



Holy Family Catholic High School

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Dear Parent

New Year 7 Intake 2024

We are really pleased to have been able to offer your child a place at Holy Family Catholic High School for September 2024. We look forward to working with you over the coming years to ensure your child is supported and able to flourish whilst at Holy Family. We expect every pupil to be the best they can be in order to achieve their potential. Central to the school's success are the simple expectations that every child has self-respect, shows respect to others and works hard. I have every confidence that your child will endeavor to meet these expectations and take advantage of every opportunity available during his/her time at Holy Family.

I understand that the prospect of progressing from primary to secondary school is very exciting, but it can also be an anxious time for both children and their parents. I would like to make you aware of the activities arranged by the school to support families and enable the transition to be a smooth one.

New Year 7 Taster Day - Thursday 27th June 2024

Your child is invited to spend a taster day at Holy Family Catholic High School on Thursday 27th June 2024. This day is organised to allow pupils to experience a typical high school day as they take part in several activities and lessons and have the opportunity to meet new friends. They should arrive at reception by 9.20am, wearing their current school uniform and have with them a pen/pencil. A snack and lunch will be provided, and the day will finish at 2.20pm. Please make arrangements to collect your child at this time from the layby outside Holy Family. If you are allowing them to walk home themselves, please provide consent using the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/aSkhZQ58wR>

New Year 7 Intake Information Evening – Thursday 27th June 2024

All parents and children are invited to attend an information evening at Holy Family on Thursday 27th June 2024. You are welcome to attend at a time most convenient for you. The information 'marketplace' will be open from 5pm-7.30pm. You may benefit the most from attending the Headteacher talk followed by a visit to the 'marketplace.'

- Talk from Headteacher/Assistant Headteacher (one held at 5.15pm and one held at 6.15pm)
- Chance to meet the Year 7 Progress Leader and Form Tutors

In the 'Marketplace' we hope to have available:

- Opportunity to purchase school tie/badge and discuss uniform.
- Opportunity to order PE kit and purchase other suitable school accessories.
- Information regarding pastoral and emotional support.
- Information to support literacy and numeracy.
- SEND information.

Please note that only cash/cheques will be accepted on the evening. Cards are unfortunately, not accepted.

New Intake Information Booklet

We have created a digital booklet which gives you and your child lots of information about the school. I am sure this will help answer a number of questions you and your child may have about starting at Holy Family.

<https://holyfamilyhighschool.co.uk/about-us/y6-new-starters>



Student Admission & Consent Form

The information you provide us with is essential in ensuring accurate records in many important areas. Please can you indicate on this form who the student lives with, who has parental responsibility and the order in which these people should be contacted in an emergency. In the interests of safety, it is important that we have at least two (ideally three) emergency contacts for your child.

Providing as many contact numbers and email addresses allows us to communicate with you in a variety of ways to inform you of important school information and events.

We should be grateful if you can complete the online form as soon as possible so we can ensure our records are ready and accurate for the first day of the term in September.

The link for this form is here: <https://forms.office.com/e/zueMbsgGEX>

Free School Meals

As you may be aware, the Government provides funds to support qualifying students with free school meals. You may not, however, be aware that the school also receives additional funds to further support these students in school. We would therefore strongly encourage all parents who may be eligible to visit the 'Pupil Premium' section of the Parents page of our website:

(<https://holyfamilyhighschool.co.uk/information/free-school-meals>) for more information on how to proceed.

School Bus Service

As you may know, we run a school bus service. We will be sending out details, and an expression of interest form, next week. Current details of this service can be found using the following link:

<https://holyfamilyhighschool.co.uk/information/transportation>

School Meals

A sample menu is included in the Information Booklet. The price of a set meal deal is currently £2.85, but this may increase from September. We use cashless dining facilities in school. All pupils will be provided with an individual card onto which money can be paid using the machines located in the canteens or, ideally, via our online school payment system ([Scopay](#) – A link code to set up this account will be sent out shortly). Those on Free School Meals will have the credit applied automatically to these cards.

School Uniform

During the New Intake Information Evening we will discuss our school uniform requirements. I am conscious, however, that some parents may wish to start purchasing items of uniform prior to this date. In the 'About' section of our website you will find a School Uniform page which will provide you with full information. More information on uniform and PE kit will be sent out next week.

School Term Dates 2024/25

Our website also contains the term dates for 2024/25. Please find them on the transition page <https://holyfamilyhighschool.co.uk/about-us/y6-new-starters>.

Finally, I am delighted that you have chosen Holy Family Catholic High School and I look forward to meeting with you and your child in the coming weeks and welcoming you all into the Holy Family Catholic High School community.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Symes
Headteacher