

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Ouotation of the week

"Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down." Pope Francis.

Sunday 29th November is the first Sunday of Advent that special season of preparation for Christmas. As Pope Francis notes, Advent is a season of hope, of joyful anticipation. This year, more than ever, we all need that sense of hope. In waiting to celebrate the birth of Christ we are able to look forward with hope to a 2021 that will be better than this year, to a world in which we can get on top of the coronavirus and to a world where we can be vaccinated and kept safe from infection.

Advent will not be the same for us in school this year, though we have our Christmas trees up and our decorations ready and waiting. We are disappointed that we cannot hold our carol service in the parish church and that we cannot celebrate in the way that we normally do in school. However, we shall be having Christmas lunch for each year group in their bubbles and we are collecting goods for distribution to those in need. If you can please do continue to these collections which will make a big difference to families in need.

Respect

This week's assembly theme has been respect. The example of Christ who inspires our Holy Family Way teaches us a great deal about respect. There is respect for oneself as a child of God, created in His image. There is the respect for others that comes from a recognition that everyone else in this world is also a child of God and entitled as such to dignity and respect. And there is the respect in the gospel of Matthew that comes with Christ's injunction to "do unto others as we would have them to unto us". Respect is something we set great store by at Holy Family as I know you do in your families. Thank you for all that you do as parents of our young people to teach them right from wrong and to be respectful of everyone they meet.

COVID Update

We have continued to experience a number of covid cases in school this week leading to around 250 students in different year groups having to self-isolate in the past few days. The knock on effects of just a small number of positive cases are significant as you know. Thanks for supporting your son/daughter while they have had to remain at home. We have been doing our best to set work and to create remote learning opportunities for all the students at home in self-isolation. Thank you for your support with this. We have experienced less staff absence this week compared to last week. We recognise there is anxiety around infections in the school community, but the school is in regular contact with public health officials and we are taking all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure the school can safely remain open. Over 1000 students have been able to come to school and receive their education this week which is good and we are looking forward to seeing the vast majority of students who are currently self-isolating returning next week.

Monday 30th November

Please note that, as previously advised, Monday is an inset day and so students do not attend school on Monday 30th November. School is open as normal on Tuesday 1st December.

Parents' surgery

Parents' surgery is currently a remote service. If you would like to speak to me please contact the office on either site and they will let me know that you would like me to call you on Thursday afternoon between 4pm and 5pm.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers and have a good weekend.

With best wishes
Dr Stone, Headteacher





This week we have the following nominations for Headteacher commendations:

Caleb Muwanguzi 7P, Goda Bogdanovic 7St and Ryan Angus 8R

for their outstanding work ethic and engagement in English.

All their work is always completed to a very high standard and Mrs Scullion, who nominated them, could not be any prouder of them.

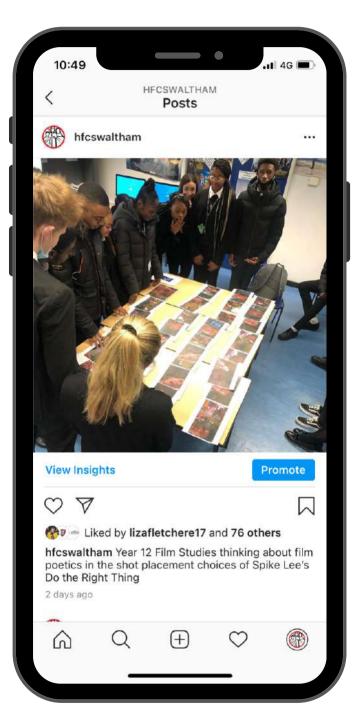
Well done to all of them!

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Help us raise funds for our House Celebration Days!

We are delighted to announce we are working with Easyfundraising to help us raise funds for our House Celebration Days.

Our House system exists to instill a sense of belonging, team spirit and healthy competition in all who study and work at Holy Family. We are devoted in our mission which is to embrace our clear Christian values of respect, service and justice. We are asking for your help in raising funds so that each House can have a House Celebration Day - a day when each member will be rewarded in recognition of their charitable works, good deeds and collective successes.

If you're shopping the Black Friday sales, please remember to use easyfundraising! Over 4,300 shops and sites will donate to Holy Family Catholic School - Walthamstow for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can raise donations for us no matter what you're buying - whether that's gadgets, electricals, games consoles, toys, clothes, gifts or anything else!

These donations make a BIG difference to us and don't cost you anything extra, so please keep us in mind while you're grabbing a bargain.

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Chaplaincy Corner



This Sunday, 29 November, 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 is 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. 2020 will live long in the memory as the year of the coronavirus pandemic. Daily life changed dramatically and suddenly. We instantly lost freedoms that we have perhaps taken for granted. We couldn't see our extended families; we couldn't visit our church buildings; we couldn't travel; we couldn't hug our friends.

Advent remains a time of hope, of love, of peace and of joy, so let us prepare to celebrate a joyous Christmas, whether this will be with our close family and friends or through non-traditional methods such as Zoom and live streaming.

Christmas Food Collection

Many of you will have seen a message about our annual Food Collection, this year for The Christian Kitchen and Eat or Heat, a local food bank. It's been lovely to see donations already coming in and I thank you in advance for your generosity.



Dear Jesus,

You are the hope in our messy world.

This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important.

We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate

Amen.

your birth on Christmas.

May you all have a blessed Advent season. Fay safe-Mrs. Grierson, Chaplain



DATES FOR

Advent



Sunday 29 November - 1st Sunday of Advent HOPE

Friday 4 December - Non-uniform Day

Sunday 6 December - 2nd Sunday of Advent PEACE

Sunday 13 December - 3rd Sunday of Advent JOY

Tuesday 15 December – Walthamstow site Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 15 December – Christmas Jumper Day for staff and
students

Wednesday 16 December – Wiseman site Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 December – Last day of term

Sunday 20 December - 4th Sunday of Advent LOVE

Friday 25 December - Christmas Day

Saturday 26 December – St Stephen's Feast Day

Thursday 31 December – Feast Day of the Holy Family

Holy Framily's Hamper Collection!

Our annual tradition is a little different this year

Please donate the following items only:



Tinned tomatoes
Tinned vegetables/pulses
Tinned fruit



All items can be left in donation collection points in the hall on both sites until the end of term when they will be delivered to Christian Kitchen & Eat Or Heat



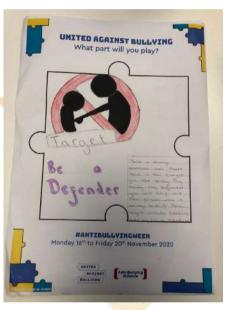


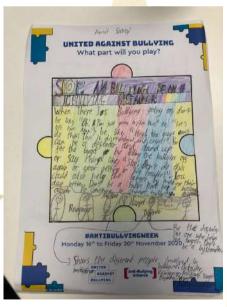


MORE GREAT WORK FROM 9S FOLLOWING ON FROM ANTI-BULLYING WEEK.

HAVE YOU BEEN KIND THIS WEEK?











STUDENT OF THE WEEK

JUSTIN CARRIERE JOHNNY

FOR HIS MATURE APPROACH, POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON OTHERS AND EFFORT IN LESSONS

YEAR 10 STARS

TARA HARKER, LYAN WILHELMS-SANDOVAL & TINGYU ALING FOR CREATING AN OUTSTANDING STARTER IN FRENCH

ISAIAH GARVIE
FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS IN SOCIOLOGY

CHEANI GREGORY
FOR HER CONTRIBUTION AND ATTITUDE IN BIOLOGY

TACYANA FERGUSON
FOR HER KIND NATURE IN LESSONS

MRS FARRUGIA, MISS PEARCE AND MRS WOOLNOUGH HAVE COMMENDED ALL THOSE THAT HAVE LOGGED INTO THEIR ONLINE LESSONS.



SOME OF THE YEAR 10 PREFECTS
DELIVERED AN OUTSTANDING
ASSEMBLY ON TUESDAY MORNING ON
RESPECT.

WELL DONE TO THEM ALL FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL, CONFIDENT DELIVERY AND INSIGHTFUL CONTENT.

D&T ASSEMBLED

In the last week students have completed sewing machine driving tests, practiced hand sewing skills, scrambled eggs on toast, soup & correct washing up and improved their metal work skills whilst making bottle openers.



















































D&T ASSEMBLED

A HUGE WELL DONE to all our year 11 stdents who have worked incredibly hard to plan, prepare, make and serve a suitable Christmas dish for their mock exams.





















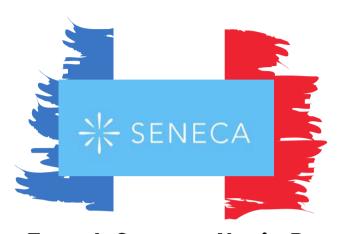








Well done to the following students who have put in the most hours on Seneca & Active Learn as well as producing excellent work!



French Seneca: Nevin R., Devonte B., Anashrah S., Jahiro M., Giorgia L.



Tahalia M., Humphrey A.



Isabella C., Kacper B., Bobby V.



Chanttel Y., Crystal M.,
Maria F.P., Neriah-Jane O.,
Kamil N., Oscar N.,
Joshua M.



Beautiful work completed recently for commissions for charity organised by the Art Department





STILL AVAILABLE

BUY A PACK OF 10 CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR £5, DESIGNED BY OUR PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:

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Welcome to Holy Family Sixth Form OPEN O

WWW.HOLYFAMILY.WALTHAM.SCH.UK/SIXTH-FORM/ADMISSIONS/

All the information you need to apply to our Sixth Form you will find on our website. From Loom videos from our Head of Sixth Form about how to apply to short videos from each subject to help you in your decision making. We look forward to meeting you next year.

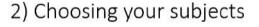
Our online application portal will be open from Friday 20th November.





1) Why study at Holy Family?









Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form

3) How to apply to Holy Family



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REMOTE EDUCATION 10 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

Remote education ensures continuous learning outside the classroom. For parents and carers, remote education isn't always straightforward and there can be a number of factors they need to consider, especially around ensuring their children feel comfortable and are familiar with the whole concept. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers support their child in getting the most out of their remote education experience.

1. TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

As a parent or carer, your school may have explained how remote education works already, but children may still need help. Take an active interest in their learning and help support them whenever they need a helping hand.



2. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S COMMUNICATION AND ONLINE ACTIVITY

It's important to remind your child that despite being at home, the same level of behaviour and conduct exists as if they were at school. Encourage them to remain polite, remember their manners and not to post or send any negative comments just because they are behind a computer.



3. ESTABLISH A DAILY SCHEDULE AND ROUTINE

07:30 Working from home and trying to learn in a more casual setting that children might associate more with play and a degree of freedom might take a bit of getting used to. Try to stick to a daily routine and use the timetable/schedule that schools have sent home to help children keep on top of their daily learning.



Remote learning will inevitably require more interaction with computers, laptops and tablets. Teachers will invariably advise on screen breaks; however, it doesn't hurt to keep a check on their time online or encourage them to get some fresh air/exercise.



5. ENSURE YOUR LEARNING DEVICE IS IN PUBLIC SPACE IN THE HOME

It's important to consider where your PC or laptop is placed if live video is being used. Try to keep the background neutral, with no personal ation visible and move learning devices out of the bedroom as this could be deemed inappropriate.



6. IMPLEMENT SAFETY CONTROLS AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS ON APPS AND SOFTWARE

Dependant on how your school implements remote education, your child may be required to download certain software or apps. Whilst these are likely to be relatively safe to use, like any other new app or platform, parents should still implement safety controls as a precaution.



7. ENSURE YOUR CHILD ONLY USES OFFICIAL SCHOOL COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

It's important that all communication with teachers and school staff is directed through approved school channels, whether that be through the school's online portal or the relevant secure messaging site.



8. FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH RELEVANT SCHOOL POLICIES

Schools should have a policy on remote education that they can share with parents. Familiarise yourself with this and ensure you know what is expected of teachers and your child during lessons, both online and



9. MAINTAIN FEEDBACK WITH TEACHERS

Engage in communication with teachers where possible, and try to feed back progress and development as well as any helpful suggestions around the learning process. Be transparent but remain professional and only use official channels to communicate.



10. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Remote education will likely mean that your child won't get the same level of social interaction and might not see their friends for a while. Keep a check on their wellbeing and try to encourage them to get out as much as they can. Whilst learning from home might seem fun and exciting to start to with, missing out on seeing their friends every day might take its toll.







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November 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

<u>Please note this letter has been amended to include eligibility information for</u> No Recourse to Public Fund (NRPF) Groups

Changes to free school meal eligibility under Universal Credit

The eligibility criteria for free school meals have been changed. This letter explains the changes and how they might affect you.

What are the new eligibility criteria?

Children are entitled to receive free school meals if they or their parents or guardians receive any of the benefits below.

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC.
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

I don't currently claim free school meals - what does this mean for me?

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals, please complete the attached form and return it to us.

The information you provide will be used to check if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit and, if you are on Universal Credit, that your earnings do not exceed the threshold. If you claim Universal Credit, your earnings will be assessed from up to three of your last Universal Credit assessment periods.

If you are eligible we will be notified. Your child will then receive free school meals and the school will receive extra funding.

I am currently claiming free school meals – what does this mean for me? If you are currently claiming free school meals and your circumstances have not changed then you do not need to do anything.

Where can I get more information?

If you need any further information, please contact us or visit the free school meal website: https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Temporary Extension of Free School Meals Eligibility to No Recourse to Public Fund (NRPF) Groups

Eligibility has been extended to include some children of groups who have no recourse to public funds. These groups are:

- Children of Zambrano carers, subject to a maximum household income threshold of £31.500
- Children of families with no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights, subject to a maximum household income threshold of £31,500
- Children of families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are also subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction, subject to a maximum household income threshold of £31,500
- Children of a subset of failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999. This group is not subject to a maximum household income threshold as these families are not able to work.

If you feel you meet this eligibility, please complete the attached form entitled "Application form for Temporary Free School Meals for Families with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)"

Yours faithfully

Carla Segel

Business Director















Registration Form for Free School Meals

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
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- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra £935 for the school to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

To check if your child is eligible, we need information about you and your child. Please complete this form and return it to us as soon as possible.

Application form for temporary free school meals for families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)

Please complete this application form if you are in one of the following categories and would like to apply for free school meals during the temporary extension as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Eligible categories:

- A Zambrano carer
- Have the right to remain in the UK under Article 8 of the European Convention of Human Rights
- Receiving support under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 AND are subject to a NRPF condition

With exception of those receiving support under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, your household income must be less than £31,500 p/a in London.

To fill in this form, all applicants should complete:

- part 1 and 2;
- the relevant section for their category in parts 3-6; and
- part 7, apart from those receiving support under section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

When completed, please ensure the declaration at the end of the application is also signed.

Further information relating to this temporary extension can be found in the guidance on providing free school meals during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

1. Child's details

Surname of child	
First name(s) of child	
Date of birth of child (dd/mm/yy)	
Nationality of child	
Address of child	

2. Parent/carer's details

Surname of parent/carer	
First name(s) of parent/carer	
Relationship to child	
Nationality of parent/carer	
Address of parent/carer	
Category applying under: Zambrano / Article 8 ECHR / Section 4 Immigration & Asylum / Section 17 Children Act 1989	

3. Zambrano carers

If you are the holder of a derivative residents card, please share a copy. (A photograph is acceptable) If not, please sign your initials next to each of the following statements to confirm that you meet the criteria.

Carers must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible:

- I confirm that I (the carer/parent) am not a British citizen.
- I confirm that the child is a British citizen.
- I confirm that I (the carer/parent) am a direct relative or legal guardian of the child.
- I confirm that I (the carer/parent) have primary responsibility for the child.
- I confirm that there are no other people in my family in the UK who could look after the child.

Please also complete section 7.

4. Leave to remain in the UK under article 8 of the ECHR

If you have leave to remain in the UK under article 8, please provide evidence of this. Evidence could include a letter from the Home Office granting you leave to remain, or a biometric residence card.

Please also complete section 7.

5. Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you are receiving section 4 support, please provide evidence of this. Evidence could include a letter from the Home Office or local authority

confirming Section 4 support, and should be dated within the last six months.

People applying under this category are NOT required to complete section 7.

6. Section 17 of the Children Act 1989

If you are receiving Section 17 support, please provide evidence of this such as a Child in Need letter from the local authority dated within the last six months.

Please also complete section 7.

7. Evidence of earnings

To be eligible for free school meals, applicants must also be below the maximum household income threshold of £31,500 within London, this equates to a maximum of £2,625 per month and includes any wider income or support you may be receiving in addition to any earnings from employment. Where possible, please also provide a document to show this – this could be a bank statement, a pay slip or an employment contract.

Are you employed?	
If you have a partner, are they employed?	
Is your annual household income, including earnings from employment and any wider support you may be receiving, less than £31,500 per year if you live within London, or less than £28,200 if you live outside of London?	

Declaration of applicant

or (Address)	
confirm that the	information I have provided above is accurate and true.
Department for assessing eligib	information I have provided can be shared with the local authority, the Education and other government departments for the purposes of illity for a free school meal. T/Guardian with legal responsibility for care of the child
Signed	
Print name	
Date	

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Does anyone in the family have allergies?? i.e nuts		
what type of meat does the client		
eat i.e		
pork, chicken, halal only		
Does the client have cooking facilities?		
Does the client have a microwave?		
Please write down a list of food the client will eat, as we are mindful of waste.		
Referrals for items below will		Office use: please add dates of
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on stock)		
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Manual Breast pump		
Breast pads		
Breast care/thermo pads		
Thermal Tote bag		
Nappy bag		
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