

HFCS BULLETIN

Weekly bulletin for parents & carers

TIMETABLE: WEEK 1

Calendar

Monday 17th March

SEND Surgery 3.15 - 4.15pm



Tuesday 18th March

Food Prep & Nutrition GCSE Exam

Wednesday 19th March

Thursday 20th March

Friday 21st March

Catholic Life Calendar

Catholic Life and Mission

23 March 2025 - Third Sunday in Lent Year C

Luke 13:1-9 'Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish'

In today's Gospel, we hear the parable of the fig tree that after three years does not bear fruit. The gardener wants to give it another year. He will nurture and feed the tree and give it a chance to bear fruit. We are like that fig tree, we are expected to bear fruit and that is our purpose to the one who planted us. We also know we are sinners, and by our repentance we are given another chance. He is patient and grants us time to change and bear fruit.

We celebrate two Feast Days this coming week, St Oscar Romero on 24 March and the Feast of the Annunciation on 25 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. Reconciliation will be available on the Wiseman site this week.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk

Years 8 take part in the Big Lent Walk on Wednesday. We are asking for a minimum donation of £1 and this will appear on Parentpay. Students also have sponsorship forms, or if possible, please donate to our [Justgiving page](#).

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.

Denise
Chaplaincy



Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Lent is a time of reflection and renewal, inviting us to pause and draw closer to Christ through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In school, we are marking this time by **praying the Angelus** together at noon each day - a beautiful reminder of Mary's 'yes' to God and an opportunity for us all to **reflect on our own faith and purpose**.

Year 9 Parents' Evening and Options Evening:

This Thursday, we were delighted to welcome so many families to our Year 9 Parents' Evening. These conversations with teachers are vital as students consider their GCSE options, ensuring they make decisions that will set them up for success in the years ahead. On **Tuesday 25th March** our **Options Evening** takes place, where students and their parents/carers will have the chance to explore the KS4 curriculum and make informed choices. Thank you for your support in guiding them through this process.

Sixth Form interviews

Looking ahead, we begin internal Sixth Form interviews over the next two weeks. This is an important step for our Year 11 students as they discern their next steps in education. We encourage them to approach these conversations with confidence and an open mind, reflecting on their strengths and aspirations. Our Sixth Form here at Holy Family continues to go from strength to strength and we expect the majority of our Year 11 to continue their educational journey with us into Years 12 and 13.

Year 11 final core assessments:

For our Year 11 students, final core assessments are fast approaching in the week commencing 22nd April. These will provide a crucial measure of progress as we move closer to the summer exams. We continue to pray for Years 11 and 13 as they prepare and we encourage them to use their time wisely in revision.

Year 12 PPEs:

Similarly, our Year 12 students will be sitting their Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) from 6th May. These assessments will help them reflect on their learning so far and prepare for the demands of Year 13.

Ready, Respectful, Safe:

As mentioned in last week's bulletin, we continue our focus on our whole-school approach to conduct and behaviour. All students, at all times, are expected to be:

Ready to learn

Respectful to each other and staff

Safe in the way they behave in and out of school, and online

In doing this, we all live our **ASPIRE values** and St Oscar Romero's message to **"be more"** in every aspect of our lives.

As we continue through this Lenten season, may we all find moments of stillness to listen to God's voice in our lives. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and prayers for our school community.

Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed week.

With thanks for your ongoing support,
Mrs Laws

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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)

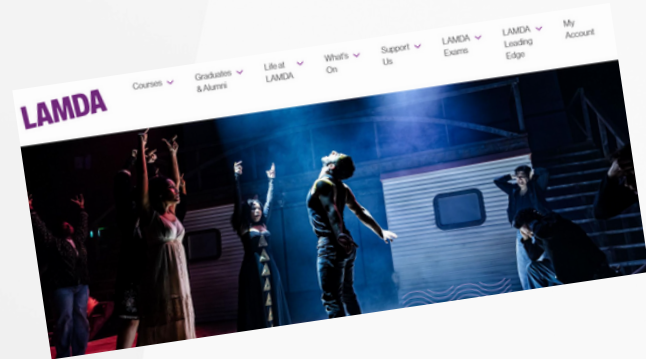
£16 +VAT per week for private duo lessons. (£115.20 per half term)

£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