



THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE

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PARENT BULLETIN - NOVEMBER 2022

Dear Parent,

This year I am delighted to take on the role of Deputy Headteacher. My role will oversee the community life of the school, pastoral leadership, safeguarding, data and reporting and parental engagement.

I am relishing the opportunity to work alongside the rest of the senior leadership team in making a difference each day to the pupils in our care.

A reminder for new parents to the school who our Senior Leadership Team are:



Miss G. Higgins – CEO Blessed Holy Family Catholic Academy Trust / Executive Headteacher

Ms R. Sorohan – Head of School

Mrs A. Burgess – Deputy Headteacher

Mr L. Lambe – Assistant Headteacher

Mrs. S. Williams - Assistant Headteacher

Mrs M. Nichols – Business Manager

Ms D. Capp – Associate Assistant Headteacher

Mrs N. Starling – Associate Assistant Headteacher

Very best wishes,

Focus This Half Term

The Catholic Social Teaching of **Solidarity and Peace** will be the school focus this half term. Pupils will engage with this theme through our pastoral curriculum programme, assemblies, Remembrance Day and month of remembrance, anti-bullying week and in the lead up to Advent.

Important Dates

Year 7 Parents Evening: Wednesday 16th November, School Hall

Parent Forum: Wednesday 23rd November 5pm, School Study Centre

School closed to pupils: Friday 25th November

Countdown to PPEs (mock exams)

This half term Year 11s and Year 10s (Languages only) will experience their first round of mock examinations. We wish them the best of luck in their preparations for these.

Brilliant Parents — Parent Support Programmes

A series of parenting workshops are being run in November such as:

- Getting teenagers to cooperate
- Coping with Teenagers emotions
- Reducing Family conflict
- Building teenagers survival skills

If you are interested in these or want further details please **click on this link**:

<https://www.tshlc.harrow.sch.uk/page/?title=INFORMATION&pid=300>

Attendance and Punctuality

These are the figures for last half term. Congratulations to the form in each year group with the best attendance.

Year	Attendance	Form with best attendance
7	96.1%	7A
8	93.2%	8H
9	92.5%	9R
10	91.7%	10E
11	92.9%	11A

School Overall Attendance: **93.2%**

We are aiming for 97% attendance. Please remember if your daughter is absent you must ring the school and then send a note in their link book when they return.

New 'Progress Report' Layout

Year 11, Year 8 and Year 7 parents have already seen our new report layout which we hope you are finding more useful. This new style came from discussions and feedback gained last year from staff, parents and pupils.

New reports contains the following information

- Target grade for the end of Year 9 (for years 7/8/9) or the end of Year 11 (years 10/11)
- Current 'Working At' Grade (which is colour coded to show whether progress has been made)
- Previous 'Working At' grade – so you can see the progress made
- A comment which indicates whether your daughter is on track to achieve her target at the end of Years 9/11
- Attitude to Learning and Homework
- Attendance and punctuality information
- Behaviour and Uniform information

More detailed information about the reports can be found by **clicking on this link**:

<http://www.tshlc.harrow.sch.uk/page/?title=Understanding+Pupil+Progress+Reports&pid=293&action=saved>

If you have any queries about your daughter's progress in a particular subject or in general please do get in touch with your daughters' subject teacher or form tutor via the year group email address or enquires@tshlc.harrow.sch.uk.

Pupil Peer Mentoring Programme

I'm sure your daughters have spoken with you about our new peer mentoring programme which has been launched with Years 8-10. We are very proud of how this programme has begun and the leadership of all our Year 10 pupils.

This programme is really building a sense of community and supporting pupils across different years groups. Year 10s will be delivering workshops to Years 8 and 9 form classes this term alongside the peering. We are looking forward to training selected year 9 pupils this term and seeing how the programme continues to develop.

For more information please look on our website under curriculum—pastoral curriculum.

Top Tips to support your daughter's progress

Discussions about what your daughter feels is going well and why, and not so well and why when reports come out – using the reflection sheet as a guide.

Regular conversations about what she is learning and asking your daughter to teach you or the family what she has learnt. (You remember 90% of what you teach to others, and it also helps a pupil to identify what confuses them).

Checking **Show my Homework** and helping pupils to organise how and when they complete homework tasks – avoiding the night before panic.

Winter Uniform

As the weather is starting to get cooler pupils should be wearing a navy or black coat to and from school with their blazers. Their coats are to be left in their lockers during the day.

At lunchtime pupils can go to the hall, canteen or study centre if they wish to remain inside and out of the cold.

Charity Events

Christmas Hampers: We are asking families to donate goods for the hampers. Suggested items include: gloves, toothpaste, baby/toddler clothes, shower gel, socks, children's toys, colouring pencils, tinned food. Please note all items must be new in the original packaging for hygiene purposes. The last day to donate items will be November 30th.

Anti-Bullying Week: Monday 14th November
– Odds socks and £1 donation.

Red Wednesday: Wednesday 23rd November
– Touch of red and £1 donation

Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 16th December
- £2 Donation

For more details please **click link** to the previous Charity Letter:

<http://www.tshlc.harrow.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2423>

Final Thought



In this the month of remembrance

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted' Matthew 5:4