



Holy Family Catholic High School

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Dear Parent,

As we prepare for our return to school, I wanted to share with you a few key updates in readiness for the new term.

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 September at 1pm** (more details available on the letters page of the website). Lessons start for **Years 12** on **Thursday 5th September at 8.45am** and for **Year 13** on **Friday 6th September at 8.45am**.

Timings of the school day from September 2024

The length of the school day has increased by 15 minutes per day. We will start at 8.45am, and finish 15 minutes later at 3.15pm. The school gates will open at 8.00am and a free breakfast is available every day for all students in the dining room (bagels, cereal, porridge, juice etc.). Study club is available after school until 4.20pm for all students on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (late bus available on these days).

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 – 1.10pm)	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

School Term Dates 2024/2025

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

The school's **Open Evening** will take place on **Monday 16th September 2024** from 4.30 to 8.00pm. School will be closed to all students on this day and will start at 9.45am on Tuesday 17th September.

Staffing Announcements

Progress and Key Stage Leaders:

Key Stage 3 Leader (Y7-9)	Mr Williams
Year 7 Progress Leader	Mr McTeague
Year 8 Progress Leaders	Mrs Owen
Year 9 Progress Leader	Mrs Moore
Key Stage 4 Leader (Y10-11)	Mr Nutman
Year 10 Progress Leader	Mrs Holt
Year 11 Progress Leader	Miss Harris
Key Stage 5 Leader (Y12-13)	Mrs Beddow
Assistant Head of Sixth Form	Mrs Critchley

New roles:

- Mr Williams is our Senior Leader i/c Key Stage 3 and whole-school Behaviour.
- Miss Routledge is our Disciplinary Literacy Leader and will lead our focus on improving reading across all subjects.
- Mrs Moore is our new Year 9 Progress Leader.
- Mrs Owen is our new Year 8 Progress Leader.
- Mrs Ferris is our new Student Services Inclusion and Careers Lead.
- Mrs D Hall is our new Student Services Inclusion Lead Mentor.
- Miss McGee is our new Student Services Inclusion Mentor.

New staff:

The following appointments have been made for September 2024 and we offer a very warm welcome to our new colleagues:

- Mr Rooney (IT/Computing Teacher and Emerging Technologies Leader for Teaching and Learning)
- Mrs Williams (Design Technology Teacher)
- Mr Thompson (Science Teacher)
- Mrs Elston (Science Teacher)
- Miss Byrne (English Teacher)
- Miss Kappen (PE Teacher, covering Mrs Swan's maternity)
- Miss Lavens (Geography Teacher, covering Mrs Farrer's maternity)
- Miss Driscoll (Assistant SENDCo)
- Miss C Edge (Teaching Assistant)
- Miss H Fieldsend (Teaching Assistant)
- Mrs A Hollow (Teaching Assistant)
- Mrs I Oleksiienko (Teaching Assistant)
- Miss I Reevey (Teaching Assistant)
- Mr J Sheppard (Teaching Assistant)
- Mrs B Smaller (Teaching Assistant)
- Miss M Wilson (Teaching Assistant)
- Miss C Calder (Teaching Assistant)
- Miss E McDonald (Teaching Assistant)

- Miss M Kinsella (Teaching Assistant)

Attendance

The impact of excellent attendance on the progress and attainment of students is well proven and I appeal for your full support in achieving this for your child. Legislation prevents me from authorising any holidays taken during term time. Please note that the term can be found on our website.

Free School Meals

If you feel your child is eligible for Free School Meals, look at the Free School Meals section of our website for more information. If you think you are eligible, please apply, as there are financial benefits for your family. If you need support with this, please contact us at school.

Summer 2024 exam results

Once again, we are delighted with this year's achievements, and they are so well deserved considering all the additional challenges presented to our students over the years. There have been many strong individual performances at all ability levels. The overwhelming majority of our students have been accepted onto their first choice university, sixth form, college, apprenticeship, or into their chosen career. The results are a reflection of the hard work and commitment of all the students and to the ongoing dedication of our staff. We would like to congratulate our students, thank their parents for their unfailing support, and offer our very best wishes for the future. Well done!

We are really looking forward to the new year and I would especially like to welcome our new Year 7 and Year 12 families to our school.

Thanks again for your continued support and cooperation and best wishes for the coming year,

Mr Symes