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Dear Parents and Carers,  
We have had a busy and productive '4 day' week!

### **Mass for Y11**

Many thanks to Father Wilson and everyone involved in the special mass on Thursday to support our Y11 students at the start of their exams. It was lovely to see local parishioners and parents who came along to wish them well.

They have made an excellent start to the GCSE exam period and we are very proud of them and their conduct.

### **Year 8 Parent's Evening**

Our Year 8 parent's evening was a really positive event. Thanks to everyone who could make it, we really value your partnership with school. If you were unable to attend and would like any more information please do not hesitate to contact us.

### **Personal Development – information on 'County Lines' and 'Drugs Awareness'**

Many thanks to PC Boyle and her team for the input in assemblies today on the dangers of vaping and drug use. There will be further assemblies next week about 'County Lines'. If parents would like more information and support to deal with any of these issues please see the links for advice and contact school with any concerns.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/county-lines>

<https://www.nhs.uk/better-health/quit-smoking/vaping-to-quit-smoking/young-people-and-vaping/>

### **Message to all Year 6 students and staff in primary schools**

Our best wishes, thoughts and prayers are with you for next week's SATs!

### **Attendance**

You will have seen national headlines this week about the worrying increase in student absence from school. This concern is especially true this term when schools see an increase in unauthorised absence for holidays taken in term time. We will be sending out information next week to prepare our students for their end of year assessments in June/July. As always, full attendance is very important for the remainder of this term to enable them to learn new knowledge, develop good study/revision habits and to address any gaps in understanding. We thank you for your continued support in ensuring they are in school to learn.

### **Finally, this week...**

Many thanks for the support and kind words that have been sent to the school, and me personally, following the publication of our Ofsted report and the letters we sent out on Tuesday.

Our team of staff at Holy Family go above and beyond for the students in our care and I thank all our staff for their continued dedication and hard work.

One of the bidding prayers in Tuesday's mass said 'we pray that families will be a blessing, light and love for each other.' As part of our school family we thank all parents and carers for their blessings, light and love.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs D. Mitchell  
Headteacher