

# HFC NEWS

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## Easter Special!



**Y10 Geography**  
Field Trip



**World**  
Book Day



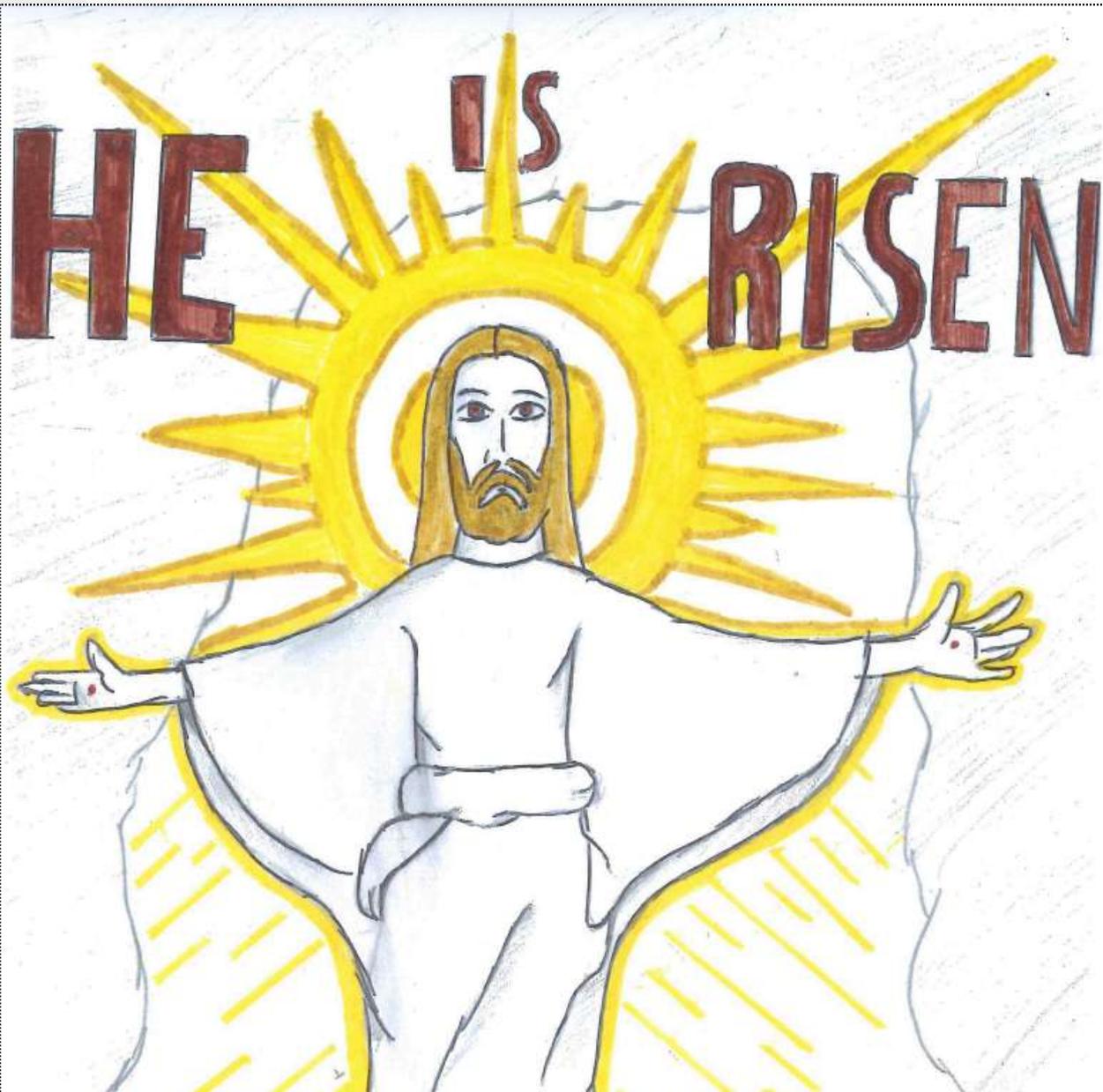
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Artwork by  
Kosi C in  
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# HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Dear Parents/Carers,

What an amazing term this has been! Life at HFCS is always packed with opportunity for our students - whether that is enriching their learning on trips and visits or having the life experience of others come into school via our programme of external speakers. Not to mention the many sporting and academic achievements that have taken place in these past few weeks!

This Lent, students and staff have truly excelled in living out St Oscar Romero's words "aspire not to have more, but to be more". Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving and students fully embraced the call to charitable giving. Our House Lenten charity fortnight culminated in the Cafod Big Lent Walk, which on its own raised over £600 - we have not yet counted all the contributions raised by the many individual fundraisers that took place in the last fortnight of term.

As I read about the huge variety of experiences that have happened in school this term in addition to what goes on in classrooms every day, I am immensely proud of the wonderful community here at Holy Family. Catholic education is truly unique and special, shaping as it does not only the intellect but the spirit and heart. In the words of St Pope John Paul II: "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth".

I would like to wish all of our students and their families a happy, holy and joyful Easter - may the Risen Christ make a home in all of our hearts.

God bless,  
Mrs Laws

# CHAPLAINCY



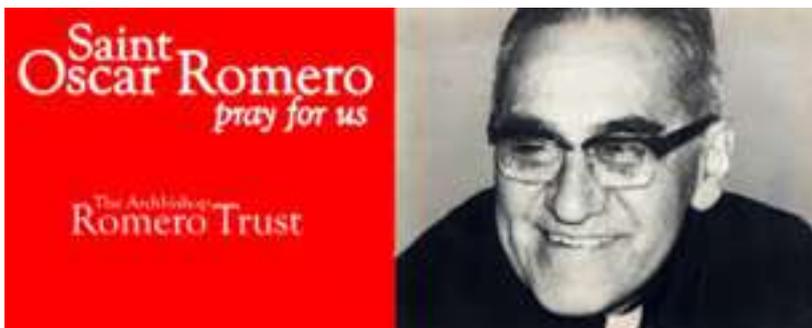
***We have had a busy Lent in school. The main three tenets of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving (charity) and there have been activities for all three!***

### **Praying the Rosary.**

This has taken place each Tuesday before school, led by Maria, one of our Year 11 Liturgy Leaders.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

We thank Fr Bijoy and Fr Gerry for enabling all students to have the opportunity to attend Reconciliation.



**Aspire**  
not to  
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### **Feast of St Oscar Romero - 24 March**

Oscar Romero was Archbishop of San Salvador, the capital of El Salvador, during the late 1970s. He lived at a time of terrible oppression and violence, when many people in the church were targeted because their commitment to the poor led them to speak out against injustice. Oscar Romero was shot and killed on 24 March 1980 as he celebrated Mass.

*May the courage of St Oscar Romero inspire us to work with integrity for an end to violence and poverty.*

*Amen*



# CHAPLAINCY



## **BIG Lent Walk**

Students from Years 7 and 8 have taken part in the BIG Lent Walk to raise funds for CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development). They each walked 5k making our total over 2000k! Each student took home a sponsorship form, and you can also donate via our Justgiving site.

Thank you to those who have already donated.

Please click here to donate to our Just Giving page:



# CHAPLAINCY



## Stations of the Cross

Year 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to learn about the Stations of the Cross. When weather permitted, this took place in our prayer garden.

Youth SVP also led Stations of the Cross in Our Lady & St George Parish. House Ignatius led the music as part of their community service. Thank you to Miss Joseph and Mrs. Henry for preparing the students



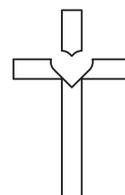
## Simple Soup Lunch for CAFOD

The Year 12 CAFOD Young Leaders organised a simple soup lunch on the lower site.

## Aquinas Partnership Student Mass

Holy Family students from Years 7 - 12 joined pupils from the primary schools in Waltham Forest Deanery to celebrate Mass. This year it was held at Our Lady & St George church.

Thank you to the students who represented Holy Family so well, particularly Yaa who processed our banner, Ebony for reading a bidding prayer and Aleyna for the offertory.



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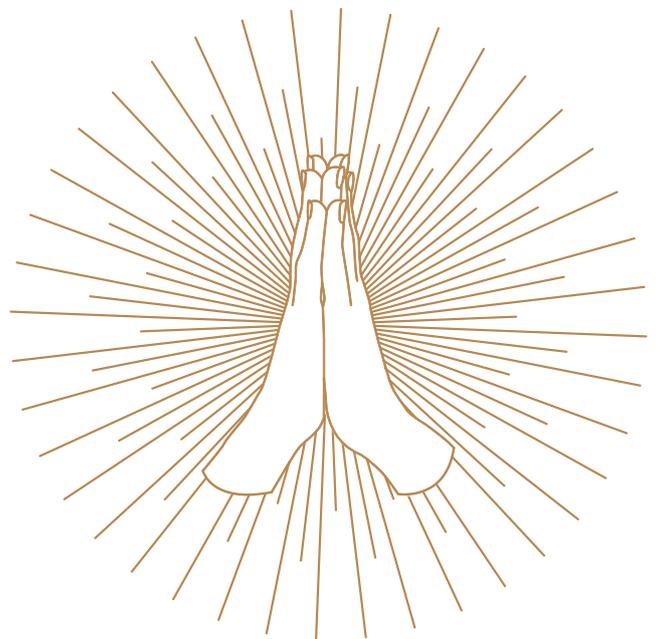
## Holy Week

Holy Week begins on Palm, or Passion, Sunday with Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem we then prayerfully reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. Holy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist while Good Friday reflects on Jesus' death by crucifixion.

The Easter Vigil is the Mass celebrated on Holy Saturday and begins the Easter celebrations of Jesus' Resurrection. Beginning with a bonfire outside of the church, each person lights a candle and makes their way into church, slowly illuminating the church.

These three events are called the Triduum - three days that are the highlight of the Church year.

Holy Week is an episode in a longer story and cannot be properly understood without the story of the Resurrection - the victory of Christ over death.



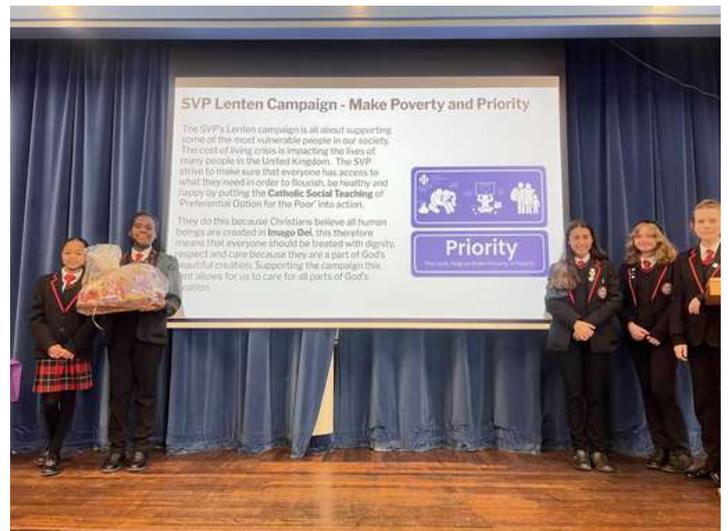
**May I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe holiday and blessed Easter.**

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVP have had a very busy half term! The group put together an assembly based on the SVP's Lenten campaign which is 'Making Poverty a Priority'. The assembly was delivered to Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13. Within the assembly, the SVP launched their Easter Hamper raffle with all proceeds going to the SVP campaign.

The SVP led the stations of the cross at Our Lady and St George's church and were joined by Year 7 and 8 students of St Ignatius house choir.

Well done to the SVP group for putting the Catholic Social Teachings and ASPIRE values into action!  
**Miss Joseph**



# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Congratulations to our Easter Hamper raffle competition winners!

Well done to the SVP group on raising £46.50 which will be going towards the SVP campaign

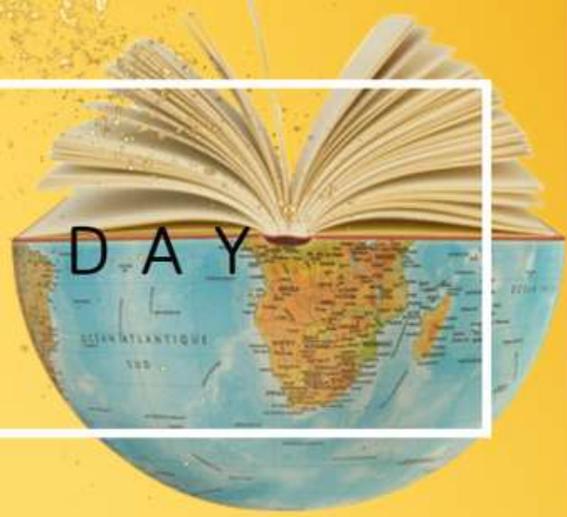
**Miss Joseph**



**Maxim 10E first prize**

**Jordan 10E second prize**

# WORLD BOOK DAY

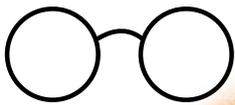


## World Book Day 2024

On Thursday 7th March, Year 7 and 8 celebrated 'World Book Day' for the first time at Holy Family Catholic School! Students and staff were encouraged to dress up as a character from their favourite book.

In English and LRC lessons, students completed activities such as delivering a presentation about their favourite book, word searches and making posters to show the many benefits of reading. It was great to hear students talking about reading so openly and positively.

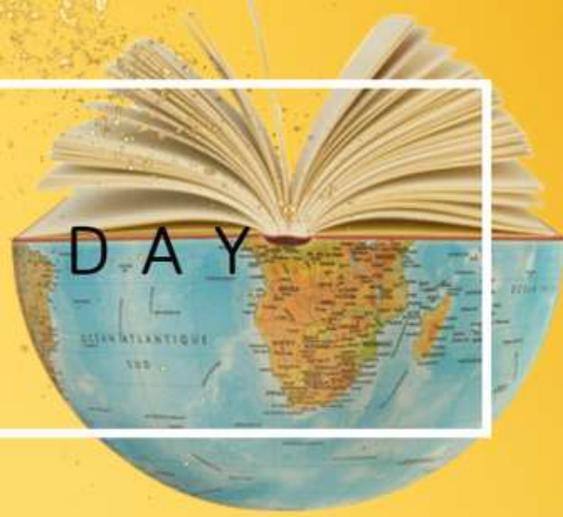
We can't wait to celebrate it again in 2025!



*Holy Family's Head of Literacy, Mr. Sayer, organised the day and led the many staff and students who dressed as their favourite characters from the Harry Potter series! Who do you think had the best costume?*



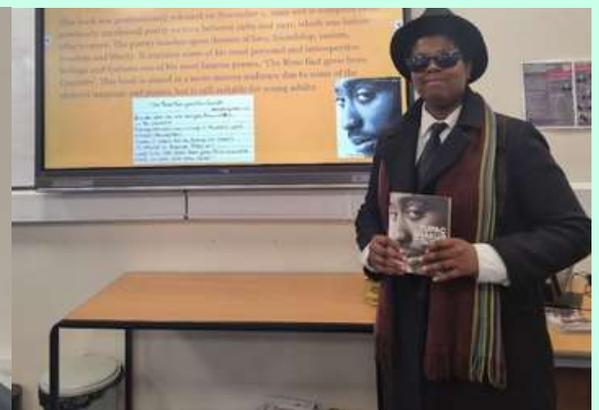
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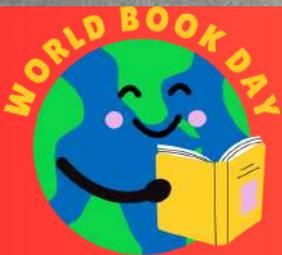
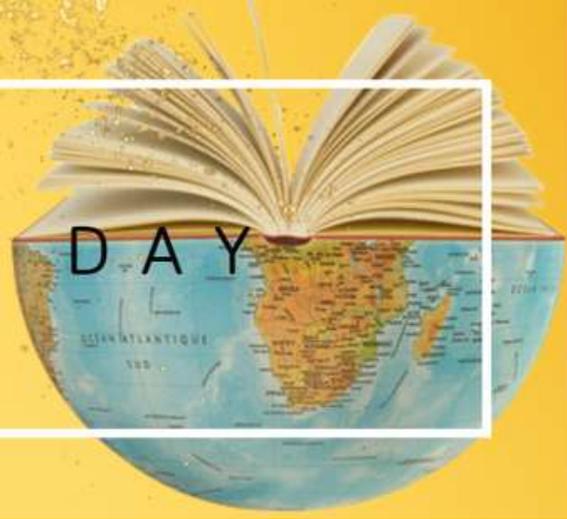
“World Book Day was a fantastic event at Holy Family this year with staff and students in Year 7&8 dressing up as their favourite literary characters. The costumes and engagement in the day were fabulous and we thank the parents who encouraged their children to dress up. Furthermore, we took 10 of Year 7's best readers to OLSG to read with the Year 3 students. They represented themselves and their school superbly.

World Book Day ultimately reminds us of the importance of reading in academic success. There cannot be one without the other. Your child needs to be reading for 20 minutes a day in order to make progress. Reading for pleasure is proven to be the biggest indicator of success in GCSEs, even more than social and economic background. Make sure you keep an eye on your child's reading journey and encourage them to visit our fabulous libraries.”

**Mr. Sayer - Head of Literacy**

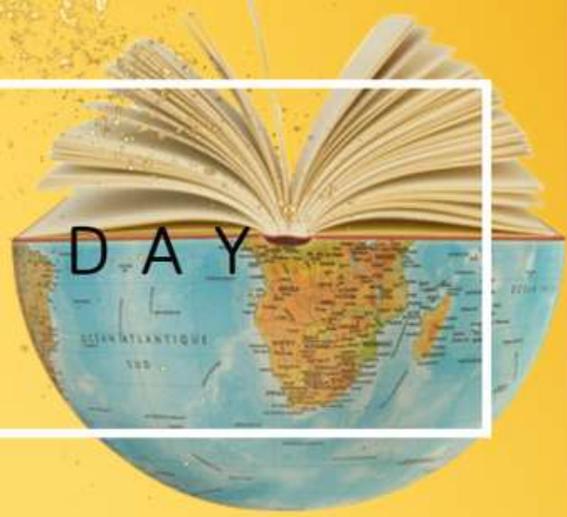


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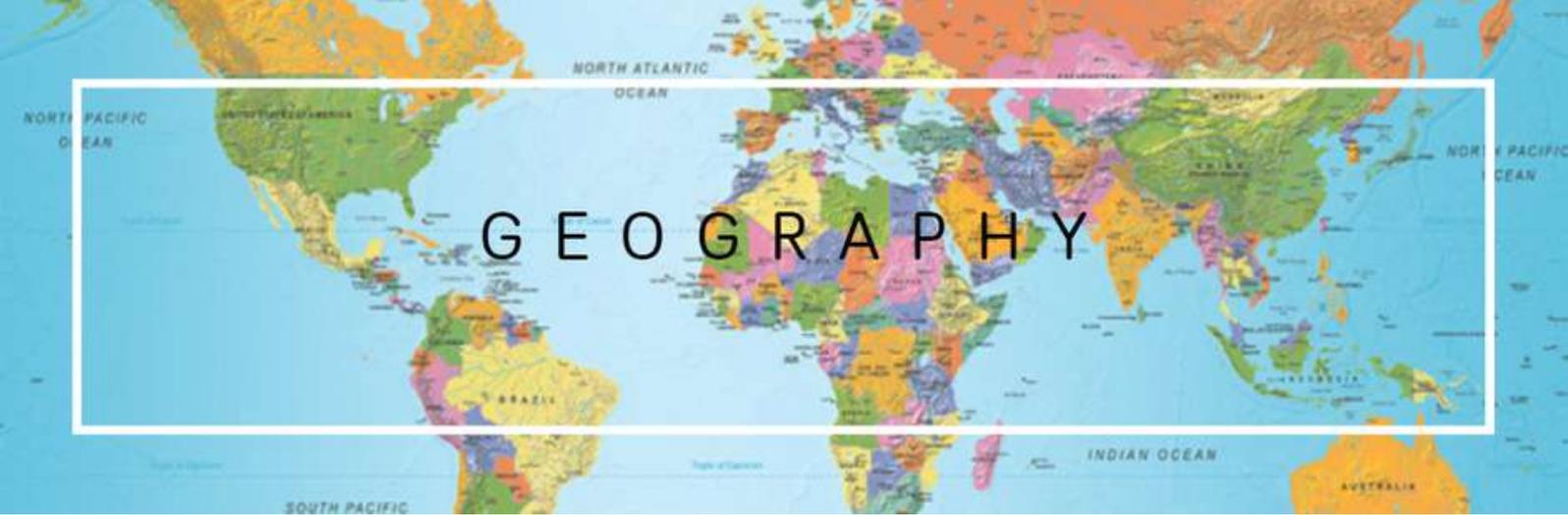


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# WORLD BOOK DAY



**Can you name all of the book characters that our staff and students dressed up as?**



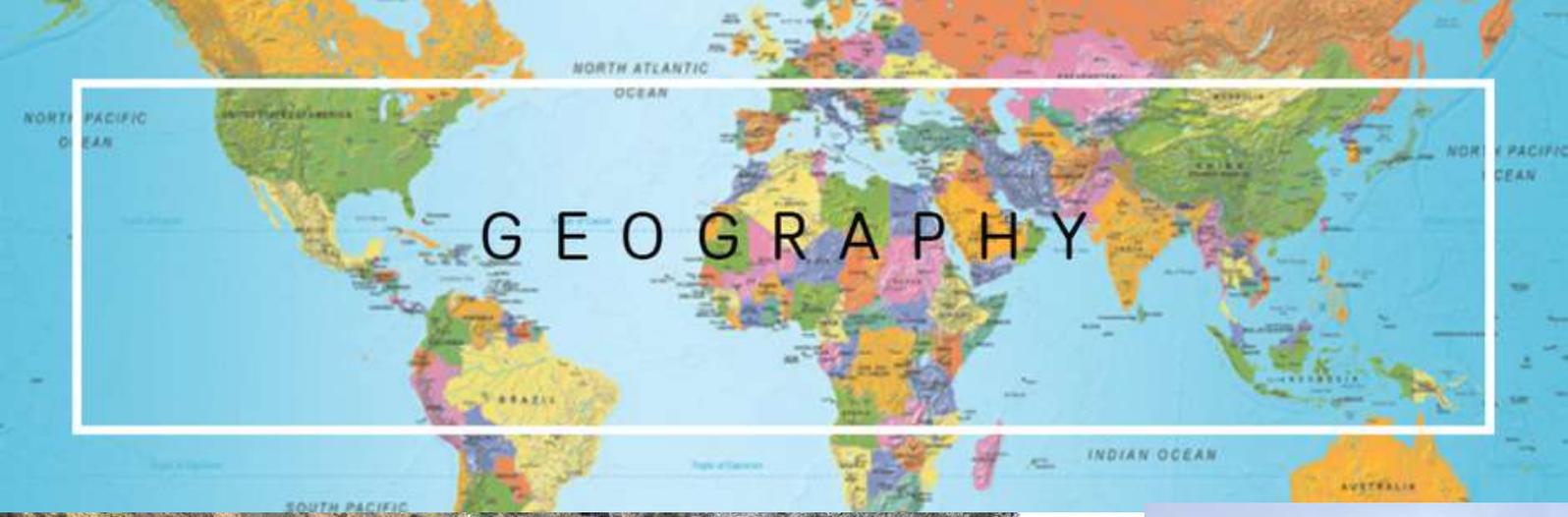
## Year 10 Geography Trip - Shropshire

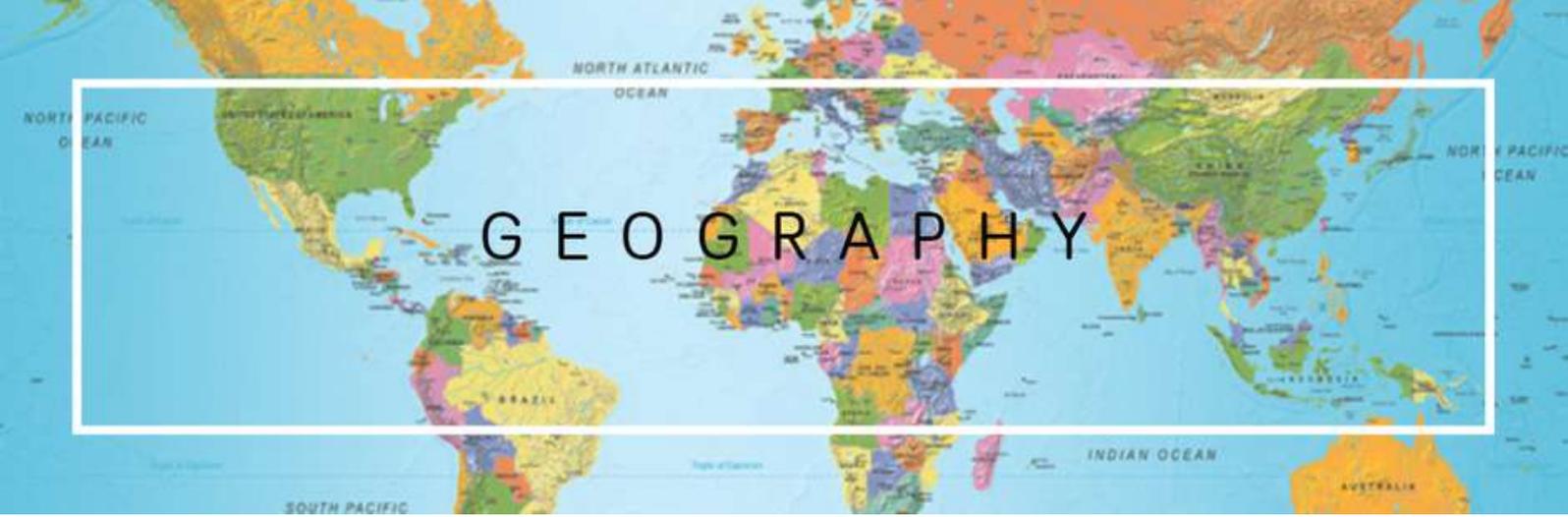
In the heart of England lies a treasure trove of geographical wonders waiting to be explored. Recently, our Year 10 Geography students embarked on an unforgettable journey to Shropshire, delving deep into the landscapes, cultures, and phenomena that make this region a captivating case study in geography.

Our students were treated to a plethora of immersive learning experiences that brought their textbooks to life. From the rugged peaks of the Shropshire Hills to the tranquil meanders of the River Severn, every corner of this picturesque county offered valuable insights into various geographical processes.

As their journey in Shropshire came to an end, students returned with a newfound appreciation for the complexities of our world. They gained not only knowledge and skills but also a deeper sense of empathy and respect for the environments and communities they encountered. The trip ignited a passion for geography and instilled a desire to continue exploring, learning, and making meaningful contributions to our ever-evolving planet.







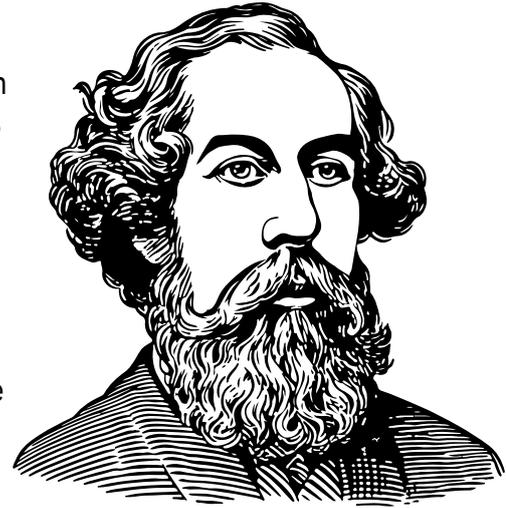
# ENGLISH

## Charles Dicken 's trip

Across Thursday 14th March and Friday 15th March, 60 Year 9 children went on the English trip to the Charles Dickens Museum and the Royal Courts of Justice to support their learning of Charles Dickens, Oliver Twist and crime and punishment in Victorian England. We were incredibly lucky to be the first ever school group to trial this workshop!

For the first workshop, students were in the Charles Dickens museum, which was Dickens' London home for a short period of time. As we moved through the different rooms and many flights of stairs, students learnt about Dickens' own life in a blacking factory after his father was sent to Marshalsea Prison for debt alongside Dickens' mother and sister, where we saw the real bars from the prison. Students also looked at some Victorian prison documents including trials of children and teenagers who had been caught stealing and a shocking document that was used to calculate the drops for hangings! Students left with a greater understanding of how Dickens' was disgusted by capital punishment and the treatment of the poor during this difficult time. But it was not all gloomy because we were lucky enough to see Dickens' study and desk where he wrote many of his famous novels including Oliver Twist!

After having lunch in nearby Lincoln's Inn Fields, we moved onto our workshop at The Royal Courts of Justice. Students participated in a mock trial in a real court room based on the case of whether Jack Dawkins (The Artful Dodger) was guilty of stealing a silver snuff box or not. It was a brilliant opportunity for students to learn about the British legal system and to gain valuable insight into careers in Law. Based on the two mock trials across the two days, we will have some excellent lawyers in the future!



# ENGLISH

## What did the students say about their trip?

“On the school trip, we visited The Royal Courts of Justice and it was a really enjoyable experience. We acted out a court scene for the Artful Dodger where he pleaded guilty. This was a very informative trip and has definitely helped me with what path I'd like to take when I'm older.”

***Tamari***

“I am a student from Holy Family Catholic School and this was my experience on an amazing trip to the Charles Dickens Museum and The Royal Courts of Justice. Firstly, exploring the Charles Dickens Museum meant we could dive into the life and works of the renowned author Charles Dickens gaining insights into Victorian London and literary history. Following this, we visited The Royal Courts of Justice, witnessing real legal proceedings and gaining a firsthand understanding of the British legal system. The trip offered us a captivating blend of literary discovery and legal education.”

***Ervin***



# ENGLISH

## Year 11 trip to Poetry Live!

On 23rd February, 50 year 11 students visited Friends House in Euston for the Poetry Live! event. Some of the major poets featured in the Power and Conflict anthology were there, notably John Agard, Carol Ann Duffy and the poet laureate Simon Armitage. The poets read and performed their poems, explained their thinking and writing process and took questions from students. The students also managed to sneak a few selfies with the stars of poetry and it was a great event - special thanks to Mrs Lloyd, Mr Doobeejah, Mrs Maris and Ms Oloafe for coming along!

***Mr Parry, Curriculum Leader, English department.***



*Pictured: Peter, Dequane, Lolu, David, Sean, George and Titas, year 11 with poetry legend John Agard at the Poetry Live event.*



*Pictured:  
Lady Macbeth and  
Macbeth in the  
performance*

## Macbeth

On 4th March the whole of year 11 packed into the Wiseman site hall to watch a full performance of Macbeth put on by the Quantum Theatre group. There were blood-soaked hands, crocodile tears, real tears, drama and swordfights aplenty and students were given a great opportunity to experience the whole of this Shakespeare classic in one fell swoop. Such was the magnificence of the final battle between Macbeth and MacDuff that almost the whole of the back row woke up again and witnessed Macbeth's head being lopped from his shoulders just in time for break time service.



# DRAMA & PERFORMING ARTS

## 'A Mirror' Theatre Trip

On the 5th March Year 12 and 13 Drama and Theatre A Level students went to see 'A Mirror' at London's Trafalgar Theatre, starring Johnny Lee Miller. "Set in a totalitarian state where the Ministry of Culture must approve all new works of art, a rebel group is staging an illegal play under the guise of a wedding. In this darkly funny political thriller, everything is not as it seems...A Mirror is an explosively entertaining story of the search for love and truth in a society that values neither." HFCS A'Level students were thoroughly entertained by the performance, which left them debating what truthful art and theatre really means. I was heartened to see our students keeping this academic battle (traditionally between heavyweight theatre practitioners Brecht and Stanislavski) very much alive!

***Ms Hampshire-Mannion***



Could **you** be the next big thing in the Acting world?



Do you enjoy acting?

Would like support in preparing for an acting role you have coming up?



Year 9's are welcome and encouraged to join!

## KS3 DRAMA CLUB

3:15-4:15

Monday - L19 Lower Site Hall



Do you want to build your confidence?

Have a chance to develop your acting skills, build confidence and perform in the whole school production by joining the Drama club on Mondays! Auditions will take place for this in the Summer Term!



# MATHS

## Pi Week!

The Mathematics Department's annual Pi Day celebration kicked off on March 14th, commemorating the mathematical constant Pi (3.14 to two decimal places).

Pi ( $\pi$ ) representing the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, took centre stage with various events throughout the week.

The highlight was the annual Pi Off competition, where Jahiro, year 10, recited an impressive 210 digits of Pi. Alongside the Pi Off competitions, students enjoyed pie bake sales, lunchtime pies, and engaging pi-themed activities.

This year introduced a unique Pi Ku competition, challenging students to create Haiku poems using syllable counts derived from Pi. Romani, year 10, was the winner of this competition - see his poem below.

Well done to all students involved!

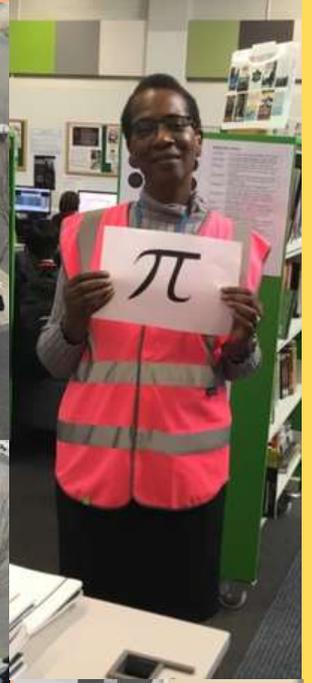
*Ms Atakan*

## PI KU POETRY

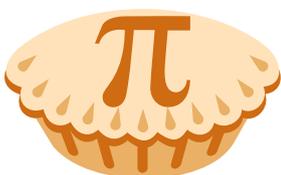
Write a poem featuring the given number of syllables in each line.

3	I am not
1	Pi.
4	Four one point three.

**Name:**  
Romani  
**Class:**  
10S



$$\pi = 3.14$$



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Student	House	Digits	Position
Jahiro Yr 10	Ignatius	210	1st
Simone Yr 10	Elizabeth	188	2nd
Angeline Yr 7	Stephen	134	3rd
Kaylen Yr 10	Stephen	132	4th
Estif Yr 8	Ignatius	120	5th

# MATHS

## Maths Challenge... The Results!

You might remember that in our last issue of HFCS News there was an article on the Maths students completing the Maths challenge. Now, we have the results! We are incredibly proud of all that took part and all of the winners listed below.



### Awarded the **Gold** Certificate:

Ramsey C  
Olivia M  
Jack W  
Daniel H



### Awarded the **Silver** Certificate:

Anita L  
Myah B  
Paulina M  
Arhip S  
Jada-Marie O  
Kaylen R  
Arunnya S  
Oscar N



### Awarded the **Bronze** Certificate:

Elijah M  
Lillian K  
Oskar H  
Amelia O  
Feile A  
Ella E



# COMPUTING

## Bletchley Park

On Tuesday 26th March, Year 8 took a trip to Bletchley Park. Here they learnt about the role the allies played during WWII and the code breaking challenges that they faced. Students enjoyed seeing if they could crack the code themselves! Students were then given the opportunity to use the Enigma machine to decipher code. Holy Family's Year 8 students behaved impeccably throughout the trip. A big thank-you to Mr. Hussain for organising!



# S P O R T S

## Year 9 Boys Basketball

We are delighted that the Year 9 Boys Basketball Team are through to the final of the London Basketball Cup! The Holy Family boys put in a stellar performance to beat Latymer 102-69 on the 11th March in Edmonton. A huge congratulations and we wish you lots of luck for the final!



## Year 7 Netball

Our Y7 netball team have had an amazing season so far.

Winning their games against:

Chingford Foundation School: 9-1

Highams Park: 6-2

Lammas School: 15-2

Eden Girls School: 11-1



# S P O R T S

## Football

Congratulations to the Year 9, 10 and 11 boys football teams who have made the Borough semi-finals. Also, a big congratulations to the U16 girls football team who have made the Borough final. The final is to be played on Wednesday 27th March; please keep an eye on our social media channels for the result!



*Anna, Laksha, Stephanie, Neve, Shalen, Ainara, Jamia*

## Year 8 Netball



Our Year 8 Girls Netball team are **unstoppable...literally!**

As we reflect on their journey, one word comes to mind: **undefeated**. Yes, you read that correctly – our Year 8 Girls Netball Team currently hold an unbeaten record for this season, meaning that **they have won or drew every single game that they have played**. Not only have they done this, but they've done so with grace, sportsmanship, and a relentless spirit. Their unbeaten record stands as **a testament to their hard work, discipline, and sheer passion for the game**.

Behind every victory lies countless hours of **practice, commitment, and teamwork**. Our girls have poured their hearts and souls into honing their skills and perfecting their craft. Their dedication to constant improvement is truly inspiring and serves as a shining example to us all.

Yet, beyond their impressive performance on the court, our Year 8 Girls Netball Team **exemplifies the true essence of sportsmanship**. Win or lose, they **conduct themselves with integrity, respect, and humility**. They celebrate victories with humility and learn from defeats with grace, **embodying the values of fair play and camaraderie that lie at the heart of sport**.

As we continue to cheer them on from the sidelines, **let us not only celebrate their achievements but also acknowledge the countless sacrifices, challenges, and triumphs** that have shaped their journey. **To our Year 8 Girls Netball Team: you are truly unstoppable, and we couldn't be prouder to call you our champions.**

**Here's to many more victories, both on and off the court.**

# YEAR 7

## Year 7 Achievements

Holy Family's Year 7 students have been sharing achievements and hobbies that they pursue outside of school. Each student prepared a PowerPoint slide to show information on their hobby and to showcase pictures of them doing their favourite activity!

Please enjoy reading some of the entries below.



### **Lennie 7A - Achievements**

During the hotter times of the year, I tend to go mudlarking along the Thames with my family, the photo attached shows some of my finds from early 2023 and a more recent find which is probably my favourite. Mudlarking, is the act of exploring riverbanks to find old artefacts with a historical significance.

Aviation, is a big interest of mine, which is explored outside of school. Attending air shows and museums such as RAF Hendon and IWM Duxford. I find this is an amazing subject for people interested in engineering and aerodynamics.

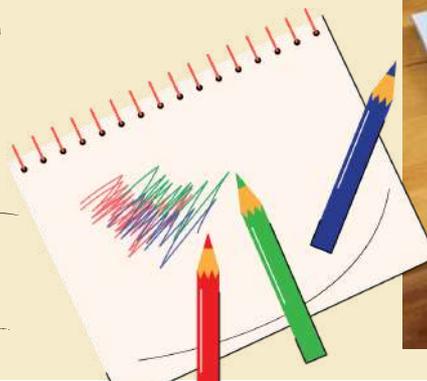
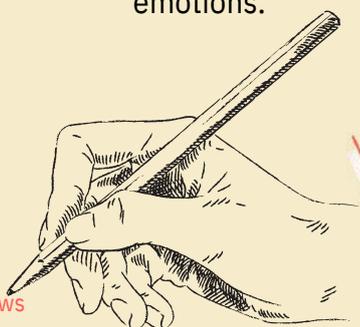
The photos above show me at the Royal International Air Tattoo last year.

Outside of school I partake in multiple acting classes, this counts towards a achievement due to my merit in the yearly Trinity exams. It is a great experience, with my biggest audience being 400.

I am currently partaking in auditions for Television and have received callbacks but yet to receive a role.

### **Eva S - My Hobby**

My favourite hobby outside school is drawing. I always find time to draw something. I use pencils, crayons, brushes with paints or combination of these to draw pictures. Drawing as a hobby can enhance our well being and bring joy to our life. Art is a great tool for people to explore and express their emotions.



# YEAR 8

## Year 8 Engages with Spark2Life

Year 8 students recently had an assembly featuring Ed-Michael from Spark2Life. Spark2Life is a community-inspired initiative led by individuals committed to empowering and advocating for individuals, equipping them with the necessary tools to navigate life's challenges and prevent risks that may lead to harm. Their core mission revolves around preventing harm and promoting life, a goal we wholeheartedly support.

Ed-Michael's visit was a profound moment for our students, as they were captivated by his insights and wisdom. Through compelling anecdotes and practical advice, he effectively communicated the importance of making positive choices and navigating life's complexities with resilience and determination.

The work of Spark2Life extends far beyond words; it is a tangible force for good in our community. By providing guidance and support, they empower individuals to overcome obstacles and embrace the full spectrum of life's possibilities.

At its essence, Spark2Life emphasizes the power of empowerment. It reminds us all that we possess the agency to shape our futures, overcome challenges, and realize our potential. Their message resonates deeply with our values as a school community, emphasizing the importance of unity, support, and growth.

We extend our sincerest gratitude to Ed-Michael and the entire Spark2Life team for their invaluable contribution to our students' development. Their dedication to fostering positive change is truly commendable and serves as an inspiration to us all.



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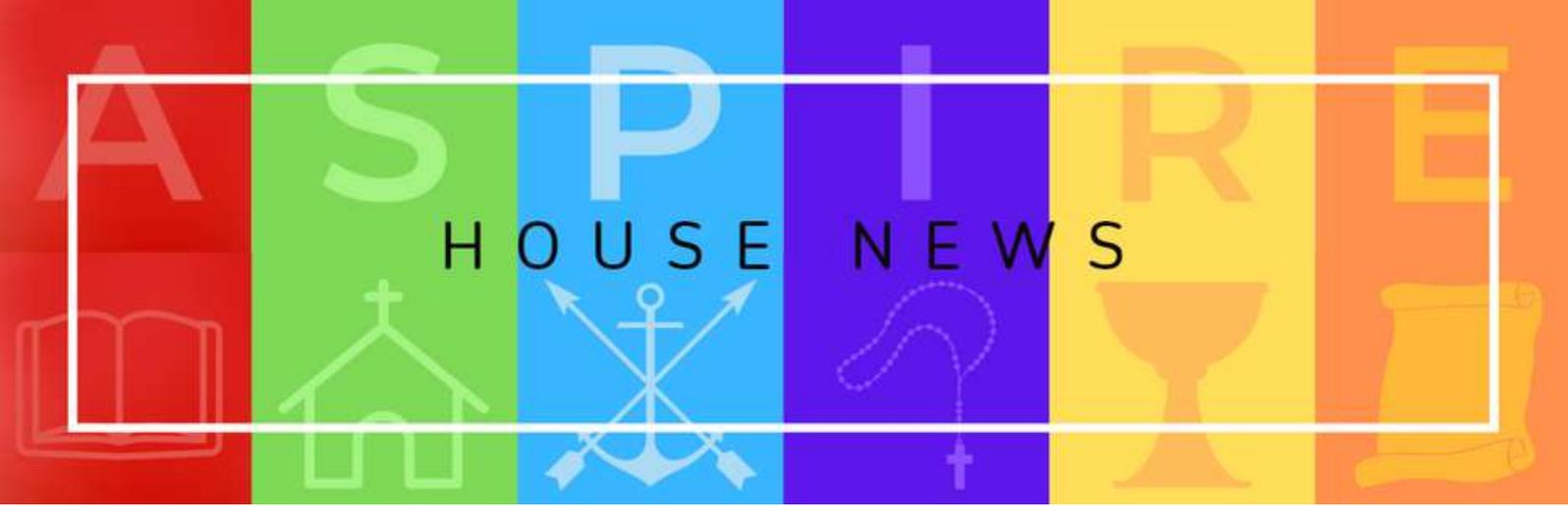
## Celebrating Excellence- Year 8 Assembly

In a recent assembly filled with pride and applause, we had the distinct pleasure of honoring our remarkable Year 8 cohort for their unwavering dedication and exceptional efforts throughout the academic year. The stage was set to acknowledge and celebrate their achievements, with accolades ranging from Bronze to Silver and even Gold Achievement Point Awards.

### **Bronze, Silver, and Gold: A Testament to Hard Work:**

Each Bronze, Silver, and Gold Achievement Point Award represents not just a milestone but a testament to the hard work, determination, and resilience demonstrated by our outstanding students. Whether through academic excellence, exemplary behavior, or contributions to extracurricular activities, these awards recognize the multifaceted talents and achievements of our Year 8 cohort.





## House Charity Competition Fortnight

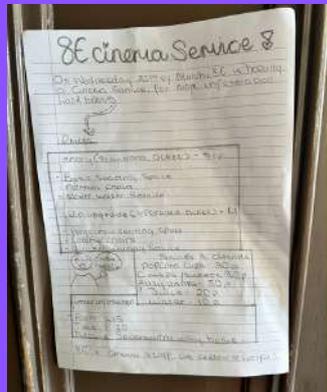
As we conclude our House Charity Competition Fortnight, it's an opportune moment to reflect on the significance of our collective efforts in supporting Branches, a local charity committed to aiding homeless individuals and families within our community. This year's endeavor has not only showcased our spirit of service but also demonstrated our commitment to embodying the teachings of our Catholic faith.

Here at Holy Family, we firmly believe in nurturing not only academic excellence but also in instilling values of compassion, generosity, and service to others. Our House Charity Competition is a wonderful opportunity for our students to actively engage in charitable endeavors while deepening our connection to our Catholic identity but also fostering a sense of belonging and unity within our school community. Through our collective participation, we have demonstrated the transformative power of coming together in solidarity, echoing the spirit of communion that lies at the heart of our Catholic tradition.



**Welcome to 7E's Food Sale!**

Crisps/Popcorn	40p
Biscuits	30p
Cakes	40p
Sweets	20p
Lucozade	£1



# PSHCE

## Tottenham Inspires!



On Thursday 29th February, some of Holy Family's Year 9 students were very excited to take part in a training session at the Tottenham Hotspur training ground. The Tottenham Hotspur Foundation plays a key role in schools in the local community and aims to inspire students to learn, to be active and to seek opportunities to develop life skills. Our students thoroughly enjoyed their session and hope to attend again soon!



# GOAL!



## Inspiring Message of Unity and Kindness: Mike Haines

On the 4th of March, our school had the privilege of hosting **Mike Haines** from **Global Acts of Unity**. Mike's visit was an enlightening experience for our students, as he delivered **three impactful sessions to our Year 9, 10, and 12 cohorts**. His message resonated deeply with our students, **focusing on crucial themes of anti-extremism, acts of kindness, and forgiveness**.

Mike Haines' sessions were **not just informative but deeply moving**, leaving a lasting impression on all those who attended. Through his personal journey and the tragic loss of his brother, David Haines, to extremism, **Mike emphasized the importance of standing united against hatred and division**. His message of unity was **a beacon of hope**, inspiring our students to embrace diversity and reject extremism in all its forms.

Moreover, Mike's **emphasis on acts of kindness served as a reminder of the power each individual holds to make a positive difference in the world**. He shared heartwarming stories of individuals coming together to support one another, illustrating the transformative impact of small acts of kindness. In a time where negativity often dominates headlines, Mike's **message served as a powerful reminder of the inherent goodness within humanity**.

One of the most profound aspects of Mike's presentation was his **discussion on forgiveness**. Despite enduring unimaginable loss, **Mike exemplified the strength of forgiveness and the healing it can bring**. By sharing his journey towards forgiveness, he **encouraged our students to let go of resentment and choose compassion instead**. His message underscored the importance of empathy and understanding, **fostering a culture of forgiveness within our school community**.

As a school, **we remain dedicated to nurturing a culture of inclusivity, empathy, and respect**. Mike Haines' visit has reaffirmed our commitment to these values, serving as a catalyst for meaningful conversations and actions within our community.

We **extend our heartfelt thanks to Mike Haines** for his invaluable contribution to our school and for **reminding us of the profound impact we can have when we stand together in unity and kindness**.





## Careers Drop Down Day

Our recent Careers Drop Down Day soared to new heights as we celebrated the remarkable achievements of women in engineering, in honor of International Women's Day. With a spotlight on STEM careers, our event shattered stereotypes and inspired students to reach for the stars. Through engaging workshops and discussions, we explored the diverse pathways within STEM fields, emphasizing the importance of moving past stereotypes in the workplace. From insightful discussions to hands-on activities, students delved into the world of engineering and beyond, discovering the limitless possibilities available. With a focus on setting and achieving goals, including GCSE options, our event empowered students to chart their own course towards success. As we reflect on this empowering day, let's continue to champion diversity, inclusivity, and the pursuit of excellence in all endeavors!

Joella ~ 8I

Drop down day was interesting and helpful for my career path because I got to hear insightful stories of how my teachers got into their careers!

Emma ~ 8EL

Drop down day was helpful to me as I was able to see so many different career paths I could go down and it gave me plenty ideas for the future!

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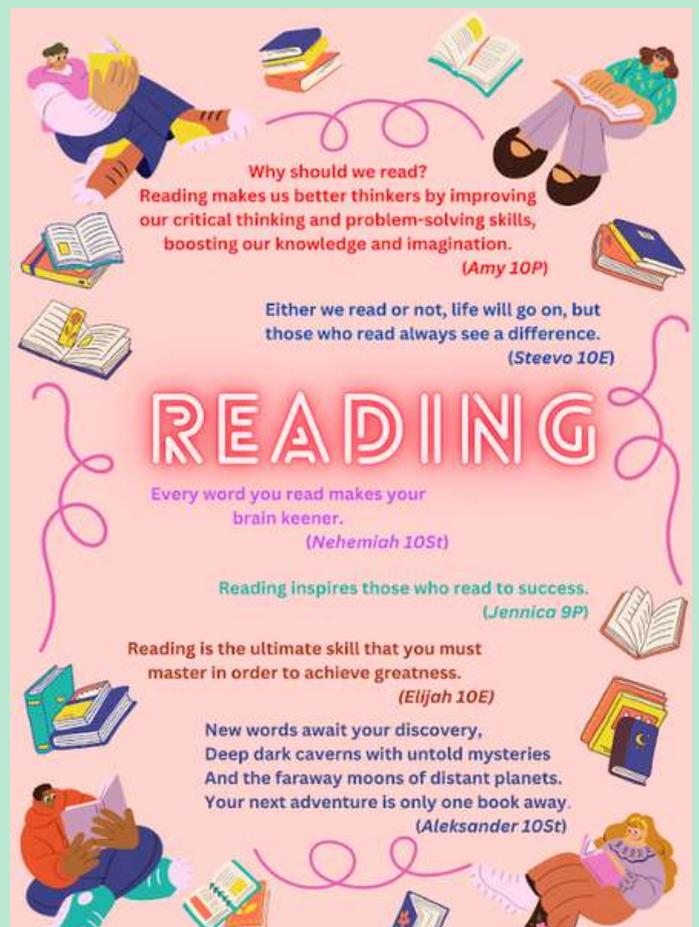


# THE LRC

## World Book Day in the LRC

Within the LRC, students enjoyed poetry reading (Flag, by John Agard was a firm favourite), reading books that they had borrowed from the LRC, enjoyed reading blurbs of books to decide upon their next read and enjoyed prepared activities. Students also wrote poems/quotes to promote reading.

It was lovely to see the students engaged in discussions about why they like to read. Please enjoy reading through some of these reasons on the posters below. The posters were created by our Holy Family Students.



# THE LRC

## Cracking Fun at the LRC's Easter Egg Hunt!

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) recently transformed into a hub of excitement as it hosted a thrilling Easter Egg Hunt! Students eagerly scoured every nook and cranny of the LRC, hunting for hidden treasures amidst shelves and corridors. The event was a roaring success, spreading joy and excitement throughout the school community. Stay tuned for more egg-citing adventures at the LRC!



# THE LRC

## Library noticeboard

### SCHOOL POETRY COMPETITION

EXPRESS YOURSELF

Closing date: 22nd April 2024

Open to year groups 7-11

One entry per person

£10 Westfield voucher prize for winners from each year group

EMAIL ENTRIES TO:

[MRS.LLOYD@HOLYFAMILYCATHOLICSCHOOL.CO.UK](mailto:MRS.LLOYD@HOLYFAMILYCATHOLICSCHOOL.CO.UK)

*Make sure you include your name & year group*

## Poetry Competition Information



# CAN YOU HELP?

SEARCHING FOR

AUTHORS WANTED

- CONNECTIONS WITH AUTHORS
- FOR ORGANIZING FREE/INEXPENSIVE VISIT TO OUR SCHOOL
- LET'S GIVE OUR CHILDREN AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

Get in touch

Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form

Contact: [ms.gabrjuna@holyfamilycatholicsschool.co.uk](mailto:ms.gabrjuna@holyfamilycatholicsschool.co.uk)



### Book Donations

The LRC are always in need of more books! If you have any books that you can donate, please see Ms. Lloyd.

## BOOK DONATIONS

We are reaching out to ask for book donations that would greatly benefit our readers between the ages of 11 - 16 years



We hope you find some time to get lost in a book over your Easter break!

# SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES



# KEY DATES

## Forthcoming Events - Summer Term

**Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April** - Easter Holidays

**Monday 15th April** - Back to school

**Thursday 18th April** - Year 8 Parent's Evening

**Thursday 18th April** - Year 11 Progress Evening

**Monday 22nd April** - Earth Day

**Tuesday 30th April** - Year 9 DTP Vaccinations

**Thursday 2nd May** - Year 11 Progress Evening

**Friday 3rd May** - Year 11 Rosary Service

**Monday 6th May** - Bank Holiday

**Thursday 9th May** - Holy Day of Obligation

**Monday 13th May** - A Level Exams Start

**Tuesday 14th May** - Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

**Friday 24th May** - Year 13 Leavers Mass and BBQ

**Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May** - Half Term

**Monday 3rd June** - Back to School

**Wednesday 5th June** - World Environment Day

**Thursday 6th June** - Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

**Monday 10th June - Friday 15th June** - Year 12 Mock Exams

**Monday 17th June - Friday 22nd June** - Year 10 Mock Exams

**Wednesday 19th June** - GCSE Exams Finish

**Thursday 20th June** - Year 11 Leavers Mass & Lunch

**Friday 21st June** - A Level Exams Finish

**Friday 21st June** - Sports Day

**Monday 24th June - Friday 5th July** - Year 10 Works Experience

**Thursday 27th June** - Year 13 Leavers Event

**Tuesday 2nd July** - Year 11 Prom

**Friday 5th July - Saturday 6th July** - Bronze DofE Final Expedition

**W/C Monday 8th July** - Year 12 Activities Week

**Monday 15th July - Thursday 18th July** - Silver/Gold DofE Final Expedition

**Tuesday 16th July - Wednesday 18th July** - Year 12 into Y13 enrolment

**Thursday 18th July** - Year 10 Mock Results Day

**Friday 19th July** - Last day of school

**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](http://www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk) is regularly updated.**

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