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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to all the students who achieved subject recognition awards this week...

Subject	Awards go to...	
English	Archie C (Y7)	Oscar M (Y11)
Mathematics	Oscar S (Y7)	Sam B (Y11)
Science	Raphael B (Y11)	Evelyn M (Y7)
RE	Lena R (8)	Weronica M (Y11)
PE	Holly-Ann R (Y8)	Safiye K (Y11)
Computing	Elias S (Y7)	Owen B (Y11)
Food Technology	Lola H (Y8)	Maria M (Y10)
French	Nicole P (Y7)	Eleanor Q (Y11)
History	Eden S (Y9)	Emma C (Y11)
Geography	Jack K (Y7)	Parker P (Y11)
Music	Aimee S (Y8)	Laurence M (Y11)
Art	Aidan O (Y10)	Ebony S (Y11)

Next week....

Year 11 Parents Evening: Thursday 30th January

Information has been sent to parents to book appointments. If there are any issues please get in touch.

Y11 visit to Wyke College

A group of Year 11 students are attending the Wyke college taster day on Tuesday 28th January. If there are any queries about this trip please contact Mrs Bainbridge.

School Closure Update

Additional support from our Trust:

After meetings this week we have organised further staffing support from our other trust and partner schools. Staff from the schools will be joining our pastoral team to offer additional help for our students on a day to day basis. These members of staff will be introduced to our students over the next few weeks as we welcome them into our Holy Family community.

Other additional support:

We also welcome Mr McDonnell who is working in our pastoral team and will be specifically supporting Year 11 as they prepare for their GCSE examinations.

New school uniform costs:

Please remember that our Trust are supporting families with the cost of new uniform when their child moves schools. Information on how to claim is on the school closure link on our website.

[Closure Information - Holy Family Carlton](#)

A fond farewell...

Mrs Ulvaer, our school chaplain, will shortly be leaving her post to start a new job at another local school. Mrs Ulvaer is still an integral part of our Parish community and will be keeping in touch. This includes helping to plan and taking part in our celebrations at the end of the summer term. If there are any personal messages from parents, current students and ex-students please be in touch on our enquiry email and we will pass them on.

We wish Mrs Ulvaer all the best on this new adventure. We thank her for all her love and support for everyone in our Holy Family School community over the years.

“Family isn’t always blood. It’s the people in your life who want you in theirs. The ones who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile, and who love you no matter what.” – Maya Angelou

Finally this week...

I do recognise that any news of staff leaving the school is worrying for you as parents and for your children. As I have said earlier in this letter, we have organised further pastoral support from BKCAT and are putting additional staffing in place. As more students leave we have been able to move things around on our timetable, reducing groups so that our students are taught by subject specialists and are supported in lessons by staff they know.

We know that some students are struggling with the changes and we have put support in place. If you would like to talk to someone about any further support for your child please contact our enquiry email Enquiry@holyfamily.bkcat.uk

The school closure was never going to be easy to navigate but walking around the school at various points today it was clear to see that: students are in lessons learning; staff are teaching the curriculum content; staff are working hard to keep things as normal as possible in lessons and around school; there are positive relationships between staff and students; staff are fantastic **and** our students are amazing young people!

We thank you for navigating all of this with us and for all you are doing to support us and our community,



Mrs D. Mitchell
Headteacher