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Dear Parents and Carers,

Subject Recognition Awards for this week

Well done to all the students in the list below.

Subject	Awards go to...	
English	Ruby W(Y8)	George T (Y10)
Mathematics	Oscar T(Y8)	Gracie G(Y11)
Science	Holly B(Y11)	
RE	Natalia B(Y7)	
PE	Max L(Y8)	Olivia M(Y7)
Computing	Scarlett H(Y8)	Jamie B(Y11)
Food Technology	Neave M(Y9)	Samantha B(Y11)
French	Aleks D(Y9)	Eleanor Q(Y11)
History	Ruby W(Y8)	Joseph W(Y10)
Geography	Eden S(Y9)	Breffni S(Y11)
Music	Kian W (Y8)	Laurence M(Y11)
Art	Skye Ife(Y9)	Mollie-Ann Wilson (Y9)

A Christmas Carol

This week, 30 of our Year 11 students had the opportunity to attend a performance of 'A Christmas Carol' at Carlton Towers. The trip was a fantastic blend of entertainment and education, allowing students to experience the magic of live theatre while deepening their understanding of one of their GCSE English Literature set texts. The actors brought the characters to life with energy and skill, leaving our students inspired and engaged.



Year 11 Mock Exams – message from Mr Sweetman

We are proud of how well Year 11 students have approached their mock exams this week. Their dedication, focus, and preparation were evident, with many displaying a great maturity in their approach to revision. Teachers have been impressed by the determination shown across all subjects. Keep it up Year 11!

Mock- change of date

Please note- due to some maintenance work taking place on Monday 9th December, the RE and History Mock Exams scheduled for that date will now take place on Monday 16th December. Students are aware of this and have been informed that they will be in normal lessons on Monday 9th and should wear full school uniform, even if they have PE. Many thanks to the parents/carers of our Year 11 students for your continued support.

Next week...

On Tuesday 10th December some students are taking part in a French event at Notre Dame College in Leeds. On the same day we also have a trip to Drax for the students taking part in the Diana Mentoring Award.

Reminders (again).... Just in case you missed them!

Christmas 'Coffee & Carols' Morning: Tuesday 17th December from 11.30 to 12.30

If anyone would like to attend this event please email Enquiry@holyfamily.bkcat.uk or call school to book a place.

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Other events ahead – Final week of term

In the final week of term lessons will be as normal for the majority of the week. Students need their normal equipment and to be in normal school uniform (apart from the non-uniform day on Wednesday 18th December).

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner and Non-Uniform day. We will be asking for a donation of £1 to wear 'non-uniform', it would be great to see some Christmas jumpers!

Thursday 19th December – Rewards afternoon

We have a range of activities planned to reward students who have worked hard and have a good attitude to school and learning.

Friday 20th December – last day of term

We will start the day with our Christmas liturgy and celebration assemblies. Lessons will then be as normal before ending the day with some form time and a Christmas quiz!

Update – school closure.

We are hoping that the local authorities have now contacted you with school placement information, they said by the end of the week! If you have not heard by Monday 9th December please let us know on our enquiry email and we will follow this up with the local authority teams.

We are aware that most of our students with EHCPs are still waiting for information from the North Yorkshire and East Riding SEND teams. We have asked for an urgent update.

The receiving schools will be contacting you with information on their induction programmes and starting dates.

Some schools are admitting students in January. We will ensure that any student leaving us at Christmas has an opportunity for a special farewell with their friends in the last week of term. We are meeting with representatives from each school to pass over important information and ensure a good start for students joining other schools.

To ensure that the majority of students have their first choice of school there will be some students who wished to leave now but will be admitted to their new school later next term or in September. When we get a fuller picture we will communicate the plans to everyone.

For the students who remain with us, they will continue with our timetable and curriculum. We are adapting some aspects to ensure we are in line with the receiving schools.

Please get in touch if you need any further support, we are here to help you as best we can.

Support for parents – A reminder that the 'wellbeing in mind' team are in school on Thursday 12th December (6pm till 7pm). They will be presenting advice for parents on how to support your child through issues such as fear and anxiety. Please email Enquiry@holyfamily.bkcat.uk if you would like to attend.

Finally this week...

Service of Light

To mark the start of Advent, our 'Service of Light' took place this afternoon at St Mary's Church in Carlton. Our service celebrated the season of Advent and explained the meaning behind the lighting of the candles on the advent wreath. Thank you to all our students, staff and members of our community who celebrated this event together. Special mention to the readers, choir, musicians and everyone who took part. Many thanks to Father Wilson for leading the service.

Our collective worship this week focused on the theme of 'Light', talking about how when you know someone is finding things difficult, you can be that flicker of light and guide each other from the darkness to the light.

'When Jesus spoke to the people again, he said: I am the light of the world; anyone who follows me will not be walking in the dark; he will have the light of life.' John 8:12

Let us all be that guiding 'light' for each other, have a lovely weekend!



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