



Holy Family Catholic High School

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Dear Parent,

At the end of a very busy term, I would like to thank all pupils, staff and parents for their support and cooperation.

We are very proud of all the children at Holy Family and we are proud to be part of our community.

Well Done Holy Family

As a school, we are probably not the best at self-promotion, but I would like to bring a few things to your attention:

- We continue to be one of the most oversubscribed schools on Merseyside,
- Our summer GCSE results place us as the best non-selective Catholic school on Merseyside for pupil progress (only two grammar schools on the Wirral were better than us),
- In 2024 we are getting significant investment into our campus to improve the facilities for our children,
- We now have more student leadership and enrichment opportunities than ever before for the children to get involved in,
- School spirit - the children and their families continue to amaze me with their generosity and willingness to help. This term we have supported a number of charities including:
 - 'Young Minds';
 - 'Cardiac Risk in the Young' (CRY);
 - our Year 10 Student Leadership Team hosted our annual Pensioners Christmas Party;
 - #kNOwKnifeCrime which raises funds for 'Knife Savers bleed control packs' and provide outreach in local schools and youth groups;
 - Flame Spirit, a charity based in Netherton to help local children in need,
 - our Year 7 'sleepover' raised over £4000 for the Hope Indian Orphanage - wow!
 - Foodbank - a massive thank you for contributing to our Foodbank which has enabled us to support a significant number of families in our community.
- Rewards – over 132,438 merits have been given out since September and over 94% of all behaviour points awarded are merits. And, over 80% of the children qualified for the Rewards Trips, which mean they had at least 100 merits more than demerits to qualify – that's brilliant.

Reminders/Key dates:

Friday 22nd December - End of term arrangements for Years 7-10

- Years 7 & 8 finish at 12.00pm
- Years 9 & 10 finish at 12.15pm

Monday 8th January – start of term for all pupils (Week B, 8.45am start)

Unfortunately, due to today's high winds, we had to cancel our 'Walk of Faith' to St. Mary's Church in Little Crosby for a Christmas service and carols. However, our Christmas market did take place in the school hall.

Periodically, we like to seek the views of our parents and we would be grateful if you could spend a few minutes to complete our parent view questionnaire, preferably before we return in January, by following the link below or scanning the QRcode.

<https://forms.office.com/e/HeZj4KXBNr>



On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a very merry and peaceful Christmas, and the very best for a happy New Year.

Best wishes and God Bless,

Mr Symes