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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	Lewis Colbert (Y9)	Phoebe Ruddle (Y11)
Mathematics	Scarlett Beavors (Y7)	Alesha Daltry (Y10)
RE	Scarlett Palterman (Y8)	Samantha Bugg (Y11)
PE	Olivia Bradshaw (Y7)	Lucas Alveno (Y11)
Computing	Harvey Dentith (Y7)	Breeze Parker (Y11)
Food Technology	Olivia Mountjoy (Y7)	Holly Bell (Y11)
French	Olivia Bradshaw (Y7)	Raphael Beaumont (Y11)
History	Charlie McGlanaghey (Y9)	Grace Pollard (Y11)
Art	Stephen Rogers (Y7)	Molly Soar (Y11)

This week...

Year 11 Parents Evening

Thanks to all who attended and had the chance to talk to staff about mock exams and preparation for the GCSEs in the summer. Parents and students also had the opportunity to sign up for our revision workshops on Monday 10th February from 6pm to 7.30pm. These workshops are practical sessions using revision techniques. If you forgot to sign up or could not make the parents evening and would like to join these workshops please contact our enquiry email. We are also planning some revision sessions for our students during the Easter holidays in conjunction with St Wilfrid's. More details will follow for those who expressed an interest. Again, please email if your child would like to attend revision sessions over the Easter break.

Y11 visit to Wyke College – message from Mrs Bainbridge

On Tuesday a group of year 11 pupils took part in a taster day at Wyke College. After a warm welcome from both Victoria and Emma, the students were taken on a full tour of the university style campus. They were given information about courses, entry requirements and the application process. Although most of the information was specific to Wyke College, it will be helpful for their applications and personal statements to other further educational establishments. After lunch (and a trip to Starbucks!), our students found out about the huge range of enrichment opportunities and clubs which are on offer at Wyke. They were also informed about the opportunity for some very exciting trips! Overall, a very informative and worthwhile visit, many thanks to Victoria and Emma for hosting us again this year.

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Information – non-uniform day

Due to Easter being late this year we will have a limited time for our annual Good Shepherd fundraising. So, instead of starting this on Ash Wednesday (5th March), we will begin our fundraising events on **Friday 14th February** with a **non-uniform day**.

Donations (£1) for this non-uniform event will be collected in form time and we ask that donations are in by 12th February.

Advance notice: there will be no 'after school' homework club on Friday 14th February.

School Closure Update

Year 7 and Year 8 students – starting at Brayton Academy

Today we have said farewell to some of our Year 7 and Year 8 students who start at their new school on Monday. All our love and best wishes go with them. We thank their families for their continued support for everyone at Holy Family and hope they all join us for our final celebrations in the summer.

A fond farewell...

Our farewells this week to Mrs Hepworth and Mrs Christie-Mileham who leave for new posts. We thank them for their care and support for all our young people and their families.

Additional support...

Mrs Jackson and Mr McDonnell, who are already working in school, will be supporting Mr Wadsworth as part of our pastoral team along with additional support from our trust and partner schools.

Finally this week...

Holocaust Memorial – education and information

This week we marked the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz with discussion, information and an assembly. Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) 2025 marked two significant milestones: 80 years since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp complex, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia. Students listened to holocaust survivors and heard the stories of those affected by genocide. 'For a better future' is the theme this year and we have encouraged our students to think about what we have learnt and how we can all take action for a better future.



'For evil to flourish, it only requires good men to do nothing.' Simon Wiesenthal

"Despite everything, I believe that people are really good at heart." — Anne Frank

Have a good weekend everyone and lets all 'take action for a better future',

Mrs D. Mitchell
Headteacher