



Holy Family

*Roman Catholic and
Church of England College*
specialising in Mathematics and Computing
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Dear Parents / Carers

As we reach the end of the summer term and academic year, I wanted to share information with you about our return to school in September 2022.

I would also like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the governing body and staff at Holy Family College, to thank you for the support you have given us throughout this academic year.

At the end of this academic year we say goodbye to the following members of staff:

- Mr Surgeon, Curriculum Manager of MFL who is moving on to teach A Level and lead a bigger department.
- Mrs Thoppae, Teacher of Maths who is moving on to teach in another school.
- Mrs Cheshire, Curriculum Manager of History who is moving abroad to teach with her family.
- Miss Marshall, Teacher of RE, who is moving on to teach A Level with another school.
- Mrs Wallace, Teacher of Humanities, moving on to teach in another school.
- Mrs Beirne, HLTA, who has made the decision to retire after 29 years of dedicated service to Holy Family College.
- Mrs Kelly, Pastoral Officer, moving on to a new opportunity.
- Miss Popham, Pastoral Administration Officer, moving on to a new opportunity.

I would like to thank them all for everything they have done at Holy Family College, not only in developing our students love of learning but also in the support they have given to the wider life of the school. We will miss them and wish them all every success for the future.

Arrangements for the start of September

Students will return to school as follows:

Date	Yr group	Information
Mon 5 th Sept	Year 7 and Yr 11 in school	Both year groups in school as normal from 8.35am for the full day. Students to line up outside on the yard – Year 7: Tennis Courts/ Year 11: Science Yard.
Tues 6 th Sept	Year 8/9/10 in school	All 3 year groups in school as normal from 8.35am for the full day. Students to line up outside on the yard – Year 8: Lower Yard / Year 9: Science Yard/ Yr 10: Tennis Courts
	Year 7 and 11 in school	Arrive from 10.40am to form rooms .
Wed 7 th Sept	All year groups in school as normal all day. 8.35am to line up on yard in their year groups.	

School Holiday Calendar 2022.23

This is available to view and download from our school website in the parent section – term dates.

Changes to lunches from September

At this time each year I write to you regarding changes to the price of main meals.

Please note the change to the lunchtime meal deal. Due to rising fuel and food costs, from September 2022 the cost will be £2.30. The local authority are recommending that we raise prices by 10p per meal, however at this point and in light of the current economic climate we have taken the decision not to do this at present.

Students will still be able to purchase a main meal or equivalent choice and a dessert as a meal deal.

We continue to provide water around school but would ask that **your child has a refillable bottle** so that they have a drink throughout the school day. Students are able to purchase juice or milkshakes in a carton at an additional cost to their meal deal.

Vaccinations programme

Please note that parents and carers with students currently in Years 7-10 will receive a separate letter from the Community nursing team reminding you about the vaccination programme. Please take up the opportunities throughout the school year. If you have any queries regarding a specific vaccination that your child is due to receive, you can contact the team via the Phoenix Centre in Heywood.

General reminders for September

Students should return to school in full school uniform. Please remind your child that earrings or other piercings are **not permitted in school**. Should your child wish to have their ears pierced, I would recommend doing this at the start of the summer break as they will be asked to remove them. Please be aware that make up, false nails and jewellery of any kind are not part of our school uniform and are not permitted in school.

With regard to hair, please can parents and carers ensure that unnatural dye colours are removed before the start of September to comply with school policy. Similarly, extreme haircuts are not permitted. No patterns or lines are permitted in hair or eyebrows.

Please refer to the information regarding uniform below. Changes have been made to reduce the number of badged items within the uniform as well as looking to make it more affordable for parents and carers. A copy of the updated uniform policy is available on the school website in the parent section – uniform and appearance policy.

Holy Family College : Uniform List 2022.23

Year 7-10 Boys	Year 7-10 Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black blazer with school badge• Blue school tie with school badge• Plain white shirt fastened to the neck• Black school trousers (NO Jeans, Chinos, Skinny or Fashion trousers).• Plain black V-neck jumper (optional)• Plain white or black socks• Black school shoes – please refer to the information on the school website	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black blazer with school badge• Blue school tie with school badge• Plain white shirt fastened to the neck• Black pleated school skirt (modest length - please see below for further information) or black school trousers (NO Jeans, Chinos, Skinny or Fashion trousers).• Plain black V-neck jumper (optional)• Plain white or black socks or plain black tights (no patterned tights)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black school shoes – please refer to the information on the school website
Year 11 Boys	Year 11 Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black sweatshirt with school badge Black school tie Plain white shirt fastened to the neck Black school trousers (NO Jeans, Chinos, Skinny or Fashion trousers). Plain white or black socks Black school shoes – please refer to the information on the school website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black sweatshirt with school badge Black school tie Plain white shirt fastened to the neck Black pleated school skirt (modest length - please see below for further information) or black school trousers (NO Jeans, Chinos, Skinny or Fashion trousers). Plain white or black socks or plain black tights (no patterned tights) Black school shoes – please refer to the information on the school website
PE kit: same for both Boys and Girls	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black Polo shirt with school badge Plain Black shorts (not fitted) / Plain Black leggings Plain Black football socks Black Holy Family College Hoodie (<u>optional</u>) <p>PE kit must be plain (no logos or sports brand). The PE polo shirt is the only badged item required. Badged items can be purchased at Monkhouses if preferred but this is <u>not compulsory</u>.</p> <p>Trainers: suitable for multi-sports. They should have good ankle support, rubber grip and cushioned sole. (no pumps, boots/hi tops, Vans, Converse, Suede fashion trainers etc.) Further guidance is available in the uniform and appearance policy on the school website – parents section</p> <p>Football boots (boys only) Shin pads when required</p> <p>Mouth guards (recommended for both sexes during hockey lessons). A towel and change of underwear may also be necessary after games and barefoot activities. Students, whilst not required to, are given the opportunity to shower after each lesson on request.</p>	

The school skirt has changed for 2022.23 in order to address the issue of skirts being too short or parents/carers having only 1 choice of outlet when purchasing. Please note the following:

Skirt length - A black pleated school skirt must be worn to a modest length, no lycra, jersey or mini skirts are permitted This means that skirts should be **no more than two inches above the knee**. Please ensure when purchasing skirts that they are long enough to take into account how the student may grow over the year.

Monkhouse supply skirts of different lengths for each waist size. If your daughter wears a skirt to school please speak to them about not rolling it up. Skirts can be purchased from most supermarkets, there is no longer a requirement to purchase a school skirt from Monkhouses.

(Please refer to the last two pages of this letter for guidance on skirts and shoes).

Where parents/ carers are struggling with uniform please send an email into the admin inbox with your contact details on – admin@hfch.co.uk. A member of staff will then get back to you.

Changes to Pastoral support

From September there will be changes to pastoral support that parents/ carers need to be aware of.

- Mrs Garside will be taking over as Pastoral Officer for Years 7 and 8 from Mrs Kelly.
- Mr Eaton has been appointed to Pastoral Officer for attendance with Miss Johnson supporting.

Contacting the pastoral office: During the summer break please use the school admin email as this will be regularly checked (admin@hfch.co.uk).

From 1st September 2022 you can contact Pastoral Officers on the following email addresses:

- Mrs Garside (Year 7 and 8): lgarside@hfch.co.uk
- Mrs Spivey (Year 9): kspivey@hfch.co.uk
- Mrs Meuse (Year 10 and 11): jmeuse@hfch.co.uk
- Mr Eaton (Attendance): aeaton@hfch.co.uk

Mobile phones: Parents and carers are reminded that mobile phones are not permitted in school. We accept that students will have their mobile phone with them as they travel to and from school, however it should be switched off as they enter the school site and placed in their bag. The school does not take responsibility for loss or damage to a mobile phone. Students using a mobile phone in school will have it confiscated and they will be issued with a 20 mins detention at the end of the school day after which their phone will be handed back. Parents and carers will be made aware via text / email.

Attendance: Our attendance target for 2022.23 for all students at Holy Family College is 97%. In order for our students to be successful in life they need to take every opportunity with regard to their learning, if students are not in school they cannot be successful learners. **Holidays taken during term time will not be authorised by school. Please be aware that fixed penalty fines may be issued if students do not attend school.**

Students arriving late to school, after 8.35am will receive a late mark and a 20 mins lunchtime detention. Where there is persistent lateness to school home will be contacted to discuss how we can work together to ensure students arrive on time.

Set/ Class changes for September: at this time of year we review student placements within groups. There are some class changes for some students at the start of the next academic year. Where students require more challenge in their learning or more support there is the need to move them so that they are appropriately placed ready for September.

In some year groups this is also due to an increase in the number of classes within the subject in order to provide smaller class sizes and more support in the lesson. This is particularly the case as students move up the school.

Summer Holiday Vouchers for those eligible for free school meals:

Rochdale local authority are issuing a summer holiday supermarket voucher for students eligible for free school meals. You will receive your voucher via email as previously. Please contact Rochdale LA via support@evouchers.com or telephone 0300 303 8870 if you are struggling to claim vouchers.

Year 10 Science results: Students who have completed one of their Triple Science examinations during May/June external exams will be able to access their result **via their school email on Thursday 25th August after 10am.**

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you personally for your patience during what has been a challenging year. Please look after yourselves and your families, enjoy time together and stay safe. We look forward to welcoming you back in September.

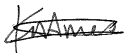
I share this prayer of thanks with you all

God of wisdom, we thank you
for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year.
We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ,
and for choosing us to be your people.
As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude

for the good things you have done in us,
and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.
Amen

Holy Family.. **Pray for us.**

With kindest regards



Karen Ames
Headteacher

Uniform Guidance - School Skirt: Acceptable style

Permanent pleats



Not acceptable styles: none of the styles below are acceptable as part of the school uniform.

Jersey Skater skirt



Pencil skirt



Pineapple Skater skirt



