



Holy Family Catholic High School

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Dear Parent,

As our school year ends, I am writing to share with you some important information for the next school year.

Results Day Arrangements

For students who sat external exams this summer, results day arrangements are as follows:

- **Year 13** results will be available on **Thursday 15th August** between 9.30am – 12.00pm in the school hall ([see letters on the website for more detail](#)). Staff will be available all day to support students needing advice. **Year 12** results will be emailed out to all students at 1.00pm.
- **Year 11** results will be available on **Thursday 22nd August** between 8.30am – 12.30pm in the school hall ([see letters on the website for more detail](#)). Again, staff will be available all day to support students needing advice.

First Week Arrangements

Years 7 & 11: The new term for Years 7 & 11 begins on **Wednesday 4th September at 8.45am**. Both year groups will be following bespoke programmes to help prepare them for the year to come. Year 11 students should wear their PE kits. The school bus service will run as normal.

Years 7-11: The new term for all year groups begins on **Thursday 5th September at 8.45am**. The school bus service will run as normal.

Years 12 & 13: Enrolment for **Year 12** will take place on **Wednesday 4th**. This will take place in the Sixth Form study area (more details will be available on results day). Lessons start for **Years 12 and 13** on **Friday 6th September at 8.45am**.

Timings of the school day from September 2024

The length of the school day will be increased by 15 minutes per day from September (DfE requirement). We will now finish 15 minutes later at 3.15pm.

The school gates will open at 8.00am and a free breakfast is available for all students in the dining room. Study club is available after school until 4.20pm for all students on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Week A and Week B	Years 7, 9 & 11	Years 8, 10 & 12/13
Start of day	8.45am start	8.45am start
Form Time/Assembly	8.45 – 9.15am	8.45 – 9.15am
Period 1	9.15 – 10.15am	9.15am – 10.15am
Period 2 & Break	10.15 – 11.30am (break at 10.15 – 10.30am)	10.15 – 11.30am (break at 11.15 - 11.30am)
Period 3	11.30 – 12.30pm	11.30 - 12.30pm
Period 4 & Lunch	12.30 – 2.10pm (lunch at 12.30 – 2.10pm)	12.30 – 2.10pm (lunch at 1.30 – 2.10pm)
Period 5	2.10pm – 3.15pm	2.10pm – 3.15pm
End of day	Year 7 finish at 3.10pm Years 9 & 11 finish at 3.15pm	Year 8 finish at 3.10pm Years 10 & 12/13 finish at 3.15pm

Uniform and equipment

I would like to thank you for your support and cooperation with regards to how smart our students always look and how well equipped they are for school. If you are buying new uniform this summer, please refer to the letter sent out today. This letter can be found on our website. Details of Sixth Form uniform are also on the website. I have highlighted some key points about uniform below:

- **Shoes** – Completely black, polishable and no sports brands. Nothing that resembles a trainer whether it's black or not.
- **Outdoor coats** – Plain, and not too bright in colour.
- **Hair Styles** – No elaborate decoration. No hair falling in front of eyes/faces. Any colours must be natural. Students must have a bobble to tie long hair back when requested e.g. Science, Technology and PE lessons
- **Make-up** – Years 9-11 only, and light touch.
- **Bags** – Dark and practical.
- **Jewellery** – A single, plain gold or silver stud earring only. No more than one earring per ear.
- **Equipment** – Fully equipped every day please.
- **Skirts** – Grey pleated knee-length skirts only, but not twin pleated.
- **Ties** - Years 7, 8 & 9 ties are purple; Years 10 & 11 are black.

School Term Dates 2024/2025

Term dates for the new school year are available on our [website](#).

Staff Leavers

We will be very sorry to say goodbye at the end of term to a number of staff:

- Mr. Thompson (English and Senior Leader i/c Behaviour) is retiring after many years at Holy Family.
- Mr. Bradley (Subject Leader Design Technology) is retiring as a teacher but he will stay at Holy Family as our Technology Technician.
- Mr. Crawford (IT/Computer Science and Progress Leader Year 8) is moving to another school to lead their Computer Science curriculum.
- Miss Larkin (Science Teacher) is leaving to go off and travel around the world.
- Mrs. Hunter (Technology Technician) is training to be an Art and Technology teacher. Her training will be based at Holy Family next year.
- Miss Meadows (Teaching Assistant) is training to be a Primary teacher.
- Mrs. Keats (Teaching Assistant) is training to be a Spanish teacher. Her training will be based at Holy Family next year.
- Miss Seddon-Cowell (Teaching Assistant) is leaving to complete her Master's Degree in order to become an Educational Psychologist.
- Mr. Harvey (Teaching Assistant) is leaving to move back to Sheffield to complete his Master's Degree and hopefully a career in Football.

We thank them for all their hard work and effort, and wish them all every success and happiness for their future and know that they will stay in touch.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you once again for your continued support, patience and cooperation. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes,

Mr Symes
Headteacher