

# Nurturing Talent & Fulfilling Potential



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## H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

1Q: Saul-Daniel Covaci & Conal O'Hanlon 1T: Conor Mahony & Ebon Olagunju 2F: Seamus Burns & Jayden Reid 2M: Caleb Quinn & Aaron O'Neill  
 3Mo: Luca Maguire & Lochlann Turley 3Mc: Keaton Grogan & Sean Carmichael 4W: Shay Gilvary & Conleth McGuinness 4M: Martin McClafferty & JJ Maguire 5W: Jayden Davey & Patrick McManus 5C: Nathan Ewing & Haiden Toner 6EJ: Logan Kennedy & Jake Boyle Higney 6MJ: Caoimhin Catney & Caoimhin McGarry 7L: Kai Lyttle McMurtry & Junior Brady Evans 7H: Danny McGonigle & Tiernan Graham

SL: Dylan O' Kelly RR: James Engelen

**Solitude Winners:** Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude for a coaching session on the pitch with our two staff members, Tony, Joe & Mr Jennings. 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. P4: Odhran McGibbon, Reilly Shay Fahy Cole, Lennon Lindsay, Fiachra McComb, Conan Magee, JJ Maguire, Martin McClafferty, Zavi Deb Heijer, Martin Short & Finn Murphy P5: (Swimming). P6: Kaelm Madden, Jay Dilucia, Sean McCrudden, Corey McCaffrey, Sean Murphy, Oisín Moore, Ciaran Gormley, Eoin Montgomery, Mason Engelen & Jack Hamilton. P7: (School Show Preparation)

**HCB Barbecue/Cliftonville Celebration Day:** The boys were ecstatic last Thursday morning when Cliftonville FC stars and brothers, Ronan and Rory Hale, alongside our very own staff member and local legend, Joe 'The Goal' Gormley, brought the Irish Cup into HCB. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/cliftonville-fc-stars-bring-the-irish-cup-to-hcb/?p=1&tags=1081>. Thank you to Nicola Bradley and her amazing team from the Community Food Bank who kindly provided the annual free barbecue for every pupil and staff member in HCB last Thursday <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/annual-barbecue-day-in-hcb-a/>

**TRIP YEAR 3:** City Hall meeting Lord Mayor – We were invited by the Lord Mayor (Councillor Ryan Murphy) of Belfast to spend his last day in office with him in his chambers at the City Hall. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/year-3-visit-city-hall-and-meet-the-belfast-lord-mayor/?p=1&tags=1081>.

**Parent/Guardian Survey:** We sent out a link on the school app last week as we are asking for your help in improving HCB. We are constantly trying to improve the education that we offer the pupils of our school and are now at a stage in the school year where we need you to tell us how well you think we are doing and how we can improve the things that are important to you. You can visit our website to find out more about the activities that go on in the school and watch our Open Day Video at [www.holycrossboys.com](http://www.holycrossboys.com) Please spare 10 minutes to complete a questionnaire by going to <https://survey.gi-assessment.co.uk/s/TA7Y4L/> and logging on using the password HCP55101Pa. By completing the questionnaire, you will be telling us how you think we should be spending our time and resources, to make our school the best that it can be for your child.

**Year 7 School Show:** Mrs McShane & Mrs Martin and the year 7 boys are busy preparing for the highly anticipated Year 7 School Show, 'Peter Pan' which will take place this week. Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June for KS1 & Nursery, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> for KS2, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June (Parents Day 1) & Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June (Parents Day 2) @ 10.00am in the school hall. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/peter-pan-posterpng/?p=2&tags=1081>.

**No Written Homework** for the month of June 2024 (Spellings and Reading will continue only).

**Links with Hazelwood College:** Hazelwood College continue to send their teachers to deliver excellent lessons for our P6 & 7 classes: P7 Class 1: Art: Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (9:45-10:40). Art: Tuesdays 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (9:45-10:40) & PE: Fri 7<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (9:30-10:15). P6 Class 2: HE: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (9:30-10:15).

**Music:** Classes & Peripatetic lessons on flute, violin, brass, cello & bassoon continue weekly. Music continues to thrive in HCB under our music specialist, Mrs. Martin and well done to our pupils last week, who did their music exams for the flute, singing and the cello. Well done to Jack Coogan who passed his flute exam with flying colours!

**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:** The focus for PE in term 3 is Athletics. Sports Days for each Year group were completed last week and all went brilliantly. Thanks to our PE Coordinator, Mr Johnston for doing a great job. Sports Coaching for P1 & 2 continues Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June in the Community Centre: P1Q 9:15-9:55, P1T 9:55-10:35, P2M 10:35- 11:05 & P2F 11:05-11:45. Swimming: P5 will have their final week of swimming Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Football (Staff V Pupils) 14 June 11.5am.

**Aunt Nellie's Friday Treat:** With funding from the Belfast Charitable Society, 8 lucky pupils enjoyed a Friday treat with Ms Flannigan & Bridin - <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/aunt-nellies-friday-treat-on-friday-31st-may-2024/?p=1&>

**Breakfast Club:** Funding from the Good Food Fund has meant that we will continue to provide a free breakfast club to the end of term 3.

**Mental Health Awareness:** The next session for P6 & 7 pupils will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 24 @ 9.30 to 10.30am with specialist, Joe Watson.

**HCB Uniform & PE Uniform:** [https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20240308100908\\_94\\_Parent\\_Note\\_on\\_School\\_and\\_Pe\\_Uniform\\_Reminder\\_Jan\\_2024.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20240308100908_94_Parent_Note_on_School_and_Pe_Uniform_Reminder_Jan_2024.pdf)

**School Holidays for 2023-2024** [https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20230309120136\\_15\\_HCB\\_School\\_Holidays\\_for\\_Parents\\_2023-2024.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20230309120136_15_HCB_School_Holidays_for_Parents_2023-2024.pdf)

**School Holidays for 2024-2025:** [https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20240305021858\\_73\\_HCB\\_Holidays\\_2024-2025.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20240305021858_73_HCB_Holidays_2024-2025.pdf)

**HCB Healthy Eating Policy:** [https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20220705104703\\_11\\_Healthy\\_Eating\\_Policy.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20220705104703_11_Healthy_Eating_Policy.pdf)

### Wellbeing Weekly

**Philosophy Question with Parent/Guardian:**  
**What is a hero?**  
**Weekly Challenge:** How many superheroes can you list in 20 seconds?  
**Motivational Quote:** Nothing is impossible, the word itself says, 'I'm possible!'  
**Audrey Hepburn**

### Happy Birthday

**JUNE Birthdays:**  
 Enzo Loughran, Ruadhan McKinnley, Lorcan McNally, Jay Burns, Tommy Mooney, Jayden Reid, Dylan Lean, Fintan Waide, Lorcan Sproule, Oisín Gallagher, Caolan Moore, Fionn Wallace, Darragh Mackin, Jacob Magee, Finn McConnell, Kai Slavin, Finlay Stanton, Odhran McGibbon, Leo Hall, Leo Cosgrove, Martin McClafferty, Leon McGivern, Donald Lindsay, Riley Braniff, Moah McKevey, Sean Murphy, Caiden McKinnley, Fionn Johnston, Jay Dilucia, Jake Boyle Higney, Pearse Strain, Eoin Montgomery & Jacob McKenna.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Trainer Tuesday:** Pupils can wear their trainers on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June for 50p
- Breakfast Club** is FREE for all in Term 3
- Nursery Sports Day** on HCB School pitch on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (9.15 to 11.35am).
- Tuckshop** will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June
- Solitude Friday Visits** Next visit on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June
- Swimming:** (Fridays) Year 5: Final Wk8: 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE (LAST SESSION)
- TRIPS:** YEAR 1: Belfast ZOO 06/06/24. YEAR 2: The Farm (Streamvale Farm) Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 YEAR 5: Ulster Museum (Egyptians) 20/06/24. RR and SL Units to Whiterock Trip Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- YEAR 7 Show** Peter Pan on Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> for KS1 and Nursery, Tues 4<sup>th</sup> for KS2, Wed 5<sup>th</sup> (Parents) & Thur 6<sup>th</sup> June (Parents) @10.00am.
- Year 6 pupils** at Mercy College with IFA (skills development session) on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June
- Primary Schools Fets** will take place on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June at St. John the Baptist PS 10am-1pm
- Accelerated Reading/FRECKLE** (P4-7) Certificates for Term 3 will be given out on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- Football match** (Staff V Pupils) 14<sup>th</sup> June @11.15 at Solitude
- End of Term 3 Prizes** for Attendance, Numeracy & Reading Prizes (P1-7) will be given out on Mon 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- JUNE REPORTS:** Year 7 reports will be sent out on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and Year 1-6 on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024.
- P1 Induction Day** For P1 pupils in September 2024) Tues 18<sup>th</sup> June @1:30
- Year 7 Leavers' Ceremony** Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June @10am
- Primary 6 Soccer Tournament** (Mr Mullan) 11 pupils Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June
- End of Year Mass – Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June**
- Summer Holidays:** P1-6 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June @11am
- Summer School** (P7J R21) 12<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Aug 24
- NEW SCHOOL YEAR:** Term 1 Pupil Retart for New School year on Wed 28<sup>th</sup>, Thur 29<sup>th</sup> & Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024 for P2-7 (Early finishing @12.00noon and no dinners served).



<b>PHILOSOPHER</b> 	<b>READER</b> 	<b>MATHEMATICIAN</b> 	<b>MUSICIAN</b> 	<b>SPORTS STARS</b> 	<b>Healthy Eating</b> 	<b>Artist</b> 
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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

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE**  
 Fish fingers, Chips, Baked Beans & Garden Peas.  
 Homemade Favourite Biscuit.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE**  
 Spaghetti Bolognaise, Sweetcorn/Wedges & Garlic Bread.  
 Mandarin Orange Sponge & Custard.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE**  
 Chicken Curry, Naan Bread, Boiled Rice & Garden Peas.  
 Arctic Roll & Pears.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE**  
 Roast of the Day, Stuffing, Gravy & Fresh Vegetables.  
 Mashed Potatoes, Potatoes.  
 Homemade Brownie.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE**  
 Chicken Goujons & Sweet Chill Dig, Beans & Chips.  
 Fruit Muffin & Apple/Orange Juice.

Menu 2023-24 [https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20240228032021\\_23\\_Dinner\\_Menu\\_Updated\\_MARCH\\_2024.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20240228032021_23_Dinner_Menu_Updated_MARCH_2024.pdf)

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