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# HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL



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## TUTOR TEACHERS

PLEASE NOW ENSURE THAT THE BULLETIN IS READ OUT  
TO YOUR PUPILS AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH WEEK

## THEME OF THE WEEK

## REMEMBRANCE DAY



At 11 am on the 11 November 1918, the Great War ended. For the first time in nearly 4½ years, the guns were silent. The war, which at first was believed would only last “a few months”, was worse than any previous war in history. It had caused more people to die and more damage to be done than ever before in an international conflict. In total, approximately 20 million soldiers and civilians had died as a result of war. It was, and still is known, as “The War to end all wars” – yet, within 20 years the world was at war again. War and conflict across the world are to this day still claiming the lives of thousands.

On Remembrance Day we sacrifice two minutes of our time to remember all of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and given their lives so that we might enjoy peace, liberty and freedom from oppression which we take for granted.

On 11 November, let us take time to honour and respect all who have given their lives in conflict in the past and to this day.

It is the least we can do .....

**“Lest We Forget”**

*Mr Reilly, Head Teacher*

## **ROSARY FOR PEACE**

Please join us as we pray for peace. You will find us in the oratory at 8.25am every Thursday.

**Mrs Glancy**

## **STEM CLUB STARTING FOR S2**

URGENT - For the attention of S2 tutor teachers

Could all pupils interested in taking part in a STEM lunchtime club please come to a meeting in room F104 (Mrs Constable's room in Science) on Monday the 30th of October at 1.40pm.

Our STEM group will be working in teams on projects that involve the skills of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Projects of a high enough standard will be put forward for the British Science Association's Bronze Crest award.

Please come along and find out more.

**Mrs Constable**

## **JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP**

Starts back on Thursdays at 12.45pm in room E101.

All new members welcome. We work to support Fairtrade, Mary's Meal, Refugee Crisis, Lanarkshire Baby bank and other local and global causes.

The more of us there are the more we can do! Let's do what is possible!!

**Mrs Duffy**

## **MATHS CLUB**

Runs every Thursday after school in room E101 from 2.55pm-3.45pm.

Catch up on homework, study for exams or get support on any topics you may need help with in Maths.

All levels all year groups welcome.

**Mrs Duffy**

## ECO COMMITTEE

The next meeting will take place in F201 on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm.

All welcome.

**Miss Hands**

## ALL TUTOR CLASSES

If you would like some company at lunch, the *Sit with Us* club runs every lunchtime in the study room and is available to everyone.

**Mrs Marsh**

## S2 & S3 TUTOR STAFF

The Technical Department are planning on starting a Young Entrepreneurs club on a Tuesday Lunchtime for S2 & S3 pupils. The club will involve designing and making items which will be manufactured on the laser cutter. Any pupils who are interested in being part of this exciting new club should attend a short meeting on Tuesday Lunchtime (26.09.17) in Technical room C001.

**The Technical Department**

## MAGAZINE CLUB

Holy Cross High School's Magazine Club has started back. We are looking for new members from S1-3. If you are interested in joining our team of budding reporters, please come along to room F007 on a Wednesday lunchtime. Please bring along your lunch.

**Miss Shillan**

## HO, HO, HO, COLLEAGUES

I appreciate that summer is still a fading memory for most of us, but Christmas is coming fast and plans are already afoot for festive activities. One of these is a Christmas jumper Day scheduled for Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> December. Cost to staff (£2) and pupils (£1) with monies raised going towards the school fund. If you don't yet have such an item, there's still time to get knitting in your spare time(!)



Thanks

**Mrs Burns**

## LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

Thanks to all who expressed interest in our **KICKSTART THAT WEIGHT LOSS** group.

For any of you who have over indulged in the course of the October week, you're more than welcome to join in too.

The cost will be a £1 a week and funds will be going towards Kickstart.

**Mrs Burns**



## DEAR STAFF AND PUPILS

"Last year Breast Cancer Now raised over £2 million and were able to fund pioneering breast cancer research that saves and improves lives. Every year 50,000 mothers, daughters, sisters and wives will be newly diagnosed with breast cancer so this remains an incredibly important cause." Breast Cancer Now, 2017

A big **thank you** and well done to all staff and pupils who took part in Wear it Pink day on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October.

### We raised £2500 just in one day!!

This an amazing charity to support and we hope to continue our support for Breast Cancer Now into fighting breast cancer and raising awareness.

**Mrs McQueen**

**Charities Committee**

## ACRYLIC PAINTING WORKSHOP

### National 5 and Higher

Miss Baxter will be running an acrylics workshop on Wednesdays after school for any Higher or National 5 pupil interested in using acrylic paint for their Expressive submission. If you have your own acrylic paints bring them with you.

Supported Study is running after school on a Wednesday with Miss Martin, and Thursday with Miss Chiappa

**Art and Design Department**

## **STEM CLUB S3** (Science, Technologies, Engineering, Maths)

S3 STEM club will begin [Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October](#) at lunchtime in [Mrs McGroarty's room](#) (C107). It is open to all young people in [S3](#).

Within the club, young people will be completing a project which involves programming [Micro:bits](#). This will hopefully gain them a **CREST Award**.

Job prospects are massive if you can learn to code. In an increasingly digital age, coding is becoming necessary skill for more and more jobs. Software developing is currently the [fastest growing industry in the UK](#) and there is [an international shortage of coders](#) in the job market.

Come along to C107 on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> at lunchtime to register your interest or to find out more.

**Mrs Caldwell**



## **CALLING ALL PUPILS!**

The Christmas Fayre is fast approaching and we are now looking for you to bring in raffle prizes! Chocolates, gift vouchers, gift sets, pamper sets, perfumes, bath sets etc would all be greatly appreciated!

Which house will be the most generous?

Hand in any donations to Mrs Sneddon in Pupil Support or Business Education.

Thank you in advance!

**Mrs Sneddon**

## **S3 FOOTBALL**

Could all players in the S3 football team attend a meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of November in Mr Donnelly's room at 1.45pm.

**All players must attend.**

**Mr McTaggart**

## S6 PUPILS & STAFF

### ST ANDREW'S HOSPICE



The total to date for St Andrew's Hospice is now a fantastic **£1924.30**. Any remaining sponsor money should be brought in by **TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER** at the very latest.

A cheque will be sent to the Hospice in the near future. A very **BIG** thank you to all who have brought in their sponsor money for the Hospice.

**Mrs McQueen**

**Charity Committee**

## ATHLETICS

Any pupil who is a club athlete and wishes to be entered into Scottish Schools must see Mrs Bradley in PE as soon as possible.

**Mrs Bradley**

## **MENTORS IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMME**

21 S6 pupils have been receiving training this year to become Mentors in Violence Prevention. This exciting peer-leadership initiative aims to raise awareness of issues related to bullying and gender-based violence as part of our inclusive and supportive school ethos.

All S1 classes have now received the first set of PSE lessons delivered by senior pupils and the reception so far has been extremely positive from both staff and pupils:

'Brilliant!'

'Really creative activities that got us thinking'

'The speakers were really confident and encouraging'

'It was a different way to learn about bullying, but a good different!'

'Easier to speak to the 6<sup>th</sup> years about types of bullying and what we know about bullying because they are in the school like us and understand'

'It was good to see who we could speak to about bullying and if we see things happen'

'Now we know what to do if anything happens'

'Really looking forward to the next time that they're in the class!'

Many thanks to the PSE staff who have supported the S6 mentors in class and to the S1 pupils who have engaged so enthusiastically in the lessons. Formal feedback will be gathered in tutor classes on Tuesday as part of our evaluation of the programme.

**Mr Kelly**

## **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**

This week is Anti-Bullying week in Scotland and Holy Cross will be focusing on the theme of Respect.

It is unrealistic for individuals to like everyone they come into contact with; after all we are all unique with different values, attitudes, interests and personalities. It's ok to not like someone but it's not ok to treat them with a lack of respect.

Respect is fundamental to all relationships, regardless of what form they come in and should be at the heart of how we treat each other at Holy Cross High School.

This Anti-Bullying Week we are asking you to get involved in a national conversation about what respect means to you. Positive cultures based on respect can help prevent bullying - and we can all make a difference.

**Mrs Marsh on behalf of the Anti-Bullying Committee**

A date for your diaries...



There will be lots to buy from stalls run by local companies and pupils as well as tombolas, raffles, home baking, teas and coffees, candles, soaps, jewellery, Fair Trade goods, face painting and many more.

If any pupil would like to get into the Christmas Spirit and help please see Mrs Sneddon in Pupil Support or the Business Studies Department.

If you know anyone that has their own business (or hobby) selling goods then please speak to Mrs Sneddon for more information.

**Mrs Sneddon**