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Dear Parents and Carers,

Quite a long newsletter this week! We have included some news stories from activities and trips over the last few weeks as well as important information for September.

### Flamingo Land



Over 100 students and staff took part in the trip to Flamingo Land last Friday and, despite the cloudy weather, a great day was had by all! Pupils enjoyed going on the rides, seeing some wild animals at the zoo and visiting the gift shop! They went on rides such as Cliffhanger, Mumbo Jumbo, Pterodactyl, Kumali, Velocity (Mr Coombs' favourite - he went on it 3 times!), Hero and Sik - where some pupils thought the queueing time of over an hour was "definitely worth it", so much so that they went straight back in the queue again! Thank you to all the staff who attended to support the trip and to all the students for their impeccable behaviour. We were even treated to some group singing on the bus on the way home!

### Year 7 Residential to Newby Wiske



During Enrichment Week, Mr Williams, Mrs Garbutt and Mrs Mayes took 23 Year 7 students up to PGL Outward Bound Centre at Newby Wiske, North Yorkshire. The three days were packed with a multitude of activities delivered by the excellent staff at the centre: zip-wire, giant swing, orienteering, puzzle-solving, death-defying trapeze and even a silent disco! Our young people threw themselves whole-heartedly into every activity and were a credit to the school.

## Year 8 French trip to Normandy – report from Eva Mikalciute (Y8)

We arrived in France by ferry and went to stay in our hermitage. It was a great trip filled with some amazing views and experiences! We went to the Bayeux tapestry, which was really interesting, as there was a long tapestry explaining how William became king, followed by a tour of the Bayeux Cathedral. Later, we went to The Arromanche 360 degree cinema that tells the story The Battle of Normandy and how people survived. We enjoyed shopping at a French supermarket, some souvenir shops and little shops in Lisieux. When we arrived at the basilica, we went to the top by climbing the 175 steps. Whilst there, we discovered why Saint Therese was famous in Lisieux. On the last day, we went to a cheese factory, to learn how cheese is made. We also got to try four different types of cheese, which are only made in France. We had a great time at Parc Festyland, a French theme park. Overall, it was a great experience that I really enjoyed. I loved going to France and seeing new sights!!! The trip had so many exciting things and new experiences that I absolutely loved!



## Y10 Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Nine of our Year 10 students participated in the Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. On behalf of all the students, Holly Bell and Dani Thorpe have penned the following report:

### Our Lourdes experience

Our experience of Lourdes has been eye-opening for a number of reasons. Firstly, being able to have the most amazing pilgrims has made the experience so much better. We looked after two pilgrims, Shelia and Margaret, who were both incredibly friendly and we enjoyed our conversations with them. Being able to walk down to Mass with them, pushing their wheelchairs and to hear their past experiences of Lourdes was really special. We took them out shopping and they bought us ice cream.



Lourdes was a time to reflect and grow stronger in our faith. This pilgrimage has changed our lives and how we think on a day-to-day basis. It's made us think a lot more about our own feelings and how we should be treated but also how we should treat others. It was a great time to reflect on the past and we were able to confess at confession. We prayed a lot, and our thoughts and prayers were with our loved ones.

We felt a lot of compassion for the sick and we also felt grateful to be healthy. The school vigil was where we had the most time to reflect and listen to God with our hearts. As a group, we lit candles to leave our prayer intentions and be a symbol of the light of the Eucharist in our lives. We also prayed for our loved ones and our chosen prayer partners.

The International Mass was a time to come together as a community and faith to experience different aspects of our religion from other countries. The Mass being broadcast gives us the opportunity to look back at our experience. The grotto was a place where St Bernadette saw the apparition of Mary. It was special to be able to go round and touch where it happened. Some people in our group volunteered to hold banners which represented our school and diocese. We also made loads of friends from other schools, and it made the experience more social and created a better sense of community and belonging. At dinner time we all ate together, and it brought us all closer. We might have had our ups and downs, but it was part of the experience and by the end of the pilgrimage we didn't want to leave. We had a few hours during the day to do what we wanted. We went shopping and sat at a few cafes talking about what we did or what we were doing that day. We are glad that we had the privilege to go to Lourdes.



## Final Day – Sports Day, Celebration and rewards

Today, we finished the school year with a lovely whole school liturgy where we reflected on the memories of this year and looked forward to the opportunities a new year and term will bring in September.

Our rescheduled Sports Day was a great success with our students showing their team spirit as well as individual sporting achievements. Well done to everyone who had such a positive attitude and made this such a lovely event. We ended the day with a 'whole school' awards celebration, recognising achievement throughout the year with form and subject awards in each year group. We also presented Year awards and Headteacher Awards. Well done everyone!



## 'Mission Catastrophe' 100-word Story Competition

Around 40 students from across all year groups entered the 'Mission Catastrophe' 100 word Story Competition during the summer term. Students had the option to get their stories published by [youngwriters.co.uk](http://youngwriters.co.uk) in a book.

Here are Molly W, Scarlett H and Isla C proudly holding their books. More writing competition details to follow during the next school year.



## Over the holiday...

School will be open for students to collect GCSE results from 9am to 11am on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

If there are any urgent safeguarding issues, please contact the relevant local authority crisis team or the police. Our enquiry email will be monitored again from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

## Start of the new term in September...

We will write to you again with some reminders towards the end of the holiday but here is some initial information for the first week back and details of some 'tweaks' to lesson timings that we are making in September.

Day/Date	Information – first week back	
Monday 02/09/24	Staff Training Day	No students in school
Tuesday 03/09/24	Staff Training Day	No students in school
Wednesday 04/09/24	Phased start to school- Induction Day for Year 7 and Year 11	Y7 and Y11 in school School Uniform
Thursday 05/09/24	Normal school day – Extended form time to give out planners and timetables.	All year groups in school School Uniform
Friday 06/09/24	Normal school day	All year groups in school School Uniform

**Uniform information** – students to wear normal school uniform for the first week in September, we will let you know for the following week when school PE kit is to be worn. Please remember that Year 11 do not have to wear a blazer, they can wear our Holy Family black jumper.

## The 'School Day' in September

Our school day in September begins and ends at the normal times but we have rearranged lesson timings to help with practical lessons. We will have less wasted time moving between classrooms and it will allow students time to do deeper learning and consolidation of skills in 'double lessons'. This has also allowed us to move to a one week timetable so each week is the same!

Times	Lessons/Breaks	Notes
08.45 to 09.10	Registration/Form Time	Students to be in form by 8.45am
09.10 to 10.00	Lesson One	
10.00 to 10.50	Lesson Two	
10.50 to 11.10	Break	
11.10 to 12.00	Lesson Three	
12.00 to 12.50	Lesson Four	
12.50 to 13.20	Lunch	
13.20 to 14.10	Lesson Five	
14.10 to 15.00	Lesson Six	School day ends at 3pm

To help parents with 'drop offs' and 'pick ups' there will still be a 'breakfast club' from 8am in the canteen and a homework club from 3pm till 5pm each day.

### Finally this school year ...

As a school year ends, we thank you all for your unending support for our Holy Family community. We have said our farewells and thanks to teaching and support staff who are leaving this week. We wish them all well on their next adventure and thank them for the care and support they have given to our students at Holy Family.

We welcome new staff who start in September. They have been visiting school over the last few weeks to meet staff, get to know our students and be involved in planning for next year.

We welcome...

Miss Wilkinson who joins our Senior Leadership Team and will be leading on 'Teaching and Learning' and 'SEND provision'.

Miss Miller joins us as our SENDCO and will be working with Miss Wilkinson to structure and enhance our SEND provision.

Mr Craven joins us as our Science lead and his specialisms of Physics and Chemistry will compliment our existing team.

Mrs Storr is an experienced English teacher and joins our English team.

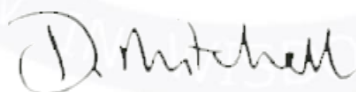
Mrs Farmery joins us as an experienced Geography teacher.

Miss Karagiannaki joins us as our lead for Music, she has experience in both secondary schools and further education.

**'As you embark on new beginnings, remember that God is with you every step of the way, guiding you towards a brighter future. Let go of fear and uncertainty, and trust in the Lord's promises to bring you peace and joy in the midst of change.'** Psalm 37:4

Have a wonderful summer break everyone.

God Bless you all,



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Headteacher