



Holy Family Catholic High School

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Friday, 28 August 2026

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 **Thursday 3rd September 2026**. Children should arrive at the school hall by 8.45am on this day in full school uniform and they will finish school at 3.15pm. Year 7 and Year 11 will be the only year groups in the school to help them settle into their new environment. The school buses 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 that information about purchasing tickets for the school bus will be sent out before the start of term.

On **Friday 4th September** all Year 7 will be in as usual at 8.45am in full school uniform and the school photographer will be in school.

If you still need to purchase ties and badges, the school reception will be open from 9am - 3pm Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd 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 Tuesday 8th or Wednesday 9th 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. If you don't have a Scopay account, you will receive an email containing the link code on Wednesday 2nd September, please check your spam folder if you do not receive this. You will also be sent class charts access codes via email.

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>

School Term Dates 2026/2027

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

The school's **Open Evening** will take place on **Monday 14th September 2026** from 4.30 to 8.00pm. School will be closed to all students on this day and will students will start later, at 9.45am on Tuesday 15th September.

Staffing

Progress and Key Stage Leaders:

Key Stage 3/4 Leader	Mr Williams
Year 7 Progress Leader	Miss White
Year 8 Progress Leaders	Mrs Colford
Year 9 Progress Leader	Mr McTeague
Year 10 Progress Leader	Miss Routledge
Year 11 Progress Leader	Mrs Holt
Key Stage 5 Leader (Y12-13)	Mrs Beddow

Assistant Head of Sixth Form	Mrs Critchley
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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

From September 2026, the Government will introduce substantial changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility. Under the new national criteria, all families in receipt of Universal Credit will qualify for free school meals, meaning that more students will become eligible. If you feel your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, please 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.

BIOMETRIC (FINGERTIP) Recognition

We are introducing biometric fingertip recognition technology to replace the dinner card system currently used in our canteen. **If you haven't done so already**, please provide consent, via this link <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/dgaweCmPGB?origin=lprLink>

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

Yours sincerely

Mr M Symes
Headteacher