

# FAMILY MATTERS



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER



## OPEN EVENING 2020



**HEAD TO OUR  
WEBSITE TO  
CHECK OUT  
OUR VIRTUAL  
OPEN  
EVENING!**

## GET TO KNOW THE HOUSE SYSTEM!



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# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

## **Quotation of the week**

“Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God”

## **Covid19 update**

We have not had any more positive tests for coronavirus in the school this week. However, as you will be aware, cases of covid19 are rising across the UK and we must remain vigilant. I want this week to remind you of the control measures that are in place and to give you some feedback about how things are operating in school at the moment. You'll also be able to get your son/daughter's perspective when you speak to them about their day. In our view the students are by and large, happy being in school engaged with their learning and feeling safe and secure.

Moving around the school is very calm and orderly. Students in Yrs 7-10 are walked to their classes by staff - this avoids congestion in corridors and concerns about crowded spaces. Lunch is staggered with only one year group at a time in the canteen. Between sittings all the surfaces are thoroughly cleaned. The school is functioning well and students are attending in very high numbers - our weekly attendance rate is in excess of 96% which is excellent.

We have additional cleaning staff working constantly through the day on both sites to clean door handles, and other higher risk surfaces.

We are more or less operating according to our normal timetable and curriculum, although lunches are staggered and some classes finish slightly early. Students are able to take their usual subjects and most subjects are able to deliver the curriculum as they would have done pre-covid. Classrooms are arranged with desks facing forwards so that the risks of being seated close to each other are minimised.

We are providing individual in-class support for students with SEN/D and our teaching staff are assessing what gaps there are in the knowledge and understanding of the students. Inevitably there are some gaps because they missed so much time during lockdown. However, we are working hard to compensate for this and interventions have begun with Yr 11 in particular to help them feel more confident in their learning. I want to thank both staff and students for the fantastic way they have responded to the challenges involved in re-opening the school.

# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We still do not know what the government's plans are for the assessment of students in Yr 11 and Yr 13 next summer and I shall update you as soon as we know. We are supporting students with their mental health and well-being - most are fine and coping well but a few need the extra support we are able to provide. Our extra-curricular programme has also begun to operate again, albeit in a limited way. Walking around the school both sites are very orderly, students are calm, mature and engaging in their lessons.

We are also planning for the possibility that there might be a future lockdown, either a full lockdown as we experienced earlier in the year, or partial lockdowns in case any groups of students have to be sent home. Our Plan B is based around us being able to continue to deliver lessons to your son/daughter according to their timetable and we will do this through a mixture of live and recorded lessons.

Thank you for your support in these challenging times. We continue to review our risk assessment on a weekly basis. Please remember to follow both the school's and public health guidance to keep everyone learning safely.

## **Open Evening**

We have produced a lovely video for our virtual Open Evening which is available on our website and which went live yesterday. We are keen that as many people as possible have the chance to experience a Holy Family education and please encourage friends and family to view the video and, if they wish, attend one of the socially distanced tours in the coming weeks.

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

With best wishes  
Dr Stone, Headteacher





# HEADTEACHER'S



# COMMENDATIONS

**This week we have commendations for the following students:**

**To Angelina Martin 10S and Elisjana Puci-Di Domenica 10P for excellent project work in English which they completed in the lockdown. They were nominated by their English teacher, Mrs Osborne.**

**To Lauren Daniels in year 10 who has been so positive and mature in her approach to returning back to school. Lauren was nominated by Ms Fitzpatrick.**

**To Keon Walgamage in 8I for making a great start to the term. Keon was nominated by Mrs Lazarus.**

**We also have a number of commendations for students who have been involved in the school's virtual Open Evening video. They were excellent in the way that they came across and they are Raphael Cabral 7A, Harry Ead-Mitchinson 7ST, Jerrell Bowen 7ST, Toniah Macaulay 7R, Gracie Prosper 7S, Emily Gromska-Seedin 7ST. They were nominated by Mrs Farrugia.**

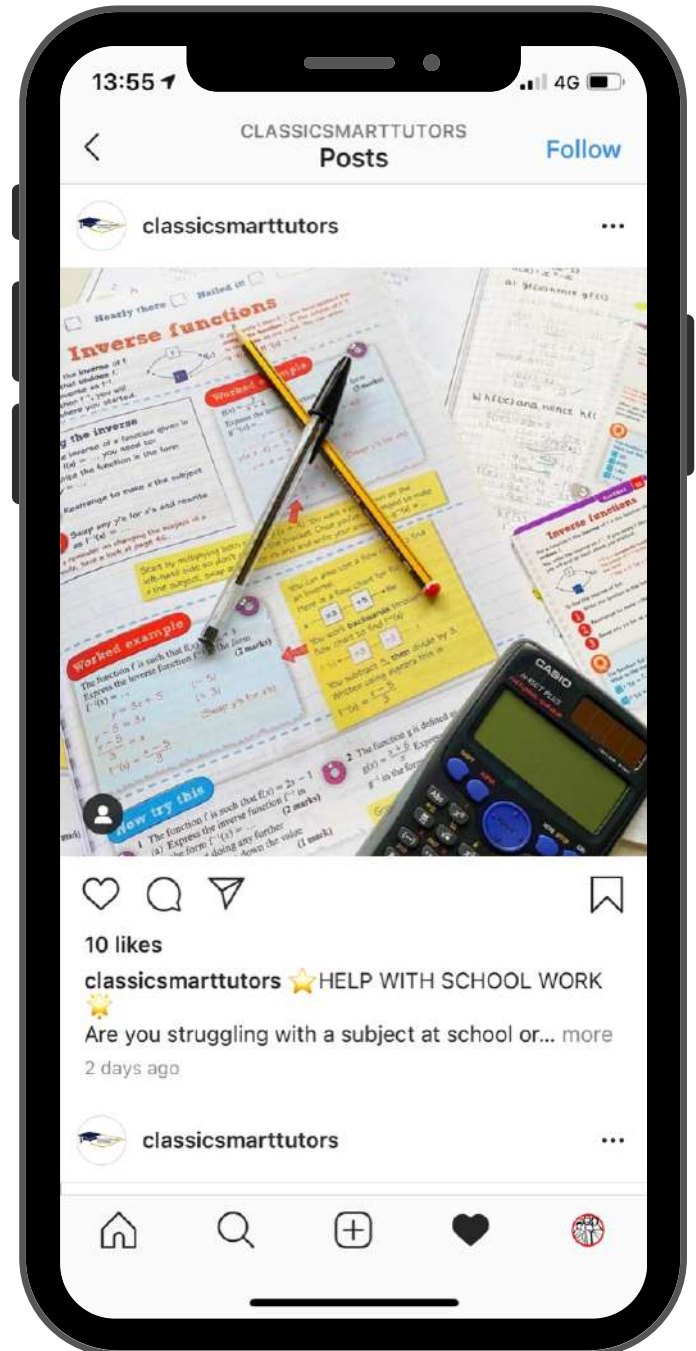
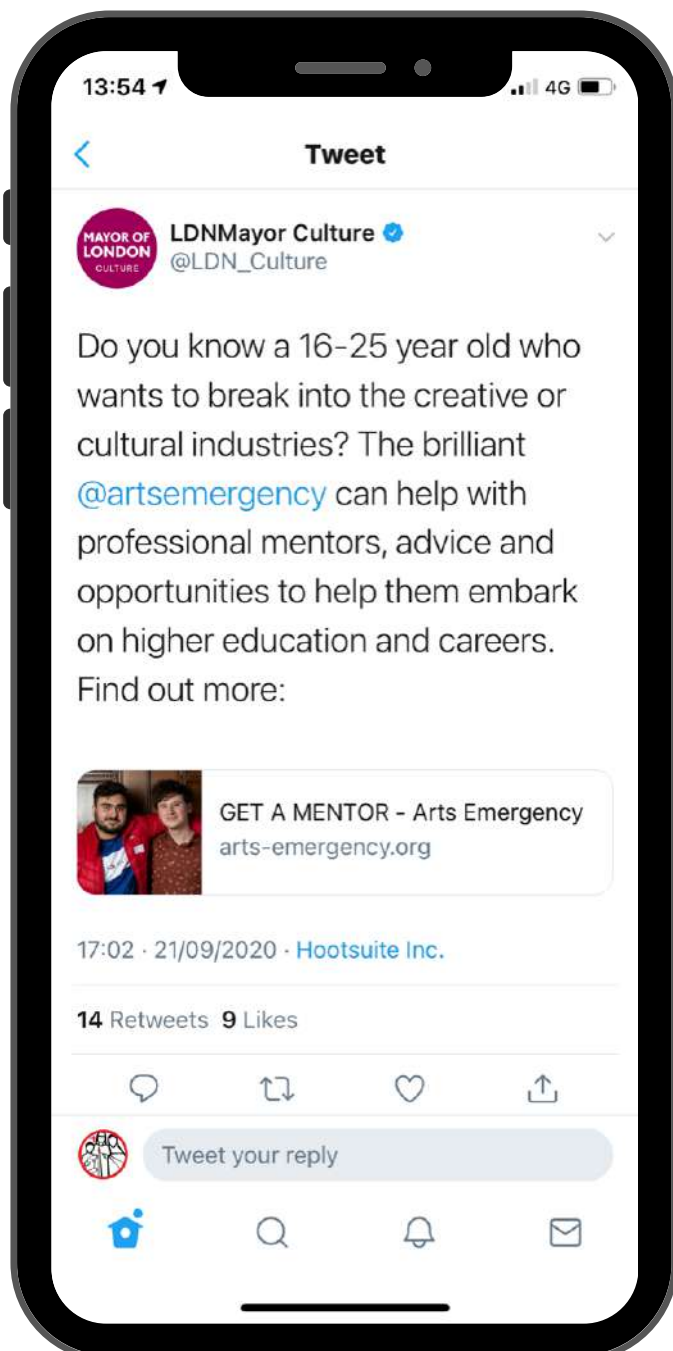
**Finally this week, from Mrs Sheikh Omar, Head of MFL, who nominates the following students for being great ambassadors for the MFL Dept and for their help with the Open Evening video. They are Caspian Lee, Adam Cassamally, Melissa Marin and Brenda Mana.**



# SOCIAL MEDIA CATCHUP



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# Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form

ASPIRE TO THE HOLY FAMILY WAY

## Virtual Open Evening 2020

**At Holy Family we provide academic success with excellent progression to leading universities including Oxford and Cambridge. Strong pastoral care is at the heart of our school. Our students are effusive about the extra-curricular opportunities provided to develop their leadership and community involvement.**



Our Open Evening for prospective year 7 students will be a virtual one this year and you will be able to see our video messages, tours and information on applying to Holy Family from the 24th September 2020 via our website.

*'Teachers are focused on achieving positive outcomes for students and have high aspirations for them. They have created a nurturing climate where students can excel.'* Ofsted 2018





**From September 2021 all year 7 students will receive a free Chromebook to aid in their learning.**

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 the Headteacher. These tours can be booked via our website:

**[www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk](http://www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk)**

**'The Catholic life of the school is outstanding'** Diocesan Report 2019

**'Students show respect for each other and work together in creating a school that cares for the whole person. The school is totally inclusive of students with different strengths and offers unstinting support to their families.'** Diocesan Report 2019



**Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form**

**Walthamstow House Site**

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# Chaplaincy Corner

**September 24 is the Solemnity of Our Lady of Walsingham.**

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham was established in 1061, when Richeldis de Faverches prayed that she might undertake some special work in honour of Our Lady. In answer to her prayer, the Virgin Mary led her in spirit to Nazareth, showed her the house where the Annunciation occurred, and asked her to build a replica in Walsingham, Norfolk.

The Holy House was built and a religious community took charge of the foundation and Walsingham became one of the greatest Shrines in Medieval Christendom.

In 1538, the Reformation caused the Priory property to be handed over to the King's Commissioners and Walsingham ceased to be a place of pilgrimage. Nothing remains today of the original shrine.

Pilgrimages began again in 1897 following restoration and in 1934 was declared to be the National Shrine of Our Lady.

Walsingham is known as England's Nazareth.

In honour of Our Lady of Walsingham and to mark European Day of Languages on Saturday, we pray:

***Dios te salve, María,  
llena eres de gracia,  
el Señor es contigo.***

***Bendita tú eres entre todas las mujeres,  
y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús.***

***Santa María, Madre de Dios,  
ruega por nosotros, pecadores,  
ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte.***

***Amén***



*Stay safe - Mrs. Grierson, Chaplain*





# United Nations

## International Day of Peace 21 September



Monday 21st September was International Peace Day.

The first celebration was adopted by the United Nations in 1982. It would be in 2001 that nations of the world established September 21st as International Day of Peace.

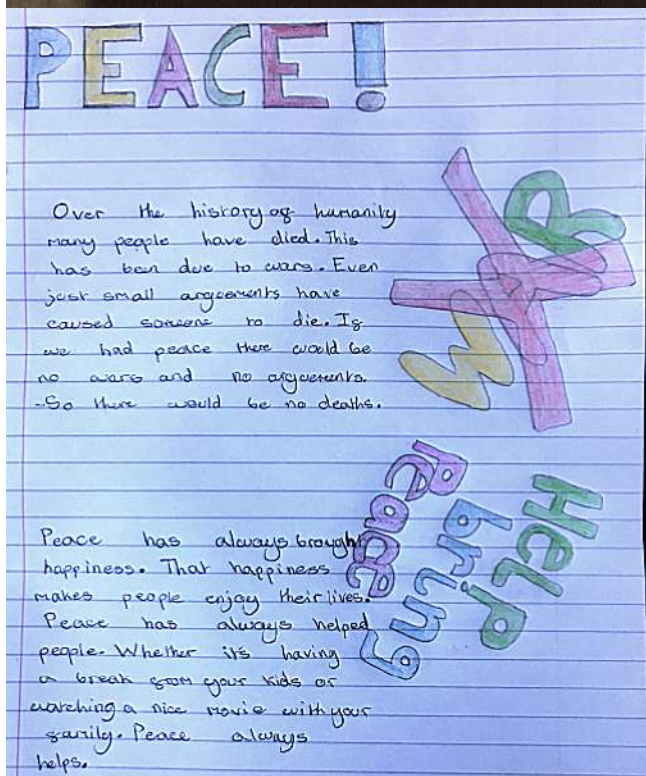


### International Day of Peace

People united around the world  
End all the wars and conflicts  
All citizens helping each other  
Celebrate peace day every day  
Everyone holding hands in harmony

Peace is a world where  
Enemies do not exist; where  
Alliance is a norm, and  
Contentment is everywhere, and  
Exploration leads to tolerance and communion

People come together putting an  
End to all disputes  
All equal and fair  
Coming up with opportunities  
Enriching themselves



## Peace



Peace: Freedom from  
disturbance; tranquillity.

Peace of mind, which is inner peace, offers countless benefits:

- Better concentration ability.
- Efficiency in handling your daily affairs of life.
- A sense of inner strength and power.
- More patience, tolerance and tact.
- Freedom from stress, anxieties and worries.
- A sense of inner happiness and bliss.

**P**lease help each other

**E**njoy the peace we have and don't disrupt it

**A**ll of us should be kind

**C**reation; God made the world for us to coexist together

**E**motion; have a heart, be sympathetic.

# SEN News

## Autism

Autism is a lifelong developmental disability that affects how people perceive the world and interact with others.

Autistic people see, hear and feel the world differently to other people.

If you have autism, you are autistic for life; autism is not an illness or disease and cannot be 'cured'.

Often people feel being autistic is a fundamental aspect of their identity.

Autism is a spectrum condition.

All autistic people share certain difficulties, but being autistic will affect them in different ways. Some autistic people (but not all) also have learning disabilities, mental health issues or other conditions, meaning people need different levels of support. All people on the autism spectrum learn and develop.

### Myths about autism:

- People with autism cannot understand other people's emotions
- People with autism cannot feel emotions themselves
- People with autism do not want friends
- People with autism are all the same

### Positives of autism:

- Attention to detail
- Focused
- Methodical
- Accepting of other people's differences
- Committed

### Over to you -

Do some research to find 5 famous people with autism.

The Maori word for autism is "Takiwatanga"

It means "In his/her own time and space"

ABOUT AUTISM



[Click the image below to learn more](#)



Do you have any questions about what you have read today?

If so, you can contact **Miss Minnock** our **SENDCo** (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator) **a.minnock@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk**.



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# HOUSE SYSTEM

AT HOLY FAMILY

The House System at Holy Family is made up of one form class from each year group 7 to 13 and each House is named in honour of a Christian Saint. We have six Houses and each House has a teacher who is a designated House Leader:

**ST. ANNE**

**MS PARKER**

**ST. STEPHEN**

**MS ATAKAN**

**ST. PHILOMENA**

**MS SCOTT**

**ST. IGNATIUS**

**MRS HENRY**

**ST. RICHARD**

**MRS SHERWIN**

**ST. ELIZABETH**

**MR WILBRAHAM**

WE CELEBRATE EACH SAINT WITH HOUSE ASSEMBLIES EACH TERM, IN WHICH THE HOUSE LEADER INSPIRES PUPILS ABOUT THE WORK OF THEIR SAINT TO GOD AND GUIDES PUPILS ON HOW THEY CAN ALSO BE LIVING SAINTS.

PUPILS ARE OFFERED THE CHANCE TO CHOOSE A CHARITY IN WHICH THEY CAN ACTIVELY MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY ORGANISING FUNDRAISING EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY. PUPILS ARE ALSO PRAISED FOR THEIR SUCCESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS WITH THE FOCUS BEING ON SPIRITUAL SELF-ACHIEVEMENT.

EACH HOUSE HAS A HOUSE CELEBRATION DAY. WE TRY TO CELEBRATE REASONABLY CLOSE TO THE SAINTS' FEAST DAY. ON THIS DAY WE TAKE SOME TIME TO REFLECT ON THE TEACHINGS OF OUR SAINTS AND TAKE PART IN TEAM BUILDING QUIZZES. STUDENTS THEN RECEIVE A HOUSE GOODY BAG!

TO RAISE A COMPETITIVE SPIRIT, THERE ARE HOUSE COMPETITION FORTNIGHTS ONCE A TERM TO FOSTER FRIENDLY COMPETITION AND FELLOWSHIP. IN THESE FORTNIGHTS, STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN A VARIETY OF COMPETITIONS AND FUNDRAISERS TO GAIN HOUSE POINTS. THESE POINTS ADD UP OVER THE YEAR AND THE WINNING HOUSE RECEIVES A REWARD!



Lord,

May we **achieve** the goals you  
have set for us,

May we be grateful for all that we  
**study,**

May we **participate** in all the  
opportunities you bless us with,

May we learn to be **independent**  
in all that we do,

May we **respect** all those around  
us,

and most of all may we **enjoy** the  
life you have granted us.

Lord hear our prayer,

Amen



ASPIRE

# **HOUSE COMPETITION FORTNIGHT**

Monday 28th September to Friday  
9th October 2020

Competitions in every subject

Earn points for your House!

**WHICH HOUSE WILL WIN?**



# YEAR 10

STUDENT OF THE WEEK:

**LAUREN DANIELS**

LAUREN WAS NOMINATED BY MRS FITZPATRICK DUE TO HER  
CONSTANT POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND COURTEOUS BEHAVIOUR.  
CONGRATULATIONS LAUREN!

CONGRATULATIONS  
TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ON STARS RECEIVED LAST WEEK:

FEBYLIN, ELISJANA, TIFFANY , ANNA:  
MR MADDEN HAS AWARDED THESE STARS IN ART FOR EXCELLENT HOMEWORK

HARRY, SHARON, EXAUCEE.  
MS ATAKAN HAS AWARDED THESE STARS FOR BEING EXEMPLARY STUDENTS IN  
MATHS

HARRY AND SHARON  
HAVE ANOTHER STAR IN SCIENCE ALSO FOR COMPLETING THE EXTENSION TASK

## PREFECT TEAM

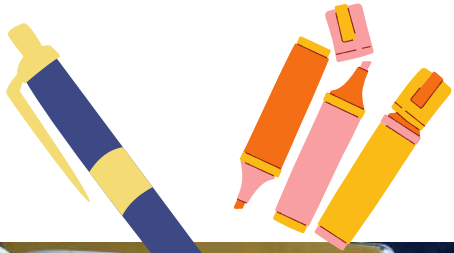


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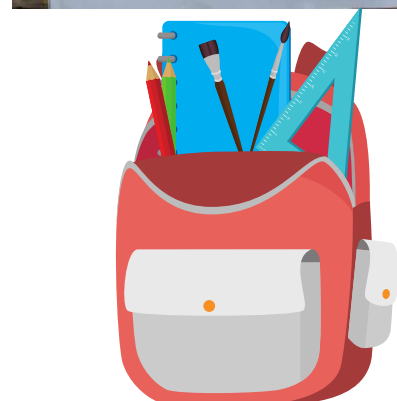
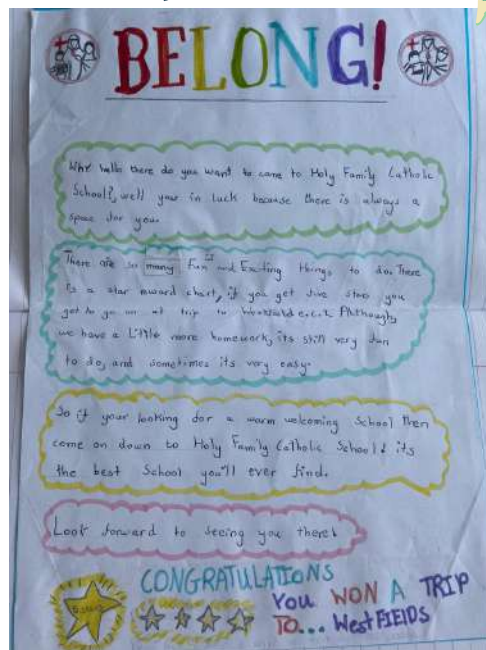
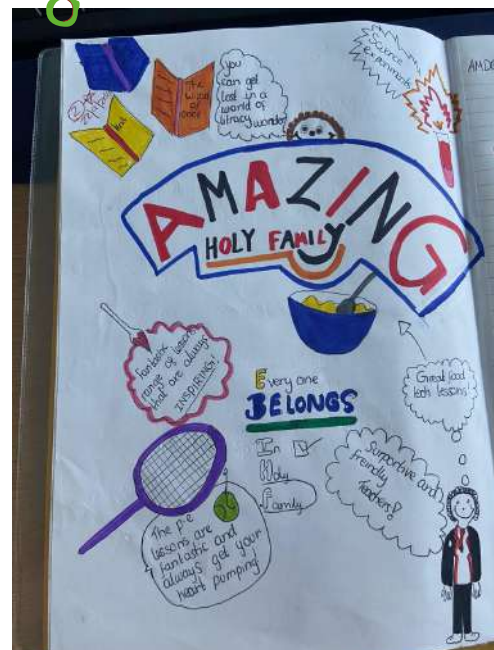
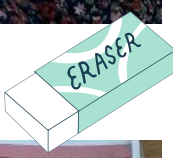
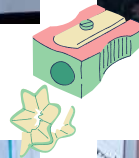
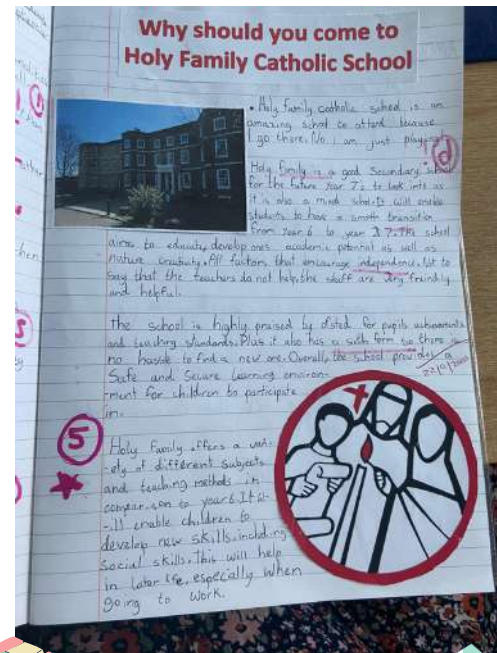
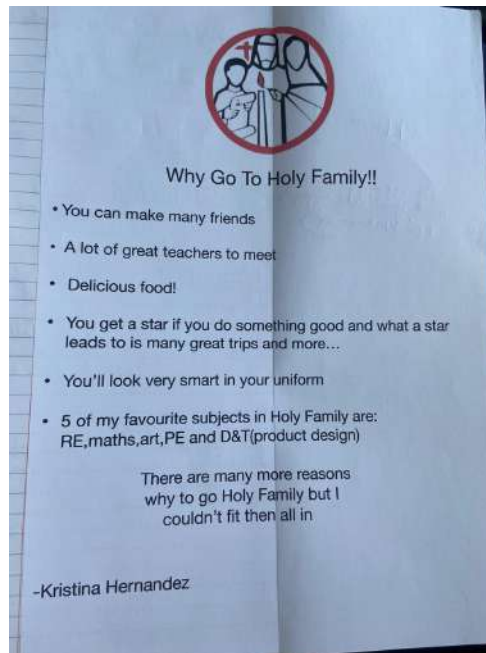
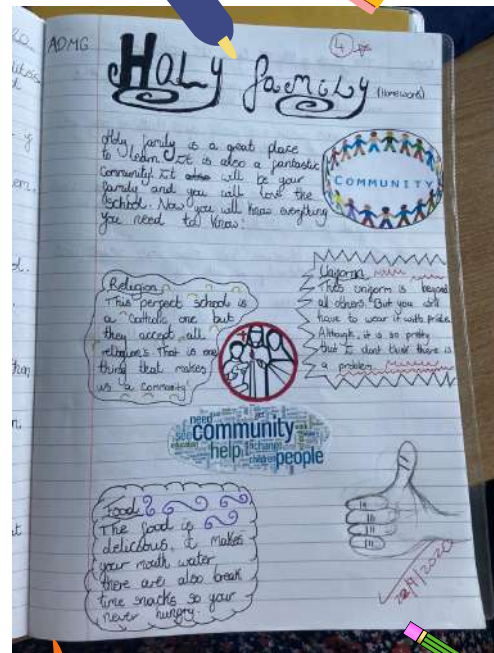
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JADEN LONDONO RUIZ 10A  
REDATE DENEKE 10AN  
KING DAVID BOACHIE 10AN  
AMELIA SZWEDO-BIELICKI 10S  
ANGELINA MARTIN 10S  
SAMARA JORDAN 10S  
QUINCY ATA - GYAMFI 10P  
SASHA THOMAS 10P  
AYOMIDE AKINDAYINI 10P

MARY LETICIA ISICHEI 10PH  
ISIAH RABIU ADEFENWA 10PH  
THERESE SARTE 10I  
JAYDN GRANT 10I  
LILIANNA GODZIELEWSKA 10R  
AIESHA O'GARRA 10R  
ARKADIUSZ KUCIEL 10R  
JOHN SHOTIKARI 10R  
LORA BARANOVSKA 10E  
KEVIN ACHEAMPONG 10E

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Year 7 have been sharing their experiences so far with us

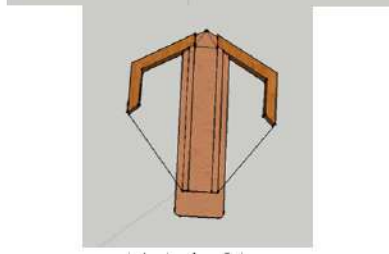
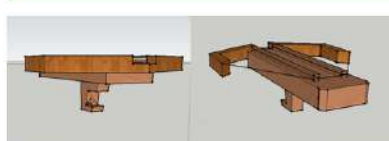
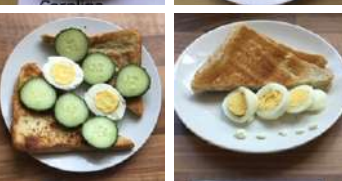
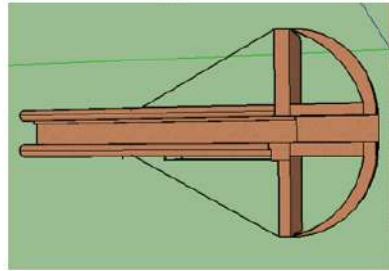
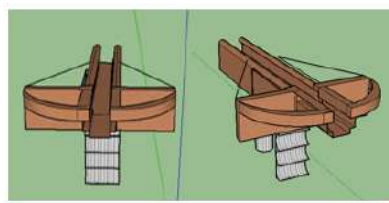
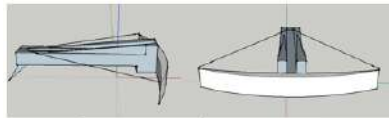
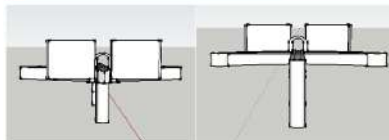
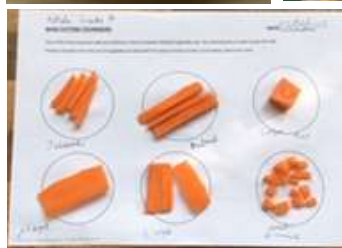
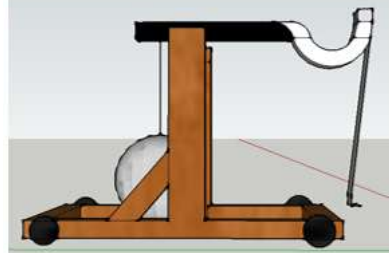
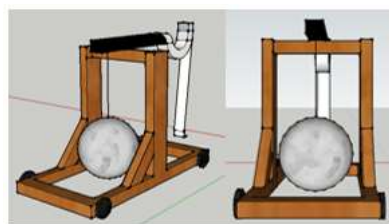




# D&T ASSEMBLED

Students have been busy testing out their designs via CAD 3D drawings, mastering basic knife skills, challenging their plating up techniques with the most basic of ingredients (egg, bread, cucumber & sauces), creating edible art in the form of Garden Focaccia and practicing paper manipulation for fashion!

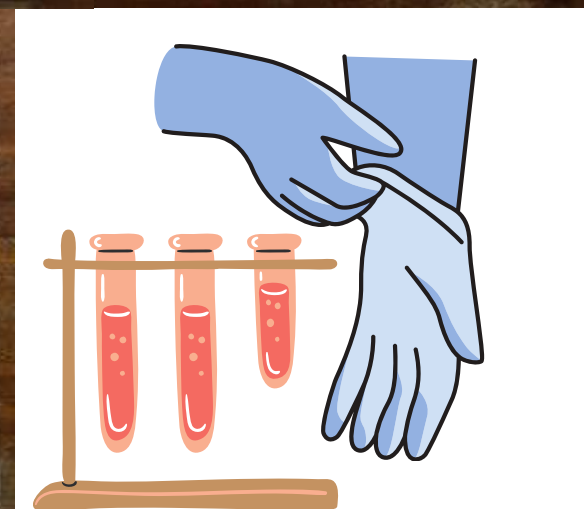
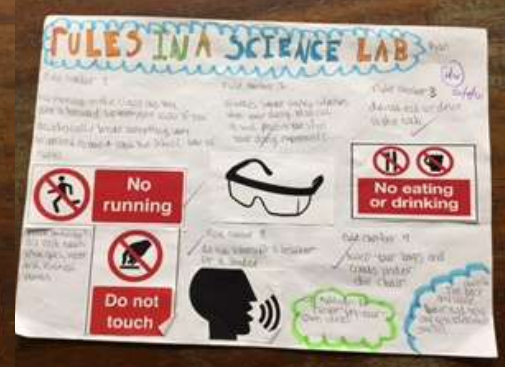
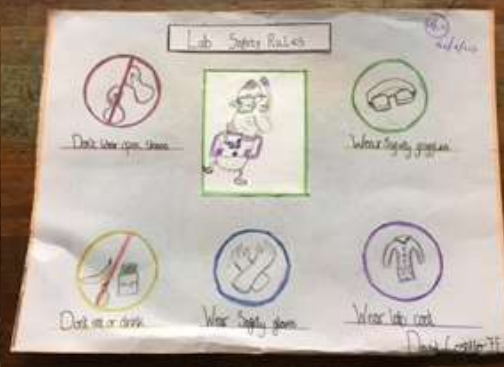
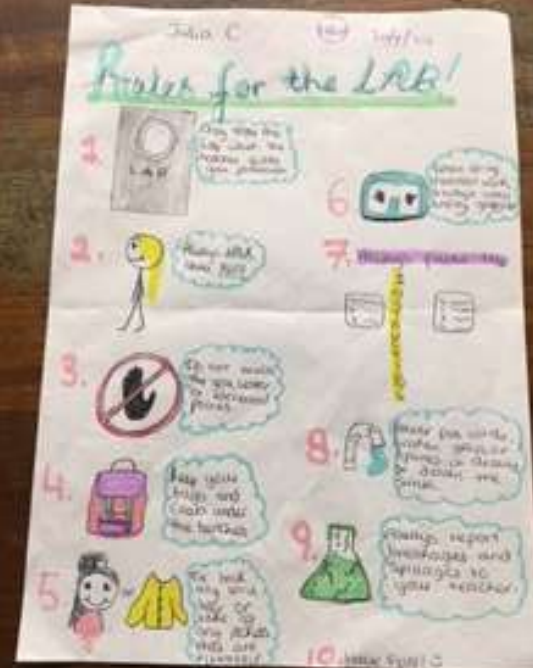
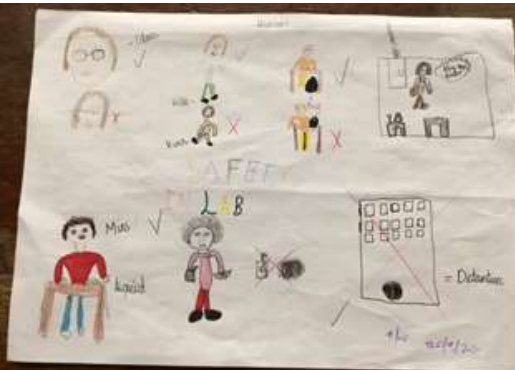
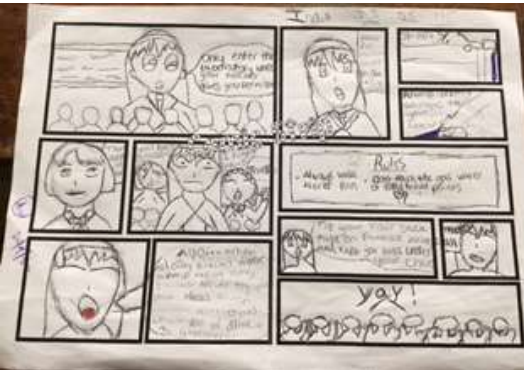
Very impressive!





# SCIENCE

Students have been getting to grips with the Health & Safety rules in Science lessons this week



# SEPTEMBER 26TH IS THE EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES



Languages can be very funny sometimes,  
for they have words which we would recognise but they  
mean something totally different!

Could you guess what these words mean in some languages?

'Bank' in Dutch



'Angel' in German



'Farmer' in Hungarian



'But' in Polish



'Flint' in Swedish



'Sale' in Italian



...SO LEARN LANGUAGES TO AVOID THE  
EMBARRASSMENT!!

SPACE TO  
DISCUSS CONCEPTS OF RACE  
AND IDENTITY

# DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION SESSIONS

*Open to all 6th formers, this extracurricular club will culminate in the undertaking of a summer research project that will be presented in the autumn of 2021*

Wednesdays via Zoom @ 4:10pm

[Sign up HERE](#)

Contact Mr Sayer for more information  
[mr.sayer@holyfamilycatholicschool.co.uk](mailto:mr.sayer@holyfamilycatholicschool.co.uk)



FOR YEARS 8 - 11

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Autumn Term

Race  
Racism  
Ethnicity  
Gender  
Sexuality  
Class  
Capitalism  
Culture  
The West  
Colourism  
Religion

Summer Term

Black Feminism  
Black political activism  
Black conservatism  
Music  
Film  
Art  
Summer projects

**LET'S  
TALK  
ABOUT  
RACISM**

Spring Term

Where should we start black history?

Africa's ancient civilisations

Impact of these civilisations

Inseparable history

Black radicalism 1600-present

Approaches in black history

Post colonial Africa?

Decolonising education

**Every  
Monday**

**@ 4PM**

**VIA GOOGLE MEETS  
CODE: WKCCH2R**

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**PARENTS WELCOME**

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL:  
**MR.SHAH@HOLYFAMILYCATHOLICSCHOOL.CO.UK**



# Yr 7 History Club



Do you like history?



Could **you** solve a medieval murder?



Come to **L07** on **Wednesdays 3:30-4pm** to investigate the crime scene and catch the killer



# History Club

**THE FIRST MEDIEVAL MURDER  
INVESTIGATION OF 2020 WAS A  
GREAT SUCCESS!**





# Virtual work experience

Click below to find out more or email

Mr Fidegnon: [j.fidegnonedoh@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:j.fidegnonedoh@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk)

Ms Nordon: [c.nordon@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:c.nordon@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk)



## THE EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME

Our mission is to give all young people access to the top. By connecting our national network of schools with industry leading employers, we open young people's eyes to the possibilities ahead of them.

Our programme is run through a simple, safe-guarded portal, giving students access to opportunities, schools an easy way to manage their work experience and employers the chance to diversify their early talent pipelines and meet their social mobility goals. Sign up today.

[Sign up today](#)

## OUR IMPACT



2500+

2500+ students have taken part in placements with us since the Experience programme launched and our work is growing every year



140+

We work with employers from across industries and sectors to give students access to opportunities they wouldn't otherwise be able to access



95%

of students felt they were better prepared for work after completing work experience placements or attending insight days through us



90%

of employers say we've helped them to reach students who lack access to their industry and who they wouldn't have been able to reach otherwise

**Duration: 26th October to 30th October 2020**

**Application Deadline: 2nd October 2020**

**Age: 14+**

DIRECT COMPANIES YOU CAN FIND A JOB WITH:  
ADMIN/PROPERTY/EDUCATION/CONSTRUCTION

INSPIRATIONAL GUEST SPEAKERS

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# CREATING YOUR FUTURE

A WORKSHOP ENABLING YOU TO FAST FORWARD YOUR FUTURE  
CAREER GOALS, INCLUDES:-

- How to create the best CV
- How to be in demand at work and in your industry
- How to market yourself in a digital world
- How to interview so you get the job you really want
- How to find enjoyment in your job

zoom event



OCTOBER 24TH 2020  
10AM-2PM



FAST FORWARD YOUR FUTURE GOALS

[JOBFAIR@EDUCATESTAFFING.LONDON](mailto:JOBFAIR@EDUCATESTAFFING.LONDON)

For more information on how to apply and bursaries to help please contact  
Mr Fidegnon: [j.fidegnonedoh@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:j.fidegnonedoh@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk)



## Half Term Online Internships

Register by 30th September


Architecture | Computer Science | Engineering |  
Entrepreneurship | International Politics | Investment Banking |  
Law | Medicine | Psychology

### Internship Highlights

Our 5-day immersive Internships consist of live interactive seminars, simulations and panels with industry professionals at the top of their game. Some of the many highlights include:

- **Medicine:** Live stream of a simulated ward round from a London training hospital
- **Law:** Participate in a 2-day murder trial; cross-examine witnesses and review forensic evidence
- **Engineering:** Watch an automotive engineer take apart a car engine, with live Q&A
- **Psychology:** Act as a forensic psychology expert witness in a simulated criminal trial
- **Investment Banking:** Compete in a cutting-edge stock trading simulation
- **Computer Science:** Work alongside top software engineers in real-time to programme the ultimate app
- **International Politics:** Represent a country in a 'Model UN' simulation during a rapidly-escalating international conflict
- **Entrepreneurship:** Pitch to real-life venture capital investors and receive live feedback
- **Architecture:** Design two unique buildings using 3-D technology

All Internships will feature an entire day dedicated to career coaching with top recruitment professionals and receipt of a personalised development plan for you to succeed in your dream career

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Autumn Internships (5-days)





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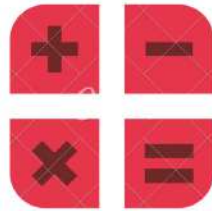
**Applications close 28 September, 23.59**



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I thought last night's session was very good. Good pace and explanations and I didn't get lost in it all. I didn't attend last weeks session, but was still ok. What I didn't understand, I asked about but you explained clearly and well.



I am enjoying the lessons. It is good to see different ways to solve questions and to see how to work through questions step by step. I appreciate you setting me the extension work and I'd like to thank you all for giving up your time to teach and set work. Looking forward to the next lesson!

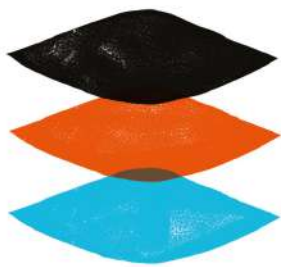
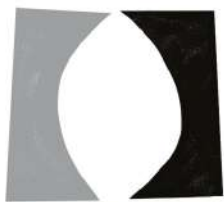
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# ADULT MATHS CAFE

For adults who want to update their functional skills or work towards a GCSE in Maths.

Online sessions on Zoom  
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To register please contact Mr McCollin or any other Maths teacher.

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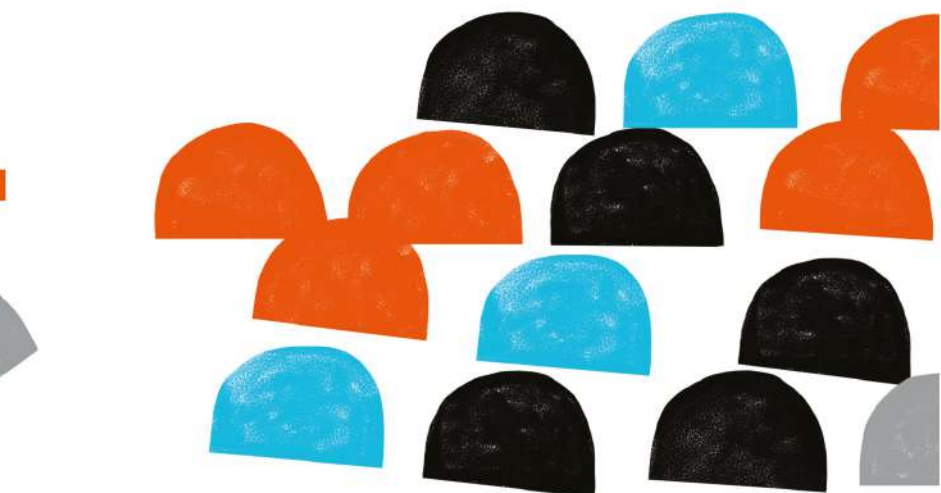
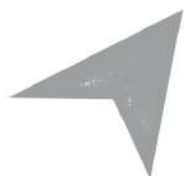


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