

HFCS BULLETIN

Weekly bulletin for parents & carers

TIMETABLE: WEEK 2

Calendar

Monday 10th March

SEND Surgery 3.15 - 4.15pm



Tuesday 11th March

Food Prep & Nutrition GCSE Exam

Wednesday 12th March

Thursday 13th March

Friday 14th March

CAFOD Lent Fast Day

Catholic Life Calendar

Catholic Life and Mission

16 March 2025 - Second Sunday in Lent Year C

Luke 9:28-36 'As Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face was altered'

In today's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to the disciples saying, 'Listen to him'. This was a focused moment for the disciples when they heard God speaking to them and experienced Jesus in glory. Lent helps us to slow down and seek out time for quiet prayer. In silence, we can be more attentive to Jesus who wants us to follow his word and example. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us to listen and follow Jesus more faithfully.

We celebrate two Feast Days this coming week, St Patrick on 17 March and St Joseph on 19 March.

Lent 2025

We continue pray the Angelus at noon throughout the school. Year 7 and 8 students are also taking part in Stations of the Cross throughout Lent.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk

Years 7 and 8 will once again be taking part in the Big Lent Walk. Our school community will join thousands of others to help fight global poverty in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. Sponsorship forms will be available next week and our [Justgiving page](#) is live. Thank you to the PE department for making this possible.

Easter Eggs

We are collecting Easter eggs for the counsellors, children and young people at St Joseph's Hospice in Hackney. Students have been asked to each bring in a small Easter egg, if circumstances allow.

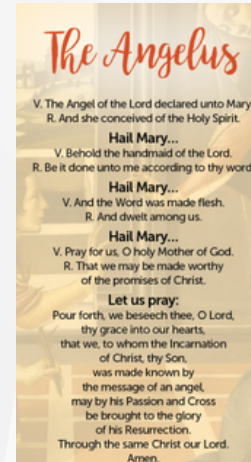
Ramadan 2025

Two spaces are available for our Muslim staff and students to pray each lunchtime.

By your fasting, almsgiving and prayer, may you experience His love in a new and lasting way.

"May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven."

Denise
Chaplaincy



Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our focus as a school this week has been on reiterating our expectations on uniform and behaviour with students in all year groups. Our approach to standards here at Holy Family can be summed up in three words: Ready, Respectful and Safe. Every classroom has posters explaining what this looks like both in and out of lessons, and this week myself and the senior team ran standards-setting assemblies with all year groups to reiterate why these simple rules are so important.

I will be sharing slides from the assembly on the school website next week so that you are able to see the messages shared with your child - please go over these with your child at home.

One aspect of keeping the school community safe is that from time to time, senior staff will carry out random bag searches. If your child has anything in their bag or pockets that is banned under our behaviour policy, these items will be confiscated and in some cases we will dispose of them.

If students have in their possession any illegal substances or anything that could harm others, they face serious consequences up to and including permanent exclusion.

Mobile phones and smartwatches are not permitted in school for a number of well-documented reasons, and will be confiscated and only returned to a parent or carer in line with our Behaviour Policy. Similarly, jewellery will be confiscated and returned within a given time frame.

Your support in ensuring that your child adheres to our policy and procedures is extremely important - my primary job as Headteacher is to ensure that students are able to access their learning, and that they are safe in school. By following our mantra of Ready, Respectful, Safe at all times, all of our children and young people can make the most of their time at school.

Upcoming reminders are as follows:

Year 9 Parents' Evening will take place on the 20th of March — a vital opportunity for discussions around progress and future choices. Following this, internal Sixth Form interviews are scheduled for 24th March - 4th April. Finally, a reminder that the deadline for Year 9 options is the 31st of March. Please ensure all forms are completed and returned by this date so we can support every child in making the best choices for their future.

With thanks for your ongoing support,
Mrs Laws

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HAPPENING THIS
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Headteacher's Update

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are pleased to invite your child to join our LAMDA afterschool club for the upcoming term.

What is LAMDA?

LAMDA is a world-class drama school in London that offers exams resulting in qualifications in both Speech and Drama that are recognized around the world through their Speech and Communications Board overseen by OFQUAL.

What are the benefits of LAMDA?

- Helps to increase self-confidence
- Improve presentation and communication skills, valuable for interviews
- Extra qualifications and UCAS points
- Develop creativity and the opportunity to explore a range of texts

LAMDA afterschool club

This fun and supportive program offers young performers the chance to explore acting, drama, and public speaking, led by professional instructors. Held weekly for one hour, students will build skills in voice technique, self-expression, body language and teamwork—no experience needed!

LAMDA private lessons (within school hours)

These tailored private lessons are available for individuals or pairs, led by experienced professionals. Held weekly for 30 minutes, they offer personalised support in acting, drama, and public speaking, helping students build confidence, creativity, and communication skills. Students can also work towards LAMDA exams, earning valuable qualifications and UCAS points to support their future ambitions.

When will lessons take place? On Wednesdays on the following dates:

February	26th
March	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
April	2nd

What is the cost?

£9 per week for the afterschool club. (£54 per half term)

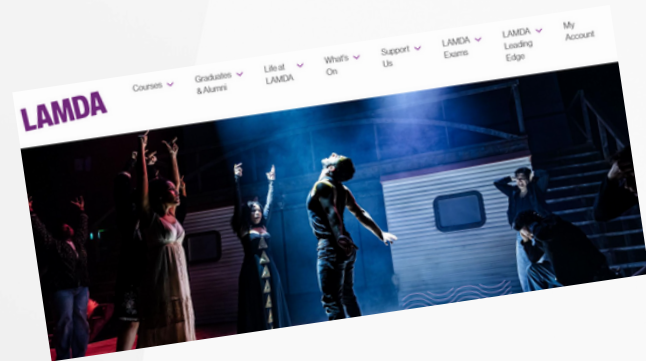
£16 +VAT per week for private duo lessons. (£115.20 per half term)

£21 +VAT per week for private solo lessons. (£151.20 per half term)

Exams will be available for those taking private lessons and can be taken once a year. This usually costs between £35-55.

Places are limited and are strictly on a first come first served basis. If you would like to secure your child's spot, please visit: <https://teachmajor.classforkids.io/venue/19/holy-family-catholic-school>

If you are interested in the classes but are worried about finances, please contact ms.hampshire@holycatholicfamily.co.uk who will be able to advise about applying for supported payment options.



Classes running in Holy Family Catholic School

West End In - LAMDA - Spring Term 2
Wed 26th Feb 2025 - Wed 2nd Apr 2025

Day	Time	Venue	Class	
Wed	9:00am - 3:10pm	Holy Family Catholic School	Lamda Solo Lessons (7 - 16yrs)	Info & Booking
	9:00am - 3:10pm	Holy Family Catholic School	Lamda Duo Lessons (7 - 16yrs)	Info & Booking
	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Holy Family Catholic School	Lamda After School Club (11 - 16yrs)	Info & Booking



Please click the links to access classes.

LAMDA