



Headteacher: Mrs Donna Mitchell

The Holy Family Catholic High School, Longhedge Lane,
Carlton, North Yorkshire, DN14 9NS

Email: enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org **Website:** www.holyfamilycarlton.org

Telephone: 01405 860276

Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a few things this week...

Covid Update

Our covid absence rates have remained below the thresholds and we are grateful to everyone in our community for following all the guidance. Please keep reporting the home lateral flow tests to the NHS, this gives them a picture across regions and helps them to monitor the spread of the virus.

Learning Model

As you know from my letters last term, we launched our revised learning model in November. Here is a reminder of the model we introduced:

We ask our students to '**focus**' each lesson so that they are ready to learn. The '**memory zone**' is silent time in the lesson where students concentrate on their own writing and work. Teachers choose the '**interactions**' that they use each lesson to help our students to learn.

'Extended Learning' is the work that students do outside of lessons to consolidate their learning eg reading; watching educational programmes and videos/podcasts; pre-learning; practising; revising; homework.

As part of an external review with our Academy trust last term and they reported on the initial impact of our learning model:

'Students find 'memory zone' useful in facilitating engagement and recalling prior learning.'

'There is sound evidence that ongoing work on effective questioning and using whiteboards in lessons is facilitating improvement in students' learning and progress.'

The report recognised the hard work and commitment of our staff and students. Well done everyone, keep up the good work!

Year 11

Our Year 11 students are almost at the end of their mock exams. They have been exemplary in their behaviour during these exams and we are really proud of them. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

'Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better!' Maya Angelou

All my best wishes for a calm and productive weekend,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs D. Mitchell

Headteacher