

# HFCS BULLETIN

*Weekly bulletin for parents & carers*

TIMETABLE: WEEK 1

## Calendar

### Year 10 Work Experience

#### Monday 2nd December

SEND Surgery 3.15 - 4.15pm



#### Tuesday 3rd December

Year 11 Mock week

#### Wednesday 4th December

Year 11 Mock week

#### Thursday 4th December

Year 11 Mock week

#### Friday 5th December

Year 11 Mock week

## Catholic Life Calendar

Catholic Life and Mission

8 December 2024 2nd Sunday of Advent Year C

Luke 3:1-6 'All flesh shall see the salvation of God'

Today is the second Sunday of Advent, a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord.

In this week's Gospel, John the Baptist's preaching of the coming of the Lord prepared the way for Jesus. We too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by how we live, the coming of the Lord.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available to students on the Wiseman site Wednesday 11 December.

Monday 9 December is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, celebrating Mary's conception without sin in the womb of her mother, St Anne.

#### 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

During Advent, it is our tradition for each form to put together hampers for the charity, Christian Kitchen. This year they are asking for donations of small items of warm clothing and toiletries. For example: shower gel, wet wipes, toothpaste, hats, gloves etc. If you are able, please send your donation into school before Friday 13 December. Hampers will be presented during the Carol Service. Many thanks.

Wishing you a prayerful Advent season.

Denise  
Chaplaincy



## Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we begin the holy season of Advent, we are reminded of the importance of preparation, reflection, and acts of giving. At school, we are embracing this spirit with a range of events and activities that celebrate faith, community, and the joy of the season. Here are some key updates and reminders for the coming weeks:

#### Year 13 Parents' Evening - Tuesday 12th December

We invite all Year 13 parents and carers to attend this important evening to discuss your child's progress and plans for the future. This is a valuable opportunity to connect with teachers and ensure your child is on track for a successful year ahead.

#### Success of Year 11 pre-public exams - Week 2 (PPEs)

Firstly, congratulations to our Year 11 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.

#### Christmas Lunch:

We are excited to announce that Christmas Lunch will be available for students on the following dates:

- 16th December: Walthamstow Site
- 17th December: Wiseman Site

Lunch payments can be made via ParentPay, and please note that this will be the only lunch option available on these days. Students are also invited to join in the festive spirit by wearing their Christmas jumpers on their respective lunch day!

#### Non-uniform day

On Friday 13th December we will have a non-uniform day where students are permitted to wear their own clothes to school by paying a £1 donation. All money collected will go towards purchasing resources and equipment to enhance our students' learning. Students who do not wish to wear their own clothes should wear school uniform as usual.

#### Reminder of Christmas Carol Service - Monday 16th December, 7:30pm

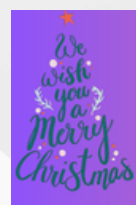
Join us at Our Lady & St George Church for our annual Christmas Carol Service. This is always a highlight of our school calendar, bringing together students, staff, and families to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas through scripture, song, and prayer.

#### Reminder of Christmas Hampers for Christian Kitchen

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: Wednesday 11th December:** Students with the highest number of achievement points this term will be invited to a special Headteacher's afternoon tea so that I can congratulate them on their success. Please keep a look out for a special invitation home!

Blessings,  
Carolyn Laws



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WEEK ON OUR  
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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:

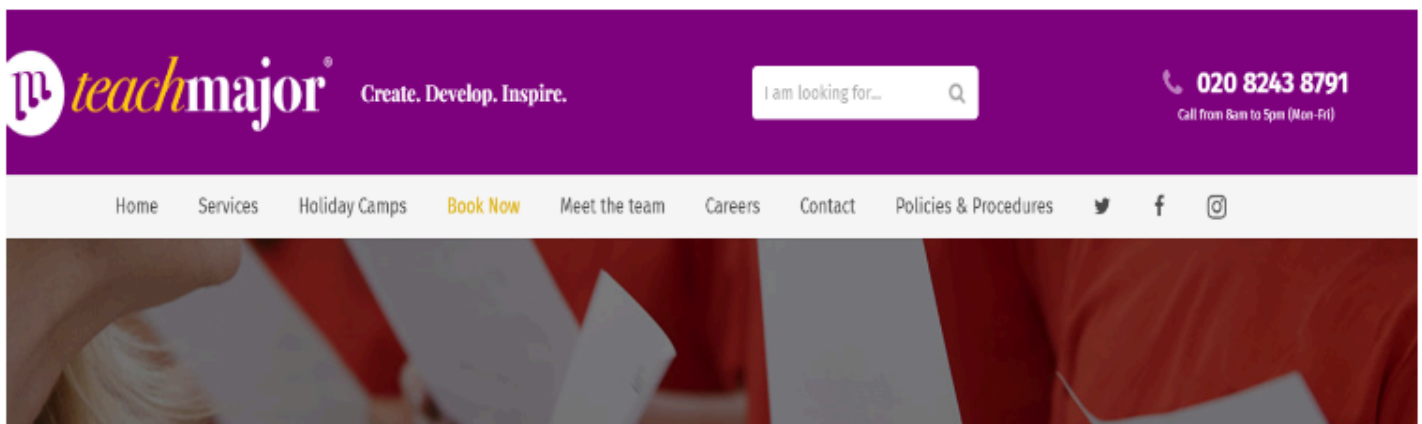
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Hour sessions will cost **£9 each. (£45 per half term)**. There is no requirement to pay anything now, simply click the link below to register your interest. If you are interested in the classes but are worried about finances, please contact [ms.hampshire@holyfamilycatholicschool.co.uk](mailto:ms.hampshire@holyfamilycatholicschool.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)	<a href="#">Join Waiting List</a>