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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

Celebrating The Achievements of Women

This week, three events which place women at the centre of our focus and our attention have/will take place:

Friday 4th March: Women's World Day of Prayer.

A Scottish missionary- Grace Frugan, first heard of the Women's World Day of Prayer while working in Jerusalem and brought the event back to Britain. It stresses the importance of prayer for today's world.

Sunday 6th March: Mothering Sunday/Mother's Day.

Mothering Sunday, or Mother's Day as it is now popularly known, takes place on the fourth Sunday of Lent each year. Mother's Day was traditionally a day to visit your Mother Church, i.e., the Church in which you were baptised. Consequently, it was a day when families came together, as family members returned to the towns and villages where they were baptised.

On Mothering Sunday, the traditional Lenten Fast was relaxed and many people prepared a Simnel Cake to eat with their family. Simnel Cake is a light fruit cake covered with a layer of marzipan baked into the middle of the cake.

Traditionally, the cake was decorated with 12 balls of marzipan – representing the 12 Apostles. Mothering Sunday is now an occasion when we bring a gift to our own mother.

Thursday 10th March: International Women's Day.

A day to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievement of women.

These 3 important events, celebrate the role and importance of women in our lives.

Yet each day, every day, we have the perfect role model for us all- not only to celebrate-but to inspire us throughout our daily lives.

Mary, the Mother of God, The Mother of the Church, The Mother of Mercy and our Model of Prayer

This year, Pope Francis has declared as "The Year of Mercy":

"My thoughts now turn to Mary, Mother of Mercy. May the sweetness of her countenance watch over us in this Holy Year, so that all of us may rediscover the joy of God's tenderness" (Pope Francis)

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for Us."

*J Reilly,
Head Teacher*

Mass

There will be Mass daily during Lent at 8.25am in the Oratory. There will also be Adoration and Confession at lunchtime on Fridays.

Fr Paddy

S1 Extended Assembly Monday 7th March

There will be an extended assembly on Monday 7 March at 10am for S1 pupils. St Andrew's Hospice will do a presentation to the pupils about the Hospice and the S1 Tinto Hill Challenge.

Mrs Fagan

S1 Science Club

The S1 Science club will start back again on Thursday at lunchtime for all budding scientists! Just grab your lunch and head up to Miss Miller's room (F105). This week we are looking at things that go BANG!

Miss Miller

S6 Blood Donation

Over a number of years Holy Cross High School has been involved with the Blood Transfusion Service Schools' programme which is designed to recruit new donors.

Every year during Lent we arrange for the Blood Transfusion Service to come into the school to allow our 6th year students the opportunity to become donors.

If you would like to help others by donating just a little of that red liquid in your veins this is your chance!

This year the donating bus will be in school on **Monday 14th March**. Donation is by appointment only. Appointment sheets will be available soon with Ms Robbie at interval or lunchtime in Biology. Please try as far as possible to make appointments for your study periods.

There will be a talk from a member of the donating team on **Tuesday 1st March**. This should provide you with all the information you will need about blood donations.

If you have any questions about this please speak to Ms Robbie.

Ms Robbie



Modern Languages SQA Talking Assessments

Over the next two to three weeks, all National 5 and Higher French and Spanish candidates will be sitting their final SQA talking assessments. Each pupil has an allocated time slot to undertake this assessment. They will have an out of class slip and please release them five minutes before their allotted time. These assessments will start on Friday 4th March and continue at various times over the following two weeks.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Huge thanks go to our French Language Assistant, Sabrina Taguet, who has now finished her time working in the Modern Languages Department. She proved very popular and has been a real asset to the department especially with the help she gave to those preparing for the final talking assessments.

Mr Robertson

Fairtrade Fortnight

All Staff and Pupils

Fairtrade Fortnight starts on Monday 29th February until Friday 11th March.

The Justice and Peace Group will be setting up the Fairtrade stall Tuesdays and Fridays of both weeks, selling chocolate, cookies and small gifts.

The theme this year is The Big Breakfast, we are asked to think about the number of people involved getting our breakfast to our tables, people who often don't have enough to feed themselves.

Please buy Fairtrade.

There will also be the annual staff event on Friday 11th in the library at lunchtime, more raffle prizes than ever before!!!

Mrs Duffy - on behalf of the Justice and Peace Group

Calling all S2 Fashion fans

The Art and Design Department is organising a trip to a Catwalk show this year. It is an exciting opportunity to see excellent examples of fashion designs by up and coming new designers. If you are interested see Miss Chiappa in her Art room (B104) on Wednesday at lunchtime at 12:45.

Miss Chiappa

S1 Football

Could all the players in the S1 football team attend a meeting at 1.40pm in Mr Donnelly's room on Monday 7th March. **All players must attend.**

Mr McTaggart

ATTENTION S3/4

New York New York – June 2017



Could I ask all **S3** and **S4 Tutor Teachers** to remind pupils that the 3rd deposit for the New York Trip is due by Friday 18 March 2016 at the latest.

If pupils have any questions then they should speak to either Mrs Russell or Mrs McGroarty.

Mrs Russell

Business Education

Holy Cross School Choir (S1-6)

The school choir will now take place on Monday after school (3.45-4.45). The choir is open to all year groups and anyone interested in singing as part of a large group- new members are always welcome!

The rehearsals take place in the downstairs music rooms.

Miss Perrie

S1 Technical Craft Club

The S1 Craft Club in Technical started back on Monday 25th 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 McKegey

Netball Club

Netball Club started back 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

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

Rugby club started again on Wednesday 10th February after school. This club is open to everyone S1-S6. If you are interested in joining please collect consent form from P.E. Department.

Hockey club started again on Monday 15th February after school. This club is open to everyone S1-S6. If you are interested in joining please collect consent form from P.E. Department.

The Girls Football club and the Dance club have started back on Wednesdays 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