HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Quotation of the week

"Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom" Oprah Winfrey.

How great it has been to be back at school and have the students with us. Holy Family is a family and we have missed our family members in recent weeks. A school without staff and students is just a collection of buildings it is the people that make an institution and the people that bring life, creativity and sparkle to it. It has been reenergising to be back in school, to teach face to face again and to interact with our young people and they deserve great credit for settling back into school so quickly, calmly and maturely during this past week.

School updates

Lateral Flow Tests have been carried out this week on all year groups. As of Thursday we had discovered only one positive case. However, while we have seen a high rate of consent to testing this has not been 100% and that means it is not as effective as it could be. The second round of testing will take place next week and a third round the week after. Following that families will be provided with testing kits and the responsibility to test children will rest with parents. Please let us know if you wish now to provide consent.

Compliance with facemask wearing in school is extremely high and thank you for your support with this. Students are also extremely good at hand washing and sanitisation. Both these measures are very important in terms of control of the virus. Where we could still see improvement is in terms of social distancing - hugs and handshakes should not be happening, nor should students gather after school. Please speak to your son/daughter about this. This will support us in trying to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Information about Yr 11 and Yr 13 Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs)

We will be writing home next week with detailed information about the process for assessing students in Yrs 11 and 13 to award them their GCSE, Btec and A level grades. Essentially this is as follows:#

- At present we are continuing teaching them and getting them back into the habits of regular classes in school
- We shall then do some consolidation and revision work

- After Easter we will set mini-assessments carried out in exam conditions and testing students only on work we know they have been able to cover during the course
- We will base our judgements on what grades to award on all the evidence available to us including previous mock exam results and other assessments, work submitted during the course, coursework if it forms part of their course, performance on the tests after Easter

Teachers will then begin a detailed process of reviewing each student's performance based on the evidence to determine the grade each student should be awarded Colleagues will all receive training in this process and all grading decisions will be thoroughly reviewed by heads of department, by senior staff and by me as the headteacher.

We will also be working with teachers in other schools to moderate and review our decisions and we shall be doing the same for those other schools

Results will be published on 10th August for A level and on 12th August for GCSE. There will be an appeals system for students unhappy with the grade awarded do this can be reviewed and in the autumn term there will be exams enabling any student who wishes to sit exams to do so.

As I say we will write with more detail next week but I want to reassure everyone that we will have a robust system in place and that we will do our utmost to deliver fair grades to all our students.

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. You can also email me directly at anytime on a.stone@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk

Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

With best wishes,

Dr Stone Headteacher





This week we have commendations for the following students:

First, nominated by Mr McCollin,

Maria Fernanda Posada Jaramillo Year 9, Janet Adewole Year 9 and Herbert Amoah Year 11

for outstanding work during lockdown.

Also from the Maths department we have

Kieron Duesbury in 12S

for his outstanding progress in Core Maths. Kieron was nominated by Ms Sandhu.

Finally from Mr Aziz in the Maths department we have a commendation for

Nevin Rois in Yr 9

He is always fully engaged in the lessons and very cooperative.

Well done to all these students!

SOCIAL MEDIA CATCHUP



@HFCSWALTHAM







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Chaplaincy Corner

Loving God, we ask that you protect all students and staff who are returning to school, and give parents and guardians peace about their well-being.

Bless the body, mind, and soul of every student and member of staff.

May they celebrate your glory and use their education to build your kingdom of peace.

Amen

We are now at the completion of our theme of ASPIRE, "enjoy".

The majority of students (and parents!) will enjoy being back in school. Although this week has been a transition week, we are already enjoying welcoming students and seeing them learning face to face once again.

We are not created by God to live alone. We are relational beings and, as such, being together in our school community is an essential expression of who we are.



If you have concerns about the times we are living through, or even returning to school, writing something down allows you to really process as well as acknowledge all your thoughts and feelings.

Write a list of things that you are grateful for every morning and night as this will keep your spirits up and remind you that everything isn't all bad, even if it may feel that way sometimes.

This global pandemic is unlike anything known by our generation and is sure to go down in the history books, so why not try to keep a diary or make a daily/weekly vlog? It will give you something to look back on and show the grandkids!

"Young people, enjoy your youth. Be happy while you are still young. Do what you want to do, and follow your heart's desire. But remember that God is going to judge you for whatever you do". (Ecclesiastes 11:9)

This week we celebrate Mothering Sunday, celebrated on the fourth Sunday in Lent. Exactly three weeks before Easter Sunday, it was originally a day to honour and give thanks to the Virgin Mary, also known as Mother Mary. Such celebrations required people to visit their "mother" church – the main church or cathedral in a family's area.

FOURTH SUNDAYIN

It is an important day to remember the role that our mother and mother-figures play in our lives. From aunts to grandmothers to friends, we have many women in our lives that we can look up to. Let us also remember the special place that Mary, mother of Jesus, has in our faith.

Tay safe - Mrs. Grierson, Chaplain

Key Dates for Lent 2021

SUNDAY 14TH MARCH - 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
(MOTHERING SUNDAY)

WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH - ST PATRICK'S DAY

SUNDAY 21ST MARCH - 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 28TH MARCH - PALM SUNDAY

THURSDAY 1ST APRIL - MAUNDY THURSDAY

(LAST DAY OF TERM)

FRIDAY 2ND APRIL - GOOD FRIDAY

SATURDAY 3RD APRIL - HOLY SATURDAY

SUNDAY 4TH APRIL - EASTER SUNDAY

MONDAY 5TH APRIL - EASTER MONDAY

MONDAY 20TH APRIL - RETURN TO SCHOOL

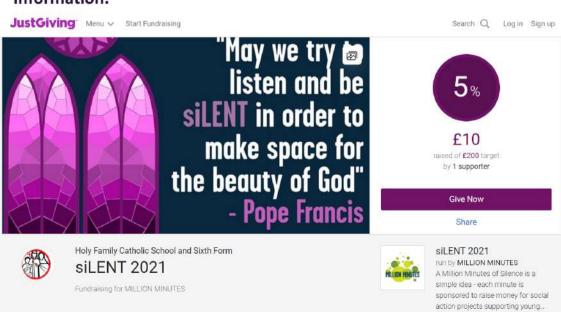


Holy Family is going siLENT – join in by deciding how long you want to stay silent for and get sponsored! Encourage your family to join in – have a silent meal together. Turn off the TV and play a silent board game. Turn off your social media and read a book, in silence of course!

Take a photo or make a video of your silent time and when you turn on your social media, post it online with #siLENT @Million_Minutes

Spread the word and get sponsored – our fundraising page is <u>here</u>

<u>Email Mrs Grierson</u> to let her know you are taking part, or for more information.



Charity Registration No. 1140079

WELLBEING

This week Ms Nordon tells us:



Accepting that you have enough and being content; aiming for what is manageable for you-tread your own path!

Thailand gets advertised as the land of smiles in holiday brochures
but Mai Pen Rai is about serenity
-accept something you can't change and smile-

e.g. Being stuck in traffic, coming back to school.

It has been proven even if you fake a smile your brain releases feel-good chemicals.

Could you smile more?

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Parents/Carers		
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Young Minds Parents' Helpline Free, confidential helpline for any adult who is concerned about the emotional problems, behaviour or mental health of a child or young person up to the age of 25. Reliable information for parents and carers about common mental health and behaviour concerns in children and young people aged 0-25.	The parents' helpline number is 0808 802 554
The Anxious Child A booklet for parents and carers wanting to know more about anxiety in children and young people The Mental Health Foundation.	www.mentalhealth.org.uk/ sites/default/files/anxious_ child.pdf
Mindful Monsters Provide a set of cards that parents can subscribe for and they then receive a pack each month for a year which enables them to do activities with their children. They help with their concentration, relaxation, positivity and creativity through mindfulness.	https://mindfulmonsters.co. uk
Free resources for parents, professionals and others interested in mental and emotional wellbeing.	www.cwmt.org.uk/resourc es
This site includes advice on an emotionally healthy approach to GCSEs for students, parents and schools. Coping with self: A guide for parents and carers.	www.cwmt.org.uk/resourc es?lightbox=dat altem-iyuk9n5j1
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ST PATRICK'S DAY 17TH MARCH

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HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY TO YOU!

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY, OR THE FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK, IS A CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS CELEBRATION HELD ON 17TH MARCH,

TO CELEBRATE THE FOREMOST PATRON SAINT OF IRELAND.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY WAS MADE AN OFFICIAL CHRISTIAN FEAST DAY IN THE EARLY 17TH CENTURY. THE DAY COMMEMORATES SAINT PATRICK, THE ARRIVAL OF CHRISTIANITY IN IRELAND, AND CELEBRATES THE HERITAGE AND CULTURE OF THE IRISH IN GENERAL.

CELEBRATIONS GENERALLY INVOLVE PUBLIC PARADES AND FESTIVALS (WHICH ARE ALL VIRTUAL THIS YEAR),
TRADITIONAL FOODS, IRISH TRADITIONAL MUSIC SESSIONS (CÉILITHE),
AND THE WEARING OF GREEN ATTIRE OR SHAMROCKS.

ACCORDING TO LEGEND, SAINT PATRICK USED THE THREE-LEAVED SHAMROCK TO EXPLAIN THE HOLY TRINITY.



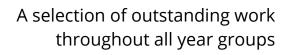


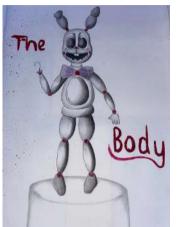




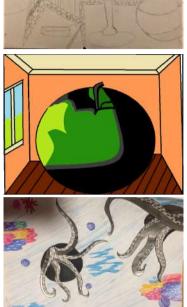
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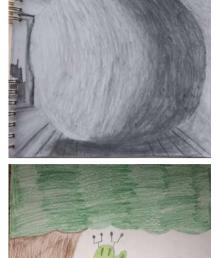




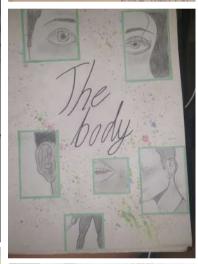










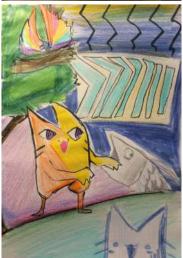


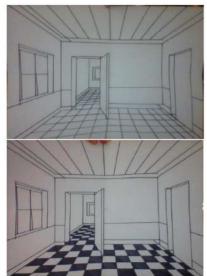
















D&T ASSEMBLED

Year 10 were straight back into the workshop this week, picking up where they left off on their projects from before lockdown, we can't wait to see the finished products!







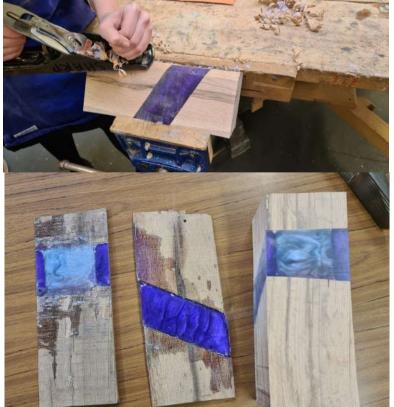










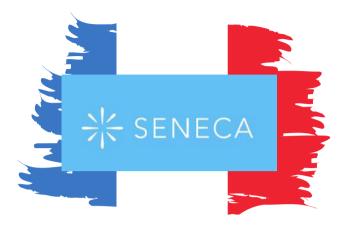








Well done to the following students who have put in the most hours on Seneca and Active Learn as well as producing excellent work!



Eri A., Elizabet P., Patryk G.,
Naomi M., Destiny S., Cheyenne F.,
Vlad M., Gabriel O., Milanne F.,
Kiarn T., Glynis D., Anabel C.,
Debbie K., Mariya L., Elie K.,
Keon W., Tony N., Sinead K.,
Laura K.



Romani S., Javel S., J M., Alyssia J.,
Maria S., Susan Z., Charlotte S.,
Toniah M., Emily G-S., Rekison M.,
Feile A., Oskar T., Maria B., Arturo B-L.,
Steven M., Kimberley H-S., Denny C.,
Catherine C., Maria P., Trinity A-C.,
Tiara D., Neriah-Jane O.



Emilia B., Jackie C., Kelvin W., George M-W., Nevin R., Janna S., Arjun T., Jayden A., Andreas A., Dylan D., Devonte B., Naomi M., Chelsy S., Ryan V.



Aniera I., Joshua M., Kaylen R., Javel S.





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Saturday 20th March is International Francophonie Day.

To celebrate this annual event, the department of <u>History, Languages and Translation</u> at Aston University, Birmingham, is launching a competition for school students in **Years 10 and 12** on the theme of **'French around the world'**.

To participate, you will need to use either <u>Microsoft Sway</u> or <u>PowerPoint</u> to create a short, visually engaging presentation showcasing **10** interesting facts about the French-speaking world. Presentations should be composed in French and should focus on the diversity, status and history of French as a global language. Judges will be looking for **originality** and **creativity**, as well as **accuracy** of language and content.

A prize of book vouchers worth £40 will be awarded to the best presentation from each year group.*

Schools should submit presentations on behalf of students as email attachments sent to Henry Jones (h.jones4@aston.ac.uk) by **5pm on Monday 22**nd **March**. The presentation file should not contain any personal details which may identify the student, just a first name, year group and school. All entries will be deleted after the judging has been completed, with the exception of the winning entries, which will be posted on our social media. At this point only the school and the year group will be shown.

Winners will be announced on Friday 26th March via our Twitter account @Aston LangTrans

Bonne chance!

Links for inspiration

- La francophonie The French-speaking world https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zw9rcdm/revision/1
- Qui parle français dans le monde?: http://observatoire.francophonie.org/qui-parle-francais-dans-le-monde/
- Espace Français Lumière sur la Francophonie: https://www.espacefrançais.com/la-francophonie/

Resources

- Unsplash (for freely usable images): https://unsplash.com/
- Video explaining how to use Microsoft Sway:
 https://astonreplay.cloud.panopto.eu/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=710642bb-8d14-4dbd-b4f4-acdb0128af28&start=5.901338
- Further advice on getting started with Microsoft Sway: https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/topic/getting-started-with-sway-2076c468-63f4-4a89-ae5f-424796714a8a?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us

^{*} In the event of insufficient entries of good quality, no prize will be awarded; the judges' decision is final.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

KS3 MATHS - PARALLEL PROJECT ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME.

EVERY THURSDAY AT 3PM

ACCESIBLE ONLINE - HTTPS://PARALLEL.ORG.UK/

SOME STUDENTS HAVE THEIR OWN LOG IN DETAILS ALREADY BUT IF NOT THE CODE TO JOIN IS ${f QZL15U}$

HISTORY CLUB

WEDNESDAYS AT 3:30-4PM

GOOGLE CLASS CODE: 4UIT2LR

SOLVING MURDERS AND NEW CLUES RELEASED EVERY WEDNESDAY TO GO THROUGH TOGETHER ON GOOGLE MEETS.

YEAR 8 READING CLUB

WEDNESDAYS 3:10-3:40PM

CURRENTLY READING "WONDER". STUDENTS CAN JOIN USING THE LINK POSTED EACH WEEK ON THE YEAR 8 GOOGLE CLASSROOM.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION SESSIONS - 6TH FORM

WEDNESDAYS FROM 3:15PM VIA THE GOOGLE CLASSROOM (SEE LINK)

HTTPS://CLASSROOM.GOOGLE.COM/C/MTC2MDY2MTI1MTU5?CJC=LKKMB2X

DEBATE CLUB

EVERY THURSDAY FROM 3:20PM

MORE INFORMATION ON GOOGLECLASS:

HTTPS://CLASSROOM.GOOGLE.COM/C/NZG5NJU5NZU4OVPA?CJC=VLTDQEV

ONLINE CHESS CLUB

EVERY THURSDAY FROM 3:20PM

MORE INFORMATION ON GOOGLECLASS: CLASS CODE - JQJNW51

ONLINE RUNNING CLUB

CAN BE COMPLETED WHENEVER YOU HAVE TIME CLASS CODE - **ZFPIIDK**

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There are many more virtual experience opportunities on the Speakers for Schools website or contact Mr Fidegnon for more info.









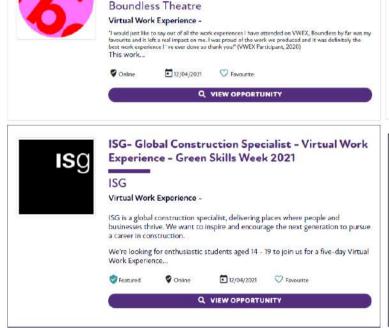


SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENTS

Congratulations to the following students who have been accepted onto Virtual Work Experience placements:

Gabriel Turay - Thames Water
Remajan Moharan - British Airways
Neo Valverde-Sebunya - Jo Cox Foundation & DXC Technology
Amelia Szwedo-Bielicki - Wates
Angelina Martin - Santander

SHE IS SUSTAINABLE



Theatre for a Boundless Generation | Creative

Community Work Experience



She Is Sustainable

Virtual Work Experience -

Green Skills with She Is Sustainable - Insight Day

To celebrate Earth Day, we are bringing together some of our network of people who Identify as women working in and around groen jobs to give an insight into careers that champion good environmental

Q VIEW OPPORTUNITY





CAREERS CORNER





SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS VIRTUAL TALKS & BROADCASTS





The SFS Virtual Talks programme allows speakers to remotely connect with students in classrooms and share their unique insights and advice with young people.



Green Skills Week Broadcast

DATE: Monday 15th March

TIME: 16:00 - 16:45

YEAR GROUP: KS4 - 5 /S4-6

CLICK HERE TO JOIN

Speaker: Lisa Holland, Climate Change Correspondent, Sky News

We are looking forward to hosting a Green Skills Week broadcast with Lisa Holland, Climate change correspondent at 5ky News. In this broadcast, students will hear from Lisa as well as be introduced to Sky's The Edit: Be the Change, Shape It competition. The Edit is a unique opportunity for budding reporters to learn more about climate change and use their digital storytelling skills to take action. There will also be an opportunity for you to submit your questions to Lisa too!



DATE: Monday 15th March

TIME: 17:00 - 18:00

YEAR GROUP: KS4 - 5 /S4-6

CLICK HERE TO JOIN

Speaker: Patrick Hutchinson, Co founder of UTCAI, Personal trainer, Athletics Coach & Author

We are pleased to be hosting a broadcast from Patrick Hutchinson. Coventry born, London bred Co founder of UTCAI, Personal trainer, Athletics Coach & Author, Patrick Hutchinson has been motivating people and uplifting his community long before he became a national hero. Join Speakers for Schools and Patrick for an interview focussing on his work in the community and what we can all do to have an impact and create positive change. Students will have the opportunity to submit their questions for Patrick too.

Experience Nursing Broadcast

DATE: Tuesday 16th March

TIME: 17:00 - 18:00

YEAR GROUP: KS4 - 5 /S4-6

CLICK HERE TO JOIN

Speaker: Professor Dame Donna Kinnair DBE, Chief Executive and General Secretary, Royal College of Nursing

We are delighted to be joined by Dame Donna Kinnair, Chief Executive and General Secretary, Royal College of Nursing, Donna joined the RCN as Head of Nursing in 2015, providing leadership to the Nursing departments. Donna was then promoted and joined the RCN Executive Team to Director of Nursing, Policy and Practice in 2016, where her key role is to work with UK-wide RCN staff to drive and implement the future RCN professional nursing, policy and practice strategy. Donna will be reflecting on her career journey, highlighting key misconceptions about nursing and the importance of protecting our nurses.



DATE: Thursday 18th March

TIME: 16:00 = 16:45

YEAR GROUP: KS4 - 5/S4-6

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Speaker: Lord Mayor of London

We are thrilled to be hosting a broadcast with Alderman William Russell, Lord Mayor of the City of London. His mayoral theme for the year is Global UK: Trade, Innovation and Culture, aiming to grow global trade, champion innovation and promote a rich and vibrant cultural and creative economy. Alderman Russell has over thirty years' experience in the financial and business City including holding senior positions in the national and international Banking sector. As part of Green Skills Week, Alderman Russell will be speaking about his role as Lord Mayor and is looking forward to answering your questions.



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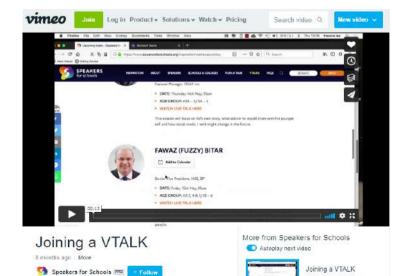
Speaker: Millie Banerjee CBE, Chair of NHS Blood and Transplant

We are looking forward to hosting a broadcast with Millie Banerjee CBE, Chair of NHS Blood and Transplant. Millie has had a long and varied career in the private and public sectors. Millie is a UCL Zoology graduate who has spent most of her working life in telecoms and programme management with companies such as BT. Millie has extensive experience in corporate governance having held a number of non-executive appointments including non-executive director of the Cabinet Office, Channel 4 TV, the Prisons Board, Ofcom and Barts Health. Millie will be sharing her career journey, experiences of working for the NHS and will reflect on the importance of transferable skills.

Speakers for Schools

Join 10 minutes before the broadcast to be ready

Learn how to join a VTALK here:





THE MAKER CHALLENGE PROGRAMME IS AIMED AT YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 14-18

ALL SESSIONS ARE DELIVERED REMOTELY THROUGH ONLINE WORKSHOPS LED BY EXPERT STAFF AND SUPPORTED BY IMPERIAL STUDENTS.

THE REACH OUT MAKERSPACE IS A DEDICATED SPACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, CONTAINING A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT TOOLS SUCH AS 3D PRINTERS, LASER CUTTER, SCANNERS, TRADITIONAL WOODWORKING MACHINERY, HAND TOOLS AND CRAFT MATERIALS.

THERE IS A WORKSHOP SPACE AND DESIGN STUDIO, STAFFED BY OUR DEDICATED MAKERSPACE TEAM.

OVER 11 WEEKS, YOUNG PEOPLE LEARN HOW TO DESIGN, PROTOTYPE AND MAKE THROUGH EXPERT-LED VIRTUAL SESSIONS AND BESPOKE MAKING KITS. WE TEACH DESIGN THINKING, 3D PRINTING, LASER-CUTTING, CODING AND MORE, AND STUDENTS WILL DEVELOP THEIR CREATIVE IDEA FROM CONCEPT TO PROTOTYPE.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES 13 VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS WHICH TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAYS AND SOME THURSDAYS FROM 17:30 - 19:00.

DATES: 26 APRIL - 29 JUNE 2021

LOCATION: ONLINE

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SUNDAY 18 APRIL 2021

HOW TO APPLY: STUDENTS APPLY INDIVIDUALLY AND CAN COMPLETE THEIR APPLICATION HERE.

STRUGGLING WITH AN APPLICATION? FOR QUERIES OR TO BOOK A 1-1 SUPPORT SESSION WITH OUR TEAM, CONTACT:

MAKERSPACE@IMPERIAL.AC.UK OR CALL/TEXT 07517551996.

SIXTH FORM LEAVERS 2020 DESTINATIONS



Nadine Siaw-Badu University of Leicester Studying: Biological Sciences



Victor Sosa Fernandes University of Westminster, London

Studying: Business Management



Ruby Stewart Louis University of York Studying: Philosophy/Politics (Equal)





Phoebe Slack









Julia Tanska University College London (UCL) Studying: Language and Culture

















Welcome to Holy Family Sixth Form

6TH FORM

APPLY ONLINE NOW!

JOIN OUR
OUTSTANDING
SIXTH FORM IN
SEPTEMBER 2021
AND OPEN THE
DOOR TO YOUR
FUTURE!



APPLICATIONS

We have extended our deadlines for Sixth Form Applications -

Internal Holy Family year 11 students: Friday 19th March 2021

External year 11 students: Friday 19th Feb 2021

VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING: HTTPS://WWW.HOLYFAMILY.WALTHAM.SCH.UK/SIXTH-FORM/ADMISSIONS/

APPLICATION PORTAL: https://holyfamily.applicaa.com/year12



Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form
ASPRETO THE HOLY FAMILY WAY
SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

1) Why study at Holy Family?





2) Choosing your subjects





3) How to apply to Holy Family

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING



4) Frequently Asked Questions



Curriculum Information

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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





Trousers



Years 9, 10 & 11

School Tie



GIRLS RED CHECKED KILT SCHOOL BRANDED **TROUSERS**

GIRLS BACK KILT SCHOOL BRANDED TROUSERS





PE Kit













PLEASE DROP ANY DONATIONS TO EITHER SCHOOL OFFICE - MANY THANKS



Our libraries are looking very empty because so many books went home with you over lockdown.

Now that we are back in school please drop your borrowed books back to the librarians by Friday 26th March

Don't worry if they're already over due