



# Holy Family Catholic School Transition Evening

Tuesday 4th July 2023



## Head Boy and Head Girl 2023/24

# Sharon Davies and Arek Kuciel

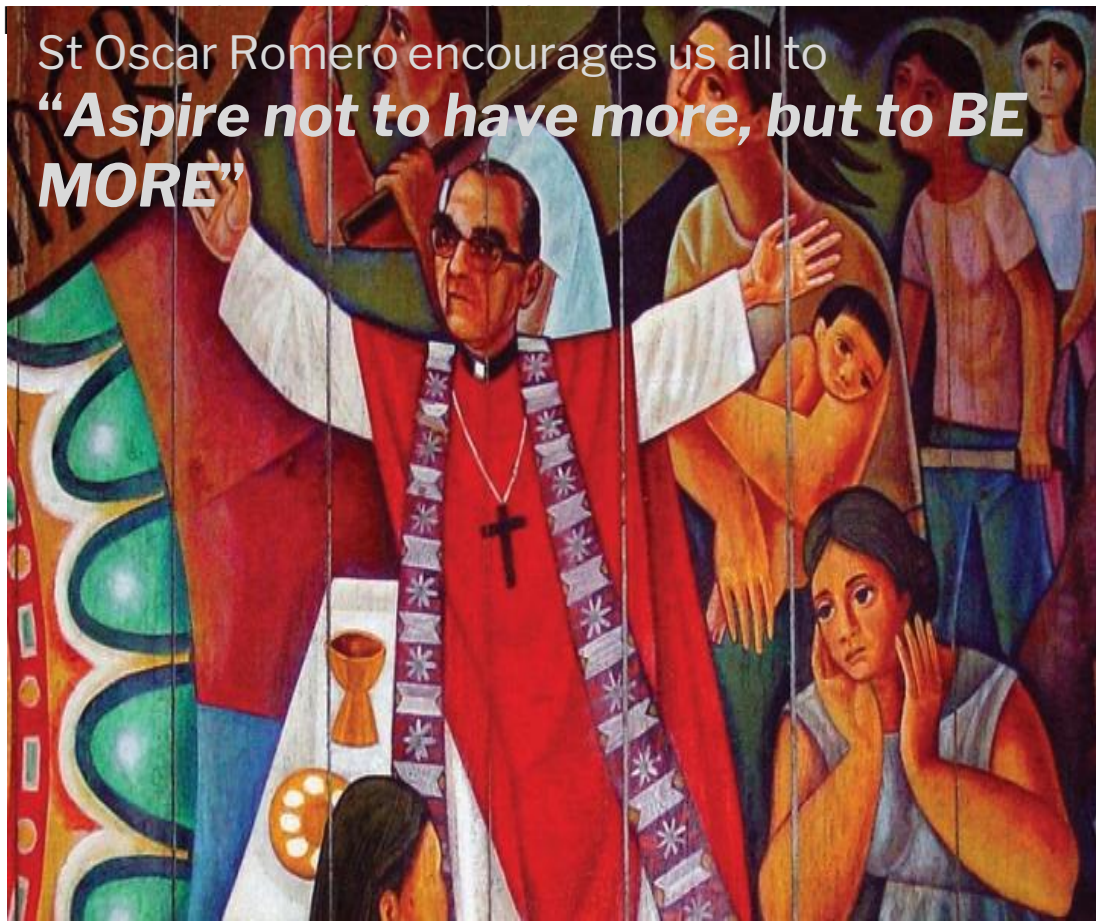


# Mrs Laws

# Headteacher



St Oscar Romero encourages us all to  
**“Aspire not to have more, but to BE  
MORE”**



Lord,

Let us all try to  
**Be more** kind  
**Be more** thoughtful  
**Be more** caring  
**Be more** aware of the  
needs of others  
Be the person God meant  
us to be.

Amen

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**Mission and vision:** our aims for our students:

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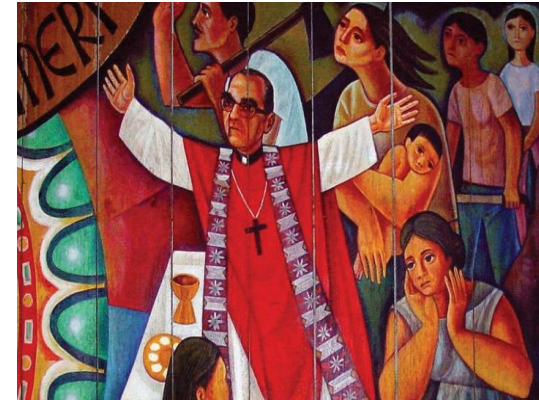
We aim to **educate the whole person, to develop each student's academic potential as well as nurturing their creativity, spirituality, character and resilience.**

We seek to **instil in each of our students the belief that they should have a strong concern for others and that they should seek to do good**, both in their school, and in their wider community.

**Ethos:** how we do things here

Everything we do at Holy Family is underpinned by the words of St Oscar Romero: "Aspire not to have more, but to be more". By encouraging all within our community to live our school values of achievement, study, participation, independence, respect and enjoyment, **we strive to "be more" in all we do.**

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“**Partnership** is a collaborative relationship between two or more parties based on trust, equality and mutual understanding for the achievement of a specified goal”



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Our school **values:**  
**Achievement, Service,**  
**Participation, Integrity,**  
**Respect, Equity**

Excellent **pastoral care** to  
ensure a smooth transition  
from primary

The highest **expectations** of  
work and behaviour to help  
your child meet their  
aspirations

Working in **partnership** with  
you to ensure your child  
reaches their potential





## Ofsted 2023

“Pupils said they enjoy the strong friendships they build here. The school is welcoming and like a family. Pupils appreciate the supportive staff who push them to go the extra mile in their work.”

“Pupils know that staff will resolve any issues, including incidents of bullying. They are safe and happy at school.”””

“Staff have high expectations of pupils’ work and behaviour across the two school sites. Leaders (...) have clear aspirations for pupils to succeed.”





# Mr Gharu

# Deputy Headteacher



# What is **safeguarding**?



Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined for the purposes of this guidance as:

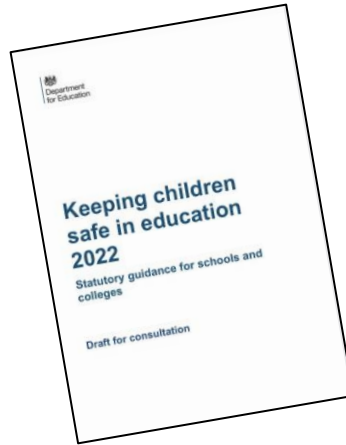
- **protecting** children from **maltreatment**
- **preventing** the **impairment** of children's mental and physical health or development
- ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of **safe** and **effective care**, and
- **taking action** to enable all children to have the **best outcomes**.





# Legislation

- Education Act 2002 & 2011
- Children Act 1989 & 2004
- FGM Act 2003
- Domestic Abuse Act 2021
- Counterterrorism and Security Act 2015



# Guidance

- Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022
- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018
- Mandatory reporting of FGM guidance 2020
- Domestic Abuse guidance 2022
- Guidance for Safer Working Practice 2022
- Behaviour in Schools 2016 and 2022
- PREVENT Duty 2015



# Mr Murphy

# Deputy Headteacher



# First days at Holy Family...

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**
  - Arrival at 8.40am
  - Finish at 3pm
- **From Tuesday 5th September:**
  - Monday-Thursday: 8.30am-3.10pm
  - Friday: 8.30am-2.20pm



# A few other things...

- *ParentPay* and School Meals
- Free School Meals
- SIMS 'Parent App' (Invitation will come in September)
- School Fund contribution
- Other key staff



# Mrs Gaynor

# Assistant Headteacher

# “Educating towards excellence in all dimensions”



To make sure that all students are focussed on their learning, and that all teachers can focus on their teaching, we have some key expectations here at HFCS, to help move us towards excellence, and to ensure that every student can “*be more*”

- ★ Uniform
- ★ Punctuality to school and to lessons
- ★ Line-ups
- ★ Classroom routines
- ★ Behaviour in class
- ★ Behaviour at break and lunch
- ★ Behaviour in the canteen
- ★ Behaviour in the corridors
- ★ Behaviour coming into and leaving the building

We expect our students to follow instructions from all adults in school immediately and without argument





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## **Our School Rules (p.15)**



- Go straight home at the end of the school day (unless attending a study club or other extracurricular activity), avoiding Walthamstow Central unless it is an essential part of their journey
- Students are prohibited from being present in the Walthamstow shopping mall whilst wearing school uniform
- Students in Years 7-11 are not allowed into any fast food restaurants after school
- Mobile phones are not permitted in school. All students are permitted to use the office phone if they need to contact a parent/carer urgently.

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## **Home School Agreement (p.20)**

Parents/Carers will  
The school will  
The student will

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## **Uniform (p.9)**

- Because their uniform is part of their identity as a student of Holy Family Catholic School
- Because it helps create a professional working environment
- Because the way a student wears their uniform shows their commitment to their studies

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## **'Non-Negotiables' (p.5)**

**Education is vital – you only get one chance – hence all students MUST:**

1. ALWAYS show respect for others. This means having due regard for the feelings, wishes and rights of others, both face to face and online.
2. FOLLOW instructions without arguing
3. ALWAYS listen to your teacher and to others who contribute in lessons.
4. BRING correct equipment to all lessons
5. ALWAYS produce your very best classwork and homework
6. ALWAYS wear correct school uniform to, from and in school. Coats, hats, scarves, gloves etc are not to be worn in lessons.
7. FOLLOW our school rules, including our **no mobile phones policy**.
8. REPORT poor behaviour or things you are concerned about to a member of staff or on **SHARP**

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# READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE



Our rules are very simple. All students are expected to be:

**READY to learn:** on time to school and lessons; all equipment out at the start of each lesson; uniform worn correctly; listening to instructions from teachers

**RESPECTFUL of themselves, their teachers and their peers:** complying with instructions first time; listening when others are speaking; being prepared to accept others' views; not using hurtful or offensive language to or about others; treating others in the community with respect, on their way to and from school

**SAFE both in and out of lessons:** following instructions carefully; entering and leaving the building sensibly; behaving in a safe way in the corridors, playgrounds and canteen

*We expect our students to follow instructions from all adults in school immediately and without argument. Why? **Because all instructions from adults in school are designed to keep children safe or to help them to learn.***

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Why?

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**We believe that we have only one chance to get it right for the students entrusted into our care by you their parents **and we believe that each student has the right to reach their potential free from any adverse effects of the attitude or behaviour of others.****

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**We actively seek and expect the support of parents/carers in this endeavour and expect not to be challenged or undermined when our aims are so clear.**



# Mr Freeman

# Head of Year 7



# All Year 7s will...

**build  
resilience**

**be  
dedicated**

**Aspire to be  
more**

**always show  
respect**

**offer  
kindness**



# Technology Management

**Begins at home**

**No mobile phones in school**

**Age restrictions**

**Online safety via ICT and PSHCE lessons**

**Support available for parents**

**Guidance and Agreement can be found in the school journal**





## **Student Social Media Expectations and Agreement**

**Students at Holy Family agree to not post or share any insulting, offensive or rude comments about another member of our school community nor any videos of anti-social events on either social media sites, group chats or through direct messaging through either their own account or someone else's account.**

Consequences will be in place for breaking this agreement



# Extra-curricular Opportunities at Holy Family

Day	Lunch	After School
Monday	Games Club L18	STEM - DT Rounders (Lower Site) Athletics BOYS (Upper Site) Numeracy Club - L10
	Peace Club - Emmaus Room	
	Boys Basketbal - Gym	
Tuesday	Games Club L18	Numeracy Club - L10
	Girls Football - Gym	
	Music Club - Music room	
Wednesday	Games Club L18	Numeracy Club - L10 Sports Club
	Ukulele Club - Music room	
	Badminton - Gym	
Thursday	Games Club L18	Modulo Orchestra - music room Numeracy Club - L10 Athletics GIRLS (Upper Site)
	Choir - music room	
	Languages Cafe - L30	
	Junior Mathematics Challenge Club - L28	
Friday	Games Club L18	
	Chess Club - L22	

Wide range of opportunities for students to get in involved in!

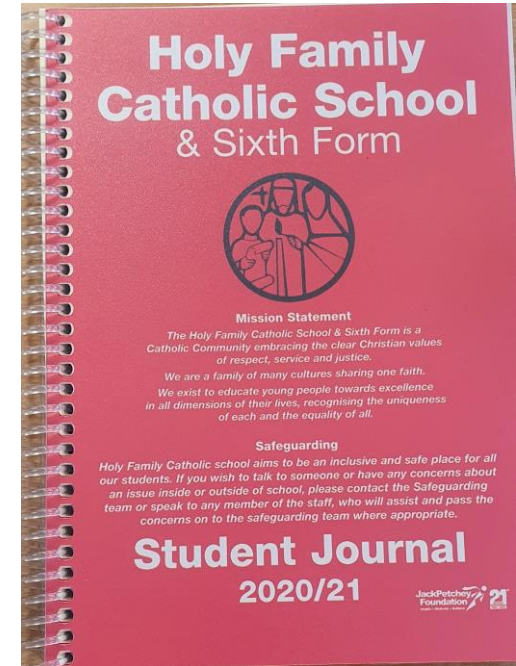


# Our School Journal

This is a most important resource that parents should sign each week.

Use it to:

- Plan your work
- Manage your time
- Record your achievements
- Review your progress
- Set targets for improvement
- As a means of communication between home and school





# Transition Day

## Wednesday 12th July 2023

Day starts: 9 a.m. sharp

Day ends: 2.45 p.m.

- ★ Assemble in the playground for 9am
- ★ Bring snacks, packed lunch, notebook, pens
- ★ Wear primary school uniform
- ★ Reading and maths tests will take place on this day
- ★ Mobile phones/smart watches are not to be brought into school
- ★ **Please notify us in writing if you are happy for your child to make their own way home**



## Transition Booklets

You will receive this booklet on transition day.

It contains useful information about your timetable, your form tutor and the equipment you need to succeed.

This is to be completed for September and will have instructions on how to complete your shoebox project...

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## Transition Workbook



Moving from primary to secondary school is an exciting, but sometimes scary time. A new building, new rules, new teachers, new routines and new friends are just some of the changes you will experience. This booklet will help you get used to some of the routines and features of your new school.



# Holy Family Year 7 Transition Summer Project

Read *The Haunting of Aveline Jones* over the summer with a parent or guardian, a sibling or if you dare, by yourself!!!!

**Compulsory summer task:** When you are finished write a book report using the following as an inspiration guide.

<https://www.weareteachers.com/creative-book-report-ideas/>

- The most creative book review will win a Westfield voucher for £25. It is due on your first day back and will be shared in your forms.

**Optional additional summer task:** write your very own spooky ghost story.

- Send it to [mr.sayer@holyfamilycatholicschool.co.uk](mailto:mr.sayer@holyfamilycatholicschool.co.uk) for your chance to win book vouchers and see your story published in our school magazine.

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# 'Shoe Box' Project

The theme of your box will be 'Looking back and looking forward.' You need to bring your completed Shoe Box into school in September.





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