

28th August 2024

Dear Parents and Students

I hope you are having a lovely relaxing summer break. As we approach the new school year, I wanted to write to remind you of the arrangements for the beginning of term.

Term begins for Year 7 students on **Wednesday 4th September 2024**. Children should arrive at the school hall by 8.45am on this day in full school uniform and they will finish school at 3.15 pm. Year 7 and Year 11 will be the only year groups in the school to help them settle into their new environment. The H1 - Year 7 school bus will run on this first morning for those who require it. Details of the bus route can be found on our website: <https://holyfamilyhighschool.co.uk/information/transportation>. Please note: bus passes will not be needed on the first day to get the bus.

On **Thursday 5th September** all Year 7 will be in as usual at 8.45am in full school uniform.

If you still need to purchase ties and badges, the school reception will be open from 9am - 3pm Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September. When purchasing uniform items for Year 7 please note our uniform requirements, particularly the details of which shoes we allow. This will ensure there are no issues when your child starts at Holy Family. You can find full details on the website under the *Information/Uniform* section.

All form classes will be invited on a trip to CHET in Little Crosby on Monday 9th or Tuesday 10th September to take part in a day of teamwork and adventure activities. Three form classes will attend on one day and the other three on the second day. Further details will be sent out next week.

Please use [Scopay](#) (link sent in summer term) to pay for this trip if you have not done so yet. You can also add money to dinner cards via this link and pay for the school bus. If you don't have a Scopay account, please contact school. If you have forgotten your login details, go to www.scopay.com and click on I've forgotten my password.

Do not forget that a **Year 7 Parents Information Booklet** is available for download from our website. This contains information to help you and your child be prepared and settled for next week. This can be downloaded from the following website page:

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

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 Oleksienko (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 dates 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.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer break and look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Symes
Headteacher