

Minutes of Holy Rood RC High School Parent Council Meeting held on Monday 17 November 2025 at 6pm.

PRESENT: J Harris, A Fraser, N Kirk, D Kleinberg, F Robertson, J Edwards, C Belmokhtar, J Campbell, D Macrae, S Hoff, S McMeeking.

APOLOGIES: -

IN ATTENDANCE: J Daly, J Falconer, 2 captain reps

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of 13 May 2025 were adopted as a true record. J Harris proposed the Minutes and D Kleinberg seconded them.

3. Matters Arising

Transport – Joan informed members that the numbers due to join us in August from St Marny’s Leith dropped significantly. After a short discussion it was agreed to write again to the Diocesan and the Council. Daniel offered to help Julie with this.

4 Correspondence

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5 Finance

No change to financial position. Joan is expecting a request for help with Learning for Sustainability.

Holy Rood needs to invest in a new chalice. Felicity offered to make enquiries at a church in Hawick. Also, Sharon would approach Fr Alex to see if there is anything available from St John Vianney.

6 School Captains

Our School Captains this year are Luca Pacitti and Lorenzo de Almeida and their Vice Captains are Bertie Harris and Isla Gormley.

S6 Leadership Team and Ambassador roles: Tamzin Collett, Kiiki Adedeji and Gabi Gillespie and Bertie Harris.

Luca and Bertie gave a very interesting and informative presentation on what they have been doing so far and their plans going forward.

7 SQA Attainment

James gave a presentation showing data from Insight covering session 2024/25.

Presentation included Attainment statistics from 2019 – 2025, Non exam based qualifications, Improving for All, Virtual Comparative School, what we are doing to raise attainment, School Improvement Plan. After a short discussion James was thanked for his very thorough and informative presentation.

8 Head Teacher's Report

Staffing (since start August)

We have employed a Physics teacher, 2 English teachers, Transition teacher Art teacher, DET teacher, ASL Learning Community teacher Additional Support for Learning Pupil Support Officer, ASL Primary Learning Community teacher, DYW coordinator, RE teacher, Chemistry/Biology Teacher Cristina D'Arrigo – Music teacher has returned from career break, Robyn Wade, Art teacher, has left Holy Rood following a 2-year career break

Alexandra Costello Melanie Smith joining the clerical team, Rosemary Preston - Acting Admin Officer, Claire Stoneham (Science Technician) 2 Pupil Support Assistants Wendy Greig and Laurie Cooper

Evon Curran, teacher of English has retired after 30 years at Holy Rood.

Events

A number of Liturgies and Masses have taken place since August including Catholic Education week.

Sign Up September for S1-3 included over 50 Extra-Curricular clubs or activities
The Book Festival, Mark Scott Award, Addams family School Show to take place on 18 November – all welcome

Special Assemblies have taken place covering Standards and Expectations, including new Mobile Phone procedures and Equality and Inclusion.

Supported Self -Evaluation Visit

Curriculum

A variety of events have taken place since August, including

Maths Week Scotland

HWB Praise Cards - HWB indicators for this academic year Respected and Safe
European Day of languages

Mentor Programme

S6 MVP Training -Wed 27 August – Prestonfield House Hotel, Thurs 28 August –
Black History Month

Oct <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/a31LGHb7NmMBxCLO?ref=Link>

SPARK (Supportive Pathways for Resilient Kids)

Think Ahead P7 Event

S4 Prelims 24.11.25 – 3.12.25, S5/6 Prelims 14.1.26 – 20.1.26

Parent Sessions

S1 Parents' Meeting – 60% Tues 11 November

S4 Parents Meeting - 70% Wed 8 October

S1- 3 BGE Parent Support Session Wed 22 October

P6/7 Information Evening Mon 3 November, 6 - 7.30pm

S5/6 P Eve Thurs 30 October – 54%

Excursions

UCAS Discovery Event

John Award Muir Trip - S1 East Links Farm Park

Loch Eil Outward Bound trip in September

Paris Trip and a London trip are both planned for 2026

Julie reminded members about the Diocesan forum that takes place twice a year.

Felicity offered to judge at the YPI event on 4 December,

10 *Date of Next Meeting*

Monday 12 January 2026 at 6pm.