

All Hallows Catholic High School



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Information for pupils in Year 7

Next week, all pupils in Year 7 will sit an assessment which has been designed to closely align with the SAT papers the pupils were unable to sit in Year 6. The papers will be completed online and externally marked. Following receipt of the results and the Analysis of progress data which has been accumulated since the pupils started in September, we will begin the process of setting the cohort so that the pupils will be ready to move into ability sets upon return to school in January 2021. Pupils have been made aware of the timeslot allocated for each group and they will be instructed in detail on how the test will be administered before they begin.

May I also take this opportunity to remind parents that recordings of two recent, well received events, are still available to view by following the links on the school's website. The events are, the Year 7 Mass of Welcome and the Year 7 Parents' Information Evening.

Vericool Lunch Ordering System

We are pleased to announce that the Vericool system is now accessible using mobile devices other than a desk-top. Mobile phones and iPads can also be used to place lunch orders. Additionally, parents may be pleased to hear that orders for lunch can now be placed daily, with a cut-off time of 7.30 am.

Shortly, we are hoping to be able to move away from offering only the 'grab bag' option for lunch. We are arranging for screens to be erected at serving points which will enable us to have a Covid-secure way in which to offer served hot and cold meals. As soon as we have more information I will write to parents with full details of how pupils will be able to order and collect food safely within our current health and safety requirements.

Careers Update

As part of this year's enhanced careers provision, pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 have been issued with links to exciting virtual careers events which will be taking place this weekend. I urge you to encourage your child to access the provision which we have been assured is of the highest quality. Additionally, may I remind Year 11 pupils that they can still access recent virtual careers related promotional events which were delivered by partner further education providers and employers, including those who deliver apprenticeships.

Sanctions Policy Change

Due to concerns about health and safety related to our Covid-19 risk assessment, we have not been holding break time detentions for those pupils who are persistently late to school. We have made a temporary amendment to our behaviour policy which will see those pupils who are late to school three times in one half-term being placed in a Friday after school detention. Good attendance is so closely linked to pupil progress so we are eager to establish good patterns of time keeping among our young people.

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All Hallows PTFA

The PTFA is planning to host a virtual quiz to raise funds for school projects. Covid has, of course, hampered the usual fundraising activities which the PTFA would have been providing. With this in mind, it has been looking at alternative ways of raising funds. The proposal is to hold the quiz on Friday 11th December. Families will pay £5 to enter, will receive a link to join in and there will be cash prizes available. More details will follow in subsequent newsletters. In the meantime, please block out the date in your busy social calendars!!

Any parents wishing to join the PTFA and to attend the regular current online meetings should, in the first instance, contact the group on friendsofallhallows@gmail.com

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Horrocks".

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Headteacher