

HFCS BULLETIN

Weekly bulletin for parents & carers

TIMETABLE: WEEK 1

Calendar

Monday 13th January

SEND Surgery 3.15 - 4.15pm



Tuesday 14th January

Wednesday 15th January

Thursday 19th January

Year 11 Parents evening

Friday 17th January

Catholic Life Calendar

Catholic Life and Mission

19 January 2025 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
John 2:1-11 'This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee'

In this week's Gospel, Mary observed a human need to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, and presented it to Jesus, confident that Jesus would respond. We follow Mary's example when we bring our needs and the needs of our world to God in prayer, confident that God will answer our prayers in extraordinary ways.

Sunday 19 January - Peace Sunday
Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Peace has the theme "Forgive us our trespasses: Grant us your peace".

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope
Pope Francis has declared that the year 2025 will be a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church - an event that takes place once every 25 years.

What is Jubilee? Holy Door
The Jubilee Year of Hope was launched by Pope Francis on 24 December 2024 when he opened the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica. From a symbolic viewpoint, the Holy Door takes on a special significance: it is the most powerful sign of the Jubilee, since the ultimate aim of the pilgrim is to pass through it. Originally, there was only one door, at the Basilica of St John Lateran, which is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome. Later, to allow as many pilgrims as possible to take part in the Jubilee experience, the other Roman Basilicas also opened their own holy doors.

In the Diocese of Brentwood, Holy Doors will be opened in The Cathedral of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood; The National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, Clacton; and St Antony of Padua, Forest Gate.

Many thanks

Denise
Chaplaincy



Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well as we journey together through this busy and important term.

Firstly, I want to extend my thanks to all the parents and carers who attended the **Year 11 Parents' Evening on 16th January**. Your support is invaluable in ensuring our students are fully prepared for the crucial months ahead. It was good to see so many of you meeting with teachers to discuss your child's progress and next steps.

As we continue to support our students in their academic journey, I would like to remind you of some key dates for upcoming assessments:

- **Year 12 Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs)** will take place in the week commencing **27th January**.
- **Year 13 Formal Assessments** are scheduled for the week of **10th February**.
- **Year 11 PPEs (Second Round)** will be held in the week commencing **24th February**.

These assessments are a **vital opportunity for students to practice their exam techniques and identify areas for further development**. Please encourage them to approach these with focus and determination.

After the February half term, we look forward to hosting the **Year 12 Parents' Evening**. Further details will be shared closer to the date. Additionally, **after-school support and intervention sessions for targeted groups of students will recommence**, providing tailored guidance to help them achieve their potential.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership in supporting our students' spiritual, academic, and personal growth. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

With every blessing,
Mrs 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:

file:///M:/Downloads/LAMDA%20Club%20at%20Holy%20Family%20School%20Spring%20Term%202025.docx.pdf

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