



*'To grow in wisdom and grace.'*

Friday 21st May 2021

## Keep up the fantastic effort!

I'd just like to say how very proud I am of all of you. We have had a very difficult and disrupted year, but you have demonstrated great resilience and strength of character by returning to school after a long period of lockdown and just getting back into it as though you'd never been away. Well done to each and every one of you. It really is wonderful to be back to almost normal, seeing you all every day in school, learning and socialising with your friends. Overall, your uniform is impeccable. You have responded with real maturity to Public Health England's request to continue wearing masks. You are a lively and enthusiastic bunch of young people and you are great fun to be around. Your attitude to learning and conduct around school is superb. Each half term we reward those of you who continually get it right and those of you who go above and beyond. You ought to be very proud of yourselves. Well done!

## Wellbeing & Assessment Week

It has been a tough year and sometimes it is hard to deal with the emotions and anxieties brought about by this different and difficult situation. Please remember that we have a Wellbeing Team in school, ready to support you with any difficulties that you might be facing.

No matter how big or how small you feel it is; remember the saying, a problem shared is a problem halved. Sometimes just talking to someone can really help. You can also access the self-help pages on our school website: <http://www.holyfamilycarlton.org/self-help/>

Year 9 has flown by and when you return to school after the May half term break you will be in Year 10, how exciting! With that comes an assessment week beginning Monday 14th June. During this week, you will be completing end of year assessments in all of your subjects. This is nothing for you to worry about. This is an opportunity for you to demonstrate how awesome you are ....and you really are! All we expect is that you do the very best that you can do. Your teachers will tell you which topics you should revise and the best ways of doing this. During Study Plus lessons, you have learnt revision techniques and had the opportunity to practice them and to figure out the ones that work best for you. There is no quick fire way to guarantee success, it is a case of the more you put in, the more you will get out. In other words: practice, practice and then practice some more. Remember also to make good use of online resources such as BBC Bitesize, Seneca Learning, GCSEpod, Oak National Academy, Corbett Maths etc. If you need more guidance in a particular subject, ask your teachers. During this time, it is very important that you arrive to school on time, ready for registration at 8:45am, that you bring with you the correct equipment; a pen, pencil, ruler, calculator etc and that you continue to wear the correct uniform and PE kit. The other year groups will be doing their assessments the week before and the week after you, so please be mindful of this when moving around school.

It has been my very great pleasure to be your Head of Year throughout Year 9. Let's make the start of Year 10 a positive one. Good luck!

Mrs Tinning

## Well done 9FGI

9FGI led our year group assembly this week and what a fantastic job they did.

They conducted themselves with maturity and reverence and they really were an example to us all. Well done and thank you Madame Gibert and 9FGI.

## Collective Worship

Some of the collective worship themes we will be exploring next half term include;

- Pride Month
- Refugee Week
- School Diversity Week
- Environmental Awareness Month

After a very successful first tutor group led assembly this week, I look forward to the rest of our wonderful tutor group assemblies in the next half term.