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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

Positive Actions for Lent

Wednesday 1st March is Ash Wednesday and we will receive our ashes from Fr Duffy or one of our sixth year Caritas students. The ashes we receive are made from the ashes burned from the previous year's Palm Sunday crosses.

Ash Wednesday, of course, marks the beginning of Lent and a period of abstinence and fasting before we celebrate Easter.

For our SCHOOL Community in Holy Cross High School there are three main themes throughout Lent;

CHARITY FASTING PRAYER

It is also a time for Positive Actions- changing the way we do the simple things in our daily lives for the better

In his message for Lent 2016, Pope Francis said the following:

“God’s mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn.....These words of mercy remind us that faith finds expression in our everyday actions meant to help our neighbours in body and spirit:by feeding, visiting, comforting and instructing them”

Remember: Faith can work wonders

“If? There are no “ifs” among believers. Anything can happen.” (Mark 9;23)

J Reilly, Head Teacher

MASS

Tuesday and Friday 8.25am. Friday Adoration 12.35pm.

Fr Paddy

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

SCHOOL MAGAZINE CLUB

The School Magazine Club is up and running. Pupils from S1-S6 are welcome. The club runs on a Wednesday lunchtime in room F007. See **Ms Shillan** in English for more details.

S1/2 BOOK CLUB

Any pupil interested in joining the S1/2 book club should attend a meeting in English room 006 (Mrs McGorry's room) at lunchtime on Friday.

Mrs McGorry

ANTI - BULLYING COMMITTEE

The committee has started and will meet on Friday's at lunchtime in Technical room C001
With **Mrs Marsh**.

STEM CLUB (Science, Technologies, Engineering, Maths)

STEM club is at lunchtime. It is open to all young people in **S2**.

Within the club, young people will be completing a project which will hopefully gain them a **CREST Award** - this is part of an award scheme run by the British Science Association that is recognised UK wide and is recommended by UCAS to be included in students' personal statements when applying to College or University.

Come along to Room F104 (Mrs Constable's room), feel free to bring lunch along.

Mrs Caldwell

WORD WIZARD

Word Wizard for Spanish continues on Tuesdays at 1.30 in room E106.

Word Wizard in French takes place on Mondays at 1.30 in room E107.

Feel free to bring your lunch along with you.

Modern Languages Department

SCIENCE CLUB

The Science club's winter project will start on Thursday at lunchtime in Miss Miller's Classroom (F105). New members are welcome.

Miss Miller

S6 TUTOR TEACHERS

The Caritas Foodbank group started back on Wednesday 25th January. All new members welcome too.

Miss Cunningham

CAREERS EVENING THURSDAY MARCH 2ND 2017 6.30 - 8.30 PM YEAR GROUPS S2, S4 AND S5/6

A careers evening will take place in the school on Thursday 2nd March. This will give those pupils from year groups who are currently making option choices the opportunity to speak to employers, apprenticeship providers and universities and colleges before making final subject choice.

Pupils from these year groups along with parents or guardians are encouraged to attend this event.

Details of how to book a place at the careers evening will be made available over the coming week.

Please see Mrs O'Hagan for further details.

Mrs O'Hagan

IMPORTANT - NEW YORK

Could I ask all **S4** and **S5 Tutor Teachers** pass this message onto their pupils:

A reminder that payments towards the cost of the trip can be made to Mrs McGroarty or Mrs Russell any morning of the week - but try and remember to bring your payment card to have it marked up.

The date for final payment is 24th March 2017.

Mrs Russell, Business Education



S1/2 TECH CLUB TUESDAY LUNCHTIME

The tech club is well underway and pupils are enjoying the chance to make Harry Potter Wands. All new members are always welcome to join.

Ms McGuire (Technical)

THANK YOU CARD

A Thank You card has been received from Mrs Jackson and is on display in the photocopying room.

CAN CRUSHER NEWS

Due to a fantastic return of suggestions from S1, our can crusher has now been officially named!

The winners who have already been presented with their prize at assembly are as follows:

1 st place	Owen McMillan	Clash of Cans
2 nd place	Ayden McMahon	Tin Terminator
3 rd place	Sam Reid	The CANdy Crusher
Winning slogan	Rachel Gibb	Crushing cans for Miss Hands

Please congratulate our winners!

Thanks to everyone who took part.

Miss Hands on behalf of the Eco Committee

S6 PRESENTATION TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

Andrew Flynn and Ruth Beattie, from St Andrews Hospice, will give a presentation to S6 pupils Period 2 from 9:50-10:25. Could staff please register their class and escort them to the street.

During the presentation the S6 pupils will present a cheque for £3756.50 coupled with the money raised during Hospice Awareness week- a total of **£4443.50**

During S2 assembly a cheque will be presented for money raised at the Tinto hill climb.

To date Holy Cross High School has raised £43,639.09!

Mrs Kennedy

ALMA DISCO GIFTS

Sincere thanks are offered to all members of the Holy Cross High School Community who donated gifts to be used as Bingo prizes for the ALMA disco. The quality as well as the quantity of the gifts was first-rate, and we really appreciate that, as did our guests, who were thrilled to receive them.

Mrs Hinchliffe on behalf of the Pastoral Team

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

Meet Thursday at 12.45pm (prompt) in room E101.

Please come along, the more people we have the more we can change!

Let's do what is possible!!

Mrs Duffy on behalf of the J&P Group

S1 HW ZONE

Runs every Wednesday in the library at lunchtime with wonderful S6 helpers.

Even though you can now leave the school at lunchtime it is worth spending some days in school at clubs and this could be the club for you!

Mrs Duffy and S6 Helpers

S2 FOOTBALL

Could ALL players in the S2 football team attend a meeting at 1.45pm in Mr Donnelly's room on Monday 27th February.

Mr McTaggart

ART & DESIGN SUPPORTED STUDY

Art & Design Supported study will be available to all senior art pupils every week.

This will run every Tuesday after school and some Wednesdays (check with Miss Chiappa on the day to confirm)

Any pupils who need extra time on their practical work are encouraged to attend.

Mrs Harvie

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Starts this week! The theme this year is **PUT FAIRTRADE IN YOUR BREAK**

We will have events on during the fortnight to celebrate Fairtrade and raise awareness

Tuesday 28th and 7th and Thursday 2nd and 9th - Fairtrade stall in the street at interval

Friday 10th March - Staff Coffee Event at lunchtime in the library with prizes, stall, tea and coffee. Bring your own mug please

Also here are some teaching resources you could use over the coming fortnight.

<http://schools.fairtrade.org.uk/>

Mrs Duffy on behalf of the Justice and Peace Team

SCOTTISH APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2017-6TH TO 10TH MARCH

There are a number of Apprenticeship opportunities available for s4 - s6 pupils

Any pupils from these year groups who are interested in finding out more about apprenticeship opportunities should speak to the Ms Higgins or Mrs Rankin our career advisors or Mrs O'Hagan in Social Subjects.

Engineering Taster Day - East Kilbride Group Training Association Wednesday March 8th (9.30am - 2.45pm)

EKGTA have offered the school the chance for 10 pupils from s4 to s6 who are considering a career in engineering and manufacture to attend a taster day at their training workshops in East Kilbride. This will give pupils the chance to tour the various engineering workshops and to speak with apprentices at the training facility.

Any pupils who would like to take part in this event should see Mrs O'Hagan by Friday 17th February.

Mrs O'Hagan

ENGLISH THEATRE TRIP



The English department are organising a trip to see a production of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* on Thursday the 15th June 2017 at the Theatre Royal in Glasgow. The total cost of the trip including bus and ticket will be £20. Spaces are limited so anyone who is interested should collect a consent form from Miss Cunningham.

Miss Cunningham