

# FAMILY MATTERS

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER



*Welcome Back!*

*Back to School*



# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

**Friday September 4th 2020**

## **Quotation of the week**

'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus' Philippians 4 (6:7)

## **Induction of staff and students**

In our staff meetings and in assemblies we played the hymn 'Do not be afraid' this week. I know that many people are afraid but I want to reassure everyone that the school has many controls in place to protect staff and students. Young people are at very low risk of suffering from covid19 but they can transmit it to other, more vulnerable adults and so hand hygiene is vital. The wearing of masks, at the moment however, is not vital nor is it recommended. In fact wearing them incorrectly, or carelessly, or not putting them on, or taking them off properly puts other people at greater risk. For these reasons masks and face coverings are not permitted for staff or students unless medically recommended for an individual following an individual risk assessment. Thank you for your understanding in this matter

## **High achievers**

Correction: Last week I omitted to include Juno Vimalenthiran from the list of GCSE high achievers. Juno gained 1 grade 9 and 8 grade 8s - an excellent achievement. My apologies for this omission.

## **Student numbers**

Student numbers are very buoyant with an expected roll of 1250 students this year including not far short of 300 in the sixth form our largest ever cohort of sixth formers.

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## **Getting back to normal**

Please bear with us at the moment- we are all finding our way - most office workers have not gone back to work yet schools have been expected to return and make environments safe for large numbers of students and staff. In addition we have been having to pick up the pieces from the mess of the exam results. It's been busy and we will do our best to communicate as clearly as we can with everyone and to make decisions in the best interests of the whole community at Holy Family. Please note that there is no excuse for the use of inappropriate language in correspondence with myself or any other member of staff and such incidents will not be tolerated. They reflect far more badly on the sender than they do on the receiver and they have no place in a Catholic community.

## **Did you know?**

Yesterday we held a Mass for the start of the new school year for our Yr 7 students. After the Mass concluded the hall and every seat was cleaned by the additional cleaning staff we have employed so that it was safe for Yr 12 students to use for their assembly.

To end on a positive note it has been lovely to be back with our students and staff this week. A school without pupils is like a ...box of chocolates without any chocolates in it. We will continue to work hard to keep everyone safe and to keep education going at our school and thank you for all the positive messages of support we have received this week.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers and have a good weekend.

With best wishes

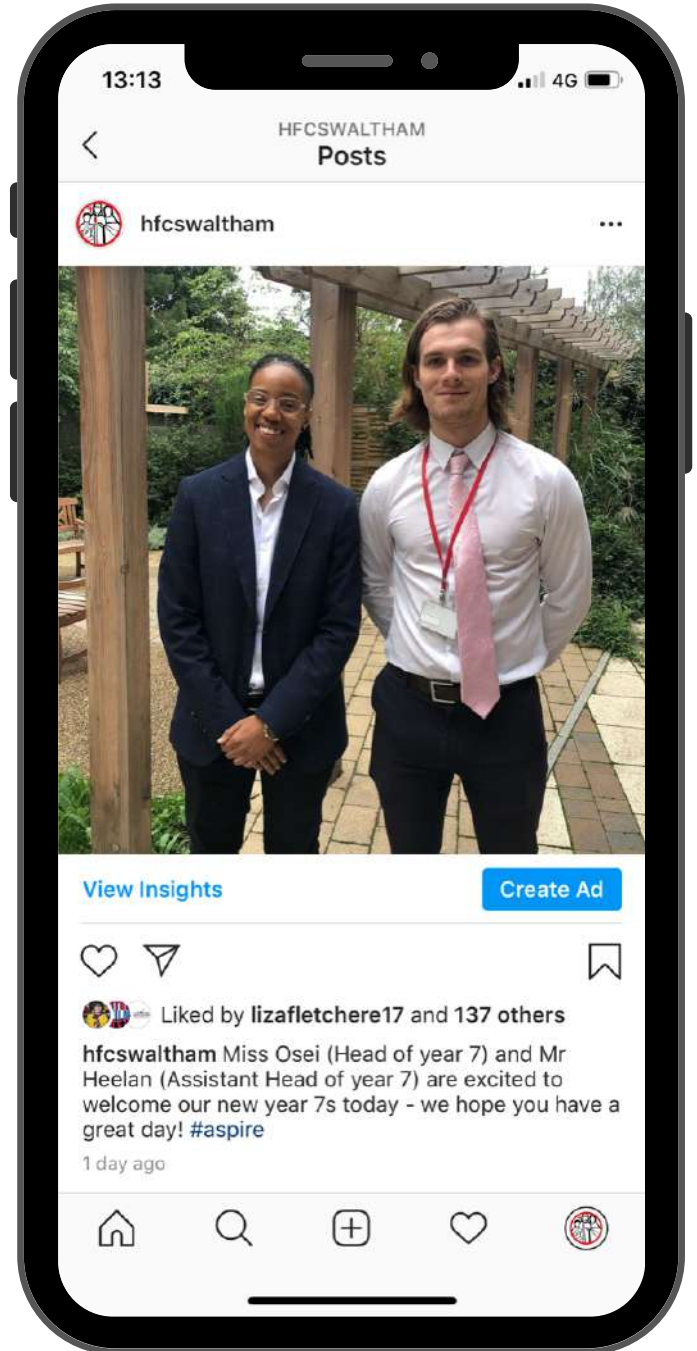
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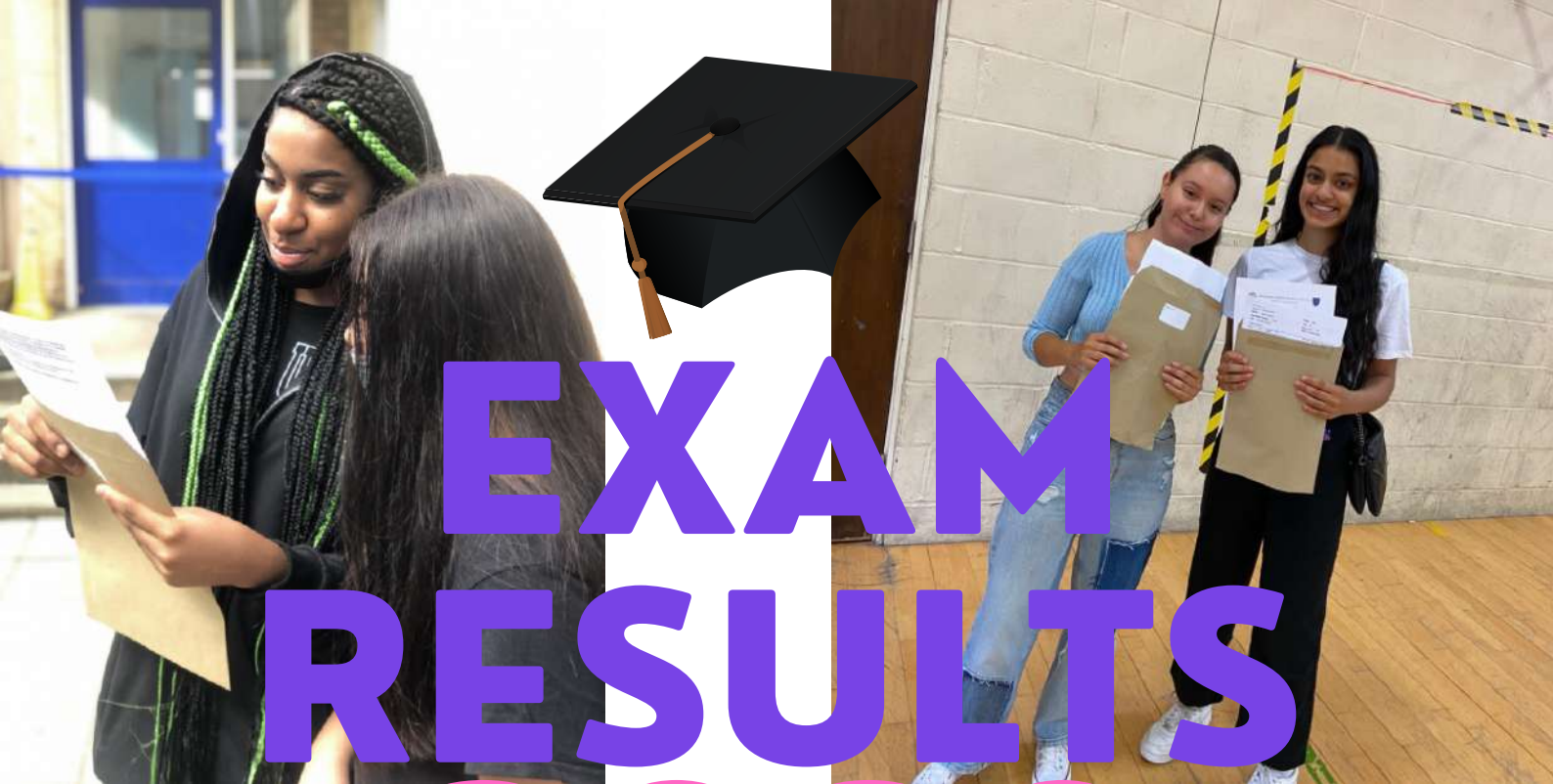
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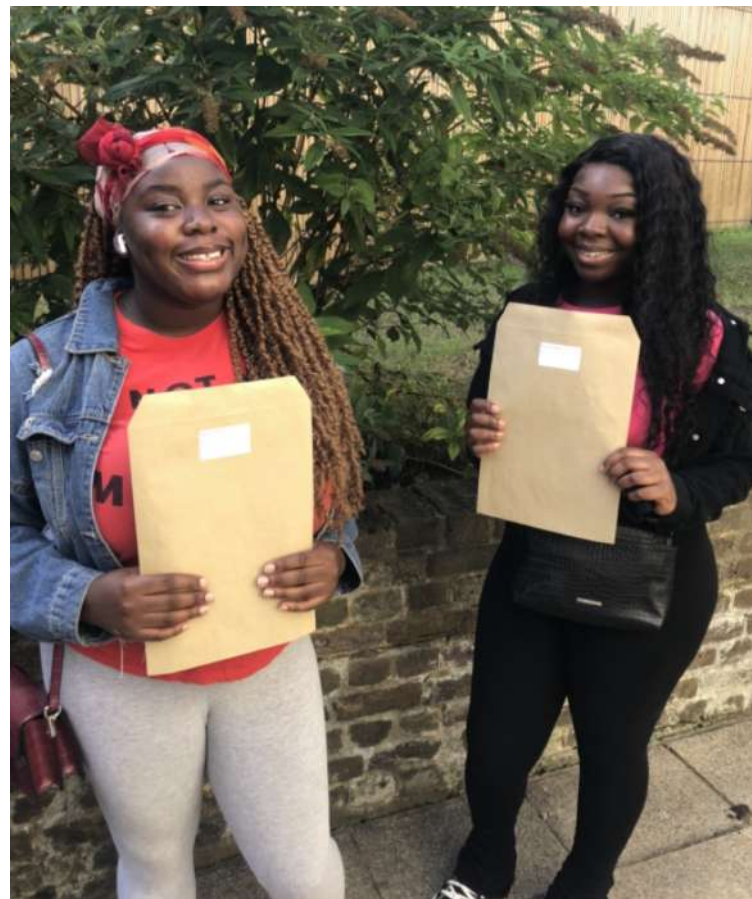
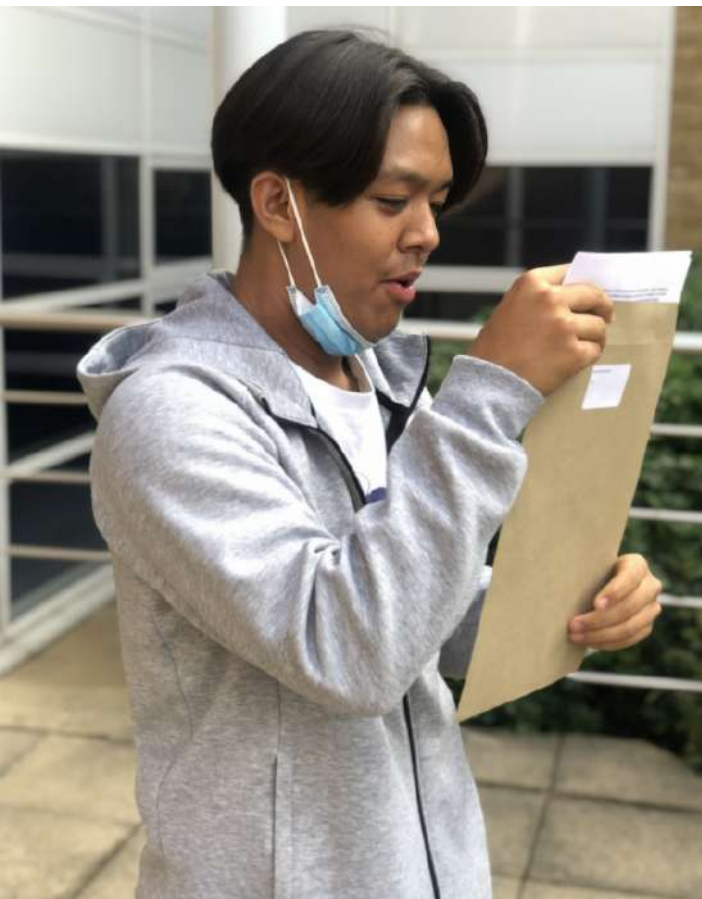
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# EXAM RESULTS

# 2020

We are delighted with the achievements of our students this year and offer our congratulations to everyone in year 13 and year 11 who received their grades this summer. [Click here to read full press release.](#)



# *Prayer for the end of the school year*

Lord, I ask for Your help as I begin this new  
school year.

Allow me to experience Your presence in  
the many blessings You put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and  
exciting opportunities that this new school  
year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and  
new teachers.

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic  
with my studies and courage to accept new  
opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and  
let me experience Your presence in my new  
friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!  
Amen

# **LRC BOOKS**

**DO YOU HAVE ANY SCHOOL  
LIBRARY BOOKS AT HOME?**

**PLEASE RETURN OVERDUE  
LIBRARY BOOKS**

**LOST BOOKS - THERE IS NO NEED TO  
BE SCARED OR WORRIED, SIMPLY LET  
THE LRC STAFF KNOW.**

**CLICK HERE TO SEE A  
FULL GUIDE TO THE  
SCHOOL UNIFORM**



**HOLY FAMILY  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
& SIXTH FORM**

# WHERE TO GET YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Our school uniform can be obtained from either Speedstitch or Carolina's. Please contact the outfitters to book an appointment. Payment plans are also available.



**Website:**  
[www.speedstitch.co.uk](http://www.speedstitch.co.uk)

**Email:**  
[shop@speedstitch.co.uk](mailto:shop@speedstitch.co.uk)

**Phone number:**  
**020 8531 4800**

*CAROLINA* appointed school outfitters

708 Chigwell Road Woodford Bridge Essex IG8 8AL

**Website:**  
[www.carolinaschooloutfitters.co.uk](http://www.carolinaschooloutfitters.co.uk)

**Email:**  
[shop@speedstitch.co.uk](mailto:shop@speedstitch.co.uk)

**Phone number:**  
**07702569319**

Due to current circumstances we encourage you to shop early and online





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**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM**

# YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPLAINED

## Years 7 & 8

All students must wear a school blazer, white shirt and school tie.



Girls must wear either the red checked kilt or school branded trousers



Boys must wear black formal school trousers



## Years 9, 10 & 11

All students must wear a school blazer, white shirt and school tie.



Girls must wear either the black kilt or school branded trousers



Boys must wear black formal school trousers



All school uniform items can be obtained from Speedstich and Carolina's Outfitters

*Do you have any uniform to donate?*

## UNIFORM DONATIONS

We are asking for donations of our current school uniform which your child may no longer need or have outgrown that is still in good and wearable condition. This can range from the list below:

### Years 7 & 8

Blazer



Trousers



School Tie



### Years 9, 10 & 11

Blazer



Trousers



School Tie



GIRLS  
RED CHECKED KILT  
or  
SCHOOL BRANDED  
TROUSERS

GIRLS  
BACK KILT  
or  
SCHOOL BRANDED  
TROUSERS



### PE Kit



PLEASE DROP ANY DONATIONS TO EITHER  
SCHOOL OFFICE - MANY THANKS

# OPEN EVENING

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VIRTUAL  
OPEN  
EVENING



THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2020 6PM

HOLY FAMILY IS A SUCCESSFUL HAPPY SCHOOL WHICH HAS RECENTLY UNDERGONE A MULTI-MILLION POUND INVESTMENT PROGRAMME TO ENABLE US TO EXPAND AND EDUCATE MORE STUDENTS. MORE DETAILS ON OUR VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING TO FOLLOW - CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES AND FOLLOW US ON TWITTER @HFCSWALTHAM

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