

Nurturing Talent & Fulfilling Potential



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H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

SL Room: Thomas Boyle RR Room: Seb Burns 1Q R2: Killian McClenaghan O'Neill & Tommy Mooney 1T R3: Jaxx Walker & Cillian Sloan 2F R4: Ruairi McLaughlin & Dylan Lean 2M R5: Cruz Perry & Oisín Lowry-Young 3Mc R10: Connor Turner & Leon Mailey 3Mo R13: Harrison Conlon & Aodhan Catney 4W R12: Lennon Lindsay & Leo Morgan 4M R11: Pdraic Mallon & Finn Murphy 5SR R14: Caolan McAllister & Riley Braniff 5C R15: Ethan Curley & Haideen Toner 6M R19: Ryan Reilly & Pearse Strain 6EJ R21: Sean McCrudden & Sean McConnell 7L R18: Patrick Valliday & Oisín Steenson 7H R20: Faelan McGuckian & Aidan Kelly

Solitude Winners: Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude on Friday 26th Jan for a coaching session on the pitch with our two staff members, Tony Kane and Hollie Mailey (Cliftonville FC). The boys were selected for their outstanding efforts with their behaviour and attitude. Thanks so much to Cliftonville FC and especially Imelda Pettigrew for the use of their superb facilities every week. Starlight/P4: Jacob McKenna, John Og Robinson Taylor, Connleith McGuinness, Conn Curran McKenny, Cillian McCabe, Harley Boyle, Odhran Braniff, Kenzie Morgan, Gerard Frame & Tiarnan Murphy. P5: Ronan Gillespie, Leo Dewar, Eamonn Burns, Jamie McGonnell, Noah McKervey, James O'Neill, Cain Duffy & Charlie Armstrong. P6: Martin Lundy, Caleb McCann, Jay Delucia, Caiden McKinney, Eoin Montgomery, Piaras Watt, Odhran Carter & Oisín Moore. P7: (Confirmation).

Punctuality Monitoring took place last week to help target parents and pupils with difficulties in this regard. Selected pupils will be put on a Report Card, from tomorrow, Mon 29th Jan 24. We would recommend parents to avail of the option to send their child to the Breakfast Club if finding it difficult to ensure their child attends school on time. The Breakfast Club opens at 8:00am (includes cereal, toast and a drink). The BREAKFAST CLUB IS FREE for PUPILS IN TERM 2.

Year 1 pupil entry in September 2024: An application submitted by the closing date of Friday 26th January 2024 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 26th January 2024 and up to 4pm on 31st January 2024 will be treated as a late application. <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/primary-admissions-guide> Verification documents may be emailed to holycrossboys@hotmail.com and may include, birth certificate, two 'proof of address' dated within three months of the date of application.

Year 8 post-primary applications: Post Primary Applications for school year beginning September 2024 will open on Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 12 noon. <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/post-primary-admissions-guide>

Religion: Congratulations to all our Primary 7 boys who made the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Friday. The boys behaved and performed superbly well, and we are very proud of them all. Many thanks to Fr. Frank for a beautiful ceremony and to our school chaplain Brian McKee, Mrs Martin (Music Specialist), Mr Wallace (RE Coordinator) and our teachers, Mr Hawkins, Ms Lynch and Mrs Brooks and our classroom assistants, Ciara, Joe and Leonard for ensuring that the boys were prepared meticulously for this very special occasion. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/year-7-make-sacrament-of-confirmation-in-holy-cross-church/> Catholic Schools Week took place last week and we were delighted with the turn out at our Grandparents' Day last Wednesday. Thank you to all the grandparents who came out to visit their grandsons in their classes. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/huge-turnout-for-hcb-grandparents-day/>

Music: Singing Practice for P1-3 on Fridays and P4-7 on Thursdays. Classes & Peripatetic lessons on flute, violin, brass, cello & bassoon continue weekly.

Counselling Service: With the help of ES funding & the PHA, we are now offering a specialist counselling service for selected pupils on Mondays (Mental Health Movement at the Marrowbone Hub) thanks to Caoimhin McNulty and on Wednesdays in the school with Anne.

Physical Education: Year 7 will have week 3 of their 8-week swimming programme on Friday 2nd February 24. The focus for the 2nd Physical Education theme for January/February 2024 is **Gymnastics**. Year 5 will continue their handball programme with Gaelit's Oisín on Thursdays in the school hall. The HCB Football Team will play at the 5-a-side tournament at Shankill Leisure Centre 1-3pm on Tue 30th Jan 2024. The HCB Gaelic Football Team will play at the GAA Indoor Antrim Championships 10-12noon at Colin Glen Dome on Tue 30th Jan 2024. **NM Coaching on Fridays (Week 3 of 5)** P1 Mrs Reel in hall @9:30, P1 Mrs Quirk 30 mins in hall @10:00, P4 Mr Wallace AYC @10:30 & P4 Mr Moran AYC @11:30. P3McR10 have Soccer Camp Week at The Marrowbone Pitch @9.30 to 11.30am on Friday.

Mental Health Awareness: The next session for P6 & 7 pupils will be on Thurs 1st FEB 24 @ 9.30 to 10.30am with specialist, Joe Watson.

Extended Schools: Week 4 of 5 for Block 3 will continue this week, Monday 29 JAN to Friday 2 FEB 2024. See Schedule/Timetable using link: https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20230918124514_77_2023-2024_ES_DATES_and_TIMETABLE.pdf

HCB Uniform: https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20240109111038_16_Parent_Note_on_School_and_PE_Uniform_Reminder_Jan_2024.pdf

School Holidays: https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20230309120136_15_HCB_School_Holidays_for_Parents_2023-2024.pdf

HCB Healthy Eating Policy: https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20220705104703_11_Healthy_Eating_Policy.pdf



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	Monday 29 th Jan	Tuesday 30 th Jan	Wednesday 31 st Jan	Thursday 1 st Feb	Friday 2 nd Jan
	Pizza, Spaghetti Hoops & Chips. Jelly and Fruit.	Savory Mince, Baton Carrots & Mashed Potato. Jelly & Fruit.	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread, Sweetcorn & Steamed Rice. Roast Fudge & Custard.	Roast of the Day, Stuffing & Rich Gravy, Peas, Baton Carrots Mashed Potato/ Oven Roast Potato. Ice-Cream.	Oven Baked Chicken Goujons, Baked Beans & Chips. Homemade Biscuit.

Dinner Menu 2023-24 https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20230831013823_74_Dinner_Menu_September_2023_pptx

Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question: Do parallel universes exist?
Weekly Challenge: Sit for five minutes in a room and only listen to your breathing.
Motivational Quote: An unexamined life is not worth living - Socrates.

Happy Birthday

Noah McClenaghan, Jude Hyndman, Seamus McGuinness, Kieran Muldoon, Mark McConnell, Junior Lavery & Dylan Kelly.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Trainer Tuesday: Pupils can wear their trainers on Tuesday 30th January 24 for 50p.

HIP N HEALTHY Programme (online) for 7H R20 on Wed 31 Jan: Emotional Detectives, Wed 6 Mar: Tackling Anxiety, Wed 10 Apr: Developing Resilience & Wed 8 May: Three Pillars of Growth.

School TEAMS: Wed 30th Jan - Soccer team at 5-a-side tournament at Shankill Leisure Centre 1-3pm and Gaelic Football team at GAA Indoor Antrim Championships 10-12noon at Colin Glen Dome.

Breakfast Club is FREE for all pupils in Term 2.

Tuckshop: will take place Friday 2nd FEB.

Solitude Friday Visits Next visit on Friday 2nd FEB.

Punctuality Monitor: Selected Pupils on Report Card from Mon 29th to Fri 1st Feb 24.

Rewarding Pupils: Mid tem Awards for Reading, Maths and Attendance on Thurs 8th Feb 24.

Year 7 Swimming: Week 3 on Fri 2nd Feb 2024.

TRIPS: YEAR 2: Titanic Museum Guided Tour on 06/03/24. YEAR 4: Armagh Planetarium 23/04/24. YEAR 5: Fire & Rescue Service classroom visits 8.2.24, W5 (Energy Workshop) 06/03/24 & Ulster Museum (Egyptians) 20/06/24.

Safer Internet Day 2024 based around the theme 'Inspiring change' on Tue 6 Feb 2024.

Parent Teacher Interviews: Friday 9th Feb 24.

Mid term Break: Pupil are off from Fri 9th to Fri 16th Feb 2024 (inclusive).

NSPCC PANTS programme visit P1-P4 Wed 6 Mar TBC

What's Inside Programme YEAR 7 on 22/02/24 (HCB, HCG and Mercy Primary School).

Transition Week (P7) starting week beginning Mon 26th Feb to Thur 29th 2024.

St.Patrick's Day Hols: Pupils finish early (11.00am) on Thur 14th and return on Tue 19th Mar 2024.

Accelerated Reader & FRECKLE Certificates for Term 2 on Monday 25 Mar 2024.

Easter Holidays: Pupils will finish early on Thurs 28th Mar (11.00am) and return Monday 8th Apr 24.

P1 Health Appraisal School Nurse Visits on Monday 15th to Wed 24th April 2024

Holy Communion Year 4 Fri 17 May 2024 @11am.

YEAR	START	Finish	Friday Finish
1	9.00	2.00	12.45
2	8.45	2.15	1.00
3	9.00	2.30	1.00
4	8.45	2.45	1.20
5	9.00	3.00	1.20
6	8.45	2.45	1.20
7	9.00	3.00	1.20
RR	8.45	2.00	12.30
SL	8.45	2.30	12.30

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