

Message from The Headteacher

Students have now finished their exams and eagerly await their results. We wish them all the very best of luck with their future plans.

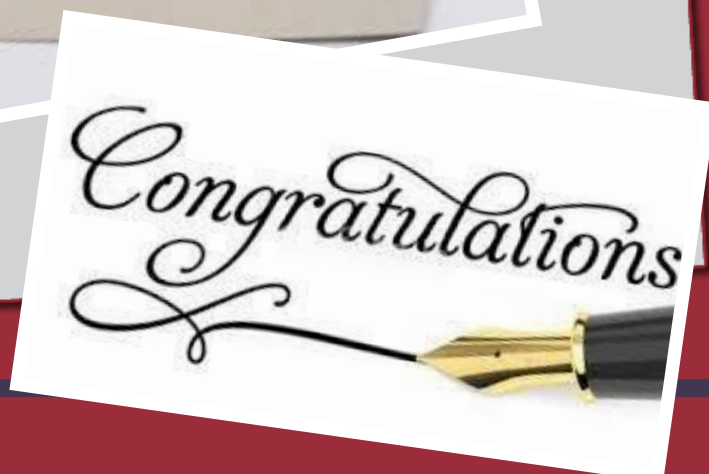
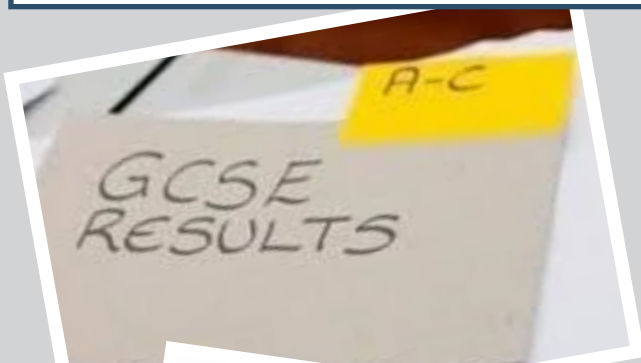
Some staff and students took their annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes in May and they described the trip as amazing.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Mrs Gannon who retires after 29 years service. We also wish Mrs Myers of 28 years service, Mr Moran of 15 years service, Mr Pullen of 6 years service, Mr France of 3 years service, Miss Gore, Miss Nolan, Miss Hand, Miss Wilkinson, Mrs Thomas and Mr Robinson all of 1 years service good luck as they pursue their careers in teaching elsewhere, best wishes to them all.

Enjoy the summer holidays and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September with the new year 7 students and we also welcome new staff members.

Dates for the diary

- A level results day 16 August
- GCSE results day 23 August
- School closes at 1.15 for summer holidays 20 July and re-opens 4 September for Year 7 and 12 only and 5 September for years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13.



# LEAVERS

Although I have only been at the school a short time, I would like to thank pupils and staff for their joy, kindness and support. I have thoroughly enjoyed taking the choir and would like to thank my small contingent of choir members for their participation. Even though I shall be enjoying teaching in Milan in September, I will miss lots of staff and students and will think of you all enjoying the 'lovely' British weather.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to return to work here after attending the school many years ago. Thank you for letting me be a part of the journey!

God bless,

Miss Nolan

*Good bye and good luck!*



*We will miss you!*

"I'd just like to say thank you to all the staff who have made me feel so welcome in this school and this job. It's been a pleasure working with you all."

Mr A Robinson

*Best Wishes  
on your Retirement*

I have been teaching 35 years and have taught in four Catholic schools. I have been at Holy family for 29 years and have been Head of RE Faculty , Head of Year 8/9, 2nd in RE department and Assistant Head of Year 8/9 in that time. The years have flown by and Holy family is like home with a great ethos that holds it together. Thanks to all staff and students past and present for their support. I have on the whole really enjoyed my career at Holy Family and will miss you all but am also looking forward to the next chapter in my life. There have been some great times which I hold with affection. The things that stand out are the inspiring liturgies we did involving music and drama. The wonderful pilgrimages to Lourdes and Croagh Patrick and Rome. The many retreats, especially with our 6th formers, to Ampleforth with Mrs Myers and Mr Lynch. The away days which was a great opportunity to bond with our students. I wish all our students well in their futures and in their exams.

Mrs Mary Gannon

### Challenge 11-14 June

As some of you will be aware, we presented assembly every morning one week, on the theme of 'Challenge'.

Part of the assembly involved staff volunteers attempting to break the Guinness World record for eating three dry Jacobs Cream Crackers in the quickest time (34.7 seconds).

This first volunteers were James Moreland, Michael O'Keefe and Richard Spry.

Although we didn't come close to breaking the world record, Mr Spry set the Holy Family record of 1 minute 31 seconds so congratulations to him!

Our second world record attempt involved our willing volunteers who were: Ian Burrows, Cain Godfrey, Richard Spry and Dave Metcalfe. Thank you very much to them for being involved.

I found my role as independent adjudicator much more challenging on the second day, due to Mr Metcalfe's rebellious behaviour which included - trying to hide one of the crackers before we started so he only had two to eat, trying to conceal a bottle of water under the table and tampering with the crackers because the challenge had officially started! So it is with regret that I had to disqualify Mr Metcalfe from the attempt.

The other three competitors started well..... Mr Spry was clearly determined to try and beat his time from yesterday (1min 31s) and Mr Godfrey and Mr Burrows also showed determination at the start. Sadly Mr Burrows' resilience waned quite quickly and approximately 1 minute and 30 seconds in to the challenge he threw one of his crackers over his shoulder so I had no alternative but to disqualify him as well!

From the two remaining competitors Mr Spry was the clear winner, again, with a time of 1 min 37s, which obviously didn't beat his time from his first attempt, so the current Holy Family record of 1min 31s is still up for grabs.

Thanks again to everyone for taking part.

A big thank you to our volunteers from the other mornings, but no one managed to beat Mr Spry's super fast time.

Staff involved were: Jonathan Smith, Carla Thompson, Matthew Halladay and Will France. Many thanks to them for volunteering.

Other results were:

4<sup>th</sup> place Carla Thompson 2mins 49 seconds

3<sup>rd</sup> place Jonathan Smith 2mins 33 seconds

2<sup>nd</sup> place Matthew Halladay 2 mins 31 seconds

And the clear winner.... Will France 1 minute 45 seconds

Which means that Richard Spry's Holy Family record remains intact for a while yet....

*Mrs Mather and Mrs Layas*



### Spelling Bee

Over 30 Yr 5 students from our main three Primary feeder schools, visited Holy Family on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June to take part in the Spelling Bee. The event was hosted by our two House Captains Emma and Summer in Year 8 and the event was won by Our Lady of Victories

A Spelling Bee is a competition where a word is said out loud by our moderator, this was Emma Devlin in Year 8, and then the Year 5 students have to spell it. The Year 5 students were so bright they started on 12 year old American spellings.

Mr D Moore



### The Good Shepherd Centre.

The Good Shepherd Centre, greeted and welcomed a group of people from a mission in Wisconsin (USA) and did some activities together. The students involved were Viktoria Orackova, Bernadeta Pompova, Klaudia Mokrzanowska, Radko Pompa, Vanessa Putnyokova and Patrycja Karwacka.

Mrs M Puntillo.



### Bradford Literature Festival

As part of the Bradford Literature Festival 2018, our school welcomed a visiting poet who came to present a poetry writing workshop. Fifteen students from Key Stage 3 took part and were inspired to write poems using a battered old trumpet for inspiration.

Ms S Whitham



### Haworth Retreat.

Year 8 form groups were taken to Haworth during June for a 'Retreat' day. The RE Faculty led the event days and Mrs Hornsby was fantastic in keeping everything running smoothly each day.

The day began at Our Lady of Lourdes church, on Ebor Lane, where students undertook tasks which encouraged them to get to know each other better and to reflect on caring for each other. The groups also had a walk into Haworth to the parish church there, and a look at Bronte parsonage.

Of course there was a little time for a game of football and buying sweets.

8S had a great time, so thank you for the whole day, Miss Whitham and 8S.



Gerard Cahill

# Rowing Lake Windermere for St Gemmas Hospice

## My story

For many years the Windermere Row has been a yearly event for the Cahill family. The event started with my Dad and my brothers. Over the years most of the Cahill clan have had a go at rowing these 10 miles across Lake Windermere and it brings back many hours of fun and memories. Once again Simon Catherine and me will be rowing those miles joined by new recruit Ryan Cope.



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The team raised just below the target grade of £400... any further donations would be kindly received. Thank you Mr Cahill.

### PSHE Week 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July

PSHE week undertakes to support and promote the personal, social development and well-being of the students in school. Specifically to promote personal wellbeing and a healthy lifestyle, in accordance with the school's Healthy School status. PSHE is used as a tool to educate the students about Citizenship, Careers, Relationships, Drugs and Alcohol Education, Economic Wellbeing and Financial Capability and Diversity.

To this end the students have experienced a variety of activities such as working with the army on team building activities, or with the police on safety issues. They have studied the environment and what must be done to ensure that we protect and preserve it for their future. They have also been working in Science on a forensic project and all that entails.

Year 10 have been involved in work experience, which allows them to sample the reality of being at work. Overall there have been 30 organisations who were involved in the week

We would like to thank all those students, staff and organisations who contributed. It is greatly appreciated.

Anti bullying, Poet, Nightstop, Army, Police, Dogs trust, In communities, Cancer trust, Work safety, Father Dennis, Singing, Catholic care (dementia), RSPCA, Youth service, Green project, Boxing champion, Birds of prey, Boxing, Dance, Cricket, Cheerleading, Keighley cougars & St Johns Ambulance.

Mr D Metcalfe



### **Naz Jalil**

Founder/Boxing Coach

With over 30 years experience and original co founder of the club, Naz has coached a whole host of fighters including regional and national champions, accompanying fighters across europe to compete. All three of our other coaches have benefited from Naz's tuition.

Naz is a level 2 England boxing coach.





A letter from one of our presenters during PHSE Week.

Dear Mr Moore and Mr Metcalfe,

It was great to come back to Holy Family School today. Thank you so much for accommodating my presentation. It's great that there are so many things going on all week and I really enjoyed meeting your students who were really good. Two very lively sessions took place, and the young people were really engaged so please do pass on my thanks to them (and the staff for making me so welcome).

Please do check out our learning hub as we have online resources that might be useful. We have lesson plans, HPV vaccination resources, sun safety PowerPoint's and a Drama resource that you can find here -

[www.teenagecancertrust.org/Learninghub](http://www.teenagecancertrust.org/Learninghub)

I hope your students found the presentation informative- if they voice any further questions that I might be able to answer then please feel free to get in touch.



### Mass Saint Peter and Paul.

Over 120 students came to Mass to celebrate St Peter & Paul's Day. Roisin, Sophie and Jessica from Year 9 read beautifully and afterwards Mrs Godfrey's 'Friends of Holy Family' sold 'Gingerbreads' and held a 'Guess the name of the Gorilla' competition.

Mr Moore

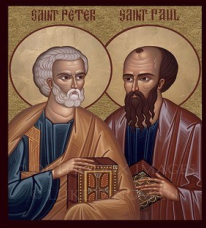
### Friends of Holy Family School

On Friday 29th June the FOHFS had a small fundraising event to celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. Large gingerbread biscuits were sold and having a 'name the giant gorilla' game.

Mrs C Godfrey

We would like to say a huge thank you to Anne Scott from Grandma Wilds head office as she organized the donation of the gingerbread biscuits.

Mrs D McManus



#### REFLECTION

##### SAINT PETER AND PAUL

Saint Peter and Paul were early leaders in the Church. Peter was the Apostle recognised by Jesus as his leader. Paul never met Jesus. In fact he even persecuted Jesus' disciples before he experienced conversion to the person and mission of Jesus. After that time Paul spent his whole life spreading the good news that Jesus was Lord and Saviour. Peter and Paul did not always agree on everything but they respected each other and were able to work out their differences. They both kept their faith in Jesus despite imprisonment and hardships. They truly fought the good fight and finished the race.

#### WORD

I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race I have kept the faith.

Timothy 4:7

#### WITNESS

In class today show that you respect the views of others even if you do not agree. No put downs!

#### WORSHIP

God our Father,  
you give us the joy  
of celebrating the feast of the apostles Peter and Paul.  
Through them your Church first received the faith.  
Keep us true to their teaching.  
Amen



#### Total raised

**£135.09**

Meet Raphael the Gorilla who now lives with Lyndon Hall our caretaker of 23 years. His dog Odin has made a new friend.



### Art Work Year 11.

The photograph shows the art work made by the talented year 11 Fine Artists. They have now completed their course, each making a range of coursework submissions, then using a set time making a project based around a starting point from a set selection.

Kristina Pompova, Devon Moffit and Katie Whitaker chose to study materials, making a range of exciting outcomes.

Hayley Collins, Karolina Pompova, McKenzie Boocock and Heather Flaherty explored interiors with starkly contrasting and stunning results.

Personal Histories and Communication inspired Ismah Hussain, Insha Ali and Caitlin Riley with colourful and thought provoking outcomes.

Jordanna McAndrew focussed on the human figure and made large scale charcoal drawings which challenge perceptions of beauty.

We would like to thank the year 11s for their commitment and wish them luck on results day.

Mrs Thompson

### Shakespearean Super Studies!

The English Faculty took Year 10 to the Alhambra Theatre in July, for a special 'Macbeth' Day. Students study this play, by Shakespeare, for their GCSE Literature examinations so the trip was a fantastic opportunity to see the play performed as well as take part in a workshop and academic talk. The GCSE examinations are very challenging so any enhancement of classroom learning, such as this is a great opportunity.

Ms S Whitham



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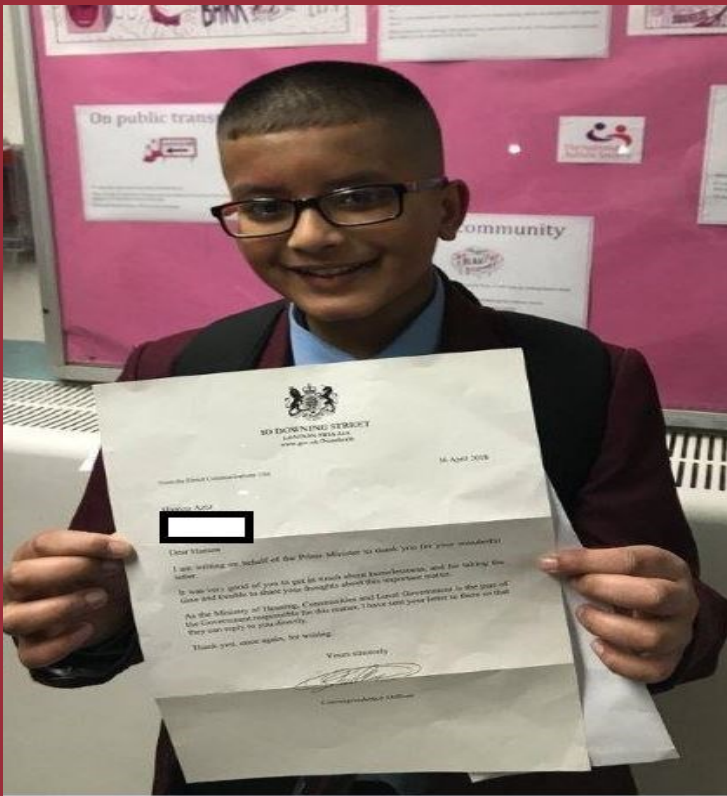
### My Letter to The Prime Minister

I wrote a letter to the Prime minister about how many people are affected by homelessness, and how we can help them, like building shelters, more food banks and a roof over their heads because they are human beings. They deserve to have a right in this society. Nowadays homeless people are being attacked and get treated like animals and I don't want to see that at all.

Another reason why I wrote my letter is because it is part of my religion (Islam), where we are told to help the needy. It is called "Zakat" and is one of the five pillars of Islam. This is why I chose to write to the Prime Minister.

Thanks for listening.

Hamza Aziz 7P



### Sri Lanka May 2018

As part of continued work with The British Council, the Holy Family School was awarded a Connecting Classrooms grant this year to form a new partnership with a school in Sri Lanka. To obtain the funding one member of staff had to complete an intensive online professional development course, which ran over a year, and then this teacher could be accompanied by a member of Senior Leadership Team, to visit Sri Lanka.

During the May half term holiday Miss Pritchard and Mrs Llewellyn travelled for nearly 24 hours to visit the staff and students of Bopitaya Rajasinghe National School, in the outskirts of Kandy, the former capital of Sri Lanka. Bopitaya is a rural school with approx of 900 students, ranging from age 5 to 18. Most of the students are from the farming community and therefore have a very low income, but were very high on friendliness. Our teachers were met by a line of smiling faces greeting them by waving Union Jack flags. They were then treated to a magnificent concert where children of all ages were able to show off their singing, dancing and drama skills. In the course of the days they spent at the school they had opportunity to visit every classroom and talk to all of the students. The teachers were humbled by the willingness to learn and to educate themselves to improve their chances in later life.

We sincerely hope that we can continue with this partnership in the future as we have much to learn from each other.

Mrs E Llewellyn



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### Lourdes.

Inspiration is the power to stimulate emotion and intellect, which is done through witnessing the selfless actions of others. Inspiration is not taught or an influence; it is only seen and heard. The educational journey made by every Holy Family student, allows the opportunity to be inspired by faith. Some students naturally acknowledge and integrate acts of prayer and worship into their daily lives and this gives them fulfilment, however some students require their hearts and minds to be opened through seeing and experiencing acts of offering compassion to others. The pilgrimages to Lourdes allow these students the opportunity to be inspired and to make their faithful journey through Holy Family thoroughly rewarding and fulfilling.

The Holy Family School offers pilgrimages to Lourdes each year that brings new experiences for students who make the journey, and become pilgrims. This opportunity is taken openly by students where a Catholic retreat is seen as a privileged experience and funding is not deemed as a hindrance in the eyes of parents and carers

‘Our community is one of compassion, a commitment to service’. This service is one of integrity and compassion shown to the pilgrims who take the journey of faith to Lourdes with our Holy Family students.

On previous occasions the purchasing of gifts and small tokens to remember the pilgrimages has been privately done by staff, who are aware of the financial struggles of some students and willingly open their hands to give these students the chance to purchase small gifts. It is through witnessing the perseverance of students who truly ‘labour and do not ask for any reward’ on pilgrimage that inspire staff to offer ‘to give and not to count the cost’. These small gestures are mirrored through the words of Saint Ignatius of Loyola I.

Lourdes is a sanctuary for reflection, for prayer and for acts of love to be exchanged. Tears are shed, laughter is heard and perseverance is shown from every student. Bonds between friendships are strengthened, characters flourish, self-esteem is transformed and students can discover the true depths of their own faith. Through being a pilgrim, students feel they have a sense of purpose in life, a responsibility for others and that they matter not only to their teachers, but to the people who they have never met before. Our students cherish those they look after and are gratified to communicate and freely spend time with them. The issues and difficulties of school and home are insignificant. In the case of students, a life is transformed...

The Catholic ethos of our Holy Family School allows for an ‘active concern for the human predicament to reveal the truth about God, Christ and Spirit’ which is never more evident than during the pilgrimage to Lourdes. It is in the act of being offered the opportunity to become a pilgrim to Lourdes’ that a complete fulfilment of character, strength and the revelation of the truths about the daily difficulties of life faced by many are discovered. We are one Holy Family and we should inspire every student to excel on their journey of faith with us.

Mr G Cahill



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**Keighley Catholic Community Cohesion Day**

Over 80 students from Holy Family took part in the bi-annual KCCC day at Cliffe Castle on Wednesday 11th July 2018. Our school was joined at the event by over 500 of our Primary Feeder schools St Anne's, St Joseph's and OLV and we organised and hosted an exhibition of our wonderful artwork on 'Faith' from our Primaries. The day's centrepiece was a recitation of the rosary in five different languages from the beautifully decorated bandstand before the students enjoyed a picnic and wandered around the exhibition. Mr Moreland who led the event for Holy Family said:

'Events like these bring our students closer to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We saw his Divine Mercy in the nature all around Cliffe Castle. It was very appropriate to hold it there as the Butterfields were a Catholic family. I only hope and pray that these students go on to continue to recite the rosary throughout summer.'

Mr D Moore



Radko says the rosary in Slovakian (pictured above)

Halima says a decade of the rosary Day (pictured right)

Bryony sang some beautiful songs at the start of KCCC (pictured below)

Day

Mr D Moore



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### Chartered College SEND Status

Holy Family has been designated as the Northern hub for SEND for its outstanding working on individualising the learning experience for SEND students by the use of student passports. Mr Taylor has spent each Wednesday interviewing students individually on their preferred learning style and forming their responses into a 'passport' style document which each teacher will be able to use to help their lessons run smoothly next year. This follows on from similar outstanding practice in our nationally-recognised DSP unit led by Mrs Kane. A school spokesperson said, "Mr Taylor has a wonderful rapport with the students and makes them feel at ease. This allows him to really get to the heart of what they need as learners. This is a truly great honour for the school and shows our ethos as caring and inclusive of the community".

Mr D Moore

### Drama News

We are delighted to have had the license approved to perform the smash hit musical 'Hairspray' in February 2019! We would like to have as many people as possible involved both on and off stage so watch out in September for more details!

Miss Langford



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### **Geography Fieldtrip to Iceland**

On 11<sup>th</sup> July a small group of Year 12 Geographers flew out to Iceland for the opportunity to see volcanoes and glaciers. They spent 4 days exploring the Geography of Iceland, which included seeing the Geysers erupt as well as standing on top of an active volcano. Though a bit wet and windy the students had a great experience.

Miss C Owens

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### Holy Family School Sports Day

Our school sports day was held on Friday 6 July. There were field events in the morning with track events in the afternoon.

It was a very hot day, with the fantastic Kitchen staff selling ice lollies and providing water for the hot athletes.

There was wonderful DJ-ing from Mr Moreland and PA from Mr Mahmood and precision scoring from the amazing Miss Nolan, Miss Owens and Mrs Rickaby. Furthermore, there was fantastic organisation from Mr Findlay sorting out the athletes. An all round great team effort with Holy Family PE staff. The students all upped their game with some exciting races and close finishes.

Anne forms were the overall winners.

Mrs L Redhead



### Bradford Schools Athletic Event.

Year 7 Bradford Schools athletics event, 15 June 2018

Girls team:

Millie McDonnal - 100m (1st) and high Jump (2nd) Catlin Rhodes - 100m (4th) and shot Ellie Wild - shot and 800 Masie Cope - 200m and Javelin Charis - Javelin and 800m Lilly Lohan - long jump and 1500m Millie O Hara - 200m and high jump Erin Preston - long jump and 1500m

Millie winning the 100m hands down with an excellent performance!!

All students who attended represented the school really well and for the majority of the students they had not participated in the event before other than in PE lessons.



### Year 8 girls Rounders

HFCS (5 & 1/2) vs Oakbank (6) LOSS

HFCS (4) vs Ilkley (4 & 1/2) LOSS

HFCS (4 & 1/2) vs UAK (3) WIN

We did not have a full team but the girls put up a fantastic fight and demonstrated excellent tactical knowledge. Well done girls!!

