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**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

A few updates this week...

### **Year 11**

Many thanks to students, parents and staff for such a productive parents evening. Our Y11 students received their mock results on Wednesday. They took part in a liturgy to reflect on what is possible and give them confidence in the next stage of preparation towards their exams. After opening their results envelopes they all sat together to have a meal and talked to their tutors and other staff. The whole Holy Family community is here to support and guide them.

**'Everyone is with you'**

**'Together we are stronger'**

### **Lateral Flow Tests**

The NHS and public health teams have asked us to request that parents continue to register positive and negative results for lateral flow tests. This helps them to track any outbreaks of the virus regionally and feeds into the 'national' picture.

### **National Citizenship Service**

The National Citizenship Service (NCS) came and presented to Year 11 this morning about a fantastic opportunity available to them this summer. NCS is a 2-week programme only open to Year 11 school leavers. It comprises a 1 week residential followed by another week working on a social action project helping the local community. NCS is government funded so all food, transport, accommodation and activities are covered by a signup cost of £50. For more information, see the website <https://wearencs.com/>

### **Careers Event**

On Tuesday this week the whole of Year 9 were invited to an exciting panel discussion featuring Equinor professionals at different stages of their careers. Our students heard from these team members, who shared their experience of working on the development of the world's largest offshore wind farm off the coast of the UK, as well as their career journey to date. Pupils were then able to ask questions directly to the employers to find out more about their working life. Pupil feedback from this event was fantastic and we look forward to hosting more panel discussions with different career sectors in the future.

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## School Behaviour Policy

As stated in previous newsletters, we are currently reviewing our Behaviour Policy. This is in part to build upon the progress in behaviour which is recognised as a strength of our school and a move towards rewarding the self-regulation our students demonstrate. It also provides us the opportunity to incorporate the virtues chosen by the student body which they feel best reflect our collective values. The staff working party have been looking at this and have some preliminary ideas, which we would now like to share with parents and students to broaden the perspective around this. If you would like to contribute to this consultation, during the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> February, or have any suggestions, please email us at: [enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org](mailto:enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org). Our current policy is available on our school website, link below.

<http://www.holyfamilycarlton.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/policy-behaviour-2020-21.pdf>

## Holocaust...

This week we have been remembering the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust and using our collective worship to reflect on the human suffering endured by so many of our brothers and sisters around the world. On Thursday, Holocaust Memorial Day, which marks the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, all students had a lesson to improve their understanding of the brutality of Nazi persecution, and to help recognise the relevance of this part of history in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur. It is a time to remember in our thoughts and prayers the millions of people who have been murdered, or whose lives have been changed beyond recognition. Please continue this by taking the opportunity to discuss this year's theme, 'One Day', and the art exhibition here in the UK.

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/what-is-holocaust-memorial-day/this-years-theme/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-60088598>

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/ceremony>

**'Despite everything I believe people are really good at heart.' Anne Frank**

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Yours faithfully,



Mrs D. Mitchell

Headteacher