

HFCS BULLETIN

Weekly bulletin for parents & carers

TIMETABLE: WEEK 1

Calendar

Monday 16th December

SEND Surgery 3.15 - 4.15pm



Tuesday 17th December

Wednesday 18th December

Thursday 19th December

Friday 20th December

End of Term

Catholic Life Calendar

15 December 2024 3rd Sunday of Advent Year C

Luke 3:10-18 'Someone is coming who will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire'

Today is the third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word which means "rejoice".

In this week's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the priests that he is not the Christ, but that the Messiah is coming. John's role is to prepare the way for Jesus, calling for spiritual readiness and openness to receive Christ.

Carol Service - Monday 16 December

Our Christmas Carol Service takes place on Monday 16 December, 7.30pm at Our Lady & St George church. You are invited to join us for this joyous occasion.

Christmas Hampers

Many thanks for your contributions to the toiletries/warm clothing appeal. Hampers will be distributed to Christian Kitchen and SVP during our Carol Service.

"Let us approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush" (anonymous)

Many thanks

Denise
Chaplaincy



Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move into the final week of the Christmas term, here are some key updates and reminders for the coming weeks:

Year 11 pre-public exams - Results assembly 19th December

All Year 11 students receive their results slips from the recent pre-public examinations (PPEs) Please discuss your child's results with them.

A reminder that Year 11 parents' evening takes place on Thursday 16th January. Please make every effort to attend so that we can work with you to support your child.

Christmas Carol Service – Monday 16th December, 7:30pm

I hope that many of you will be able to join us at Our Lady & St George Church for our annual Christmas Carol Service. This is a very special event to finish off the term and remind us of the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas Hampers for Christian Kitchen - last day to donate is Friday 13th During Advent, we continue our yearly tradition of creating hampers for Christian Kitchen. This year, we are collecting small items of warm clothing (such as gloves, socks, and scarves) and toiletries to support those in need. Each form group is encouraged to contribute, and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

Afternoon tea with the headteacher

I was delighted to host afternoon tea for 14 students (two students from each year group) with the highest achievement points this term. What a privilege to spend time with this wonderful group of young people who really embody our school's values, particularly those of achievement, participation, integrity, and respect. I am extremely proud of all of them.

Successful Form of the term celebrations

Well done on all the hard efforts from Year 7 - Year 9 who have celebrated forms with the highest achievement points. Well done to 7I, 8R and 9P for their outstanding level of behavioural conduct and achievement.

Last day of term: Friday 20th December For Years 7-11.

Students will be dismissed at midday with Sixth Form students finishing on Thursday 19th.

With every good wish for you, your family and loved ones for a happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful start to 2025.

Carolyn Laws

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LAMDA - After School Club at Holy Family!

Boost your child's confidence, creativity, and communication skills with our exciting LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art) after-school club, hosted by West End In! This programme will begin in January and will run every **Wednesday at 3:30pm** is perfect for young performers and helps students work towards **extra qualifications**, including LAMDA exams that can earn valuable **UCAS points** for university applications - no experience is needed!

The link to additional information is below:

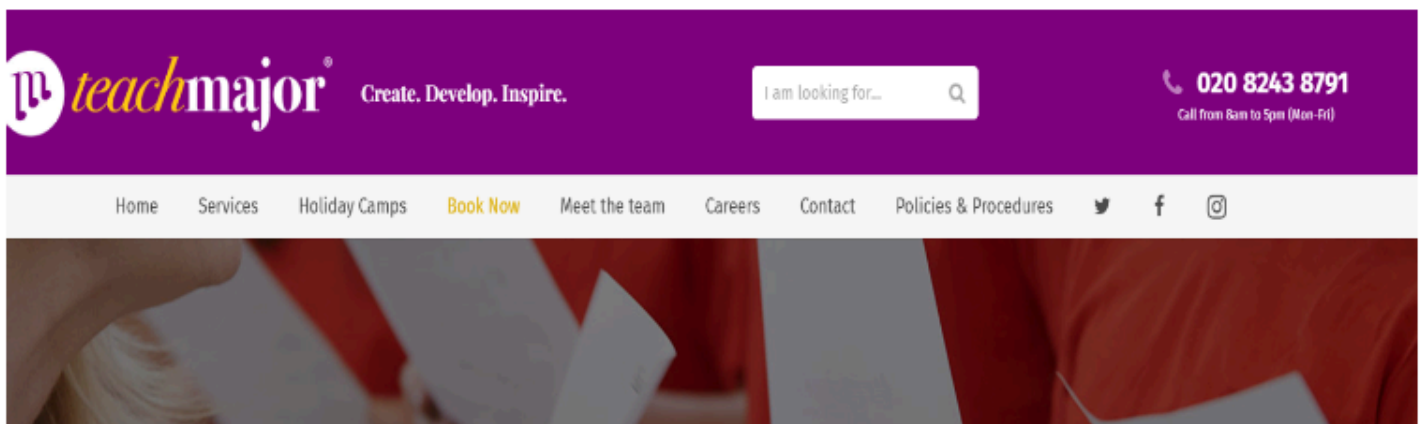
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Hour sessions will cost **£9 each. (£45 per half term)**. There is no requirement to pay anything now, simply click the link below to register your interest. If you are interested in the classes but are worried about finances, please contact ms.hampshire@holyfamilycatholicschool.co.uk who will be able to advise about applying for supported payment options.

Classes will start in January.

To sign up your child for LAMDA lessons please visit the website below

<https://teachmajor.classforkids.io/venue/19/holy-family-catholic-school>



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West End In - LAMDA - Spring Term

Wed 8th January 2025 - Wed 12th February 2025

Day & Time	Venue	Class	
Wed 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Holy Family Catholic School	Lamda After School Club (11yrs - 17yrs)	Join Waiting List