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HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to present to you the first edition of our half termly magazine, HFCS News.

This is a bumper edition that is a round-up of everything that has been happening here at school in each half term, replacing Family Matters. Additionally, and in response to your feedback, you are now receiving a short weekly bulletin to update you on news, reminders and calendar dates - this comes out each Friday for the week ahead.

I hope that between them, these two communications will give parents and carers a real sense of what a dynamic and vibrant school community we are, as well as providing updates and information on a regular basis so that you stay informed of what is happening week by week.

This first half term of the academic year has been, as always, busy and productive. Students have been reminded during assemblies and form time of our school values: Achievement, Service, Participation, Integrity, Respect and Equity. These are grounded in Catholic Social Teaching and the words of St Oscar Romero: "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

Throughout this first edition of HFCS News you will see examples of students following this call to "be more"; whether that is by contributing to the Catholic life of the school, through their success at GCSE and A level, by participating in clubs, competitions, house activities or leadership opportunities - our young people really do take every opportunity to develop their gifts and talents. We have a wide programme of extra-curricular and enrichment which you can read about in this edition - there is something for everyone!

Several trips and visits are planned over the next few weeks, and you will be able to read about these in our next edition. I was extremely proud of the Year 8s who visited the Natural History Museum this week and behaved impeccably - a real credit to their parents and to the school.

During the past week we have run special assemblies in response to the tragic events unfolding in the Middle East, encouraging all of our students to respond in the Holy Family way - by showing love, respect and compassion and by refusing to participate in divisive opinions or hate speech. Again, I was incredibly impressed by the maturity of students from all year groups who showed by their thoughtful and focussed attention, that they are young people who truly understand the need for us to bear witness to the peace of Christ through our words and actions.

I would like to thank Mrs Farrugia, Associate Headteacher for culture and ethos, and the marketing team for producing these communications and for all the work they do in promoting and showcasing the amazing work that is done here at HFCS each and every day. The marketing team are: Ms Amunikoro, Ms Jaber, Ms Duncan and Ms Anjorin. Thank you to all of them.

I hope that you and your families have a safe and restful half term break.

God bless,

Mrs Carolyn Laws

Headteacher



CHAPLAINCY

Catholic Life of the School

The Season of Creation

We returned to school at the beginning of the Season of Creation. The season commences on 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

Jenusha and the year 10 Liturgy Leaders created a display for the Wiseman Hall.

October: Month of the Rosary

Each Tuesday in October, Maria in Year 11 led the Rosary. Thank you to students and staff who joined us in the Chapel for such a reflective start to our day.

Maria also wrote and led the bidding prayers for our Liturgical Assemblies for years 9-11.

CAFOD Harvest Feast Day

Years 7-8 came to school wearing House colours to raise money for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. All years contributed non-perishable food for the local SVP and food bank. Thank you to all parents who have contributed to our food collection.



CHAPLAINCY

CAFOD Young Leadership Programme

Four Year 12 students have joined the CAFOD programme and attended the first training session held in Southwark Cathedral Amigo Hall. Maria writes:

My CAFOD experience

“Through the program, I got to meet other aspiring young leaders and learn their names and personalities which in my opinion created a very comfortable environment. I learnt of the history of CAFOD and their mission. The program has made me realise the good work CAFOD does and their eagerness to involve the youth. We were encouraged and tasked with a project to transfer what we have learnt in the session and teach our school on what CAFOD does and how they can help, which me and my group will be organising. I am looking forward to our next sessions and hope to gain valuable experience and skills throughout this program.”



After the training session, students visited Southwark Cathedral to visit the National Shrine to St Oscar Romero. Although there was decorating taking place, it was a reflective end to the day. We look forward to the activities that Maria, Stacy, Allison and William will lead in school.

CHAPLAINCY

World Mission Sunday



**WORLD
MISSION
SUNDAY**
**22nd October
2023**

World Mission Sunday takes place on 22 October 2023. The global celebration of the Catholic church and mission is coordinated by Missio, the Pope's official charity for world mission.

*God our Father,
When your Son, Jesus, rose from the dead,
he sent his followers out into the world,
to share your love with all people.
Today you send us out to continue this
mission.*

*Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit
To be courageous and enthusiastic in bearing
witness to the Gospel,
so that all people experience the love and
mercy of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen*

Catholic Life Dates

Gospel for Sunday 22 October

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:15-21

Gospel for Sunday 29 October

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:34-40

November is the Month of the Holy Souls

Wed 1 Nov - All Saints Holy Day of Obligation
Mass will be celebrated on lower school
by Fr Freddy



HFSIX
Holy Family Sixth Form

ASPIRE NOT TO
HAVE MORE,
BUT TO **BE MORE**

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THURS 9TH NOVEMBER, 6PM - 8PM



FOR YEAR 12 ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2024

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Unlock your potential and shape your future with an exceptional education at HFSIX. We are proud to offer a dynamic and enriching learning environment that empowers students to excel academically, develop important life skills, and prepare for the challenges of the modern world.

Our Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on Thursday 9th November, 6-8pm.

To register your interest sign up here: <https://forms.gle/4pr7Sk8ATcGR7qsD9>

Come along to view our wide range of subjects including A Level and Level 3 BTEC pathways. Hear from our specialist subject leaders and current students and find out more about applying.

Why Choose Holy Family Sixth Form?

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- **Supportive Community:** Join a tight-knit community of students and teachers who care about your success. Our pastoral care system ensures that you receive the guidance and mentorship you need to thrive throughout your time here.
- **Future-Ready:** HFSIX equips you with essential skills for the future, such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and effective communication through dedicated time focused on careers. We prepare you not only for higher education but also for the rapidly changing job market.
- **Sixth Form Facilities:** Our sixth formers enjoy well-equipped classrooms, libraries, labs, and technology resources, ensuring you have the tools you need to excel.
- **Excellent Support:** Our SEND department is dedicated to meeting the needs of all students and can provide 1:1 tutorial support for students with additional needs.

Read on to find out all about our summer results & year 13 destinations...



STUDENTS CELEBRATE GCSE SUCCESS

Year 11 students at Holy Family Catholic School were celebrating this week following another strong set of results at GCSE.

Headteacher Mrs Laws said: "After what has been a difficult period for schools and for students, we are exceptionally proud of the hard work, commitment and resilience our students have shown in achieving these excellent results."

This year's Year 11 cohort faced the additional obstacle of a national move to return grade boundaries to pre-Covid levels, meaning that the grade boundaries for some subjects were significantly higher and the number of top grades were reduced.



Despite this, the following students achieved some exceptional results:

- Nikolas Gauba gaining eight grade 9s, one grade 8 and one grade 7
- Kezia Mathew gaining one grade 8, six grade 8s, two grade 7s
- Thomas Masterson gaining three grade 9s, four grade 8s, three grade 7s
- Patrick McCormack gaining two grade 9s, four grade 8s, two grade 7s
- Eniola Shotikare gaining two grade 9s, four grade 8s, three grade 7s
- Emilia Biedrowska gaining one grade 9, one grade 8, six grade 7s



High numbers of our Year 11 students will return to HFCS to continue their studies at our Sixth Form, HFCSIX. We congratulate all our students on their excellent outcomes and wish them luck for the start of their new courses in September. HFCSIX is an open access Sixth Form welcoming students from all faiths or none. If you are looking for a diverse range of subjects at a high performing Sixth Form, we are enrolling now. Please visit our website for further information and how to apply.

For more photos and student reactions please visit our social media pages:



holyfamily.waltham.sc.uk



@hfcswaltham



17th Aug 2023

ANOTHER YEAR OF A LEVEL AND BTEC SUCCESS FOR HFCS 6TH FORM!

Many congratulations to all of our Year 13 students - we are incredibly proud of all of you!

Holy Family Sixth Form students gained their final A Level and Level 3 BTEC results today, with some fantastic outcomes representing two years of hard work. Despite tougher national grade boundaries, over a third of all A Level grades were A*, A or B grades, while the vast majority of BTEC grades were either Distinction or Distinction* grades. The percentage of students gaining AAB or higher in the traditional 'facilitating subjects' increased compared to last year and a greater number of students gained entry to Russell Group universities.



Headteacher Carolyn Laws said: 'After what has been a very challenging period for schools and for students we are exceptionally proud of the commitment and resilience our students have shown in achieving these excellent results.' Despite a national picture of grade reduction at the top end, we are delighted to have many individuals achieving outstanding results and progressing to prestigious institutions including Oxbridge and Russell group universities.



Top achieving A level students (with destinations)

Paul Dimen: A*A*A*A* (UCL - Mathematics)
Shanee O'Garra: A*A*A (University of Cambridge - History)
Benjamin Dzah: A*AA (University of Warwick - Mathematics)
Joshua Hippolyte: AAAA (University of Cambridge - PPE)
Shenyce Augustus: A*AB (University of Warwick - Psychology)
Hannah Da Silva: A*AB (University of Warwick - Management)

Top achieving L3 BTEC students (with destinations):

Milka Magnus: D*D*D* (London South Bank University - Biomedical Sciences)
Lucius Rebello: D*D* (Gap year)
Robbie Itoko: D*D*D (University of Westminster - Digital Media)
Janis Pouli: D*D*D (University of West London - Computer Science)
Chantelle Mattis: D*D* (University of Westminster - Television Production)



HFSIX

Holy Family Sixth Form

Class of 2023 Destinations Map

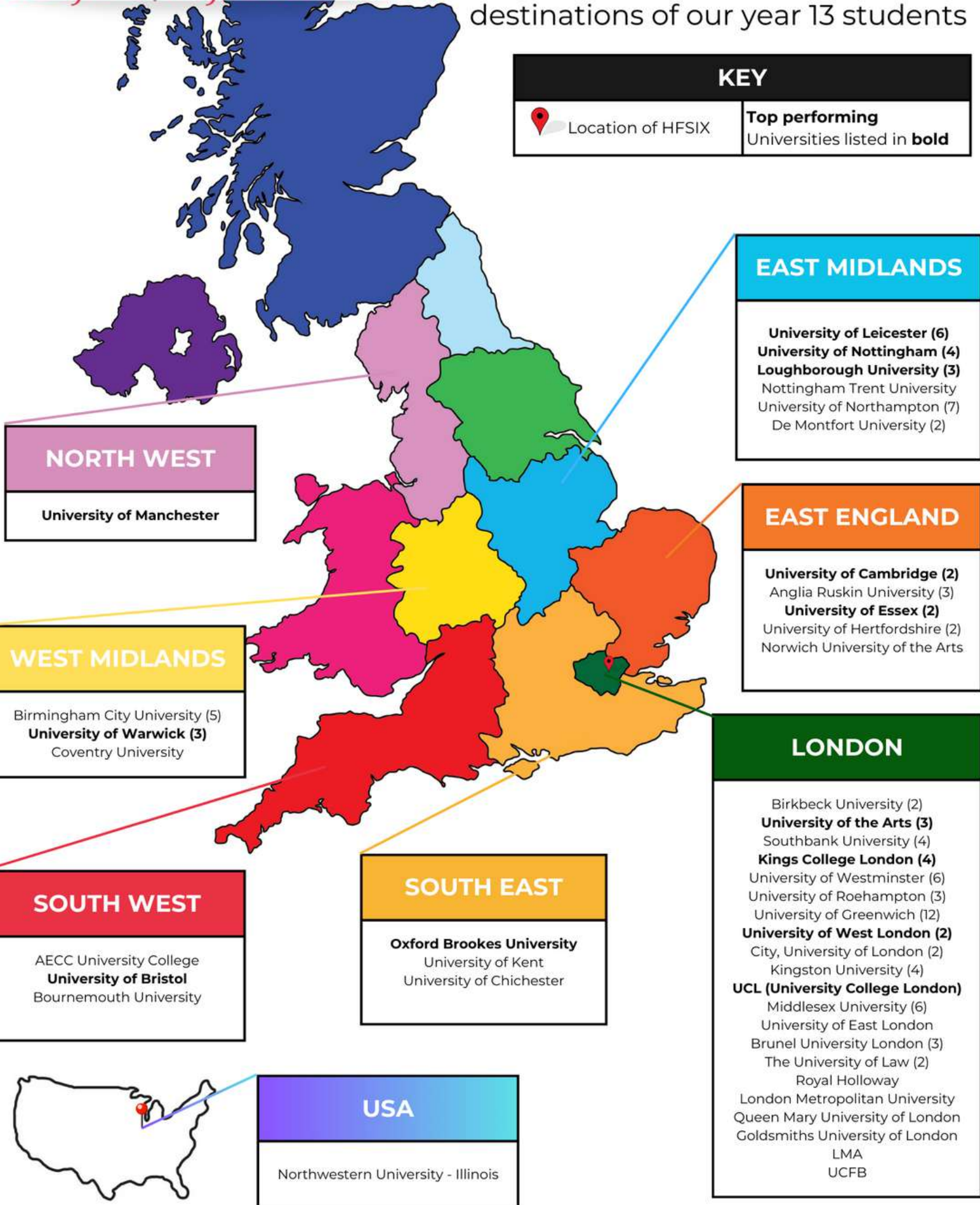
This map shows the university destinations of our year 13 students

KEY



Location of HFSIX

Top performing
Universities listed in **bold**



SCIENCE

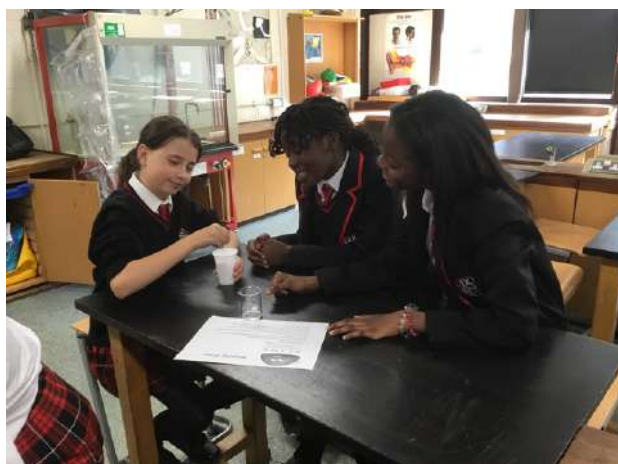
Science Club

Science club is back at Holy Family!

Students from Years 7 and 8 have been gathering over lunchtime to talk all things science.

Over the last two weeks, Mrs Anjorin has been showing students how to make their own slime. Carefully mixing together water, glue, and some other scientific 'fun ingredients,' the students watched the slimy substance form... sounds sticky!

Science club is run every Monday on the Walthamstow site in L15. Please contact Mrs Anjorin if you are interested in joining.

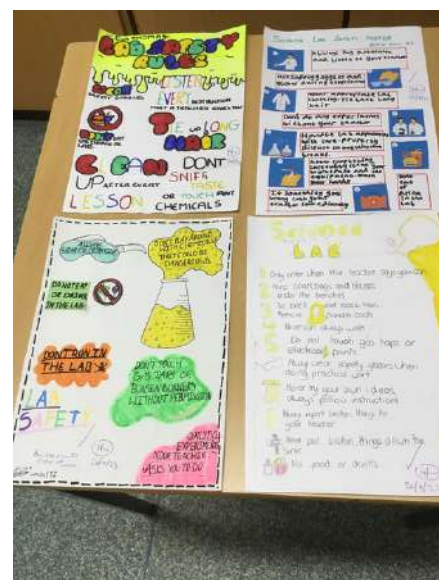


Lab Safety

The Science Department would like to say a big 'Thank you and well done!' to the following students that completed bright and informative posters on how to keep safe whilst in the lab:

Naa Deede A
L'hanna DS
Tristan A
Mia I

Eva T
Jamie G
Princess Lionel P
Reiss G-S



SCIENCE

UCL Taster Day

Our sixth formers enjoyed an insightful Taster Day at UCL, where they had the opportunity to attend a Biosciences Masterclass led by a Professor specialising in Neurobiology. The day included a research discussion workshop, allowing students to explore current Biosciences research topics and discuss scientific concepts and approaches.

In addition to the academic sessions, students received a comprehensive tour of UCL science labs, gaining hands-on experience imaging transgenic lines of *Drosophila* fruit fly eye development and Zebrafish with state of the art confocal laser scanning microscopes and light sheet microscopy. They also had the chance to connect with current UCL undergraduate students, as well as engage in conversations with medical students and those studying Neuroscience. This enriching experience provided valuable insights into the world of Biosciences and left our students with a deeper understanding of their potential academic and career paths.

Thank you so much to Professor Stephen Price @UCL Biosciences and Professor Christopher Thrasivoulou @ThrasDr for facilitating this programme, we look forward to visiting you again soon!



R E

Saints Competition

The R.E. Department started the school year with a competition for Years 7 & 8. Students were asked to produce a poster on their favourite saint. Saints included Saint Anne, Saint Patrick, and Saint Maximilian Kolbe. We are very pleased to announce our winners:



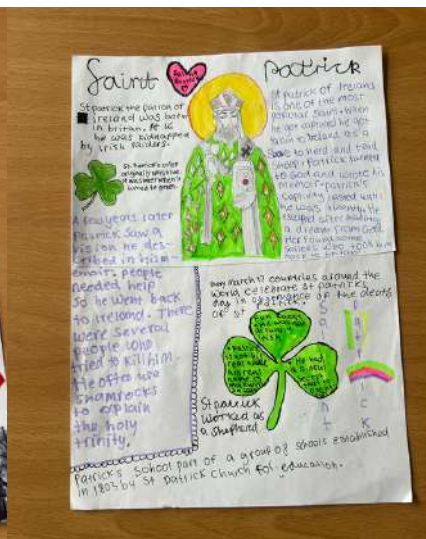
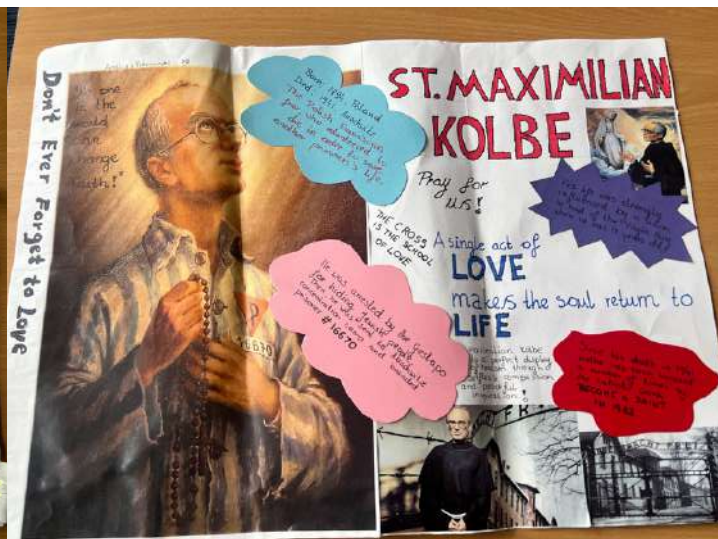
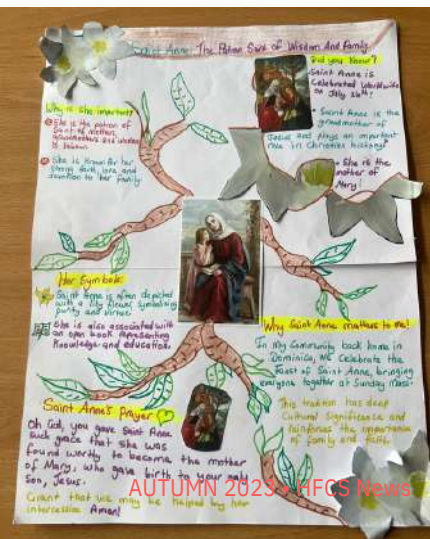
Skyler D - 7E



Amelia P - 7R



Hazel I - 7R



YEAR 7

Meet Our Prefects!

Read some of the amazing responses about what being a prefect means to our new pupil leadership team.



7A: Lennie & Shanae



7S: Nana-Yaa & Jayden



7I: Michael & Naa Deede



7P: Tyler-Amari & Myah-Faith

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“Prefect means to me a person who willingly listens to other people e.g. to their problems and ideas. I want to become a school prefect because I have the courage to speak up for the ones that can't, I have time to listen to the ones who need me and I have good leadership skills that I learnt from being a captain in primary school. I have what it takes to be a prefect.”

“Being a prefect means to be a leader to me. I want to being a prefect so I can make the school a better and safer place. I love to see people that are happy in their learning environment.”

“I want to become a school prefect because it is an important job that I would take pride in and work hard to complete. It will give me more opportunities to become a bigger part of the school community and show my responsibility and it would mean a lot to me to have such a responsibility.”

Every year we pick prefects who represent our wider student leadership team. These students are chosen due to their strong leadership skills, setting good examples to their fellow peers, and because they are respectful and inclusive to everyone around them and reflect our ASPIRE values in everything they do!

YEAR 7



7Ri: Hazel & Divina



7E: Aiden & Abi



7R: Harmonii & Ashton

“As a new student at the school, I feel this role would help me understand and improve the school even more. In my last school I was school captain, which is the highest role you can be and I actually improved and made changes to the school. I am a great listener and love to present myself in all kinds of ways. This would also help me meet new people as I am looking for friends. You probably get a lot of these requests but none where it really means something to them... well it DOES TO ME! I have a notebook full of ideas and really think some of them could improve the school!”

“To me prefect means being a good example to pupils and staff around me, trying my best and being kind and respectful to other peers. Being a prefect isn't always about how you are on the outside or how good you are at a subject, to me it means how well you treat others and live in Jesus's footsteps. I also aspire to do my best in everything, but as God always forgives us we should forgive others as well as ourselves. So if we do something wrong we should always accept it and move forward, to me that's the real meaning of being prefect.”

PREFECTS

YEAR 7

We asked our new Year 7 students to reflect on their first half term at Holy Family Catholic School and share with us their experiences. Read some of the fantastic responses below!

We are so happy they have had such a positive start to the new academic term!

My First Term In Holy Family

My first term in Holy Family has been wonderful - let me tell you all about it.

We started school in September where we met our form tutors and our form. At first everything was so new and scary but after a while I felt welcomed.

Holy Family encouraged me to take my leadership skills to the next level as I was appointed prefect of my form.

In the term, there were many different clubs with many different skills to learn but the clubs I go to are: Drama, Choir, Homework and History.

I have built confidence that I never knew I would have.



Year 7 has been cool throughout these weeks because I have new teachers, new work and new friends.

During the past few weeks I have really been enjoying the food, the breaks, the lessons and the people and I have lots of new friends.

Year 7 has been a blast and my favourite subject is P.E (obviously) because of my amazing teacher Ms Paul-Jones.

I would never have come this far without my form tutor Ms Joseph and my head of year Mr Freeman.

I hope I continue in Holy Family for a long time.



YEAR 8

Meet Our Year 8 Prefects!



8A: Aleya & Elnathan



8S: Shondrella & Marcus



8P: Jaden & Soliyana



8I: Govind

PREFECTS

Y E A R 8



8R: Anabel & Zion



8EL: Princess & Renee



8E: Baah & Lilian

We had a big influx of prefect applications from our year 8 students. The pupils we have picked to be part of our leadership team have been picked because this academic year they have shown qualities that uphold our ASPIRE values, making them a fantastic example of what a Holy Family leader should be. Our Year 8 prefect's say that being a prefect means ***“helping those who need it, staying organised and completing any tasks assigned by members of staff. It also means doing the right thing even if it goes against the majority's wishes.”***

They uphold core values about ***“making the school a better and safer place and wanting to see people that are happy in their learning environment.”*** We cannot wait to work with our new team and see how they thrive in this new role.

YEAR 8

Around 60 of our Year 8 students went out on a Geography trip to the Natural History Museum this week. Here they were able to explore galleries which covered topics from volcanoes and earthquakes through to evolution and human biology. Take a look at how they got on!

Year 8's learning about the rock cycle



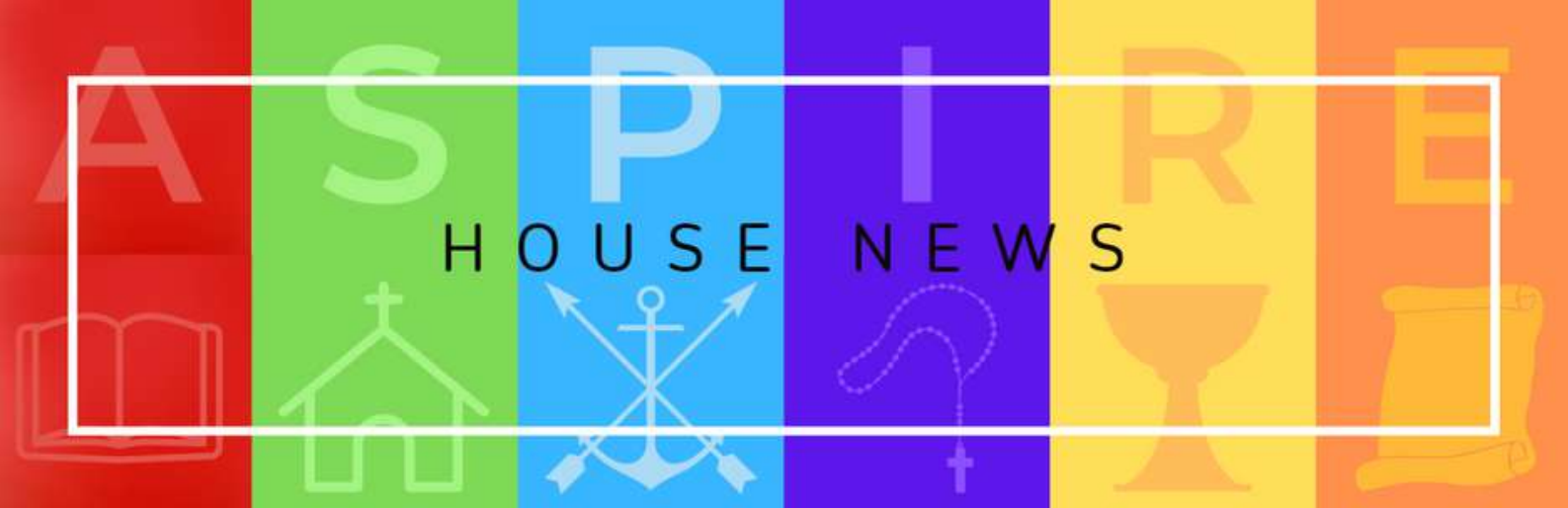
Aleyna, Callum, Mark, Kosi & Eli in a lava tube



Callum T. learning about volcanic eruptions



All of our wonderful Year 8's with their teachers!



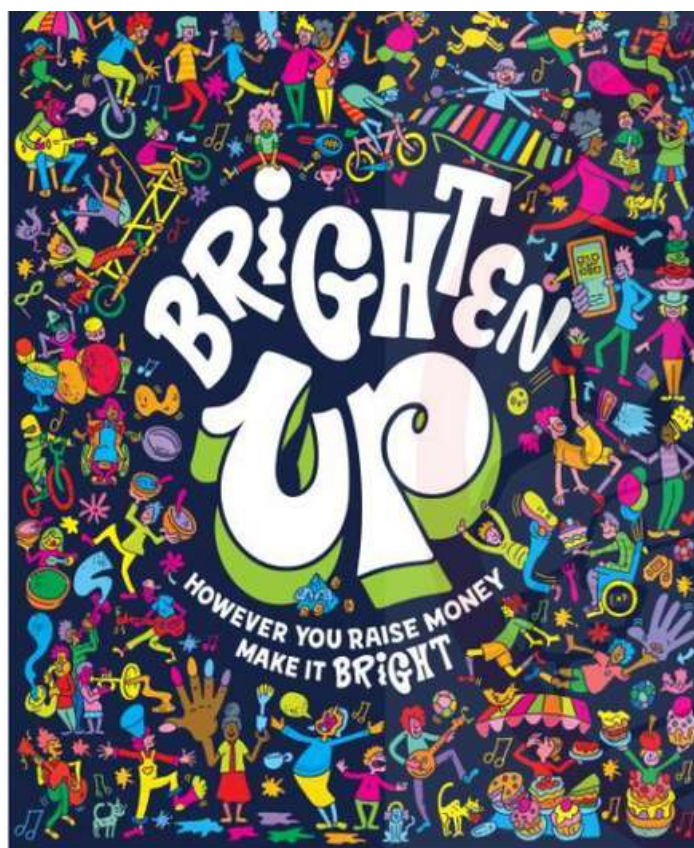
CAFOD Harvest Day 2023

CAFOD is an **international development charity who reach out to people living in poverty with practical help, whatever their religion or culture.** CAFOD is the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Through their global Church network, one of the largest in the world, they have the potential to reach everyone. **They campaign for global justice, so that every woman, man and child can live a full and dignified life.** Their goal is to **provide service in action.**

Service in action

Here at Holy Family we celebrated **Harvest Fast Day** which was **a time to reflect on our duties to serve others in need.** Service is not just a word; it's a way of life. It's about **extending a helping hand to those who need it most.** Service in action means putting compassion into practice and our **biggest example is the teachings of Christ.**

CAFOD's motto is **#MakeItBright**, so on **Friday 6th October** we as a school wore our house colours and **contributed money towards serving our brothers and sisters internationally.** As a combined year group (Year 7 & Year 8), we were able to raise **£131.92** for CAFOD. This **money will be used to buy a mobile health team for remote communities across the world!**





Drop Down Day: Tuesday 17th October

Dropdown Day 1 - Health, Wellbeing & Safety - 17th October 2023

The whole school was off timetable on Tuesday 17th October for our first dropdown day of the year. Students took part in a variety of activities, workshops and talks centred around health, wellbeing & safety.

We had seven external speakers visit from three different organisations. Four delegates from TfL spoke to our year 7s, 8s, 9s and 11s about safety on public transport, how to travel responsibly and who to contact should a student encounter a problem on the TfL network. One year 9 commented that the talk was extremely interesting and he learnt loads of things he didn't know (and he hadn't expected to find the talk so interesting!). Our year 7s and 8s were also spoken to by two Metropolitan Police officers as part of the London Met's "Stop and Look Up" campaign, educating younger secondary school pupils on how to keep safe in the community and avoiding becoming victims of crime, for example putting phones away when walking down the street. Both the police officers and TfL staff commented on how inquisitive our students were, and how impressed they were by the students' behaviour across the board. One member of TfL said that we have the best year 11 cohort they have come across for a very very long time! Finally, we were delighted to welcome Alidor Gaspar, who delivered a powerful and inspirational talk to our Y9, 10 and 11 students. Alidor is a born and bred East Londoner who campaigns to raise awareness of Sickle Cell disease. He spoke openly and honestly about his experiences and how important it is that people donate blood once they're able to (when they turn 17). Alidor had an impact on many of our students who went on to ask some brilliant questions and raise some interesting points in the follow-up session. He was also approached by some of our students who could relate to his experiences (either through having Sickle Cell themselves or witnessing the struggles of a family member), and he was kind enough to extend his time at school to give those students a small group Q & A.

In addition to the external talks, students also took part in a range of activities in the classroom. Whilst the 6th formers took part in self-defence workshops run by Streetwise, Y7s and 8s learnt key first aid skills such as DR ABC, CPR and how to treat a head injury. They had the opportunity to practise these skills on manikins and were enthusiastic in their efforts, but noted just how difficult CPR is and that it looks much easier than it actually is on TV! Our Y9s, 10s and 11s also covered some important lessons including how to stay safe at parties, spiking, the dangers associated with nitrous oxide (commonly known as "balloons"), and why both vaping and tobacco are unsuitable for teenagers' bodies.

Staff were really impressed by the engagement of students, who asked high quality questions throughout the day, took part in a variety of activities and engaged with our visitors with respect. A big well done to all the students!





Drop Down Day: Tuesday 17th October

Sickle Cell Talk

As part of our Drop Down Enrichment Day, students had the privilege of attending a compelling talk by Alidor Gasper, the founder of the Hidden Pain Society and a dedicated advocate for sickle cell awareness. Mr. Gasper, who himself is a resilient individual grappling with sickle cell disease, shared his deeply personal journey during this enlightening session.

The aim of this talk was to foster a greater understanding of the often overlooked challenges associated with sickle cell disease. Alidor Gasper not only recounted his own experiences but also provided valuable insights into the implications of this condition. The overarching goal was to encourage awareness and empathy among the students.

One poignant aspect emphasised during the session was the vital role that communities can play in supporting individuals with sickle cell disease. Alidor Gasper passionately conveyed the significance of blood donation in aiding those affected by the condition. By sharing his story and shedding light on the importance of community involvement, he left a lasting impact on all who attended.

The talk proved to be a touching and inspirational experience for both students and staff, fostering a sense of unity and a shared commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of those affected by sickle cell disease.

A massive thanks to Alidor Gasper - IG: @Hiddenpainsociety





Drop Down Day: Tuesday 17th October

Hear what some of our Holy Family students thought of the day...



Emma 8EL I think Drop Down Day went great! My favourite part of the day was when the whole class learned about CPR and how to place people in the right position. Additionally, I also enjoyed practicing CPR positions on my partner. I hope I can experience Drop Down Day again next year!

Miriam 8A I enjoyed Drop Down Day as I learned a lot of helpful and important things that can be useful in my day to day life and I feel like it really allowed us to carry out the participation element of our ASPIRE values!

Kara 8EL I really enjoyed Drop Down Day and I loved learning about robbery as we all contributed and police officers with experience came to our school teaching us how to stay safe. I really enjoyed it this year!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

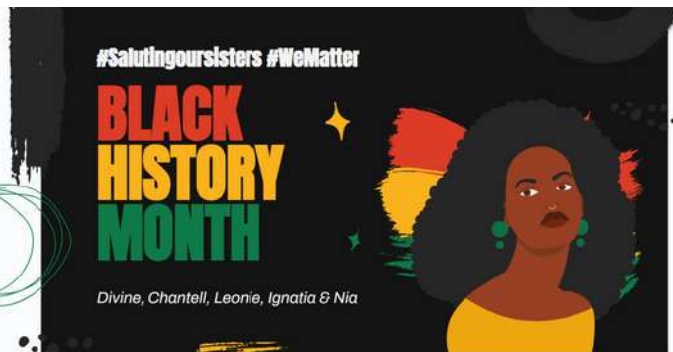
#Salutingoursisters

Every October, Black History Month is celebrated in the UK. The month provides an **opportunity to recognise and celebrate** the invaluable contributions of Black people to British society. **#SalutingOurSisters is this year's theme** and aims to **highlight the crucial role that Black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change and building communities**. The theme Saluting our Sisters **pays homage to black women who had contributions ignored, ideas appropriated, and voices silenced**.

In Psychology, we had discussions based around **race and Schizophrenia** (a topic we are currently studying) and assessment bias we see when it comes to the diagnostic process specifically in black people. In Health and Social Care we discussed **discrimination and racial bias within the health care system** - specifically wrong assumptions that black patients had higher pain tolerance compared to white patients. **Both classes discussed where these racial disparities came from and ways in which we can make a change**. I tasked my Psychology class with creating information slides on **how we can realign stigmas surrounding black mental health, whilst my HSC students were tasked with paying homage to black women who we don't often hear about in the healthcare sector**; including what they did, challenges they may have faced and **#whytheymatter**. Please have a look (click onto the links below) at their **wonderful work in raising awareness in the field of Psychology and HSC in order to #Celebrateoursisters and raise awareness on how to be advocates both in the field of Psychology and Health and Social care!**



Year 13 Health and Social Care



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SCHIZOPHRENIA AND THE STIGMAS SURROUNDING IT FOR BLACK MENTAL HEALTH

You may wonder why we must separate mental health into categories and why we are specifically referring to mental wellness of black individuals as black mental health.

We refer to it as 'black mental health' because as a society we have failed to give enough support and many psychologists have not done enough research on the cultural stigmas and various other factors to consider that comes along with mental illness whilst being a person of colour.

This Black History Month the psychology department would like to talk about how mental illness especially for black individuals is either ignored, misdiagnosed or forgotten about.



Year 13 Health Psychology ~ Nilofer Velu



Year 13 Health Psychology ~ Gisela A.



Year 13 Health Psychology ~ Lily G, Shobi H, Eloise J, Giselle B

Click on the icons to take you to my PowerPoint slides and discussions with my students:



S P O R T S

Sixth Form - Boys Football

On Wednesday 18th October, the sixth form boys football team played a tough match against West Hatch in the Essex Cup. In the pouring rain the boys demonstrated their passion and resilience; giving 100% effort until the final whistle. Although they lost 9-2, their teacher Miss Belgrave said:

“I will be there for them rain or shine. I am so proud of them all; they have shown real commitment and dedication in the game.”

Football Fixture Highlights - Autumn Term 1

| <u>Year 10</u> | Holy Family | Willowfield |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Score | 6 | 0 |

| <u>Year 8</u> | Holy Family | Frederick Brammer |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Score | 2 | 0 |

| <u>Year 10 Girls</u> | Holy Family | Leytonstone |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Score | 10 | 1 |

SPORTS

Netball Results

Across KS4, Holy Family's girls Netball Teams have experienced great success in Borough League Netball. The teams have all been committed to playing every game to the best of their ability, and this is reflected in the superb win rate for this half-term! Please enjoy reading the statistics below and make sure to support our Netball Teams in their future fixtures:

Year 9

Won 3 of 4 games

Next Fixture: The semi-final vs Heathcote School on 31st October.

Year 10

Won 2 out of 3 games

Next Fixture: The semi-final vs Heathcote School on 31st October.

Year 11

Won all 4 games

Next Fixture: The Semi final vs Lammas School. Date TBC.



Netball Borough Rally

We are very proud of our Year 11 Netball team who were awarded the **bronze** medal in the Netball Borough Rally. Congratulations!



THE LRC



Poetry Day 2023

National Poetry Day was on Thursday 5th October and the theme for 2023 is 'Refuge.' To celebrate the day, Mrs. Lloyd created a poetry display and invited students who regularly attend the LRC to attend at break-time and discuss all things poetry. Students talked about their favourite poems and poets before completing some fun activities, including one of Mrs. Lloyd's popular word searches!

"Poetry is how we remember the truth of war and it is how we celebrate peace. Poetry is in our national anthems and in our intimate moments. Poetry is the syntax of the soul."

Library Book Donations

The LRC at Holy Family has been thrilled to receive a large amount of donated books for students on the Wiseman Site to enjoy. Below, you can see a selection of students that use the LRC during break-time. They were excited to see so many new books to get started on! We would like to say a huge **"thank you"** to the members of the community that think of us when donating their books.

Donated books include:

The Girl on The Train
Paula Hawkins

The New York Trilogy
Paul Auster

A Christmas Carol
Charles Dickens



SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES



KEY DATES

Forthcoming Events - Autumn Term 2

Monday 30th October - Students return to school (Week 2)

Wednesday 1st November - All Saints Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday 2nd November - Feast of All Souls

W/C Monday 6th November - Y13 Mock Exam Week

Thursday 9th November - Year 11 Progress Evening
3.30pm

Thursday 9th November - Sixth Form Open Evening 6pm

Friday 10th November - Sixth Form Applications Open

W/C Monday 13th November - Anti Bullying Week

Tuesday 14th November & Wednesday 15th November -
13 Art/Photo Mock Exam

W/C Monday 20th November - Year 11 Mock Exam Week

Sunday 26th November - Feast of Christ the King

Thursday 30th November - Feast of St. Andrew

Sunday 3rd December - First Sunday of Advent

Monday 4th December - Year 11 Art Mock

Wednesday 6th December - Year 11 Photography Mock

Wednesday 6th December - Reconciliation for Advent
(Walthamstow Site)

Thursday 7th December - Year 11 Graphics Mock

Thursday 7th December - Year 13 Parents Evening

Friday 8th December - School UCAS Deadline

Sunday 10th December - Second Sunday of Advent

Tuesday 12th December - Carol Service 7.30pm

Wednesday 13th December - Reconciliation for Advent
(Wiseman Site)

Thursday 14th December - Senior Citizens Christmas
Party

Sunday 17th December - Third Sunday of Advent

Monday 18th December - International Migrants Day

Wednesday 19th December - Wednesday 3rd January -
Christmas Holidays

Please note that whilst these dates are correct at the time of going to print, they are subject to change. Don't forget that the calendar at www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk is regularly updated.

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