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NEWSLETTER



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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Quotation of the week

“We need to strengthen the conviction that we are all one single human family” Pope Francis

One thing we have learned from the global pandemic is that we are indeed ‘one single human family’. All nations have to tackle the coronavirus together. Seeking to eradicate it in one country only will not work because the world is now so interconnected. Christianity teaches us that we should ‘love our neighbour’ and we must remember and accept that our neighbour means every other person on the planet. In school we try to teach the students to love their neighbour too. If we can start by loving our neighbour in our own Holy Family community then we have a better chance of everyone loving their neighbour on a global scale.

Covid19 update

This has been a tough week for us all at Holy Family with the news on Monday that one of our new Yr 7 students had tested positive for covid19. I know there has been lots of anxiety and this is entirely understandable.

There is concern in the government that the number of covid infections is rising across the country and we are still some time away from finding a vaccine and managing the virus through that mechanism.

However, we have enjoyed an excellent week in school, it has been a pleasure to welcome our students back, to teach them and to help them settle in again. My sense from talking to many of them is that they are happy to be back and that the routines of school life and getting some normality back will be of great benefit to our young people. Yr 11 students in the main are more concerned about their studies and taking exams next summer than they are about covid affecting them and this is how it should be.

Thank you to our staff for all they have done this week. You may not realise it, but they have worked heroically to cope with the restrictions and the new measures involved in ensuring everyone keeps safe. Ensuring that everyone is safe requires a huge amount of effort behind the scenes and teachers are constantly on duty,

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way beyond their contracted hours to help students move safely and calmly around the site. Adrian Anderson, our Chair of Governors has been similarly generous with his time and toured both sites yesterday afternoon. We were able to speak to students and staff who were overwhelmingly positive about being back. Thank you to our students who have responded magnificently too and shown great maturity and thank you to all our parents/carers for your support and the kind messages that many of you have sent thanking the school staff for what we are doing.

We also received a lovely message from a member of the public praising our students behaviour on the Shernhall St after school:

“Hello,I have just been walking home along Shernhall St with my daughter in her pram and wanted to send a quick email to say how polite and well behaved the students from your school have been today. Those whom I have passed were a real credit to your school and it was a genuine pleasure to see them so happy to be back (albeit at the end of the school day!)”

Other news this week

This week we took delivery of our brand new minibus. The deposit was paid thanks to a generous donation from the Friends of Holy Family PTA group and we are most grateful to them. The new minibus seats up to 16 passengers and will enable us to continue to transport students to sporting and other events once we are permitted to return to these activities. We are keeping the old minibus too, at least until it becomes uneconomic to repair, which means we shall be very well provided for in terms of student transport options.

Open Evening

Our Open Evening for prospective Yr 7 students will be a virtual one this year and you will be able to see our video messages from the 24th September 2020. This year we are also offering after school tours in small groups to comply with government guidance about social distancing (max 5 people plus guide). These tours will take place at 4pm after the school day and will give parents an opportunity to see the facilities of the school and to speak with me as we walk around. More details about booking a tour will be available on our website soon.

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

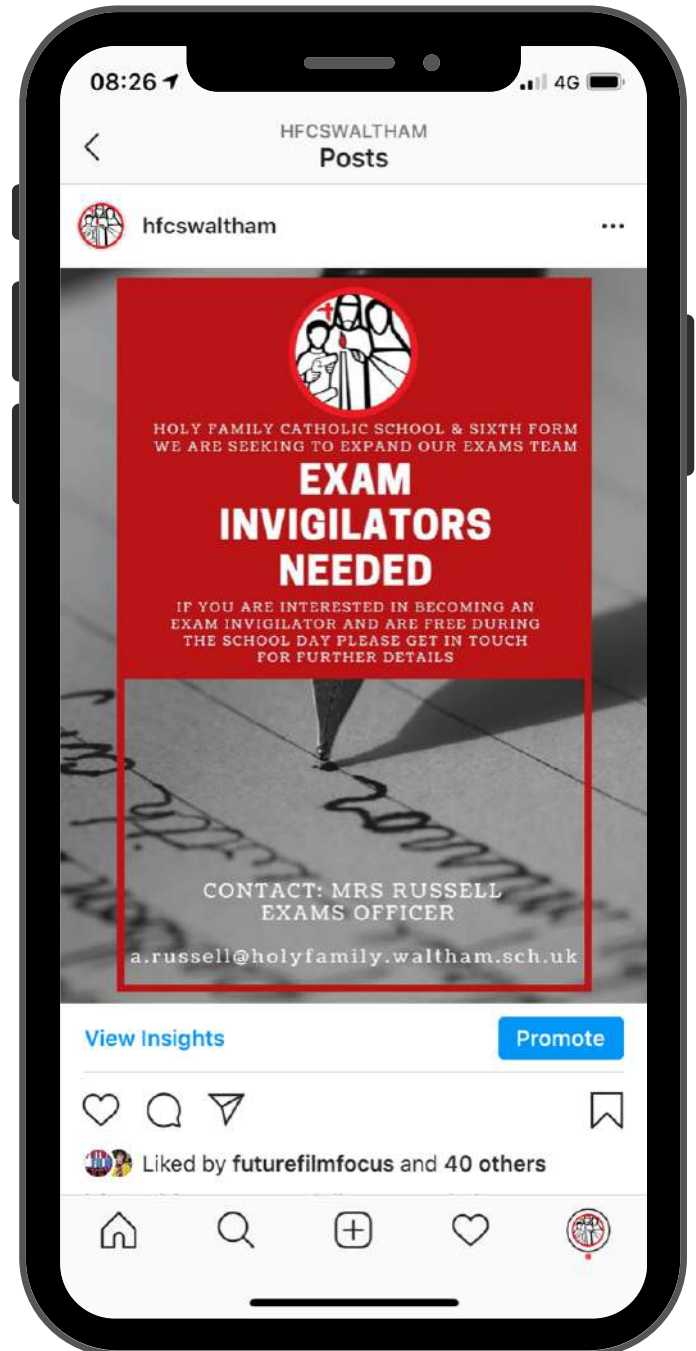
With best wishes

Dr Stone, Headteacher

SOCIAL MEDIA CATCHUP



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Chaplaincy Corner

Welcome to the first Chaplaincy Corner of the year. For new parents, this is a weekly update about what is happening spiritually and pastorally around the school and in the world generally. We are a Catholic school and daily prayer and worship are integral to all that we do.

Last week, staff began the new academic year by attending Mass at Our Lady & St George. It was lovely to come together as a community once again.

On Thursday, we were delighted that Canon Niall was able to celebrate Mass with our Year 7 students. Sadly we were unable to invite parents to join us for Mass this year due to social distancing. However, each student was given a service booklet and parents may wish to have a look through and keep as a reminder of their child's first day at Holy Family.

The Year 7s seem to have settled in well, with plenty of smiling faces and new friendships.

A fellow Lay Chaplain, Hannah Kelly from St John Payne School in Chelmsford, has written the following prayer to begin the new school year:

Dear Lord,

It is so wonderful to once again be together to pray for the world, each other and ourselves, during this time of continued uncertainty and vulnerability. We have all experienced a profound event due to lockdown and Covid 19, which will someday enter our history books.

We ask you to help us to remember that each person has experienced and been affected by this event in many different ways. Some of us may have experienced it first hand – we may have had it, known someone who has or indeed have lost a loved one to it. We pray now for all who have died – especially those known to us.

Some of us may have found the time in Lockdown difficult – the isolation from family, friends and school may have affected our mental health and – for many of us – it may have been quite a struggle. Some of us may have worried about the situation, but used the time to enjoy family, nature, Zoom calls, as well as some time to rest.

Whatever the experience we have each had, we ask God to help us to remember to be kind – to remember that all members of our community – staff and students – have gone through and are continuing to deal with the effects of Covid 19 on our everyday life.

Lord help us to never judge the way someone else deals with a situation, because we are all uniquely made by you and will therefore react and feel differently.

Finally, Lord, we thank you for bringing us closer to normality, seeing our friends and teachers, and continuing our learning. Increase our hope and faith. Calm our nerves and anxieties. Help us to respect one another and to enjoy the time we will spend together this year – as we know just how precious that is.

Amen

**“God saw all that he had made, and it was very good” Genesis
1:31**

From September 1st to October 4th, the Christian family celebrates the gift of creation. During this season we are encouraged to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour and the earth we share.

Pope Francis reminds us that our earth was here before us and it has been given to us freely, not to exploit, but to care for.

We need to re-imagine our common home – a precious gift given to us by God. Not just for ourselves, but for the world’s poorest people and for those generations still to come. As individuals we need to make changes in our lives, walk more, eat less meat, switch to clean energy suppliers, recycle – the list goes on.

We give thanks for the gift of God’s creation.

Creator God,

***Your world is a wonderful and beautiful place, full of variety,
full of wonder, full of life.***

***Teach us to care for the earth and help us to build a world that is filled with your
goodness.***

Amen.

The Chaplaincy is based in the Emmaus Room on the Walthamstow site and is open for both students and staff, whether to have a chat or just to sit quietly.

On the Wiseman site you will usually find me in the Chapel office.

Hopefully our Justice & Peace clubs will resume shortly and our Liturgy Leaders will be able to meet together once more.

Stay safe - Mrs. Grierson, Chaplain



NEW MINI BUS

With the support of the PTA
we've been able to fund a
new mini bus!



Dr. Stone and Deputy Head Girl and Boy, Valentina and Jezreel were the first to check out the new mini bus this week.

We look forward to putting it to good use soon!



GEOGRAPHY

Y10 were given some holiday homework ahead of their new topic this term, you can see the effort put into them!

The task was to create a shoebox project of the Jurassic coastline with whatever materials they wanted, as long as they were creative and made it colourful!

They had to research what the Jurassic coastline looks like and then put this into a model in a shoebox, including features like caves, arches, stacks and stumps (Old Harry's Rocks), Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door (arch).



Mary Leticia Isichei



Chenna Diegbe - Smith



Lulworth Cove by Tacyana Ferguson



Gabriel Chapman, Gabriel Turay, Nnamdi Chinwuba

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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Sixth Form

Please inform Mrs Warwick if you book any sessions, and complete the opportunities form, so we can credit you, and contact her if you have difficulty booking on:

mrs.warwick@holyfamilycatholicschool.co.uk

Opportunity	Details	Website/more
LSE Black Achievement Conference- designed to give students a taste of higher education and make decisions about their future.	webinar Saturday 31 Oct- 10.00 am - 1.45	Student sign-up individually on lse.ac.uk/blackachievementconference . Register by 20/9 11:59
virtual work experience with PWC, IBM, EY, CGI and others. 3 day programme during for students to learn new things and start to building a professional network	October half term 26/28 9am-4pm each day Specially for students looking to get into Technology, business, accounting and finance	to book please go to https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/young_prouk
Scholarships for prospective law students £2 million available across the fund	ongoing	scholarships@law.ac .

Simon Singh's Parallel Maths Project

A great opportunity to stretch and challenge
your brain every week!

Earn points and badges.

Register and start straight away: Parallel.org.uk,
code: qzl15u

Welcome to the Parallel Maths Project!

Be challenged, get curious, do maths.
Stretch your brain every week.

Dr Simon Singh, author of the No. 1 bestseller *Fermat's Last Theorem* and *The Simpsons and Their Mathematical Secrets* has created a set of weekly maths challenges – just 15 minutes of interesting, fun and challenging material that goes beyond school maths: mystery and history, activities and oddities, puzzles and problems. (After Christmas, the challenges will take a bit longer.)



For more details please see Ms Atakan

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AND EDUCATED IN WALTHAM
FOREST

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MOMENTS LIFE ON FILM MAKING
FUTURE HISTORY

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AN EASY WAY TO MAKE
THE BEST FILM YOU CAN
UNDER LOCKDOWN USING
JUST YOUR IMAGINATION
- LAUREN



DURING THESE TIMES, IT'S
THE SMALL OR LESS OBVI-
OUS THINGS THAT BECOME
IMPORTANT TO US, WHICH
TRULY ARE MAGICAL TO
CAPTURE
- CHLOE



WE'RE LIVING IN A UNIQUE
TIME, EVERYONE SHOULD
BE ABLE TO CAPTURE IT
USING INSPIRATION FROM
WHAT'S AROUND THEM
- SHOLA



3 STEPS TO HELP US CON-
NECT WITH OTHER FILM-
MAKERS USING WHAT WE
ALL HAVE IN THE
PALM OF OUR HANDS
- MONDAY



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Between Boxing Day and New Year's Eve, Radio 1 would love to give some new aspiring radio presenters a chance to broadcast on the network.

If you have already hosted on a community, hospital, student or local radio station and you know your way around a radio desk we'd love to hear from you.

You must be passionate about youth culture and music, and someone who feels they are genuinely ready to host a show on the station.

If you think this is you, please tell us a bit about yourself and upload a demo of no more than 5 minutes so we can hear how you would sound on Radio 1.

[Click this page to find out more](#)

***You must be aged 18 or over at the
closing date of
20th September 2020.**





HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM
WE ARE SEEKING TO EXPAND OUR EXAMS TEAM

EXAM INVIGILATORS NEEDED

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN
EXAM INVIGILATOR AND ARE FREE DURING
THE SCHOOL DAY PLEASE GET IN TOUCH
FOR FURTHER DETAILS



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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

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.**