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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER





## FROM EVERYONE AT HOLY FAMILY

## CHRISTMAS

MERRY

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - LOVE

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

#### Quotation of the week

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" Isaiah 9:6

#### Covid update

Thank you for your support with the move to online learning for the latter part of this week. As I wrote earlier in the week we made this decision on the recommendation of the council and it's public health team because of their concerns at the rapidly rising rates of covid infection in the borough and amongst the school age population. I know that much of the online learning that has taken place has been very good and that students have engaged with it very well.

I am very proud of the way that our staff and students have responded to the challenges of the pandemic over the autumn term. Despite all the difficulties we have seen the school operate largely as normal in terms of the delivery of the curriculum. We have taught our students very well, we have supported them pastorally very effectively and you as parents/carers have supported us in this collective endeavour. Attendance overall has been very good despite the pandemic and we continue to track student progress and to teach and assess them regularly. We held mock exams successfully for Yr 11 students in recent weeks despite some students having to self-isolate. Overall it has been a different term and a different experience in some ways but it has been a good one and the students have, in my view, been well served. Thank you for all that you have done as parents/carers to help and support them with their education.

You may have seen or heard in the media that the government plans to introduce weekly testing of all staff in schools in January. They also plan to extend testing to any staff/students who find out that they are contacts of an infected person so that they would not need to self-isolate but instead could be tested on a daily basis. We don't yet have the details of this but it is another measure that will be in place in the new year to ensure school is safe and that your children's education is as little disrupted as possible.

#### Advent generosity

We saw an absolutely tremendous response to the appeal for tinned goods to donate to the Christian Kitchen and to help support families in need over Christmas and the New Year period. We have collected literally hundreds and hundreds of tins and it has been really impressive to see how many items have been donated. On behalf of the Christian Kitchen thank you for your generosity.

We have also produced a video carol service and Christmas message which is available to view on the website. Thanks to all involved in the video. It has been difficult not to be able to have our annual carol service in the church but hopefully we will all have a better 2021 to look forward to and, once the vaccination programme is complete, we can look forward to life returning more or less to normal again.

#### The new term

School re-opens on Tuesday 5th January at the usual time. The previous day is an inset day and we only have Yr 12 students in to take their mock exams.

#### 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.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to you and your families.

With best wishes Dr Stone, Headteacher



# HEADTEACHER'S CONNENDATIONS

Ms Scott nominates the following students for completing all their Maths Parallelogram Challenges for the Autumn Term to an excellent standard:

Yr 7: Kaylen Rufus & Feile Au Yr 8: Rory O'Corbaidh, Berenise Dzah, Jestin George, Nicholas Niemczyk, Milanne Fernando & Aaliyah Hill

We also have a nomination from Ms Traore who is the form tutor of Samuel Huet 9EL.

She says he is one of the most respectful students; never lets others or himself down under any circumstances.

Similarly, Mr Norman the form tutor of Shanel Bhatti in 9R

recommends her for a commendation because she and her family are such great supporters of the school, making large donations to the hamper collection, donating a Christmas tree and lights and regularly providing cakes and treats for the staff.

> Finally this week Ms Alderson nominates Connor Stapleton & Treesha Mathew in Y11 for a Headteacher's commendation for their consistently outstanding effort and attitude in History.

> > Well done to all our amazing students!

## SOCIAL MEDIA CATCHUP



### **@HFCSWALTHAM**









### You Shop · 4,300+ Retailers Donate · For Free 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**



During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. The final purple candle of love is lit.

"For it is in giving that we receive." — Francis of Assisi Thank you so much for your contributions to our Spread the Joy hamper appeal. The response of the Holy Family community was amazing, and we were pleased to be able to deliver many boxes to Eat or Heat. The remaining donations will be collected by The Christian Kitchen later this week.





#### Friday 18 December is International Migrants Day.

Pope Pius XII wrote, in 1952, "The family of Nazareth in exile, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, emigrants and taking refuge in Egypt to escape the fury of an evil king, are the model, the example and the support of all emigrants and pilgrims of every age and every country, of all refugees of any condition who, compelled by persecution and need, are forced to abandon their homeland, their beloved relatives, their neighbours, their dear friends, and move to a foreign land" (Exsul familia)

#### Dear Jesus,

May the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen



The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ. Wishing you a joyous Christmas and blessings in the coming year. Stay safe - Mrs. Grierson, Chaplain



DATES FOR Advent



#### 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





## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

from Holy Family

<u>Click here to view our</u> <u>Christmas Message</u>

> WISHING YOU ALL A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY















































### DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY CHRISTMAS COMPETITION 2020 PENGUIN SPECIAL

Congratulations to EVERYONE who entered our Christmas Competition!

CONGRATULATIONS





1st Prize Feile Au Year 7





2nd Prize Zuzanna Brodowska Year 8



3rd Prize Michael Miklasz Year 7



4th Prize Parwana Jayan Year 8



5th Prize Anabel Chinedu Year 8

THANK YOU for your creative penguins which have decorated our school so wonderfully.



Congratulations to Timothy Beckwith 9A who won the GIANT Christmas Cracker filled with over £20 of sweets & chocolate



(It's so big we couldn't fit it all in the photo!)



A big 'Well Done' to all students who were involved in organising, promoting and selling the tickets!

## **LRC AT CHRISTMAS**

Our fantastic Library Assistants have decorated both LRCs for Christmas!



















CONDS





## YEAR 9

SEPTEMBER SEEMS LIKE A DISTANT MEMORY.

IT HAS BEEN A LONG AND BUSY TERM. IT HAS BEEN HARD TO BELIEVE THE YEAR WE HAVE ALL HAD - DOMINATED AS IT HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE BY COVID.

WHILST WE HAVE ALL BEEN STRUGGLING WITH A DIFFICULT YEAR - ESPECIALLY SINCE THE FIRST LOCKDOWN IN MARCH - YOU HAVE ALL DONE INCREDIBLY WELL WITH YOUR FIRST TERM ON THE WISEMAN SITE! WELL DONE!

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HEALTH, HAPPINESS, PEACE AND PROSPERITY THIS CHRISTMAS AND IN THE COMING NEW YEAR!

MISS ST AIMIE AND MR MCGLYNN



#### SCIENCE STARS

RHIANNA WHITE, DAMIEN CALLUS, KEVIN SRINAVILNS, NERIAH-JANE ORAFU, PERRY KWARTENG, KAYAINNA TUITT, JANET ADEWOLE, MARIA FERNANDA POSADA JARAMILLO, LAURA KASPRZYK, GERRARD NUAMAH-KUTIN, MARY GIWA, THOMAS MASTERSON, ARDA SONMEZ, JANNA SANCHEZ, ZACKARY REBELLO, EMILIA BIEDROWSKA, BENITA SEBASTIAN & DAVID JARAMILLO

**COMPUTING STARS** 

HUMPHREY AFRANE, DANIELA AGUILAR FLORES, TRINITY AH-CHUNG, GLADYS BAYUNDA, DAMAREO BLAKE, CATHERINE CABANATAN, DENNY CHINGOKA-ZHOU, NERIAH-JANE ORAFU, KACPER CZAPLICKI, GABRIELLA FRANCIS, KAMIL NAGORNY, KWASI-BIMPONG OWUSU-MENSAH & BENITA SEBASTIAN

DANIELLE FENNELL & RHIANNA WHITE

<u>Drama Stars</u> Cino Jose

<u>Geography Stars</u> Gabriella Francis, Tiara Davies, Maria Shotikare & Thianna White

> <u>RE Stars</u> Arjun Rom<mark>an</mark> Tolibas

> > <u>EAL Stars</u> Can Gunay

#### ENGLISH STARS

NATHAN OTI-YEBOAH, NEVIN ROYS, ETO CHUKWU, MAHALIA MCDOWELL, NYAH THEODORE, KUDZAISHE MPOFU, RHIANNA WHITE, ERIKA PADUREAN, ADAR KILIC, ELIJAH JALAL, NICHOLAS RODRIGUES, DAVISHKA MATHEWS, ALLISON TEVES, JOTHAM BANYA, NATHAN CHAN, D'ANDRE CAMPBELL, KAMIL NAGORNY, THIANNA WHITE, RACHEL-MARIE NAATEY, HELEN SHAJI, ABISSHANTH SIVAKUMAR, ASHLEY AYIVOR, DOVYDAS SIMKUS, NERIAH-JANE ORAFU, DYLAN BOKOR, SHIHAN DIAS, YASEMIN ISAKOL, HANNAH OPOKU-YEBOAH, ASTRID OSEI-TUTU, FRANCESCO REKA, JOSEPH BRUNTON, REINDOLF KUSI, MEMET YUMUSAK, GABRIELA PRUSINSKA, JOSEPH BEARFIELD, PAVARAM YOGARAJAH, BLEN MENGSTE, ERNEST TORNEROS, QUINCY YEVU, MARCEL WINTER, GLADYS BAYUND, GABRIELE REINYTE, TOMASZ BLONSKI, AMELIA WALAS & JUSTINE ÅLEXANDER



#### <u>Form Stars</u>

DAVISHKA MATHEWS, KWASI-BIMPONG OWUSU-MENSAH, GABRIELLA FRANCIS, TIARA DAVIES, DAMAREO BLAKE & CHAYAN SINCLAIR, NERIAH-JANE ORAFU, DENNY CHINGOKA-ZHOU & STACY D'SOUZA

<u>PSHE Stars</u>

Ryan Laba, Jaheim Lloyd-Shand, Alisia Dehelean, Pavaram Yogarajah, Arda Sonmez, Rhianna White, Amelia Walas, Maria Fernanda Posada Jaramillo, Trinity Ah-Chung & Kamil Nagorny

FRENCH STARS

WIKTORIA MATEJEK, JOSIAH DA SILVA, CADEN COOGAN, MARIA SHOTIKARE, Allison Teves, Josh Torrevillas, Chinedum Onunkwo, Milena Sokolowska, Gabrielus Jonusas, Julienne Arcillas & Georgi Radulev

> <u>Italian Stars</u> Giulia Distefano & Sam Mee

> > <u>MATHS STARS</u>

IMOLEAYO ONIYE, ANA KARAKAPITANOVA, AARON ZHENG, NATHAN CHAN, KAMIL NAGORNY, NERIAH-JANE ORAFU, MAAME ASANTE, DAVINA BLAY-ATTOBRAH & WILLIAM CHUKWUEZE

HISTORY STARS

ERIKA PADUREAN, TIMOTHY BECKWITH, DANIELLE FENNELL, MARIA SHOTIKARE, FILIPA ANDRE, QUEVIN MANUEL & MANASSEH VANDERPUYE







#### HEAD OF YEAR SUPER STARS

DAVID JARAMILLO, CHLOE GLANVILLE, KATRINE OTOMEWO, IMOLEAYO ONIYE, PRECIOUS ABOLAJI, ILANA IFEFO, SAM MEE, ZACKARY REBELLO, PRISCILLA ADOMAKO, JOSIAH DA SILVA & DAMIEN CALLUS

THE COVER TEACHER WAS VERY IMPRESSED. YOU DID REALLY WELL IN THE LESSON AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE LESSON AND COMPLETED ALL THE WORK. WELL DONE!

#### TIARA DAVIES

For continued effort, hard work and enthusiasm throughout this term.

GABRIELLA FRANCIS For spreading Christmas cheer throughout the year (nine)

#### DAVINA BLAY-ATTOBRAH

CONTRIBUTING TO THE HOLY FAMILY WAY!

#### Tyrees Agha

DESIGNING, ENTERING AND THEN WINNING THE CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION! THANK YOU FOR HELPING HOY

> NEVIN ROYS SUPERB PREFECT CONTRIBUTIONS

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MILENA SOKOLOWSKA For being a quiet, unsung hero of her form.

> MAHALIA MCDOWELL For superb prefect contributions.

JACKIE COLLETT BRILLIANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO RECENT PREFECT MEETING.

KWASI-BIMPONG OWUSU-MENSAH For being a star prefect and leading the team!

STACY D'SOUZA

FOR TRYING TO BE THE VERY BEST, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, EVERY DAY. NEVER STOP STRIVING FOR THE BEST!

#### **GIULIA DISTEFANO**

FOR BEING AN OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF YEAR 9, AND CONTRIBUTING TO PREFECT MEETINGS WITH SOME

GREAT IDEAS.



WOW, WHAT A TERM IT HAS BEEN. WELL DONE TO YOU ALL FOR YOUR EFFORTS, PARTICIPATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. SEE YOU IN JANUARY!!

MR FREEMAN, MRS FITZPATRICK AND MRS ROCKS

STUDENTS OF THE TERM

#### CHEANI GREGORY FOR HER BRAVERY AND RESILIENCE THIS TERM.

JOHN SHOTIKARE FOR BEING AN OUTSTANDING PREFECT AND AN INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF THE YEAR GROUP

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH!





AIESHA O'GARRO HAS BEEN AWARDED THE JACK PETCHEY OUTSTANDING ACHIEVER AWARD FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHOOL LIFE AND WILLINGNESS TO HELP AND SUPPORT OTHERS. SHE USES HER POSITION OF PREFECT AS A WAY TO PROMOTE KINDNESS, RESILIENCE AND HELPFULNESS AROUND THE SCHOOL AND EXHIBITS THE HOLY FAMILY WAY IN ALL SHE DOES. HER AWARD IS TRULY DESERVED. WELL DONE AIESHA!

#### STARS FOR THIS HALF TERM

A HUGE 355 STARS WERE AWARDED TO YEAR 10 THIS HALF TERM. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO WERE AWARDED THE MOST:

KING-DAVID BOACHIE - 6 TARA HARKER - 6 TEMI BALOGUN - 5 JORDAN MUKONDE - 5 MARY LETICIA ISICHEI - 5



GABRIEL TURAY - 5 LUKE ANGUS - 4 GISELA ANTWI - 4 SASHA THOMAS - 4 SILVIO YANEV - 4

MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS TO 10P, WHO MOVED FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE TABLE TO BECOME THE FORM GROUP WITH THE MOST STARS FOR THIS HALF TERM.



#### **AUTUMN TERM STAR RESULTS**

IN TOTAL, YEAR 10 HAVE BEEN AWARDED 716 STARS THIS TERM. WELL DONE TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU THAT RECEIVED ONE (OR MORE!) OF THESE COVETED STARS.

Congratulations to Justin and Tara who were named our most awarded students, and to 10PH who managed to nab the title of form group with the most stars this term!

> JUSTIN CARRIERE-JOHNNY - 12 TARA HARKER - 12 KING-DAVID BOACHIE - 11 GABRIEL TURAY - 9 GISELA ANTWI - 9 JANELL DOWE - 9 JOSHUA ONUNKWO - 9 KIRA BARANOVSKA - 9 LUCY CORNELIUS-MALM - 9 MARY LETICIA ISICHEI - 9



## **D&T ASSEMBLED**

Well done to our four Year 11 students who completed their practical mock exam in Catering this week! We also have some great instructional homework by year 8.











We'd like to say a huge thank you to Donna Williams who so kindly donated the wonderful aprons below; modelled by our year 10 Catering students!



## Simon Singh's Parallel Maths Project

Well done to the following students who have completed all challenges for the Parallel Maths Project this term!

#### Year 7

Serena Akon Feile Au Tianna Cover Joshua Moanda Rekisan Moharan Oscar Niemczyk Kaylen Rufus Javel Shiell

	parallel by Simon Singh
	This is to certify that has completed all Parallelogram challenges for the autumn term!
	Signed Grand Schemer Date
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#### Year 8

Abishan Athiraiyan Dequane Campbell Michelle Darko **Eveleen Drapalyuk** Berenise Dzah **Milanne Fernando Jestin George Ryan Hanley-Greenway** Aaliyah Hill Naomi Holness Julia Matejek Jeremy Mathew Nicholas Niemczyk Rory O'corbaidh Vanessa Pallan **Aishah Sanni Chelsy Shotikare** Keon Walgamage Williams Boateng Isabella Camillo **Thomas Ead-Mitchinson** Luke Pemberton

### SIXTH FORM LEAVERS 2020 DESTINATIONS











Nikoletta Teresa Bogdan

Staffordshire University

Studying: Biomedical Science (with placement year)











Fope Joshua Balogun

Studying: Business Management & Economics



Wanessa Bronowicz-Maj London South Bank University Studying: International Relations







Camille Bhawanlall Cardiff University

Studying: Ancient History & History



Kevin Bediako

Nottingham Trent University

Studying: Psychology



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Studying: Psychology



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Candis Boateng Loughborough University

Studying: Architecture (with placement year)



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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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### 3) How to apply to Holy Family



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#### 2) Choosing your subjects



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#### 4) Frequently Asked Questions



#### **Curriculum Information**

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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.



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