

Nurturing Talent & Fulfilling Potential



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H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

1Q: Corey Dunning & Declan McAllister **1M:** Conan Bean & Culann Magee **2F:** Brandon Fegan & Shane O'Johnston **2T:** Cohen Carson & Cian Carson **3M:** Neil Murphy & Mason Madden **3A:** Caleb Quinn & Jack Ballard **4W:** Oisín Colohan & Darragh Mackin
4M: Michael Mullan & Odhran McGranaghan **5W:** Lucas Saunders & Leon McGivern **5M:** Ethan McStravick & Finn McConnell
6M: Kai Baker & Donal Lindsay **6H:** Jack Stitt & Seamus McGuinness **7M:** Mason Engelen & Ciaran Gormley **7J:** Kaelem Madden & Danny O'g McDonald-Mullan **Starlight:** John O'g Robinson Taylor **Rainbow:** Seb Burns **Moonlight:** Edward Zhao

Solitude Winners: Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude on Friday 13th February for a coaching session on the pitch with our staff members, Mr Wallace, Tony Kane and Joe Gormley (Cliftonville FC). The boys were selected for their outstanding efforts with their behaviour and attitude in school. Thanks so much to Cliftonville FC and especially Imelda Pettigrew for the use of their superb facilities every week. **Starlight/P4:** Stephen Marley, Dáire Savage, Luca Maguire, Fintan Waide, Conley McMahon, Fionn Bateson, Ruben Bercea & Charlie McNally. **P5:** Connell Gourley, Finn Murphy, Finlay Stanton, Jaxon Wilgaus, Cillian McCabe & Leo Cosgrove. **P6:** Jayden Davey, Rio Cooke, Lu Daire Clarke, Jack Stitt, Seamús McGuinness & James O'Neill. **P7:** Michael Millen, Caoimhin Catney, Ethan Maguire, Kieran James Muldoon, Lorcan Timmons & Shea Braniff.

Feast of the Holy Cross: Pupils will finish early (11.00am) tomorrow, 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.

School Counselling: We are able to provide counselling for 10 pupils on a weekly basis with Extended Schools funds (Wednesdays) and we are delighted that Mental Health Movement (MHM) can continue to provide a school councillor (Stephanie) to work with our pupils (Fridays).

Class Assemblies: Good luck to 3A R11 (Mrs Armstrong) and 5W R15 (Mrs Wallace) who will present the first assemblies of the school year, focusing on new beginnings at the start of the new school year and how to gain points in our House System. Vice Principal Certificate Winners will also be given out to the boys in P1-3 who have enjoyed a great start in term 1.

Cancer Focus NI Smokebuster's Virtual (Yr 6&7) on Wednesday 18th Sept 9.30-10.45am. This is a free primary school programme which equips young people with the knowledge and skills to resist the temptation to smoke and remain smoke free throughout their lives.

Pupil Monitoring: This will continue next week Monday 16th to Friday 20th September to help target 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 continue 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).

Mental Health Awareness: The 2nd session for P6 & 7 pupils will be on Thursday 19th September with specialist, Joe Watson.

Physical Education: The Gaelic football trials for the school team will be held on Tuesday 17th September (3.00 to 4.00pm) are open to all P6-7 students interested in joining the school's Gaelic football team. Gaelic Coach - Mr McEvoy (Primary 7 teacher). Students should wear appropriate sports gear, bring a water bottle. All pupils should wear their full P.E Uniform on their P.E days. Click on the following link: 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.

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

Breakfast club continues daily 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/20240305201858_73_HCB_Holidays_2024-2025.pdf

Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question: Should you tell lies or not?

Weekly Challenge: Go for a walk.

Motivational Quote: **Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right.**

Happy Birthday

Aodhan Catney, Pearse McCrudden, Sean McCrudden, Bradain Kane, Ethan Trainor, Manuel Cirpaci, Oliver dunning, Sean Ferguson, Kayden Brady, Charlie McNally, Brandon Burke Conway, Leo Dewar & Cain Reid.

Upcoming Events

***Feast of the Holy Cross:** Pupils will finish tomorrow, Monday 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 17th Sept 2024**.

***Football Top Friday continues Fri 20th Sept.**

***Friday Tuckshop Day** is on Friday 20th Sept 2024.

***Solitude Friday Visit No. 3** on September Friday 20th September 2024.

***School of Philosophy House System:** Weekly winners on Friday 20th September 2024.

Cancer Focus NI Smokebuster's Virtual (Yr 6&7) **Wed 18th Sept 9.30-10.45am.**

Uberheroes (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 **Fri 25th October @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.**

New HCB Chaplain, Fr Anthony



HCB celebrates the Feast of Holy Cross



Solitude Weekly Winners on 13/09/24

Philosopher 	Reader 	Musician 	Artist 	Sports Star 	Mathematician 	Best Learner 	Healthy Eater
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	Monday 16 th Sept	Tuesday 17 th Sept	Wednesday 18 th Sept	Thursday 19 th Sept	Friday 20 th Sept
	NO DINNERS	Fish Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas & Baked Beans	Chicken Curry, Rice Nann Bread & Carrots	Roast of the Day, Stuffing, Gravy & Fresh Vegetables / Mash / Oven Roast Potatoes	Hot Dog with Tomato Ketchup / Chips & Beans
	Early Finish @11.00am (For the Feast of the Holy Cross)	Raspberry Jelly & Two Fruits	Date Fudge Squares	Fruit Muffin	Ice Cream

Dinner Menu Sept24 https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20240909091940_41_HCB_Dinner_Menu_September_2024.pdf

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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