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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**

**Catholic Education Week**

**30<sup>th</sup> January- 6<sup>th</sup> February**

**The Jubilee Year of Mercy**

**“Learning to be Merciful”**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015, the Year of Mercy promulgated by Pope Francis got underway and it will continue until the Feast of Christ the King on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

Pope Francis has made it clear that he wants the focus on the Mercy of God, made visible in Jesus, to impinge on every aspect of the life of the Church and its members.

Reflecting the theme of this Jubilee Year, Catholic Education Week 2016 provides an opportunity for children, young people and families to consider particular ways in which they can realise this vision of a merciful, loving God in their own lives.

In family homes our parents/carers can help their children to understand the power of forgiveness and the value of reconciliation, through their own example of unconditional love.

In Holy Cross High School, our young people will both learn about and engage in works of mercy, recognising that these actions are signs of God’s love.

Pope Francis announced the Jubilee Year of Mercy in the following way:

“I have often thought how the Church may render more clear her mission to be a witness to mercy; and we have to make this journey. It is a journey which begins with spiritual conversion. Therefore, I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the Mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord”

“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (c.f.LK 6:36)

*J Reilly,  
Head Teacher*

**Mass**

There will be Mass on Tuesday morning at 8.25am and Friday at 12.35pm.



### **The Rosary for Peace**

The rosary takes place on Thursday from 8.25 in the oratory. Staff and pupils welcome.

*Mrs Glancy*

### **ALMA VALENTINE'S DISCO- UPDATE**

#### **MESSAGE FOR ALL STAFF AND PUPILS**

Thank-you to everyone who has already handed in gifts to be used as prizes at the ALMA Valentine's Disco on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

We are still glad to accept any kind of gift which would be suitable for Valentine's e.g. fragrance, toiletries, cosmetics, jewellery, accessories and novelty items, but at this time we would particularly welcome gifts for **boys** and **men**, or **uni-sex** gifts like confectionery.

Remember, the gifts do not have to be new.

We are happy to accept gifts you have received and wish to send forward to a new home with our appreciative guests.

Please hand in any items to Mrs Hinchliffe Modern Languages (Room E106)

Many thanks,

*Holy Cross High Pastoral Team*

### **Environmental Presentations 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

There will be a presentation from SLC Environmental Department on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

#### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

S2 - 10.10am

S1 - 10.25am

#### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

S3- 10.10am

S4 - 10.25am

Would staff please escort classes to the street at these times.

*Mrs Fagan*

### **S2 Football**

After school S2 football has been moved from Tuesday to Thursday.

***Mr Reid***

### **S1 Football**

Could all the players in the S1 football team attend a meeting at 1.40pm in Mr Donnelly's room on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. All players must attend.

***Mr McTaggart***

### **French Language Assistant**

A warm welcome is extended to the French Language Assistant, Sabrina Taguet, who has joined the Modern Languages Department for the next six weeks. She will be working with all year groups and, in particular, helping S4/5/6 pupils to prepare for their upcoming final SQA talking assessments. Please say 'bonjour' to her if you see her in the corridor.

***Mr Robertson***

### **S2 Options Evening**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February S2 Options Information Evening at 7pm.

***Mrs Fagan***

### **SEED SURVEY**

There will be around 70 S1 pupils involved in a SEED survey, which will take place in the street on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 1.10pm. These pupils have yet to be finalised and will appear as permission on Seemis.

***Mrs Fagan***

### **College Applications**

College applications for courses starting in August open on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January.

For information please see School Careers Advisor Susan Higgins Room F005.

***S Higgins, Careers Advisor***

### **Net-books**

The Net-books can now be booked by;

Emailing Angela Lynch in Home economics

And by entering your name into the large diary situated on the table in the HE Base.

***Mrs Lynch***

### **S1 Technical Craft Club**

The S1 Craft Club in Technical will be starting back up on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January and all new members are welcome.

***Mrs Lynch (Technical)***

### **S1 and S6 Drop in Cafe**

**Drop in Café** – On Fridays at 12.40-1.10pm in room E101.

A place for S1 pupils to meet with S6 pupils and chat, listen to music and meet new friends.

There will be a Fairtrade Tuck Shop once per month.

The rota for S6 pupils is on the notice board. If any other S6 pupils would like to volunteer see Mrs Duffy.

***Mrs Duffy***

### **S1 and S6 Homework Area**

**HW Area** – On Wednesdays from 12.40-1.10pm

Will be held in the library for S1 pupils with S6 support.

Resources will be provided, calculators, rulers, pens and pencils etc with access to the library computer.

The rota for S6 pupils is on the notice board. If any other S6 pupils would like to volunteer see Mrs Duffy

***Mrs Duffy***

### **Attention S1/S2 Pupils**

Dodge Ball Club on Wednesday lunchtime for **ALL S1 + S2** pupils. A team will be selected from this club to enter a Dodge Ball Tournament against other schools.

***Mr McKegney***

### **Netball Club**

Netball Club starts back this Thursday 4th February.

***Mrs Bradley***

### **S1/2 Book Group**

Attention all book lovers! Any S1/2 pupil interested in being involved in the school book group should attend a meeting in Mrs McGorry's room (English 006). The group will select a new book each month for discussion and will meet every week. Come along for a chat if you think you may be interested in taking part.

***Mrs McGorry***

### **English: Homework Club – S1 and S2**

Are you struggling with your English homework? Finding it difficult to work at home?

Come along to the Homework Club on Tuesdays at lunchtime.

Once you have had your lunch come along to Room 008 – make sure you bring your homework with you!

***Mrs. Giusti***

### **Attention all S1/2 teachers and tutor class teachers: Film Club Fridays!**

Miss Saunderson from the English Department will be holding Film Club Fridays for the junior school. Held Friday lunchtime in Room 006 - come along after you've eaten your lunch to watch and discuss a whole host of films. There will be something for everyone as it will be a different film genre every week. All S1's and S2's welcome.

***Ms Saunderson***

### **Senior Choir**

Senior Choir will be starting back on Thursdays at lunch time to start preparations for the Summer Concert! All members must attend and new members are welcome.

### **Junior Choir**

Junior Choir will be starting back on Mondays at lunch time! New members are welcome to join from S1-S2.

***Miss Perry***

### **Newspaper / Reporting Club**

The newspaper club has gone digital! We will be recording a weekly news report on what's happening at Holy Cross. If any teachers or pupils have something in their department or lives that they would like to share and be interviewed about they should get in touch with Mr Reid.

***Mr Reid***

### **Justice and Peace Group**

Meet on Thursdays at 12.45pm in room E101 (Mrs Duffy's room)

All new members welcome

***Mrs Duffy***

### **PE News**

The Girls Football club, Gymnastics club and the Dance club will all start back on Wednesday from 3-4pm.

Fitness Suite will be open for S1 to S3 every Wednesday. You must report to Mr McKegney before entering the suite.

***PE Department***

### **Craft Club**

Any S1-S3 interested in a lunchtime craft group should come to Mrs Lynch's room in HE today, Monday.

***Mrs Lynch***

### **To Staff and Pupils**

Thank you letter from Sister Maria Goretti of The Innocents has been received and is on display in the photocopying room.