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Dear Parents and Carers

In recent weeks, we have been sharing in the learning across the school and talking to pupils in many different subjects. This has proved to be very positive as it allows us to share good practice and to learn from each other so that we can offer pupils the very best learning and teaching experiences possible. Our pupils have fed into this process through pupil voice, and we are excited to share this with the wider school community in the coming weeks.

A brief update of what's been happening in Holy Rood in recent weeks:

All Saints Mass

On Wednesday 1 November, S5 and S6 pupils were joined by Father Jock to celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation, the Feast of All Saints. During the Mass we took time to reflect on and give thanks for everyday saints. Please continue to keep those affected by the conflict in the Middle East in your thoughts and prayers.

S1-3 Family Support Session

It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers attending our BGE Family Support Session on Thursday 2 November. The session covered information on literacy, numeracy and digital learning and also included information specific to each year group. Our Captains did a fantastic presentation on extra-curricular activities. Many thanks to all who contributed. We will post this presentation on our website.

Catholic Education Week (16 -30 November)

The theme of this year's Catholic Education week was "Pilgrims of Faith." This week offered us an opportunity for reflection as we celebrate our successes as a community faith and learning and reflect on our individual roles in the education process. In RE lessons, pupils have been reflecting on this year's theme, discussing what faith is and how we celebrate and strengthen our faith through engagement with God and others in our community.

Think Ahead Event

"Think Ahead" introduced our P7s to Holy Rood and Careers Week when we encouraged pupils to think about the world of work via interactive workshops. We were joined in Holy Rood by all our Cluster P7s and by representatives from a variety of organisations. Our learning community motto "learning together in faith" reflects our desire to share a common goal, which this was very evident during this event.

P6/7 Parents' Information Meeting

This year we were once again overwhelmed by the numbers in attendance at the P6 /7 Parent Information Meeting. With around 350 parents and carers joining us on Monday 13 November, it was a fabulous opportunity to show parents around Holy Rood.

“I just wanted to say how thoroughly impressed we were on Monday evening when we attended the above. The S6 youngsters who guided us around were a credit to the school and the staff we met gave such a positive view. I wish I could go back to school and appreciate all the opportunities available! Many thanks”

P6 Parent

S4 Prelims

S4 Prelims will take place from Monday 27 November – Wednesday 6 December. Preparation is well underway in classes and pupils are engaging well with teachers. The Prelim timetable has been issued to pupils and is on the school website.

Supported Study

We have a vast Supported Study offer available after school/during lunch times for S4-6 pupils. See timetable for more information:- <https://bit.ly/supported-study-s46>

S3 and S5/6 Parents' Meeting

We were delighted to welcome so many S3 and S5/6 parents and carers to Holy Rood – we really value work in partnership with our parents and carers. Your feedback is always most welcome.

S6 UCAS Applications

A reminder that all UCAS Applications are due in by Friday 1 December.

Christmas Concert

Preparations are underway for our annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday the 12 December at 6pm. Tickets are free and can be collected from the 4 December. All performers will receive 2 tickets initially but are welcome to ask for more. There will be Christmas baking and teas and coffees for sale on the night and we would appreciate any donations. We looked forward to welcoming you all.

Online Conference for Parents and Carers

This conference is for BME parents, educators and key stakeholders who support the whole school community:-

[Building Capacity Across the Parent Community Conference - Thu 7 Dec 2023 at 09:00 | Eventbrite](#)

S1 Trip to the Panto

We are VERY excited to be able to take the entire S1 year group to the Panto to see Peter Pan on Wednesday 29 November. The tickets are courtesy of Capital Theatres and there is no cost associated with this trip as the school will fund the coaches.

Repeat Reminder - Safe Parking

All parents and carers are respectfully requested not to pick up or drop off their child in the school car park. Please avoid the immediate entrance to the school gates and the service entrance to keep out school safe for everyone. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Dates for your diary

Monday 27 November – Wednesday 6 December	S4 Prelims
Monday 27 November	Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday 6 December	S5/6 Interim Reports to Parents/Carers
Friday 8 December	S6 Photos
Tuesday 12 December	Christmas Concert
Wednesday 13 December	S1-3 Interim Reports to Parents/Carers
Friday 22 December	End of Term, 12pm
Tuesday 9 January	Pupils return

Please contact us if you have any questions we can assist you with Admin@Holyrood.edin.sch.uk

Yours sincerely
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