020: Application forms are now available in the church porch for enrolment into the Confirmation program 2019-2020. This program is open to youth in Year 10 and above who wish to make their confirmation here in St Patrick's. Completed forms must be brought back to the Presbytery no later than **Monday 4th November** and will only be accepted with a copy of the candidate's baptismal certificate attached.

YEAR 8 SUPERSTARS



Jackie
Collette 8I



Maame
Asante 8P



Nathan
Chan 8E



Aleesha
Loates 8S



Michael
Oluwanisola 8R



Alison
Teves 8E



Daniela
Flores
8Ri

For being an
exceptional
student and
contributing
to the
Holy Family Way



Cuba
Durant 8E

TIPS

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

THIS WEEK WE HEAR FROM
JOSH TORREVILLAS 8EL



My year 7 seven experience was nothing like any experience I've had before. The teachers in our school are supportive and encouraging.

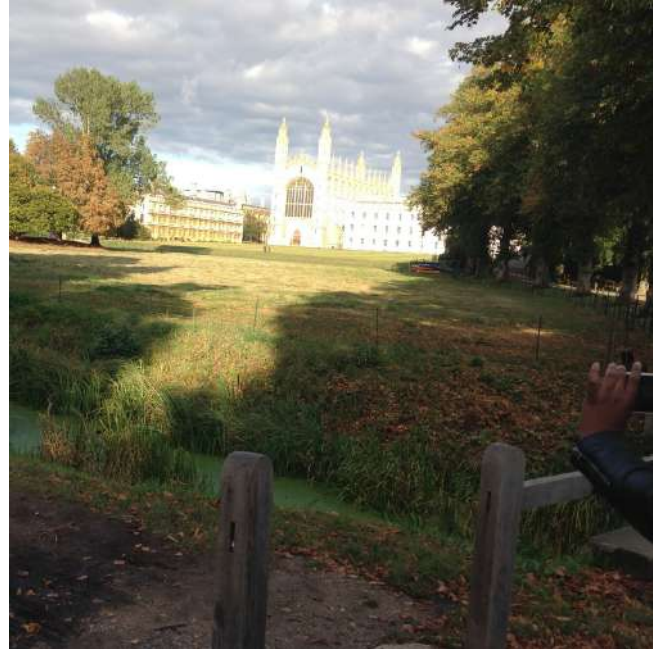
- Do something that makes you happy
- Strive for the highest score
- Don't give up easily
- Work hard
- And Finally just try to enjoy the experience because it's going to get harder

DEBATE PREPARATIONS IN FULL SWING.

The first coaching session for the East London Business Alliance debating competition took place recently. We are reigning champions so are preparing hard to retain our title. We had coaches from Pinsent Masons law firm and Contain Group here to coach the students in their preparation! We'll be defending our title at Pinsent Masons head quarters in Liverpool Street on December 6th...watch this space!



Women in Economics Cambridge University Visit



On the 25th of September, along with Ms Butt five girls including myself attended the Women in Economics Day 2019 at Gonville & Caius College, University of Cambridge. The key speaker was Victoria Batemen and she gave a talk about her latest book, *The Sex Factor: How Women Made the West Rich*. This was then followed by a talk from graduate students on what it's like to study economics at university, which was really helpful and inspiring. As well as hearing from influential and inspiring women in the field of Economics, we enjoyed lunch in the College Hall and had time to explore the historic Old Courts as well as enjoy taking in the beautiful scenery. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and really informative.

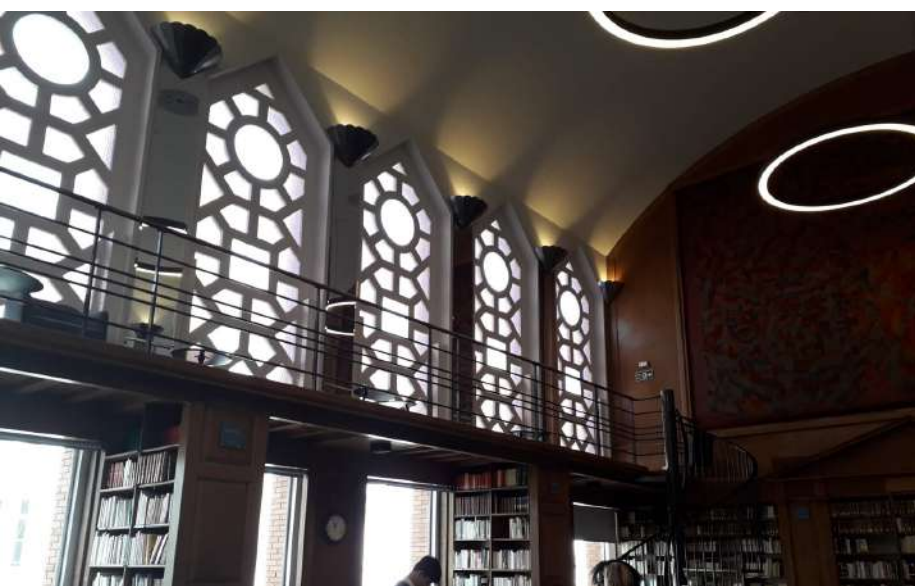


Sixth Form Trip to the

FRENCH INSTITUTE

South Kensington

Our students represented the school exceptionally well. They were praised for their impeccable behaviour and attitude and managed to win the Second World War quiz against five other colleges. All our students were really engaged in using the library and very interested in discovering this French quarter of London where they are now planning to return for more French input in their education.





Students' comments: "On Thursday 10th October our Year 13 French class attended sessions on the topic of World War Two at the French Institute in South Kensington. The first session focused on France and their involvement in the war but this was only a brief introduction to what we then discovered about France from the library books which we were instructed to browse through for more information. After that, we were tested on what we had learned from our research through an online quiz. The final activity of the day was watching the French movie 'Au revoir les enfants', based on a story from World War Two, which showed war from children's perspectives and their view on Jewish people as well as the French society's view on Jews.

My trip to the 'Institut Francais' in South Kensington was a very educational trip for me as I have been able to learn about the history of France during the Second World War and I have also been able to use the French library for extra research for my Independent Research Project for my French A level course.



Year 12 Prefect Team 2019/2020

ANNA MAXFIELDY
EAMON MCGRATHY
CALLUM CUTMORE
IMMANUEL BABARAN
JEZREEL COPAY
PATRYK NIEMCZYK
STEPHEN SIMONY
CHLOE CONTALDOY
VALENTINA CORREAY
PAULINE SSEMUGUMBAY
SHEKINAH ALLENY
VANESSA FORDJOUR

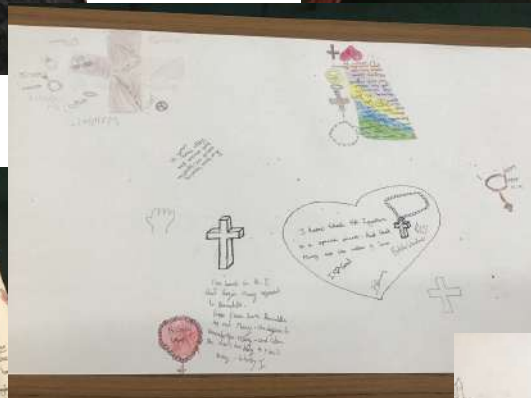
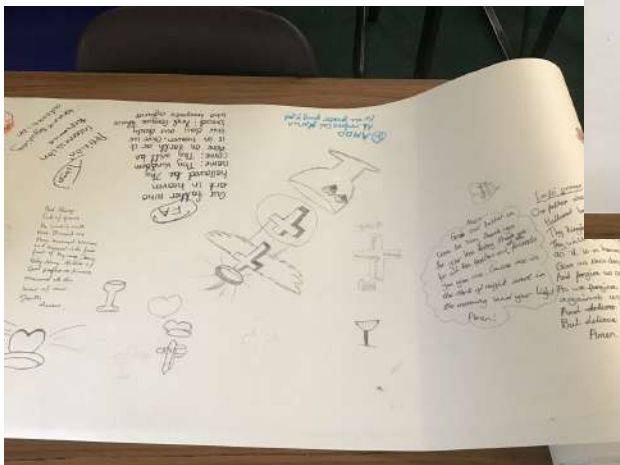
Congratulations to
the new Year 12
Prefect Team – they
went through a
grueling interview
process to secure
the position.



This week in...

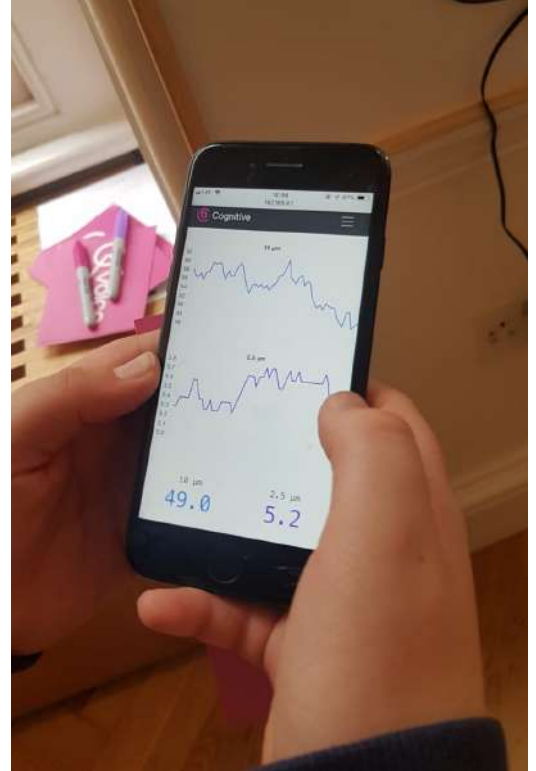
DR. WILKINSON'S RE LESSON...

The students have been using a long roll of paper in order to show progress by forms/individuals over time.



THE FUTURE OF TECHNOLOGY

BY THOMAS MASTERSON 8A



This week I was invited to participate in a very prestigious AI talk hosted by Mozilla at the Royal Society of Arts in London. I was selected as I had previously worked with them at their annual technology festival. Me and my group were the only children invited, which made it quite scary. If you didn't know, AI stands for Artificial Intelligence and is a machine capable of learning from its experiences and thus theoretically thinking for itself. Primitive forms of this already exist in algorithms used by Google, Facebook and Alexa.

After the main talk we split into groups, watching tech demos and forming discussions. We hypothesised which jobs were in danger of being done by unpaid robots, such as self driving taxis and automatic surgical equipment. A discussion that came up was a debate whether or not robots could be used as judge and jury rolled into one. People suggested that a hackable system of law is unwise, whilst the opposition counters that the people who can hack an AI are a far smaller group than those who can threaten and bribe a Jury.



So, the question arose of are we in danger of growing up in a world where the job market is flooded by androids which can do a job faster and better than a human? We debated this at length and came to the conclusion that while it's inevitable some jobs will be automated, there are certain, more creative jobs- like artists and writers- not to mention jobs that can't be entrusted to robots, like MP's or police officers that are safe, at least for the foreseeable future.

Overall I learned these things and more at this amazing expo. I believe we should not fear AI, but embrace it. Sure, it will cause some pretty major changes but the potential is insane. The software could process ten billion more times information every second than any human, solve problems we have speculated about for centuries and overall eventually run at such a rate human knowledge will double every 12 seconds! A change is coming, and we should be ready for it!



8S PRESENTS...

UNSUNG HEROES

On Monday 21st October, 8S delivered an assembly on Unsung Heroes. They spoke about many people who have made an impact but who may not have been rewarded for their efforts. Some of these Unsung Heroes included mathematician Alan Turing, NASA scientist Katherine Johnson and activist Malala Yousafzai. In addition to celebrating these figures, students wanted to celebrate the Unsung Heroes of year 8 but needed help to find them. They asked students and tutors of Year 8 to nominate someone who went above and beyond to help others, and received over one seventy nominations!

The verse from John's Gospel "Love one another as I have loved you" was displayed as students entered the hall, giving students an opportunity to centre on Christ and reflect, as they gathered that all Love comes from God. This was then the focus of our student led final Prayer.

Well done 8S and well done to all of our Unsung Heroes!
Miss Atakan

John 15:12

“Love one another as I have loved you”

Unsung Heroes

8S' Class Assembly

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=slwzGdH1cA>

Dr Megan Coffee

In 2010, Haiti was struck by a massive earthquake, which destroyed more than 250,000 homes. Dr Megan Coffee, an American expert in infectious diseases, set off to Haiti to help. She knew that some diseases would spread quickly in a place where people were having to live without clean water or proper shelter. Coffee didn't have a hospital, so she set up a tent where people could come for treatment and advice. Six years later, she's still in Haiti. She gave up her job, which was at a top university back in the United States, and she now does not receive a salary. Since she arrived, however, she has saved thousands of lives.



Alan Turing

Alan Turing was an English mathematician. During WW2, he had a huge impact on breaking the German Enigma code, leading to Allied victory over Nazi Germany. The extent of Alan Turing's work did not fully come to life until after his death. His code-breaking operations at Bletchley Park are credited with shortening the war by as much as two years – saving countless lives in the process.



Malala Yousafzai

Malala Yousafzai, is a Pakistani activist who, while a teenager, spoke out publicly and defended the education of girls and that they should be allowed an education. She gained global attention when she survived an assassination attempt at age 15. In 2014 Malala was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of her efforts on behalf of children's rights.



Irena Sendler

Irena Sendler, who was a social worker in Warsaw, Poland, during the Second World War, is thought to have saved at least 2,500 Jewish children from being sent to the Nazi prison camps. Sendler found ways of getting the children away to safety. In 1943 she was caught by the Nazi soldiers, but would not tell the Nazis the names of the children she had saved or the people who had helped them. She was sentenced to death, but escaped and began her work again, using a different name.



Katherine Johnson

Katherine Johnson is a mathematician, physicist, and a scientist for NASA. She could be considered a genius, as she graduated from school at the age of fourteen and from college at the age of eighteen. At the age of twenty, she was one of the first three black women to attend the graduate school at West Virginia University. Later, she would go on to work at NASA, where she was one of the pioneers in STEM calculations. She plotted multiple flight courses for NASA, including the course of the Apollo 11 spacecraft, which is famous for having been the first spaceship to reach the moon.



William Wilberforce

William Wilberforce was an MP who worked for the abolition of the British slave trade. Wilberforce was a deeply religious man and later became an Evangelical Christian. He was a popular figure and was known to be charming and witty and a great public speaker. He campaigned for a number of causes: for legislation to improve the lives of the poor; education; prison reforms; ending child labour; and he was one of the founders of the Royal Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.



Year 8's Unsung Heroes

Holy Family has many heroes!

8S wanted to celebrate students who make an impact but might go unnoticed! We asked you all to nominate someone.

These students have been nominated as Unsung Heroes by teachers and peers!

“They are helpful and kind”

“A really good friend”

“Always puts others in front of them”

“Supportive and a real motivator!”

“Never fails to thank me for a lesson”

“Always smiling”

“Passionate about charity”

“Always gets involved and shows leadership in class!”



Who Are Your Heroes?

We are lucky to have people help us and make an impact to our lives without expecting anything back.

Anyone can be your hero, even a friend, parent or perhaps a teacher.

Maybe you are someone's hero!

Dear Lord

Jesus said "Love one another as I have loved you".

Help us Lord to love each other and show this by what we say and what we do.

Thank you for the people who have helped us shape our future.

Amen

Unsung Heroes of Year 8

Cameron 8e

Marine 8s

Carina 8l

Morían 8e

Cino 8P

Nathan O 8E

Danice 8S

Natalia 8EL

Danielle 8A

Nikolas 8S

Davishka 8A

Nirel 8R

Dovydas 8R

Nyah 8r

Duné 8P

Omari 8E

Elena 8R

Paveram 8A

Emilia 8l

Prisilla 8EL

Tyrese 8P

Quevin 8p

Erin 8l

Rachel 8l

Ethan 8l

Rolande 8R

Fabrice 8R

Roneta 8S

Filipa 8A

Sam 8EL

Gerrund 8R

Shanel 7R

Grace 8P

Sophia 8l

Gulia 8R

Tania 8Ri

Hannah 8p

Denny 8Ri

Helen 8e

Ted 8A

Illana 8EL

Emily 8l

Jackie 8l

Ulyssa 8A

Jake 8S

Victoria 8R

Jane 8P

Vodie 8i

Jasmine 8ri

Wiktorina 8EL

Joe 8A

Josh 8EL

Joshua 8P

Jotham 8A

Julienne 8l

Justine 8s

Igor 8P

Tiara 8Ri

Imoleayo 8EL

Trinity 8R

MFL

Seneca Champions!

SENECA



Seneca
Champion

Most Questions Answered

Anabel C

SENECA



Seneca
Champion

Most Time Studied

Priscilla A

SENECA



Seneca
Champion

Most Sessions Completed

Keon W

SENECA



Seneca
Champion

Most Questions Answered

Perry K

SENECA



Seneca
Champion

Most Time Studied

Keenan C

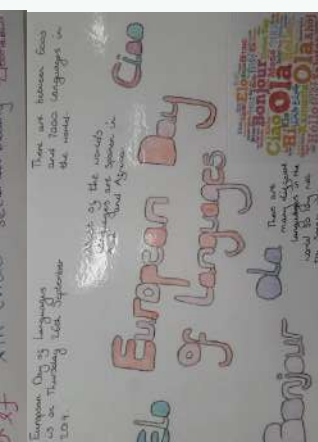
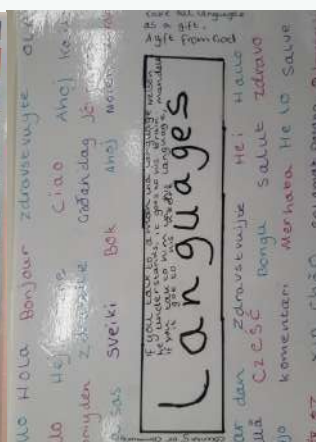
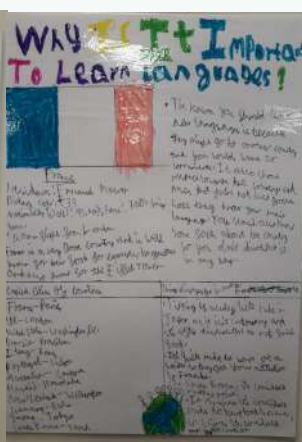
SENECA



Seneca
Champion

Most Sessions Completed

Aishah 7S & Miriam



INDEPENDENT LIVING CHALLENGE

*Try it
yourself
over
half term!*

Preparing for life after school, two of our year 9 students have successfully undertaken a special Independent Living Challenge over this term.

The rules are as follows:

- You have saved £500 to decorate your partially furnish flat
- Decide what you **NEED** and what you **WANT**

In the following rooms you already have:

- Bedroom: Bed frame & Mattress
- Kitchen: Cooker/oven, fridge, sink, washing machine
- Livingroom: Sofa

Can YOU pass the challenge?

HCPT BINGO NIGHT

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
7PM

VENUE

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WALTHAMSTOW
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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

HOME LANGUAGE GCSE

GCSE Students in years 9,10,11 - would you like to do a GCSE in your Home Language?



IF SO PLEASE SEE MRS HEATH OR EMAIL:
MRS.HEATH@HOLYFAMILYCATHOLICSCHOOL.CO.UK

Fashion and Textiles Club



Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form
ASPIRE TO THE HOLY FAMILY WAY

- > Improve your sewing skills
- > Build confidence using the sewing machine
- > Make a range of products
- > Learn a variety of decorative and construction techniques
- > Beginner's guide to garment making

Who? 15 students in Year 7 & 8

When? Mondays after school
(from after October term).

Where? Wiseman Site - U12

With? Ms Salahi

If you would like to be a member of this club you must submit a **letter of application** to Ms Salahi by **Wednesday 23rd October 2019.**

Your letter must state...

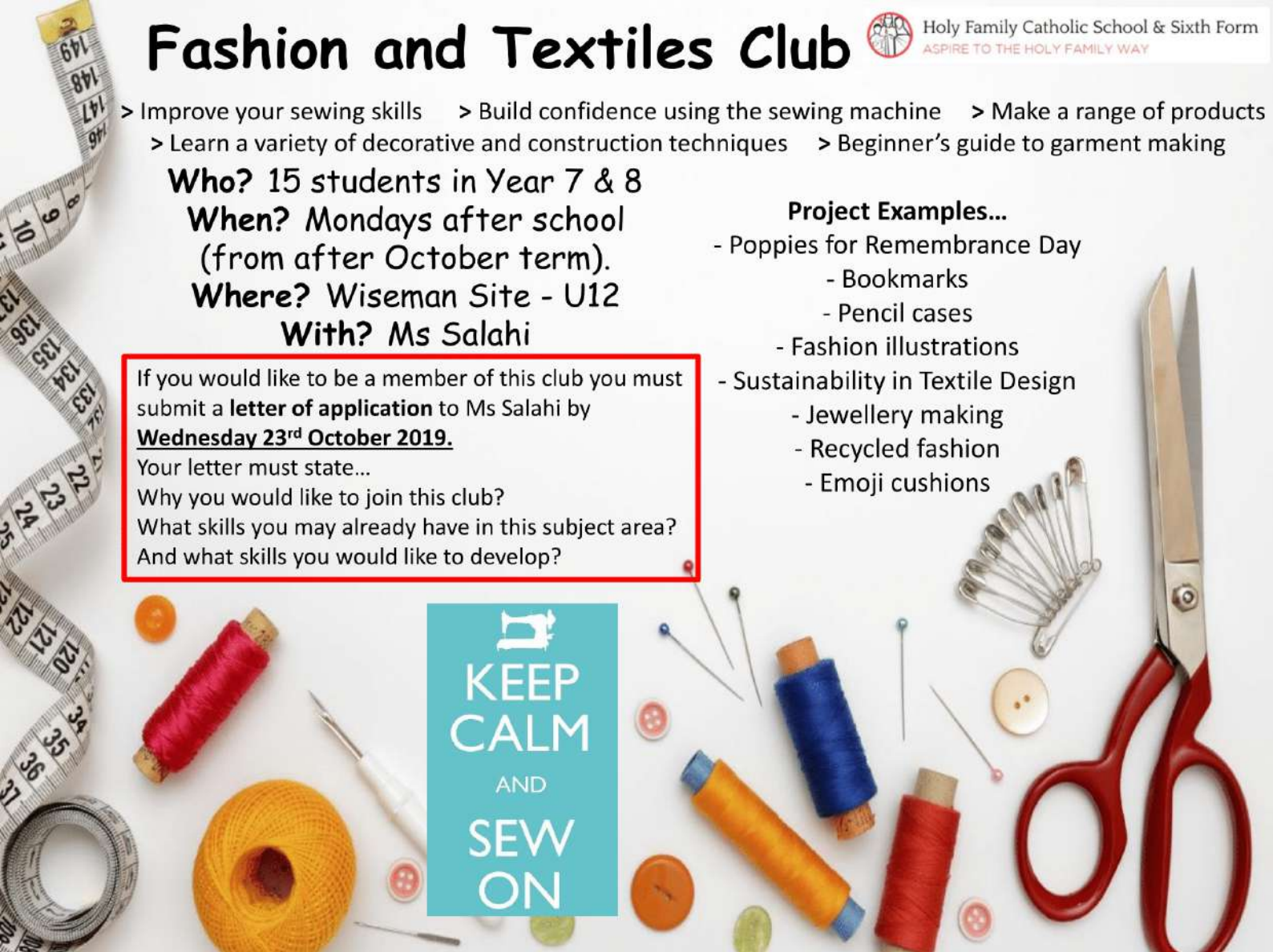
Why you would like to join this club?

What skills you may already have in this subject area?

And what skills you would like to develop?

Project Examples...

- Poppies for Remembrance Day
- Bookmarks
- Pencil cases
- Fashion illustrations
- Sustainability in Textile Design
- Jewellery making
- Recycled fashion
- Emoji cushions



Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form
ASPIRE TO THE HOLY FAMILY WAY

Year 7 and 8 Design & Technology Christmas Competition

Design and Make a 3D Santa.

Prizes to be won for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place!

**YOU HAVE
TO BE IN IT
TO WIN IT**

Success Criteria

- Your Santa can be any size.
- It must be 3D.
- You can use ANY material/s of your choice. For example... straw, clay, paint, empty packages, cardboard boxes, wire, tissue, fabrics, paper mache, found objects, etc.
- Be creative! Be imaginative!

Submission

- Submit to any staff member of the DT department.
- Ensure that your Santa is labelled with your name and form.

Final submission: Friday 29th November 2019

Santas will be displayed across the school as Christmas decorations during the festive season!

Winners will be announced just before the Christmas Holiday!





OST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL
ANNUAL

Firework Display

Saturday 9th November

4.30-6.30pm

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINER
(MR. SKITTLEMAN) PLUS LOTS OF OTHER
ACTIVITIES.

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR OR IN
ADVANCE VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR
EMAIL:
OFFICE@ST-JOSEPHS-INF.WALTHAM.SCH.UK

GIRL'S CRICKET SESSIONS

**Wanstead Leisure
Centre, E11 2JZ**

Wednesdays
5:30pm to 6:30pm
Ages 10 to 18 years

Contact:

sabanasim@hotmail.com
07738 090948

**Leyton Urban Cricket
Hub, E10 6RJ**

Tuesday (from Nov 5th)
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Ages 10 to 15 years

Contact:

claire.smith@essexcricket.org.uk
07834 829086

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