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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great start to this half term, thank you for ensuring that your children have returned fully equipped for their lessons and in full school uniform. As the weather gets colder we do encourage students to bring a warm coat. Just a reminder that hoodies and non-school jumpers are not allowed and should not be brought into school.

Subject Recognition Awards for this week

We are asking staff to award two students each week. Well done to all the students in the list below. Here are some enjoying their hot chocolate treat!

Subject	Awards go to...	
English	Molly R (Y9)	Xanthe W (Y11)
Mathematics	Jack K (Y7)	Georgia H (Y11)
Science	Amelia J (Y9)	Eva M (Y9)
RE	Adam F (Y7)	Lucas A (Y11)
PE	Aleks D (Y8)	Cameron D (Y11)
Computing	Jacob G (Y8)	Jackson C (Y8)
Food Technology	Skye I (Y9)	Safiye K (Y11)
French	Dani T (Y11)	Mollie W (Y9)
History	James R (Y8)	Freddie C (Y11)
Geography	Nadhav R (Y8)	Xanthe W (Y11)
Music	Jessica D (Y8)	Gracie N (Y11)
Art	Lena R (Y8)	Joseph W (Y10)



Dates/Information for your diaries for this half term:

Tuesday 12th November – 'odd sock day' to support differences and diversity as part of Anti-Bullying awareness week.

Thursday 21st November – our annual **prize presentation evening** when last year's Y11 leavers are invited in to school to be presented with their certificates and special awards. An invitation email has been sent to parents. It will be lovely to see our ex-students and their families again!

Thursday 28th November – Parents' Evening for Year 9 and Year 10. We will send out details the week before to book appointments.

Year 11 Mock exams – Monday 2nd December to Friday 13th December

Christmas Coffee Morning (with carol singing!) – Tuesday 17th December (11.30 to 12.30)

Support for our students and parents: closure updates

Year 7 to Year 9

The local authorities have looked at the school preferences and have mapped out places that are available in each school. To ensure that as many students as possible are placed in their 'first preference' school there will potentially be a phased transition to the other schools over the course of this school year. The local authorities will be contacting parents with the confirmation of the school place for their child and set out the next steps.

If you did not make any preference you will be contacted to find out what your plans are for the education of your child next year. If you would like to discuss that with us before informing the local authority please call or email us. We will continue to support in any way we can.

SEND Students with EHCPs

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

Support for students in school

We have small group and individual sessions for identified students with the Wellbeing in Mind Team. If you think your child would benefit from further support please contact Mrs Selway via our enquiry email. Enquiry@holyfamily.bkcat.uk

Finally this week...

Our collective worship and assembly this week focused on 'Remembrance'. We have a remembrance service on Monday and we will observe the two minute silence together at 11am.

Each form group have been creating poppies and poppy wreaths with names from the local War memorials.



**'They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.'** Laurence Binyon 1914

Have a calm and peaceful weekend,



Mrs D. Mitchell
Headteacher