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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year!

We have had a great start back this week. Thank you for ensuring your child is in the correct uniform and has everything they need to have a positive start to the year.

A great start for our new year 7

Year 7 started at Holy Family this week, and they've settled into their new community wonderfully. On their first day, Miss Howard led a fun campfire lighting activity where the students roasted marshmallows, kicking off the year with excitement. It's been fantastic to see new friendships forming so quickly, and we are looking forward to all the great memories ahead!



ClassCharts:

All students have been given their log-in details for ClassCharts, which is the platform we use for setting homework. Year 7 students have also been handed their parents login details for ClassCharts. These should be inside their planners.

EduLink:

Login details for EduLink, our school information platform, have been emailed to all parents. A groupcall text was sent out earlier in the week as a reminder. It's important that you download the EduLink App so that you can monitor your child's attendance, conduct, achievement and timetable. Contact details and medical information can also be updated using the App.

Equipment:

It's vital that students come to school ready to learn. This includes having the correct equipment with them. The basic stationary list for all students can be found on page 30 in their planners!

Water bottles:

We encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school. Staying hydrated is essential for their concentration and overall well-being, especially during active school days. There is a chilled water fountain in our dining hall for them to fill bottles up at break and lunch.

Before school and After School provision

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

Pre-loved Uniform

We have given out lots of uniform, thank you for your kind donations. If you have any more donations through the year please drop off items at reception and if anyone needs some support with uniform items just email Enquiry@holyfamily.bkcat.uk

PE KIT

From Monday, students need to come in school PE kit if they have a PE lesson on their timetable for that day. Any student who is wearing the wrong uniform will be expected to change into the correct uniform.

PE Kit on Mondays – Years 7, 8 and 11

PE kit on Wednesdays – Years 9 and 10

Those who study GCSE PE will be told when practical lessons are.

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As I mentioned in my final letter of the term in July, we have made some tweaks to the school day. Here is a reminder...

The 'School Day' from September

Our school day 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 for 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

Music Clubs

Miss Karagiannaki has advertised lots of music clubs to students this week.

'Band Time' - Tuesdays 3pm to 4.30pm

'House music and DJ skills' - Thursdays from 3pm to 4pm

Friday lunchtime gigs – Fridays from 12.50pm to 1.20pm

Our school and assembly choir will also restart from next week.

'Music is the movement of sound to reach the soul for the education of it's virtue.' Plato

Finally this week...

Well done to the class of 2024!

Last year's Year 11 collected their GCSE results in August with the large majority achieving or exceeding their predicted grades and going on to the courses or apprenticeships that they aspired to do. We will invite them back into school for our Prize Awards evening next half term. We are really proud of them and we wish them well on the next stage of their journey.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,



Mrs D. Mitchell
Headteacher