

Nurturing Talent & Fulfilling Potential



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H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

- 1Q:** Eoin Bradley & Jayden Burke Conway **1M:** Charlie McCaffrey & Kai Mailey **2F:** Logan Canavan & Roen Fitzsimons **2T:** Cael O'Hanlon & Cohen McKenna
- 3Mc:** Conall McLaren & Dylan Lean **3A:** Sean Rock & Aaron O'Neill **4W:** Leon Mailey & Conan Milligan
- 4M:** Conley McMahon & Luca Maguire **5W:** Odhran McGibbon & Jude Cooke-Faulkner **5M:** Cohan Rafferty & Charlie McDonald
- 6M:** Jamie McGonnell & Conor Moyna **6H:** Caleb Patterson & Lewis Campbell **7M:** Michael Mullen & Caoimhin Catney **7J:** Caleb McCann & Pearse McCrudden

Starlight: Junior Lavery **Rainbow:** Conal O'Hanlon **Moonlight:** Bruno Chodkowski

Solitude Winners: Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude on Friday 6th February for a coaching session on the pitch with our two staff members, Tony Kane and Joe Gormley (Cliftonville FC). The boys were selected for their outstanding efforts with their behaviour and attitude in their first full week back to school. Thanks so much to Cliftonville FC and especially Imelda Pettigrew for the use of their superb facilities every week. **Starlight/P4:** Harlee Cooke-Faulkner, Jacob McKenna, Aodhan Catney, Roan McFarlane-Whelan, Caleb Davidson, Lorcan Cahill, Sean Neeson & Jude Quigley. **P5:** Cohan Rafferty, Jacob Campbell, Ethan McStravick, Fiachra McComb, Caelan Murphy & Ollie Maguire. **P6:** Jan Berky, Alfie Hillick, Calvin McGeough, Caleb Patterson, Lewis Campbell & James McCorry. **P7:** Lewis Faulkner, Piaras Watt, Reece Lagan, Noah McKeown, Marty Lundy & Nathan Haughey.

Feast of the Holy Cross: P4-7 pupils will attend mass in Holy Cross Church on Friday 13th September (in full school uniform) and return to the school afterwards. **NO FOOTBALL TOPS THIS FRIDAY 13th SEPTEMBER.** Pupils will finish early (11.00am) on Monday 16th September 2024 to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross. It will be a break of choice and there will be no dinners served and no homework.

Mental Health Movement We are delighted that Mental Health Movement (MHM) can continue to provide a school councillor (Stephanie) to work with our pupils on a Friday. We are very grateful to our past pupil and MHM Director, Caoimhin McNulty, who continues to support our pupils.

Pupil Monitoring: This will continue next week Monday 9th to Friday 13th September to help target parents and pupils with difficulties with attendance, punctuality, homework, reading, spelling, school uniform and behaviour/attitude. When children arrive late to school, they are at an immediate learning disadvantage as they are likely to have missed the teacher-led introduction phase of the morning lesson. We would recommend parents avail of the option to send their child to the Breakfast Club if finding it difficult to ensure their child attends school on time.

Music: Weekly lessons have started again for Singing (Tuesday), Flute (Wednesday), Brass (Thursday), Violin (Thursday), Cello (Friday) & Bassoon (Friday). **Singing Practice:** For P1-3 on Fridays @11.00 to 11.30am and P4-7 on Thursdays @11.10 to 11.40am. Ulster Orchestra Schools' Concert in Waterfront Hall on 20th November 2024 (P4).

Physical Education: The 2nd session for P6 & 7 pupils will be on Thursday 14th September with specialist, Joe Watson.

School Lunches: All pupils should wear their full P.E Uniform on their P.E days: Black Bottoms, White Shirt, Black School Jumper/Trainers. https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20240308100908_94_Parent_Note_on_School_and_PE_Uniform_Reminder_Jan_2024.pdf Swimming for Primary 6 will start on Friday 20th September 2024 at the Falls Leisure Centre and the focus for the first Physical Education theme for September/October is Dance. School teams for Gaelic Football (Mr McEvoy), Soccer (Mr Mullan), Handball (Mr Ferrin) and Table tennis (Mr Ferrin) will also commence soon.

Extended Schools: We will restart our Extended Schools Programme on Monday 23rd September 2024. Notes and reply slips will be sent home with the boys, detailing out extensive list of activities. ES funding is also inclusive of our Counselling Service (with Anne O'Kelly) this year.

School Lunches: Reminder: If a child is eligible for a Free School Meal (FSM), you need to reapply on the eani.org.uk website. <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants/apply-for-free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

Click on the link for HCB Healthy Eating Policy: https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20220705104703_11_Healthy_Eating_Policy.pdf

Pupil Information and Consent Form: Please ensure that you complete and sign this form (sent home on the first day of school) to ensure that we have all relevant and up to date details for you and your son (if you have not already done so). A small number of pupils have yet to return these. **NB: Please contact the school asap if you have any medical issues/concerns regarding your son that the school should know about.**

Breakfast club started on Wednesday 28th August for P2-7 and will start on Monday 23rd September for Primary 1. The Breakfast Club opens at 8:00am in the school canteen and is FREE for Term 1 (includes cereal, toast and a drink).

School Holidays for 2024/25 https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20240305021858_73_HCB_Holidays_2024-2025.pdf

Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question: Is time what we see on a clock face?
Weekly Challenge: Read two books!
Motivational Quote: We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit. Aristotle

Happy Birthday

Liam Robinson, Howard Dawson, Jacob Cooke-Faulkner, Franco Covaci, Seamus Casey, Harley McMullan, Jack Maguire, Fionn Harrison, Conlaoth Delaney, Luca Maguire, Cian Carson, Nathan Ewing & Caleb Quinn.

Upcoming Events

- Feast of the Holy Cross:** Pupils will finish on Mon 16th September for the Feast of Holy Cross 11.00am
- Monitoring Weekly Class Visits** (pupils who have issues with punctuality, attendance, uniform/shoes, homework, Spellings & Reading and behaviour) from VP (Tuesdays) & Principal (Thursdays) continues this **Tues 10th Sept 2024.**
- Football Top Friday** No football tops this Fridays as Pupils will wear their normal uniform for mass.
- Friday Tuckshop Day** is on Friday 13th Sept 2024.
- Solitude Friday Visit No. 2** on September Friday 13th September 2024.
- School of Philosophy House System:** Weekly winners on Friday 13th September 2024.
- Cancer Focus NI Smokebuster's Virtual** (Yr 6&7) **Wed 18th Sept** 9.30-10.45am.
- Uherheroes** (P6 & P7) **Thur 19th September.**
- Extended Schools** - Block 1 (Week 1) - Monday 23rd to Friday 27th September 2024.
- European Languages Day** on Thursday 26th September 2024.
- World Mental Health Day** is **Thur 10th Oct 24.** Poster competition - on **Fri 11th Oct 24**
- Book Fair Week** starts **Mon 14th October 2024**
- Pupil Awards for Reading,** Maths and Attendance at Mid-term **Monday 21st Oct 2024.**
- Halloween Break** for pupils will be from **Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024** inclusive. Early finish on Friday 25th October 2024 (All pupils finish at 11.00am).
- Flu Vaccination:** P1-P7 (Fluenz Tetra is a vaccine to prevent influenza/flu): **Wed 6th Nov 2024.**
- NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe NSPCC programme:** KS1 and KS2 Virtual Assemblies on Mon 4th Nov & Led Workshops: **Wed 13th Nov** 9.30am @10.30am for Yr6 & 10.45am for Yr 3.
- Anti-Bullying Week:** Mon 11th - Fri 15th Nov 2024 - Odd Socks Day (Tuesday 12th Nov) and Poster competition (Friday 15th Nov).
- World Philosophy Day** presentation on Socrates on Thursday 14th November in the hall.
- Ulster Orchestra Schools' Concert** in Waterfront Hall on 20th Nov 24 (P4).
- Dogs Trust Visit:** **Mon 7th Oct** - P4W, P4M & P5W **Wed 9th Oct** - P5M, P6M & P6H & **Thur 10th Oct** - P7J & P7M.
- What's Inside** Year 7 **Wed 19th Feb 25** 9-12noon.

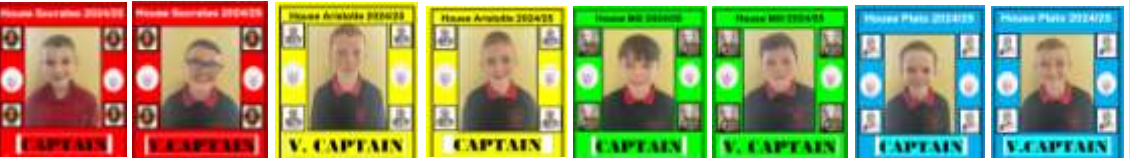
Mental Health Movement



Solitude Weekly Winners on Friday 6th September 2024



Introducing our School of Philosophy House System Captains & Vice Captains for 2024-2025



	Monday 9 th Sept	Tuesday 10 th Sept	Wednesday 11 th Sept	Thursday 12 th Sept	Friday 13 th Sept
Lunch Menu	Sausages, Chips & Gravy Beans or Peas Jam and Coconut Sponge Cake / miikahaka	Cheese Pizza & Potato Wedges Sweetcorn & Carrots Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt	Chicken Curry, Rice Nann Bread / Peas Baby potatoes Raspberry jelly, Fresh Fruit	Roast of the Day, Stuffing, Gravy, Fresh Vegetables / Mash Oven Roast Potatoes Rice Krispie Square	Beef Burger in Bag, Chips and Tomato Ketchup Elsameal Biscuit

Dinner Menu 2023-24 https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20230831013823_74_Dinner_Menu_September_2023.pptx

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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