

FAMILY MATTERS

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



Welcome Back!

Back to School



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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Friday September 4th 2020

Quotation of the week

‘Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus’ Philippians 4 (6:7)

Induction of staff and students

In our staff meetings and in assemblies we played the hymn ‘Do not be afraid’ this week. I know that many people are afraid but I want to reassure everyone that the school has many controls in place to protect staff and students. Young people are at very low risk of suffering from covid19 but they can transmit it to other, more vulnerable adults and so hand hygiene is vital. The wearing of masks, at the moment however, is not vital nor is it recommended. In fact wearing them incorrectly, or carelessly, or not putting them on, or taking them off properly puts other people at greater risk. For these reasons masks and face coverings are not permitted for staff or students unless medically recommended for an individual following an individual risk assessment. Thank you for your understanding in this matter

High achievers

Correction: Last week I omitted to include Juno Vimalenthiran from the list of GCSE high achievers. Juno gained 1 grade 9 and 8 grade 8s - an excellent achievement. My apologies for this omission.

Student numbers

Student numbers are very buoyant with an expected roll of 1250 students this year including not far short of 300 in the sixth form our largest ever cohort of sixth formers.

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Getting back to normal

Please bear with us at the moment- we are all finding our way - most office workers have not gone back to work yet schools have been expected to return and make environments safe for large numbers of students and staff. In addition we have been having to pick up the pieces from the mess of the exam results. It's been busy and we will do our best to communicate as clearly as we can with everyone and to make decisions in the best interests of the whole community at Holy Family. Please note that there is no excuse for the use of inappropriate language in correspondence with myself or any other member of staff and such incidents will not be tolerated. They reflect far more badly on the sender than they do on the receiver and they have no place in a Catholic community.

Did you know?

Yesterday we held a Mass for the start of the new school year for our Yr 7 students. After the Mass concluded the hall and every seat was cleaned by the additional cleaning staff we have employed so that it was safe for Yr 12 students to use for their assembly.

To end on a positive note it has been lovely to be back with our students and staff this week. A school without pupils is like a ...box of chocolates without any chocolates in it. We will continue to work hard to keep everyone safe and to keep education going at our school and thank you for all the positive messages of support we have received this week.

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

With best wishes

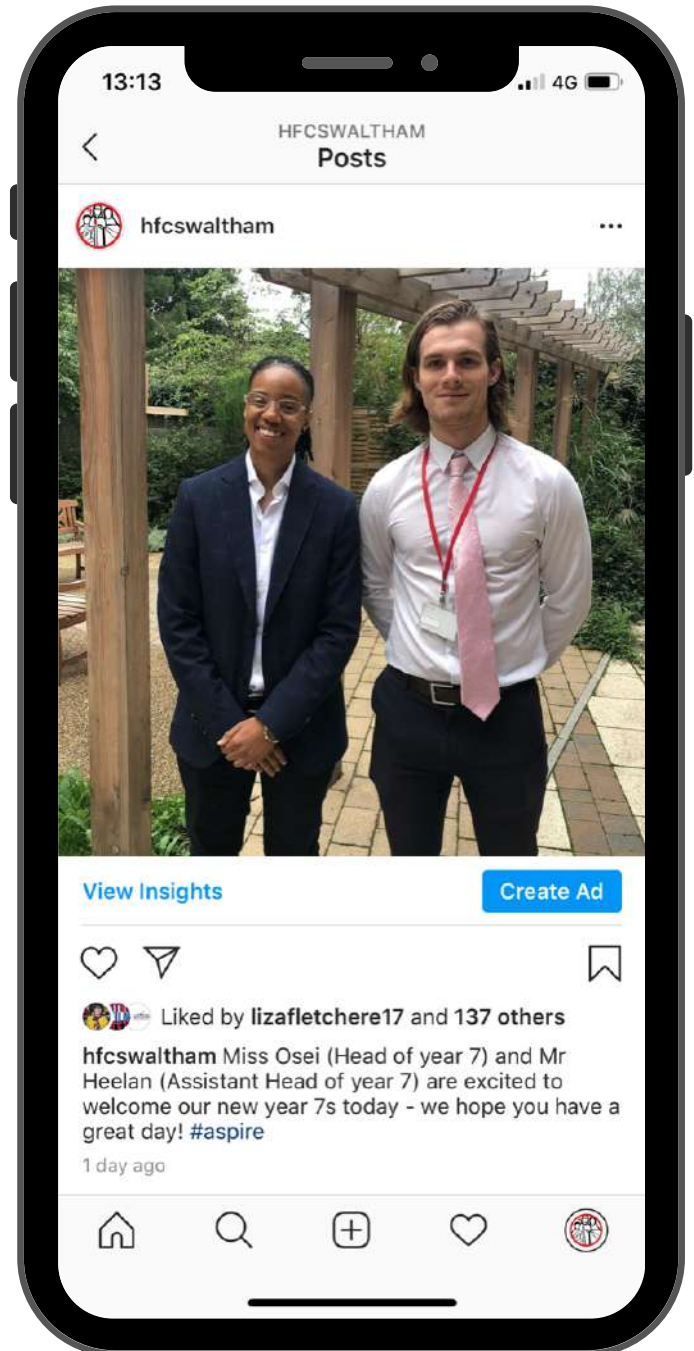
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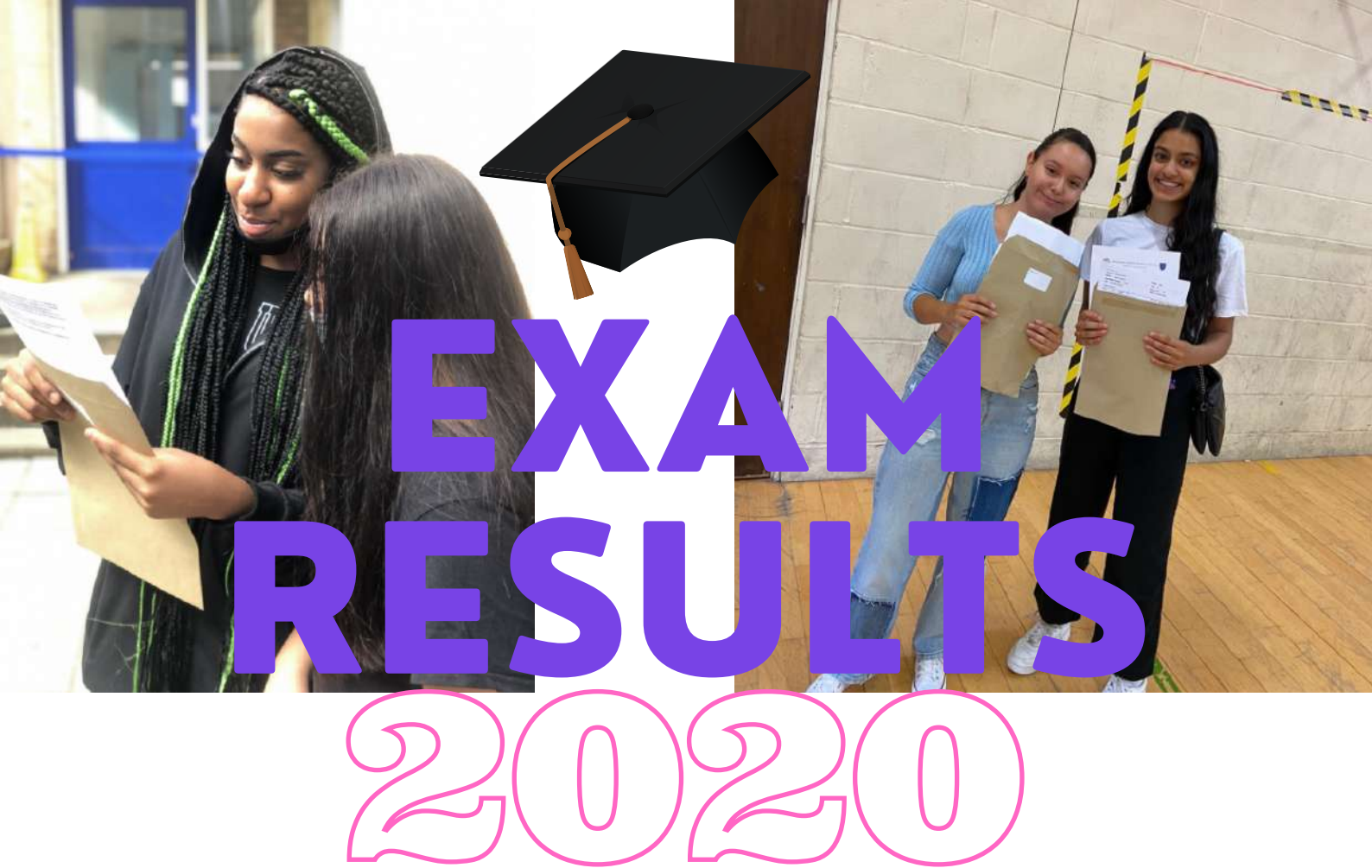
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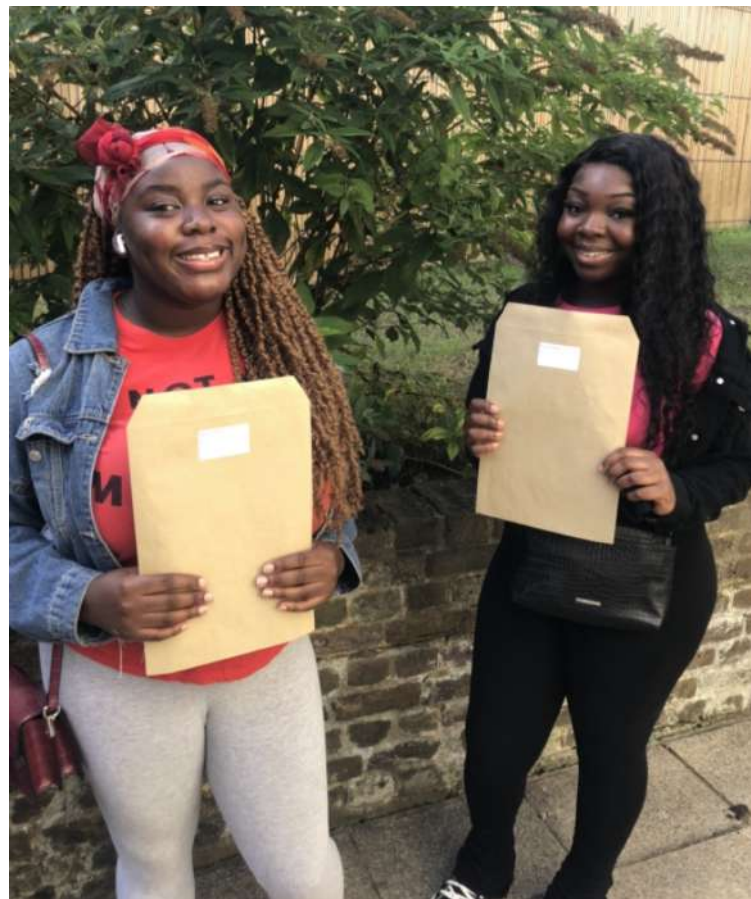
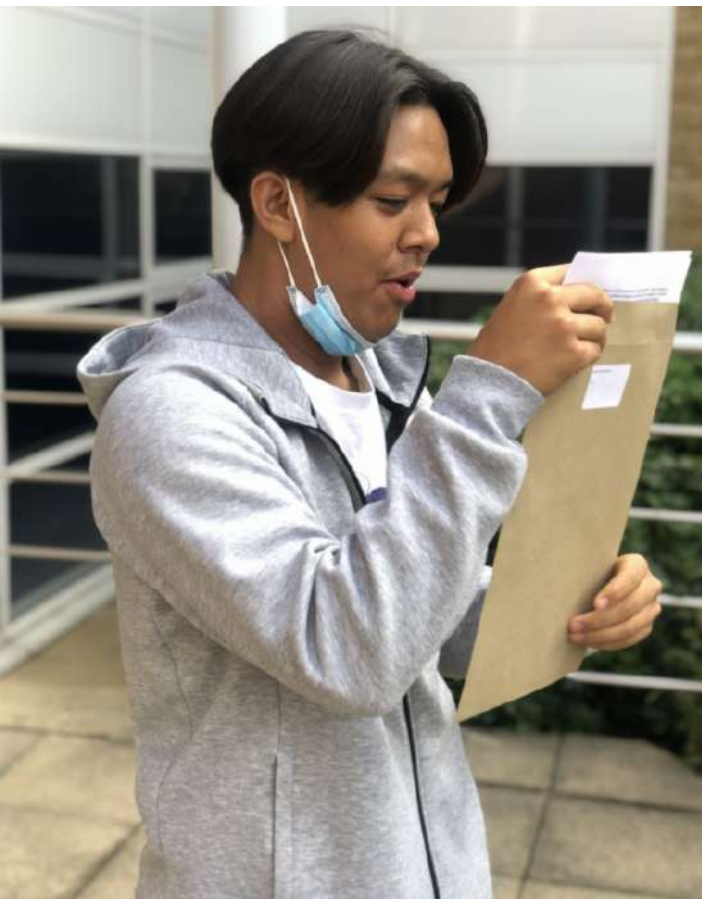
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We are delighted with the achievements of our students this year and offer our congratulations to everyone in year 13 and year 11 who received their grades this summer.
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Prayer for the end of the school year

Lord, I ask for Your help as I begin this new
school year.

Allow me to experience Your presence in
the many blessings You put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and
exciting opportunities that this new school
year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and
new teachers.

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic
with my studies and courage to accept new
opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and
let me experience Your presence in my new
friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!
Amen

LRC BOOKS

**DO YOU HAVE ANY SCHOOL
LIBRARY BOOKS AT HOME?**

**PLEASE RETURN OVERDUE
LIBRARY BOOKS**

**LOST BOOKS - THERE IS NO NEED TO
BE SCARED OR WORRIED, SIMPLY LET
THE LRC STAFF KNOW.**

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FULL GUIDE TO THE
SCHOOL UNIFORM**



**HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
& SIXTH FORM**

YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPLAINED

Years 7 & 8

All students must wear a school blazer, white shirt and school tie.



Girls must wear either the red checked kilt or school branded trousers



Boys must wear black formal school trousers



Years 9, 10 & 11

All students must wear a school blazer, white shirt and school tie.



Girls must wear either the black kilt or school branded trousers



Boys must wear black formal school trousers



All school uniform items can be obtained from Speedstich and Carolina's Outfitters

Do you have any uniform to donate?

UNIFORM DONATIONS

We are asking for donations of our current school uniform which your child may no longer need or have outgrown that is still in good and wearable condition. This can range from the list below:

Years 7 & 8

Blazer



Trousers



School Tie



GIRLS
RED CHECKED KILT
or
SCHOOL BRANDED
TROUSERS

Years 9, 10 & 11

Blazer



Trousers



School Tie



GIRLS
BACK KILT
or
SCHOOL BRANDED
TROUSERS



PE Kit



PLEASE DROP ANY DONATIONS TO EITHER
SCHOOL OFFICE - MANY THANKS

OPEN EVENING

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VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING



THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2020 6PM

HOLY FAMILY IS A SUCCESSFUL HAPPY SCHOOL WHICH HAS RECENTLY UNDERGONE A MULTI-MILLION POUND INVESTMENT PROGRAMME TO ENABLE US TO EXPAND AND EDUCATE MORE STUDENTS. MORE DETAILS ON OUR VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING TO FOLLOW - CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES AND FOLLOW US ON TWITTER @HFCSWALTHAM

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