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Dear Parents and Carers,

Subject Recognition Awards

We have relaunched our weekly subject awards. This week's awards went to:

English	Eleanor Q (Y11)	Maths	Jackson C (Y8)	Science	Caius DV (Y8)
PE	Alice W (Y10)	RE	Darcie S (Y7)	History	Owen O (Y10)
French	Jacob G (Y8)	Art	Louise T (Y9)	Geography	Isabelle M (Y9)
Computing	Lucas H (Y10)	Music	Eleanor Q (Y11)	Food Tech	Enya M (Y11)

Well done to all these students who were nominated by staff for their consistent effort and positive attitude to learning. They had a hot chocolate treat as a reward!

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."

– Robert Collier, American author

A couple of reminders and some updates...

Thursday 24th October: Y11 Parent's evening with subject staff

We are looking forward to seeing our Year 11 students and their parents/carers at our Parent's Evening on Thursday. To ensure that there are science appointments for as many people as possible there is an online booking system for a Teams meeting with Mr Craven, these meetings will take place on Monday. If you are struggling to book appointments please contact us.

Half Term Break

We finish for the half term break on Thursday 24th October, Friday 25th is a training day for staff. We return to school on Monday 4th November.

Support for our students and parents: proposed school closure updates

Year 10 update

I have sent a separate letter to Year 10 parents this week as we have had confirmation of the majority of their school placements. Some of our Year 10 students start at their new school on Monday and others are starting after half term. It is reassuring that all Y10 students placed this week have been given their first choice of school.

We have a celebration planned for our Year 10 students on Thursday from 2pm to 3pm to celebrate their years at Holy Family. Students in Year 10 who have started at other schools have been invited back to this event.

It will be an emotional week for our school community. We are thankful for the care that the other schools have put into the transition process for our students. They are meeting with students and parents before half term. All schools have planned induction activities to ensure our students feel supported and have a great start. We are meeting with each school for a handover of information.

All schools have commented on how impressed they are with the positive attitude of our young people and they are looking forward to them becoming part of their school families.

I am so incredibly proud of all our Year 10 students and grateful for all your support for us and them.

Please turn over...

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Year 7 to Year 9

I went to a meeting on Wednesday with the DFE, Trust, LA representatives and the leaders of the receiving schools. I queried where the application process was up to as parents were unsure what was happening. There has been some applications 'in year' and others for a September start. It was decided that to ensure fairness the local authorities are going to look at current places in schools against the preferences (deadline is 31st October). They can then see the first preferences and look at current capacity and potential capacity for later this year or for September. The aim is to plan first preference places for as many students as possible. They will work with the schools to move students sooner if there is capacity to do so. I will keep you updated as this progresses. The local authorities should be contacting parents who have made an in year application to let them know what is happening.

Please email enquiry for my attention if you have any further queries or need help with the local authority admissions process.

SEND Students with EHCPs

We have asked the local authorities for updates on the placing of students. If you are contacted by the LA SEND team with a confirmed school or receive an offer of a school place from the LA please let us know and we can start to organise the appropriate transition for your child, working with the receiving school's SEND team.

And finally this week...

Please continue to keep everyone in our school community in your thoughts and prayers. The wellbeing of both students and staff is foremost in our minds as we navigate our way through this year. If you or your child are struggling please reach out to us for help.

Have a lovely weekend,



Mrs D. Mitchell
Headteacher