

THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we enter into the Advent season, a time when we as a Catholic community await Christmas and the joy of the birth of Jesus, it is important for us to remember to be kind, to do the right thing and always look for hope in dark times and love to our neighbour.

This Advent we start with the blessing of the crib. This year our crib is outside near the front entrance so all can see it as they enter the College. We have Mass every Tuesday at 8.00am in our chapel and you are very welcome to attend. After mass on Tuesday 2nd December we will gather at the crib for it to be blessed at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Our Hamper Appeal: The Sacred Heart Language College supports families who are in need by collecting goods for Christmas Hampers which are distributed through our College, the Parishes and The Catholic Children's Society.

Our students and families are very generous. All contributions are welcome. Should you feel able to support us you can send your donations in with your daughter and hampers will be made up by the Chaplaincy team for distribution. Suitable items such as gifts, toiletries, warm gloves, socks, hats and non-perishable foods would be gratefully received by Friday December 5th when we will collect them and give to families in need. Please note that all items must be new and unused. Further details can be obtained from the Chaplaincy team.

Advent Angels 2025: each of our students has been given the name of another and will pray for them throughout the season, to ask God to bless them in a special way during this Jubilee Year of Hope.

We would like to extend the invitation to each of you, as parents and carers, to participate. If you are happy to pray for someone throughout this season please send an email to Mr Fahy at pfahy@tshlc.harrow.sch.uk and you will be sent the name of someone to pray for. We will then send your first name to someone else who can pray for God's blessing for you and your family throughout the season.

Christmas Carol Service: Our Carol service will be held on **Wednesday 10th December in St. Joseph's Church at 6:00 p.m.** You are all welcome to attend. There will be parking available on site at the College.

Christmas Lunch: Students and staff will have their Christmas lunch on the **11th December** where the community will eat and enjoy Christmas songs together as one family. The cost of Christmas lunch is £2.58. This must be paid in advance by 8th December. If your daughter does not wish to have Christmas lunch she can bring a packed lunch or there will be alternative limited offer in the canteen.

Santa Dash: Sunday the 14th December at 10.00am leaving from St. Dominic's Sixth Form College, HA1 3HX. We will walk around the hill dressed as Santa for St Luke's Hospice, our local charity.

Christmas jumper day - Thursday 18th December: students must be in uniform, but can wear a Christmas jumper to College that day. All money raised goes to the Catholic children's society. Donations can be made via Parentpay.

School Christmas cards: can be purchased at a cost of £10 for a pack of 5 cards. These have been designed by one of our current Year 7 students. Please see below:



Arrangements for the last day of term – Friday 19th December 2025: Students must be in **full College uniform**. There will be a liturgy and students will be dismissed at approximately 12:00 noon.

The Spring term begins for all students on Monday 5th January. All should be in full College uniform and be in their forms rooms at 8:25 a.m. ready for a prompt start to the new term.

Wishing you and your families a very happy Christmas and a healthy new year.

Yours sincerely

Nicola Walsh
Headteacher