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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE



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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Quotation of the week

"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" John Keats

This is how the poet John Keats described autumn and on Thursday morning I drove along Whipps Cross Rd and looked out on a wraith of mist across Hollow Ponds I could see exactly what Keats meant. The leaves are rapidly falling now from the trees as we enter November. November is, for us Catholics, a month of remembrance. Last Sunday was the feast of All Saints and Monday was the feast of All Souls. We have spoken to the students in assembly and form time about remembrance and have said prayers to remember those of our families who have died either this year, or longer ago. We also remember those who have died of covid19, in tragedies such as the recent earthquake in Turkey and Greece and those who have died trying to cross the sea to England seeking a better life and safety from persecution. Next week we shall hold a two minute silence on 11th November to mark the end of WW1 and to commemorate all those who have died in conflicts.

Ordinarily we have our whole school Mass at the Assembly Halls in November, but we can't do that this year, so instead we shall be participating in a streamed mass of remembrance. Fr Paschal Uche, recently ordained priest of the diocese and former chaplain at Holy Family, will be saying Mass for us and students will be able to participate in the Mass in their classrooms next Thursday afternoon.

COVID Update

We continue to take measures to control the risk of infection and this week, as you know, we are now requiring staff and students, unless exempt, to wear a face mask when inside the building in corridors and lunch halls. Most students are attending each day with their mask but can I ask all parents/carers to ensure that your son/daughter has a clean mask everyday. It is not the responsibility of the school to provide these for students and doing so becomes very expensive for us as I'm sure you'll appreciate. The school has already incurred significantly additional costs through cleaning materials, extra staffing and so on much of which is not being reimbursed by the government.

We had hoped to re-start after school extra-curricular face to face activities from this point but the new lockdown restrictions mean that we can only run activities remotely. This puts a stop to face to face after school sports sessions such as badminton or table tennis. We can still run virtual clubs and remotely facilitated activities though.

Talk from a holocaust survivor

On Thursday afternoon it was a great privilege to take part in a talk on Zoom from Chaim (Harry) Olmar, a 93 year old survivor of the holocaust. Originally from Poland, Mr Olmar recounted the story of his time being held and appallingly mis-treated in a number of concentration camps and forced labour factories before he was liberated and came to England in 1945. He was part of a group who came to be known as the Windermere children and went to Glasgow University training to be a dentist. While most of his family were killed by the Nazis including his parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and many cousins, a brother and a sister also survived with Harry and settled in the USA and Israel respectively. It was a fascinating and deeply moving talk and the sixth form students who attended were very appreciative and were able to ask some really interesting questions at the end. We're grateful to the Holocaust Educational Trust for facilitating this opportunity and especial thanks to Miss Parker in the history department who conoridnated the event for us.

Parents' surgery

After half-term I will be resuming parents' surgery but it will be 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.

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

With best wishes
Dr Stone, Headteacher





HEADTEACHER'S

COMMENDATIONS



First this week we have a commendation for

Lyan Sandoval Wilhelms in year 10

Mrs Sheikh Omar, the Head of MFL, describes him as an absolute pleasure to teach who works hard at all times but most importantly he has a kind spirit in helping and uplifting others in the classroom.

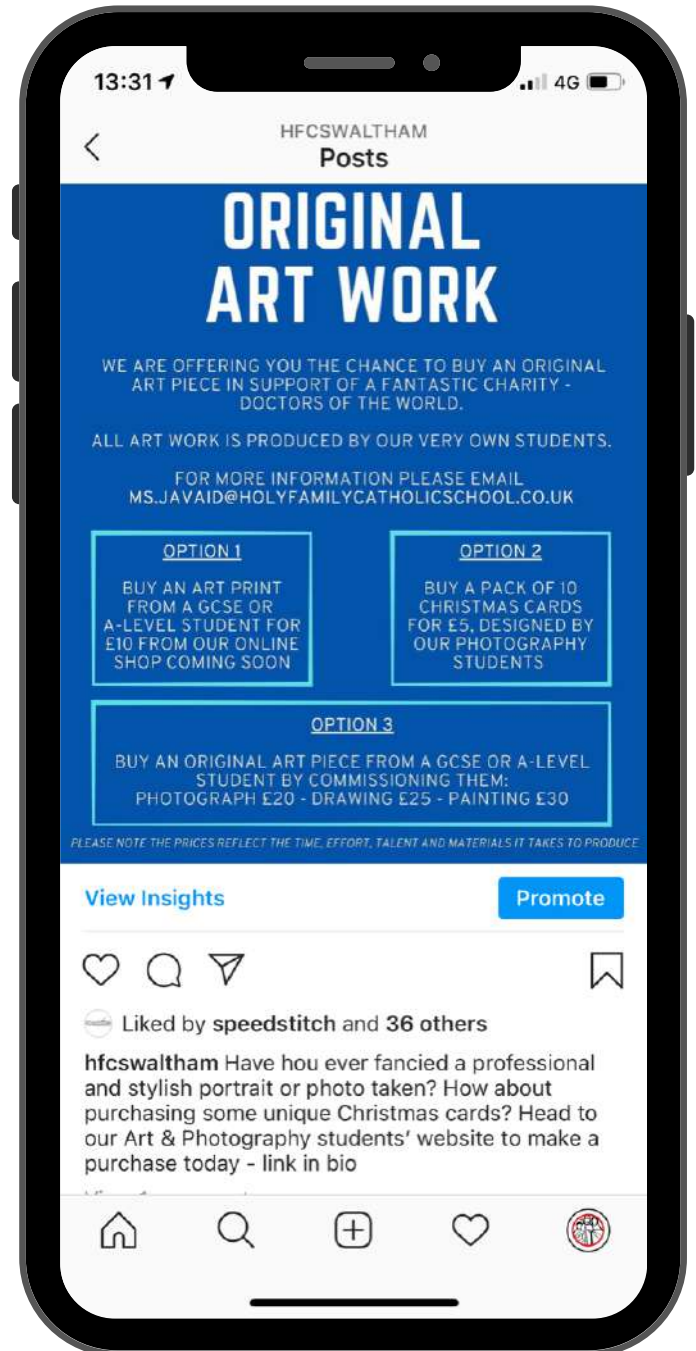
We also have commendations for our upper site Library Assistants whom LRC manager Mrs Lloyd has nominated. As Library Assistants, they enthusiastically assist with a wide range of library processes, assist in the presentation of displays, proactively work to keep the LRC space tidy and they are all developing excellent customer service skills. They are:

**Angelina Martin 10S
Chelsea Cabigting 10P
Remajan Moharan 10Ph
Precious Abolavi 9EL
Imoleayo Oniye 9EL
Stacy D'Souza 9S
Jenatie Ganesharajah 9S
Jessica Marfo 10S
Febylin Jagunap 10Ph
Anette Rodriguez 10A
Mariana Agudelo Duque 10A
Maria Shotikare 9E
Allison Teves 9E
Maria Fernanda 9Ri
Kevin Nobrega 9E
Sarah Owusu-Sekyere 10R
Ashlyn Amber Bless 10R
Ashlee Mie Yap 10R**

SOCIAL MEDIA CATCHUP



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Chaplaincy Corner

November is traditionally the Month of Remembrance, the month in which the Church remembers her dead, and in a special way we are invited to remember our family and friends who have died, especially those who have passed in the previous year.

The month of Remembrance commences on November 1st with All Saints Day, which is a feast that is celebrated by the Catholic, Orthodox, Lutheran and Anglican Churches, followed on November 2nd by All Souls Day, where we remember and pray for the dead.

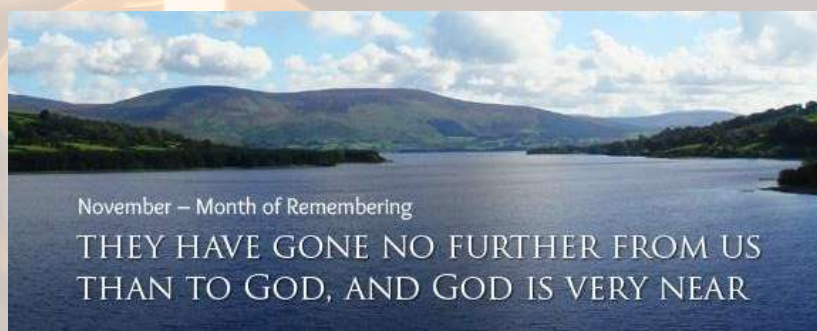
This is also the month our Whole School Mass usually takes place, at which time the names of departed family and friends are presented during the offertory, and the names of past staff and students are read aloud.

This year we are doing things differently, and here at Holy Family, we invite you to record the names of your family and friends who have died, so that as a community we might remember them in our prayers and Holy Mass will be offered for them.

Please enter the details of your loved ones [here](#).

And although the way we remember might be different, the message of hope that death is not the end will remain the same, along with the prayers of God's people for all those who grieve.

*God of love,
Surround all those we love, especially those we can no longer see.
Be light in our darkness,
Be hope in our fear,
Be love in every moment,
And give us the grace to face each day ahead.
Amen*



Chaplaincy Corner



The Feast Day of Martin de Porres was on 3 November. St Martin was one of our Saints of the month in October. St Martin fed, sheltered and healed hundreds of families and established an orphanage and school, teaching the children skills.

St Martin de Porres is the Patron Saint of mixed race people, social justice and racial harmony.

Also this week, on Thursday 5 November, was the Feast Day of St Elizabeth, one of our House Saints. Again, our House celebrations will be different from usual, more next week.

St Elizabeth is the mother of John the Baptist and cousin to Jesus' mother, Mary and shares her Feast Day with her husband, Zachariah.

Elizabeth was advanced in age when the Angel Gabriel appeared to her husband Zachariah in the temple to promise them a son. Zachariah was so shocked he lost the power of speech. When Elizabeth went to meet Mary, who was expecting Jesus, the child leapt in her womb.

When the baby was born, Zachariah wrote the name John on a tablet. His speech returned.



Sadly the new national restrictions mean churches will once again be closed for public worship but remain open for private prayer. Please do check your local parish website and newsletter for information on live streaming and prayer times.

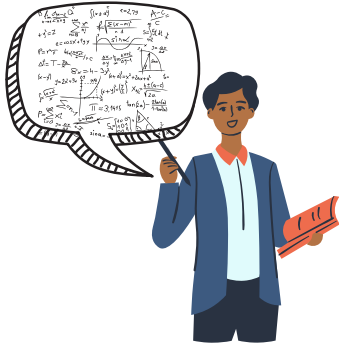
Quick well done to Jenatie, Stacy and Jane in Year 9, who organised a lollipop sale and raised a fantastic £38 for CAFOD. Many thanks to Mr Ganesharajah for donating the lollipops so all the money raised will go to charity.

Stay safe Mrs. Grierson, Chaplain

SEN News

Working Memory

Working memory is one of the brain's executive functions. It's the ability to hold on to new information so we can turn around and use it in some way. Working memory allows us to hold information without losing track of what we're doing. Kids need this ability to perform well in school.



Consider this scenario:

Your maths teacher asks the class to add 21 and 13 in their head, and then subtract 6 from the sum.

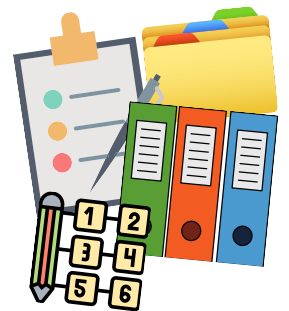
Working memory enables you to hold on to and visualise the numbers the teacher has called out. It also allows you to remember what the sum of 21 and 13 is, so you can then take away 6.

You might not remember any of these numbers by the next class or even 10 minutes later. **And that's OK.** Working memory has done its short-term job and allowed you to tackle the task at hand.

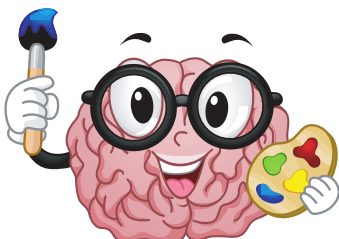
Working memory is like a temporary sticky note in our brain. It holds new information in place so the brain can work with it briefly and perhaps connect it with other information. (Attention plays a big role in the process too.)

For instance, the brain might put events into sequence. Or sort different types of objects into categories. In maths class, working memory can allow students to "see" the numbers the teacher is saying as symbols in their head.

Working memory isn't just for short-term use. It also helps the brain organise new information for long-term storage. Following practical instructions may also be difficult if you have a working memory problem. The teacher may ask a child to put their books away, but first hang up their coat.



A child may only do one task or forget which one they are supposed to do first. A child may also find that the information they have remembered doesn't make much sense. Because of their working memory problems, the brain didn't package it properly in the first place. If kids learn information in a disjointed way, they have trouble using it later.



If a person struggles with their working memory there are things we can do.

Brain boosting exercise, practice doing visuals, attention building activists and mindfulness will all help.

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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04/11/2020

Dear parents/carers,

During the Autumn term of 2020, I will be completing my Masters dissertation on '*investigating the experiences of young women within the British Education system*'. The research I will be conducting will be under the supervision of University College London (UCL) and has been approved by the ethics board.

My overall aim is to explore the experiences and thoughts of the young women at Holy Family and speak to them about how the school has supported them through their Personal, Social and Development. I want to ensure that the young people at Holy Family get the possible support within the education system.

This will involve me randomly selecting four to six female students to complete an informal interview. All the information that will be collected by the young women will be confidential and anonymous. The information collated will be used for my dissertation analysis and to further improve school policies at Holy Family.

If you wish for your daughter to **not** be a part of the study, please email me directly and I will ensure that your daughter will not be involved.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support

Kind regards,

Ms. V A Osei
Year 7 Year Leader and Sociology teacher
v.osei@holymfamily.waltham.sch.uk

ASPIRE TO THE HOLY FAMILY WAY



YEAR 10

STUDENT OF THE WEEK:

ABIGAIL KANGETHE

NOMINATED BY MRS FITZPATRICK FOR ALWAYS WORKING
HARD IN HISTORY AND BEING VERY POLITE AND KIND.
CONGRATULATIONS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ON
STARS RECEIVED LAST WEEK:

GEMMA SCOTT AND TACYANA FERGUSON

FOR FANTASTIC
DESCRIPTIVE WRITING IN ENGLISH

TYRESE CHARLES

EXCELLENT CONTRIBUTION TO DRAMA LESSONS.

NATALIA SAS

SUPERB WRITTEN RESPONSE IN DRAMA
WORK.

SIXTH FORM

HOLY FAMILY WAY: CARRY YOUR MASK AT ALL TIMES



HERE ARE THE BASICS OF HOW TO WEAR A MASK:

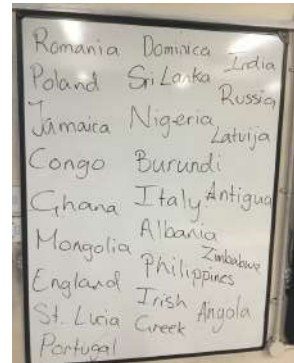
**CLEAN YOUR HANDS BEFORE YOU PUT THE MASK ON AND
AFTER YOU TAKE IT OFF**

**MAKE SURE IT COVERS BOTH YOUR NOSE, MOUTH AND
CHIN. WEAR YOUR MASK AROUND THE BUILDING**

CULTURAL DROP DOWN DAY, WEAR IT PINK & WELLNESS FRIDAY

On the Friday before half term we had a drop down day that allowed both staff and students to celebrate and showcase the cultural diversity within Holy Family. The day enabled students to share their own cultures through clothing, foods, flags, history, icons, music etc. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Students also had the option of joining in with 'Wear It Pink' to raise money and awareness for the charity 'Breast Cancer Now'. Year 12 Girls had a talk on Breast Cancer. Awareness surrounding breast cancer is incredibly important as early detection, often through screening, can catch the disease when it is most treatable. Year 12 Boys had a talk on prostate cancer. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men in the UK. It usually develops slowly, so there may be no signs for many years. Both topics were important to discuss and educate our young people on. This was a successful day and many young people were grateful for the talk and bringing awareness to them. Year 12 also participated in 'Wellness Friay' The aim of this day was ideally to let them have fun, increase life satisfaction, encourage social responsibility, promote creativity, foster learning and even enhance academic achievement for the next term. There were a variety of activities such as Yoga, Trampolining, Crepe Making, Silent Reading, Basketball etc.

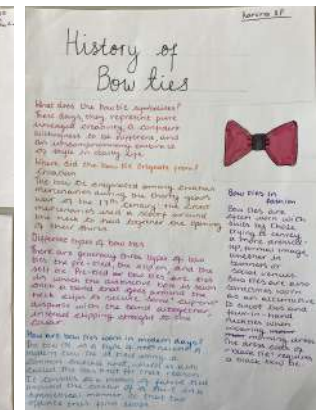
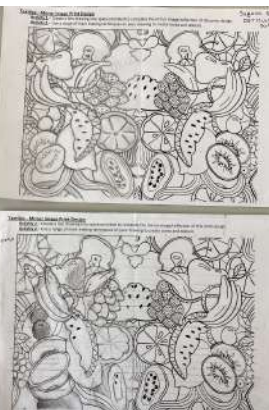
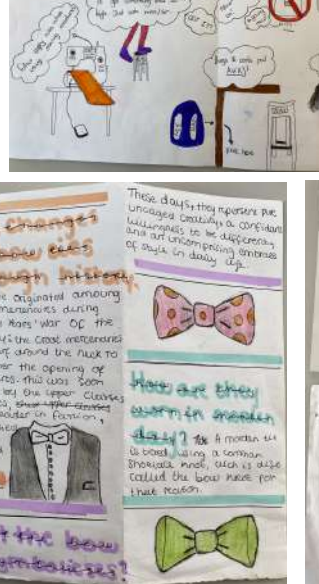
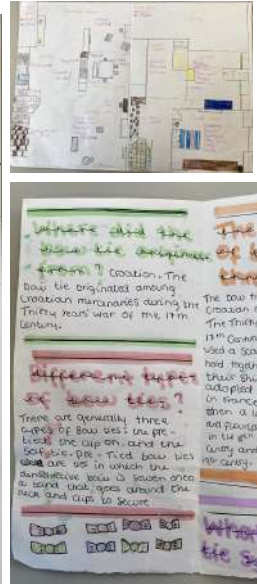
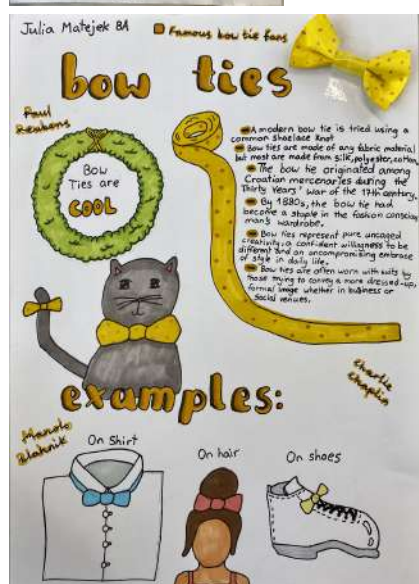
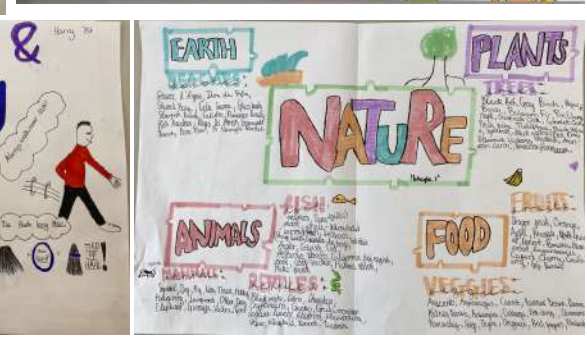
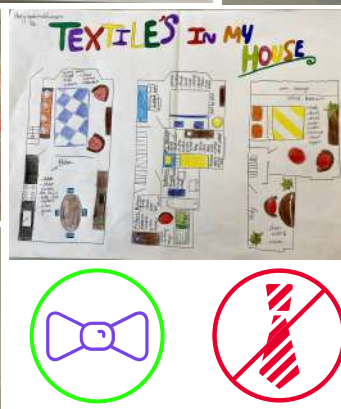
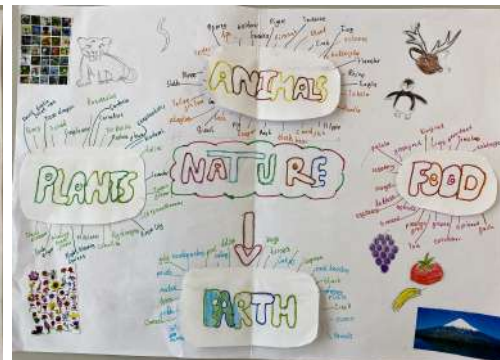
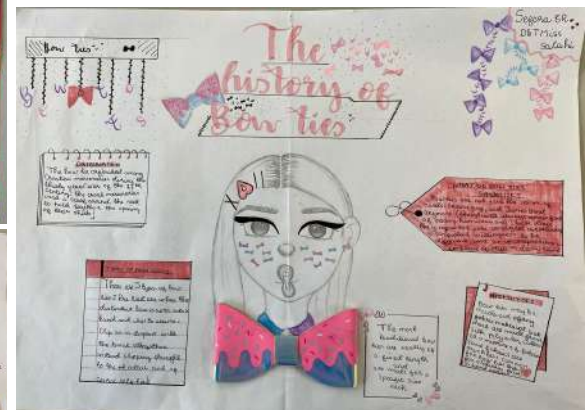
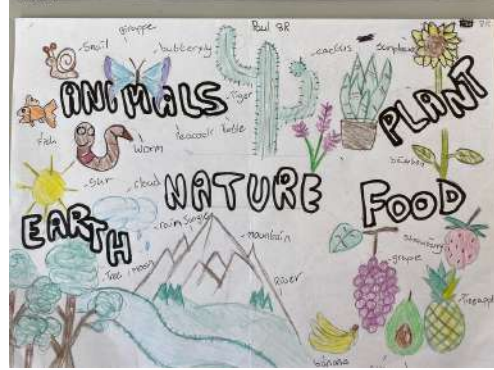
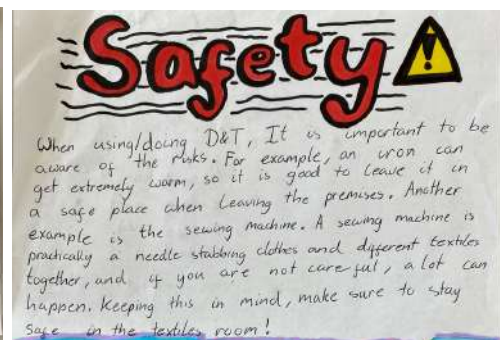
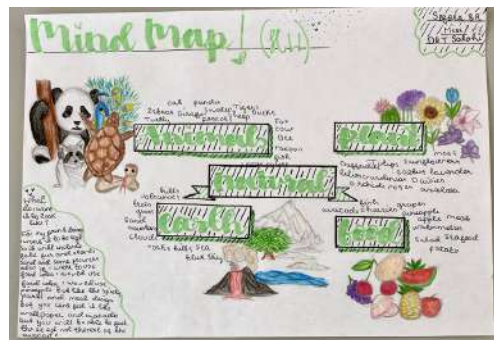


23 countries are represented in 10P alone!



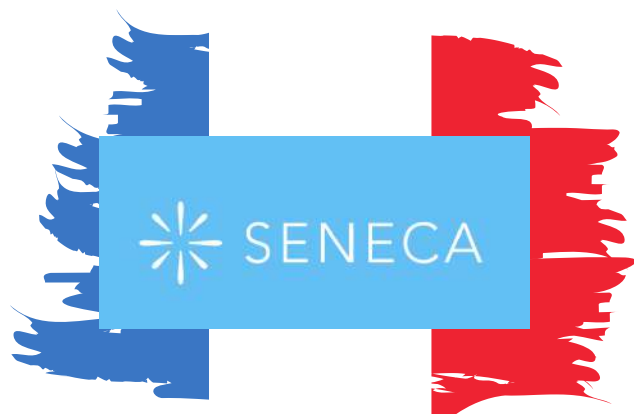
D&T ASSEMBLED

Exceptional homework from years 7 & 8 this week in Textiles covering topics such as Health & Safety, where we find textiles & patterns and bow ties!





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



Kacper B., Benita S.



**Arturo B-L., Chanttel Y.,
Kaylen R., Grace A.,
Javel S.**



**Chelsy S., Isabella C.,
Bobby V.**



**Chanttel Y., Crystal M.,
Kaylen R., Neriah O.,
Kamil N.**

YEAR 11 MOCK TIMETABLE

Year 11 Mock Exams November 2020					
Day/Date	Time	Subject	Duration	Candidates	Venue
Week 2					
Mon 9/11/20	9.00 - 3.10	Art - day 1	all day	27	U13/U14
Tues 10/11/20	9.00 - 3.10	Art - day 2	all day	27	U13/U14
Week 1					
Mon 16/11/20	9.00 - 10.40	English Literature	1hr 40mins	173	Sports Hall
	11.20 - 12.35	Combined Science F/H: Biology	1hr 15mins	148	Sports Hall
	11.20 - 1.05	Triple Science: Biology	1hr 45mins	25	Sports Hall
Tues 17/11/20	9.00 - 10.30	Maths Paper 1 Non-Calc F/H	1hr 30mins	67/106	Sports Hall
	11.20 - 12.35	History: Medicine & Western Front	1hr 15mins	85	Sports Hall
Wed 18/11/20	9.00 - 11.00	BTEC Media	2hrs	47	U30/U36/U36A
	11.20 - 1.20	BTEC Media	2hrs	47	U30/U36/U36A
Thurs 19/11/20	9.00 - 10.15	Combined Science F/H: Chemistry	1hr 15mins	148	Sports Hall
	9.00 - 10.45	Triple Science: Chemistry	1hr 45mins	25	Sports Hall
	11.20 - 1.05	RE: Catholic Christianity	1hr 45mins	173	Sports Hall
	2.10 - 2.45	French Listening Foundation	35mins	17	U42/U43
Fri 20/11/20	9.00 - 10.30	Maths Paper 2 Calc F/H	1hr 30mins	67/106	Sports Hall
	11.20 - 1.20	Design & Technology	2hrs	44	Sports Hall
Week 2					
Mon 23/11/20	9.00 - 10.45	English Language Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints & Perspectives	1hr 45mins	173	Sports Hall
	11.20 - 12.50	Geography: Human Geography	1hr 30mins	55	Sports Hall
	2.10 - 2.55	French Listening Higher	45mins	30	U42/U43
Tues 24/11/20	9.00 - 10.30	Maths Paper 3 Calc F/H	1hr 30mins	67/106	Sports Hall
	11.20 - 12.30/12.40	French Writing F/H	1hr 10mins/1hr 20mins	17/30	Sports Hall
Wed 25/11/20	9.00 - 10.15	Combined Science F/H: Physics	1hr 15mins	148	Sports Hall
	9.00 - 10.45	Triple Science: Physics	1hr 45mins	25	Sports Hall
	11.20 - 1.20	Hospitality & Catering Practical	2hrs	18	U11
	11.20 - 1.05	Drama: Theatre Makers in Practice	1hr 45mins	18	Sports Hall
	11.20 - 1.05	Sociology	1hr 45mins	40	Sports Hall
Thurs 26/11/20	9.00 - 9.55	History: Conflict in the Middle East	55mins	85	Sports Hall
	11.20 - 12.20	Geography: Physical Geography	1hr	55	Sports Hall
	2.10 - 2.55/3.10	French Reading F/H	45mins/1hr	17/30	Sports Hall
Fri 27/11/20		Catch-up day for missed exams			

Students will need to know their exam candidate number. These can be found on the Exams Noticeboard.

[Click here to visit our website for exam tips.](#)

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PHOTOGRAPH £20 - DRAWING £25 - PAINTING £30

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Year 7 and 8 Design & Technology Christmas Competition

Design and Make a 3D Penguin.

Prizes to be won for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place!

Success Criteria

- Your Penguin can be any size.
- It must be 3D.
- You can use ANY material/s of your choice. For example... straw, clay, paint, empty packages, cardboard boxes, wire, tissue, fabrics, paper mache, found objects, etc.
- Be creative! Be imaginative!

Submission

- Submit to any staff member of the DT department.
- Ensure that your Penguin is labelled with your name and form.

Final submission: Wednesday 25th November 2020

Penguins will be displayed on Lower Site as Christmas decorations during the festive season!

Winners will be announced just before the Christmas Holiday!

YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT





END RACISM

SCHOOLS MEDIA COMPETITION

We are looking for students (aged 14-18 inclusive) to submit an original piece of writing or an original image on the theme:

'LET'S CREATE A WORLD WITHOUT RACISM'

The winning entries will be published in the *Far East* magazine and online on Columban websites in Ireland and Britain and shared on Columban social media.

This is a chance to engage with an issue that addresses equality, justice, inclusion and also draws on faith and personal experience.

PRINT PRIZES

1ST £300

2ND £150 • 3RD £100

IMAGE PRIZES

1ST £300

2ND £150 • 3RD £100

THE COMPETITION IS BEING LAUNCHED
ON MONDAY **5TH OCTOBER 2020**



COLUMBAN
MISSIONARIES

“We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.” POPE FRANCIS, June 2020

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:
SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2021**

For more information on entry guidelines see:

www.columbancompetition.com

or email **hello@columbancompetition.com**

What is the deadline for submission? 20 February 2021. Entries received after this date will not be considered.

Must submissions have titles? Yes.

Do Columbans need to be mentioned in the entry? Not necessarily, but you are welcome to mention any aspect of Columban mission work related to the theme.

Can I involve celebrities? Yes, as long you make the arrangement with them and brief them about the competition.

Can I use interviews? Yes.

Do I have to be Catholic to participate? No, but you must have respect for the Catholic ethos of the Missionary Society of St. Columban.

Do I need to submit a parent or guardian consent form with my entry? If you've entered the competition before you may have been asked to submit a parent or guardian consent form. This is no longer required.

When will I receive news about the winners of the competition? Winners to be announced personally and on Columban media on 15 March 2021.

Can I enter if I've entered or won a prize in a previous competition? Yes.

How strict is the lower age limit? We can include young people who are turning 15 on or before the 31 August 2021. This will allow all students in the 14/15 year group to enter.



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November 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Changes to free school meal eligibility under Universal Credit

The eligibility criteria for free school meals have been changed. This letter explains the changes and how they might affect you.

What are the new eligibility criteria?

Children are entitled to receive free school meals if they or their parents or guardians receive any of the benefits below.

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

I don't currently claim free school meals – what does this mean for me?

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals, please complete the attached form and return it to us.

The information you provide will be used to check if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit and, if you are on Universal Credit, that your earnings do not exceed the threshold. If you claim Universal Credit, your earnings will be assessed from up to three of your last Universal Credit assessment periods.

If you are eligible we will be notified. Your child will then receive free school meals and the school will receive extra funding.

I am currently claiming free school meals – what does this mean for me?

If you are currently claiming free school meals and your circumstances have not changed then you do not need to do anything.

Where can I get more information?

If you need any further information, please contact us or visit the free school meal website:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Yours faithfully

Carla Segel
Business Director

ASPIRE TO THE HOLY FAMILY WAY

Registration Form for Free School Meals

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

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- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra **£935** for the school to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

To check if your child is eligible, we need information about you and your child. Please complete this form and return it to us as soon as possible.

About your Child / Children

Child's Last Name	Child's First Name	Child's Date of Birth		
		DD	MM	YYYY
		DD	MM	YYYY
		DD	MM	YYYY
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Parent / Guardian Details

	Parent / Guardian 1										Parent / Guardian 2									
Last Name																				
First Name																				
Date of Birth	DD			MM			YYYY				DD			MM			YYYY			
National Insurance Number																				
National Asylum Support (NASS) Number			/			/							/			/				
Daytime Telephone Number																				
Mobile Number																				
Address																				
	Postcode:										Postcode:									

Family Income and Benefit Details

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, please place an X in this box ☐

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Universal Credit

If you are in receipt of **Universal Credit**, is your net earned family income over £7,400 per year? (Please place an X in the appropriate box)

Your net earned income is your household income after taxes and deductions. It does **not** include income through Universal Credit or other benefits that you may receive.

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

Child Tax Credit

If you are in receipt of **Child Tax Credit**, is your joint gross annual income over £16,190 per year? (Please place an X in the appropriate box)

Your joint gross income is your household income before taxes are taken into account.

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

If you are not sure whether you receive one of the listed benefits, or what your household income is, but you would still like us to check whether your child is eligible for free school meals, please place an X in this box. ☐

Declaration

The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that my personal information is held securely and will be used only for Local Authority purposes. I agree to the Local Authority using this information to process my application for free school meals. I also agree to notify the Local Authority in writing of any change in my family's financial circumstances as set out in this form.

Signature of parent / guardian:

Date:

Thank you for completing this form and helping to make sure the school is as well funded as possible.

How the information in this form will be used

The information you provide in this form will be used by the Council to confirm receipt of one of the listed welfare benefits. Once this is confirmed, this helps to decide how much money your child's school will receive each year.

You only need to complete this form once and it will last for the duration of your child's time at their current school. You should contact the school or local authority if you have a change in financial circumstances.

We are committed to ensuring that the personal and sensitive information that we hold about you is protected and kept safe and secure, and we have measures in place to prevent the loss, misuse or alteration of your personal information.

We will use the information you provide to assess entitlement to free school meals. The information may also be shared with other Council departments to offer benefits and services.