

# HFCS BULLETIN

*Weekly bulletin for parents & carers*

TIMETABLE: WEEK 1

## *Calendar*

### Year 10 Work Experience

#### Monday 18th November

SEND Surgery 3.15 - 4.15pm



#### Tuesday 19th November

#### Wednesday 20th November

#### Thursday 21st November

#### Friday 22nd November

Wear your trainers to school day

## *Catholic Life Calendar*

Catholic Life and Mission

**17 November 2024 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

Mark 13:24-32 The stars will fall from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken

Jesus speaks of being on our guard for we do not know the day or the hour when we will be called to Him. But if we take his words to heart and stay close to Him as we journey, we have nothing to fear. Many things in our lives and in our world are subject to change. Yet all of us find security in relationships and values that endure. We can confidently accept change if we know that we continue to be loved by our family and by God.

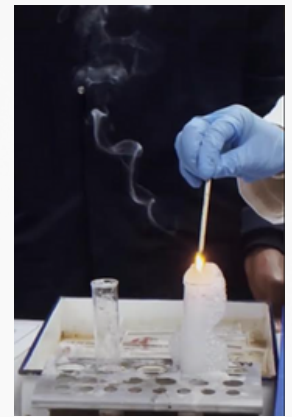
Sunday 17 November is also World Day of the Poor 2024. The theme this year is from the Book of Sirach, "The prayer of the poor rises up to God" (Sir 21:5)

"God takes care of those who are most in need: the poor, the marginalised, the suffering and the forgotten. No one is excluded from His heart, for in His eyes, we are all poor and in need." Pope Francis' message for World Day of the Poor 2024

To access help or to volunteer, please visit the Caritas Brentwood website

**November is the Month of Holy Souls**

This devotion continues throughout the month and as a community we remember our loved ones who have died.



## Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move through another busy and productive term, I am delighted to share some highlights from this past week and key updates for the weeks ahead.

Firstly, congratulations to our Year 13 students, who have now successfully completed their pre-public examinations (formerly known as mocks). Their commitment and focus have been exemplary, and we are confident that this experience will serve as a solid foundation as they prepare for their final exams in the summer.

Looking ahead, our Year 11 students will begin their own pre-public examinations from Tuesday 26th November. We encourage them to make the most of the resources and support available and to approach this important period with a serious attitude, as it is a preparation for GCSEs and will also give them and their teachers an idea of their current levels of attainment.

On a celebratory note, our recent Sixth Form Open Evening was a resounding success with record numbers of attendees. It was wonderful to see so many prospective students and families engaging with our staff and current students, exploring the fantastic opportunities available in our Sixth Form. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the evening such a welcoming and informative event.

A reminder to Year 10 parents: preparations for work experience are now in full swing, and we will keep you informed as to how the placement process will work. This is a valuable opportunity for our students to gain insight into the working world and develop key skills for their future. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries or need further guidance.

Finally, I would like to congratulate 9A and 8E for their inspiring liturgical assemblies. Both groups showcased creativity, thoughtfulness, and a deep understanding of the values at the heart of our school community. Well done to all involved!

Thank you for your ongoing support,  
God bless,  
Mrs 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!

**Hour sessions will cost £9 each.** 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](mailto:ms.hampshire@holyfamilycatholicschool.co.uk) who will be able to advise about applying for supported payment options.

Classes will start in January.

To register your child's interest, please visit:

<https://teachmajor.classforkids.io/info/322>

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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)	<a href="#">Join Waiting List</a>