

FAMILY MATTERS

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Quotation of the week

"Oh come, oh come Emmanuel" Advent hymn whose 12th century origins are unclear

Covid update

The number of students and staff in the school affected by covid and having to self-isolate has been considerably lower this week than last week which has been good news. While we are still seeing new cases of infection and positive test results the numbers of these have started to drop and the numbers of students and staff having to self-isolate as a result has been considerably lower. We've had some feedback from parents about the quality of remote learning and the support provided by the school for those who are not able to attend school and I am pleased that much of this has been positive. We shall be producing a survey to ask you for more detailed feedback in the near future.

Plans for public exams summer 2021

Today the government announced its plans for dealing with GCSE and A level exams next summer. These include

- providing students with some idea of the likely topics that will feature in the exam,
- grading exams more generously
- making arrangements so that students who may have to self-isolate during the exam season next summer are not disadvantaged.

We will await more details but the recognition that these are not normal times is welcome. It is important that our Yr 11 and Yr 13 students continue to keep up the good work that they are doing and this will put them in the best position to do themselves justice in next summer's exams.

Advent assemblies

In this first week of advent we have been lighting our Advent wreath in assemblies and asking students to reflect on the meaning of Christmas and how best to prepare oneself to celebrate the birth of Christ. One tradition we have in the school is collecting items for hampers to give to the homeless and those less fortunate than ourselves and I want to thank everyone who has already donated items for this collection. Non-perishable items especially tinned goods are most welcome and can be left in the boxes in the school halls on both sites.

St Andrew's Day

Monday 30th November was St Andrew's Day, a saint always close to my heart as my namesake. St Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland and also Greece, Romania, Russia and Ukraine. He was one of the Disciples of Jesus and a fisherman by trade.

End of term

The last day of this term is Friday December 18th. It will be a half-day with students dismissed at 12noon.

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





HEADTEACHER'S



COMMENDATIONS

We have a number of commendations from Mrs Sheikh Omar our Head of Modern Foreign Languages.

We have commendations in French for Jack William and William Shearman who both achieved 100% in their recent assessments.

In addition, the following students in 7A have worked tremendously hard in French:

**Raphael Cabral who scored 99%,
Zack Dela-Kwame who scored 95% and
Chijoke Chinwuba who scored 90%.**

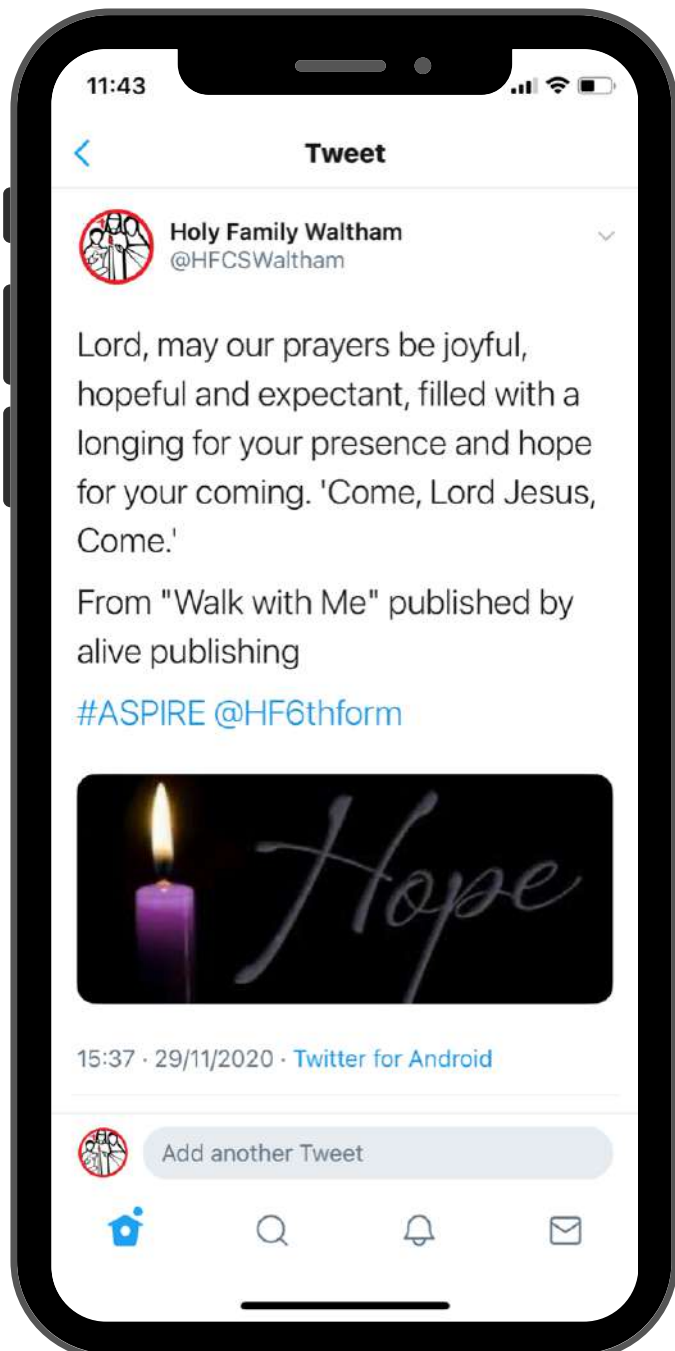
In Spanish the following students all achieved 100%:

**Jada-Marie Orafu
Aurelia Perlinska
Kaylen Rufus
Feile Au**

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...



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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 online this Christmas, 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.

For great deals and offers click the image above!

Chaplaincy Corner



On the second Sunday of Advent we light the candle of Peace.

Peace with others begins as we understand that God has called us to be peacemakers in our world. Is there somewhere in your own world where you can be a peacemaker this Christmas?

Is there an invitation that needs to be extended to smooth over a fractured family relationship? Is there an apology to be made or a silence to be broken that has stood as a barrier for too long? We can help bring peace to our world one heart at a time.

We pray also for peace in areas around the world suffering from conflict, including Ethiopia, Yemen, Syria, Afghanistan and Libya. May their leaders make choices that respect others and offer alternatives to violence and war.



We send our very best wishes to all students in Year 11 who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend at Our Lady & St George's. Due to restrictions, the celebration is limited to family only. You will be in our prayers this weekend.

Dear Jesus,

You entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace.

**This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves,
fill us with a deep and abiding peace.**

**Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter,
especially those who need it most.**

Amen.



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



DATES FOR Advent



Tinned items for our Christmas food collection continues throughout Advent
Thank you to all who have already sent in donations for The Christian Kitchen
and Eat or Heat food bank. We will continue to collect tins of tomatoes,
vegetables, pulses and fruit until the end of term. They can be left safely in
collection boxes in each school hall. Please ensure all tins are well within their
“use by” date.

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 Family'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

Please make sure all food is
well within its use by date





Christmas jumper day

**Tuesday 15th
December**



PRIZES FOR
BEST JUMPERS
ANNOUNCED ON
FRIDAY 18TH
DECEMBER

Celebration of the rich cultural diversity that is the Holy Family of Walthamstow!

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

Create a Nativity scene or Holy Family scene that reflects your own cultural background. You can either make a piece of art, a model or find a picture on the internet that does the same



**The hand in date (to up load to Google Classroom) is
Wednesday 9th December**

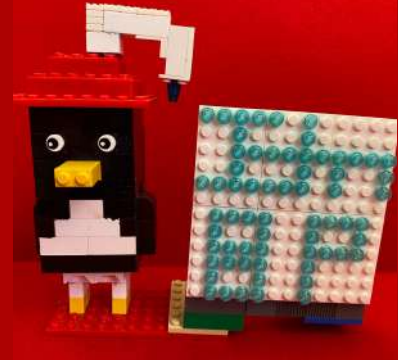
**This is compulsory homework,
but there will be prizes for effort and originality.**

**Please check your Google Classrooms for more information
or speak to your RE teacher**

THE GREAT PENGUIN INVASION OF 2020

Design & Technology Christmas Competition

Winners to be announced soon!!!



Win a GIANT Christmas cracker



**Filled with over £20
worth of sweets and chocolate**



**Tickets cost:
50p each
3 for £1**

on sale in the canteen at break and lunch

YEAR 10

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

SAMARA JORDON 10S

**WAS NOMINATED BY MR NANDLAL FOR BEING VERY POLITE AND KIND
CONGRATULATIONS!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ON STARS RECEIVED
LAST WEEK:**

**TATIANA CEITA DE SOUSA VAZ
SCIENCE PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT IN TODAY'S LESSON**

**KIERAN HANLEY GREENWAY
SCIENCE PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT IN LESSONS**

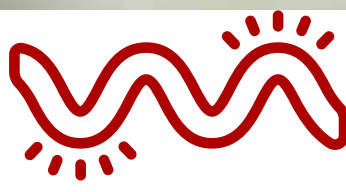
**GIOVANNI CORREA-DA-SILVA
MUSIC FOR PRODUCING SOME INCREDIBLE MUSIC**

**LUKE ANGUS
MUSIC FOR BEING AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT AND FOR PUTTING IN
110% ALWAYS!!**

**GEMMA SCOTT
SCIENCE EXCELLENT EXPLANATION ON DYNAMIC EQUILIBRIUM.**

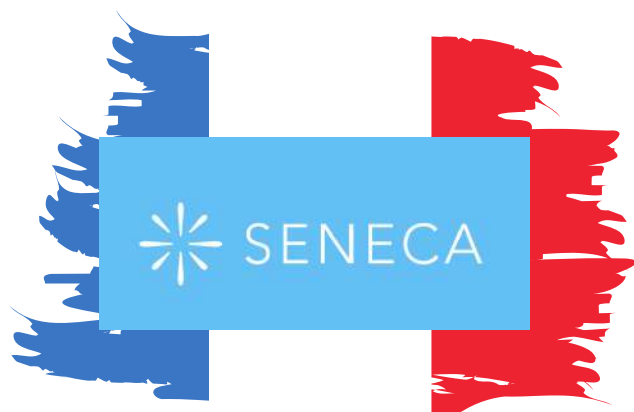
D&T ASSEMBLED

Year 12 have been creating their own "Bent Furniture" because when everything is square and boxy life gets boring





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



**Ryan V.,
Angel K.**



Gabriele R.



**Anashrah S.,
Jaina G.,
Kelvin W.**



**Rory O'C., Maria F. P. ,
Neriah-Jane O.,
Kamil N., Oscar N.**

Welcome to Holy Family Sixth Form

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SEPTEMBER 2021
AND OPEN THE
DOOR TO YOUR
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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.


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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

1) Why study at Holy Family?



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3) How to apply to Holy Family



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2) Choosing your subjects



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4) Frequently Asked Questions



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Curriculum Information

CURRICULUM OFFER FOR SEPTEMBER 2021



CURRICULUM PATHWAYS 2021



SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS CRITERIA 2021



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

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.



4. ENCOURAGE SCREEN BREAKS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AWAY FROM DEVICES

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 information 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.



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.



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 offline.



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 with, missing out on seeing their friends every day might take its toll.



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Free face masks



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We will provide a free face mask for everyone in the borough who needs one

Face coverings are one of the best ways residents can keep each other safe. If you don't have a face mask, we will get one to you. Each household can order or collect their masks locally (safety measures will be in place) , please remember to only order what you need.

— How to order your mask

Getting your mask is quick and easy you can:

- Phone 020 8496 3000 and a member of our team will take your details and send your mask in the post
- Complete the [online form](#) and we'll send your mask in the post
- Pick up a mask safely at one of our main libraries below. All you need to do is ask a member of staff. You can check library opening times below:
 - Chingford Library Plus
 - Leyton Library Plus
 - Leytonstone Library Plus
 - Walthamstow Library Plus
 - Wood Street Library

The masks we provide are 100% cotton and are reusable as they are machine-washable at up to 60 degrees. We follow health and safety guidelines when packing our masks before we send them to residents. This includes our staff wearing gloves when handling masks. Please remember to wash your mask before first use and regularly.

More on our commitments to you.

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Name and contact details of referring agency:		
Clients Name:		
Address:		
Contact details		
Number of a people in the family: Gender and age		
Dietary requirement 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 only be accepted by professional working with babies, parent/carer (dependant on stock) Milk powder dispenser Manual Breast pump Breast pads Breast care/thermo pads Thermal Tote bag Nappy bag Nappies (please state size)		Office use: please add dates of collection
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