

May 2018

Welcome Back



Message from the Headteacher

May is a busy half term with A level and GCSE students starting their exams. We wish them all the very best of luck.

Students have had a fantastic visit to Kempton Germany with the exchange students, who also had fun when they visited us, taking in the lovely sites of Yorkshire, visiting York, and Halifax Peace hall to name a few.

Our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place during the half term holidays.

As a way of celebrating the good grading for the section 48 inspection, I have decided to close the school at 1.15pm on Friday 25 May to give staff and students some personal wellbeing time.

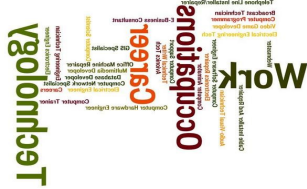
Enjoy your Spring bank half term and I look forward to a successful summer term.

Dates for The Diary.

- 14-18 May was Mental Health Awareness week, where Mrs Butterfield ran mental health assemblies.
- GCSE examinations are under way , GCSE revision sessions will take place during the half term holiday for Maths and English.
- The Bridge transitions commenced Wed 23 May and will continue into June. Year 6 students will be doing a country dance and various activities including a healthy eating day.
- School closes for Spring Bank Friday 25 May and re-opens Monday 4 June.
- Lourdes Pilgrimage departs on Friday 25 May for a week.
- MFL trip to French residential trip to Paris will depart Monday 9 June.
- Year 7 Parents' Evening is held on Monday 25 June.
- Year 11 Leavers' assembly/mass/prom Wednesday 27 June. The celebrations will commence at normal school time with light refreshments , mass and final assembly, from which students will depart at 11am. The venue for the evening prom will be Mercure Bradford Bankfield Hotel.
- The Bridge end of year party is Friday 13 July.
- School closes 19 July for summer holidays and re-opens 4 September for years 7 and 12 only and 5 September for years 8, 9, 10 , 11 and 13 .



The clock is ticking for work experience, this is an opportunity for you to learn about the world of work and what it is like outside of the school gates, finding your own placement is a rewarding experience and shows the employer that you are keen to go and experience what they have to offer when it comes to work.



Careers & Apprenticeships

Looking for an apprenticeship when you leave school, Keighley College offer apprenticeships at different levels follow the link below:

<http://keighleycollege.ac.uk/college-campus-information/apprenticeship-jobs>

We have a very exciting opportunity coming up at Keighley College for students across the area. Go Higher West Yorkshire will be visiting Keighley during their bus tour across West Yorkshire to talk to local young people and give impartial advice on their next steps after education. This will include; signposting to local Higher Education Opportunities and provide many different learning opportunities about their future aspirations, all based on the Go Higher double decker bus!

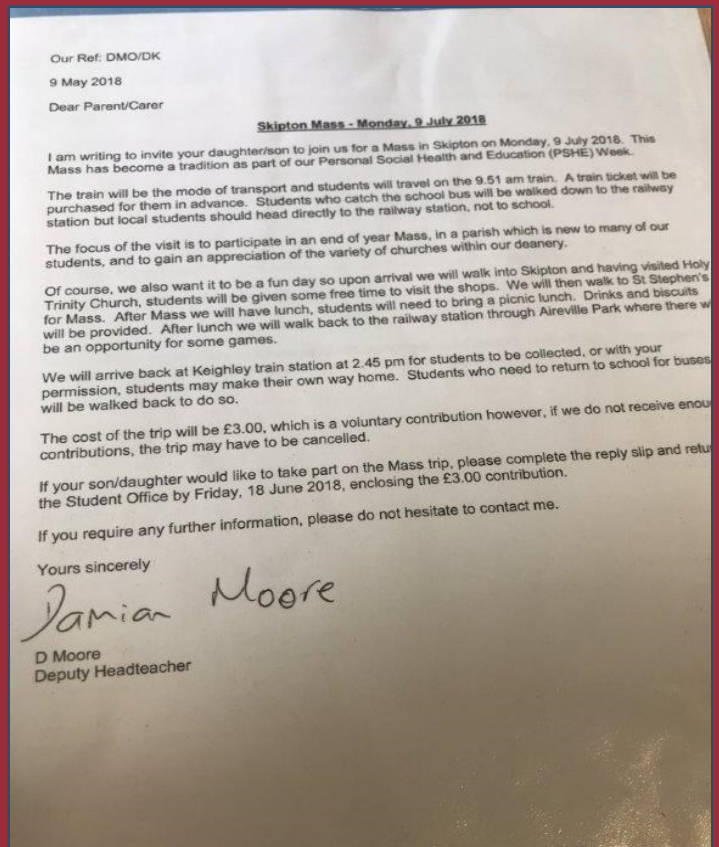
The opportunity is open to any age group that you believe is appropriate to learn more about their future pathways.

The bus will be parked within the Keighley College Car Park between 9:30am – 4:30pm. We would love for you to come down and experience this incredible opportunity.

[GHWY Jobs & Apprenticeships Fair.pdf](#)



Thank you to Father Dennis (above) for celebrating Ascension Day Mass for our students.



<http://www.holyfamily.ngfl.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/final-s48-report-holy-family-keighley.pdf>

GERMAN EXCHANGE

From 23 February until 2 March, a party of 13 pupils and two staff from our school, were welcomed by our partner school (The Hildegardis Gymnasium) in Kempten, a town approximately 90 minutes from Munich. The purpose of the visit was to improve the language skills and cultural knowledge of both the English and German students.

Our party arrived in Munich on the evening of Friday 23 February and it wasn't long before we were heading to our partner school to be introduced to the German pupils. After a busy weekend with families, Monday began with the English students attending lessons at our partner school and then visiting the lovely (but very cold) town of Kempten, including a visit to the 2 churches and the Erasmuskapelle. A variety of visits were also planned for us throughout the week including a trip to Illerbeuren's interesting farming museum. We also visited Munich with our German partners, and saw lots of interesting sites (and shops!) in the Bavarian city. We finished our week in Bavaria with a guided tour of the fantastic Neuschwanstein castle, a trip that students always enjoy!

After a great week in Bavaria, The Holy Family students played the role of hosts from 19-26 April. The warmer weather meant that we were able to show our German friends much more of the great cities of Leeds Bradford and York. Both groups of students really enjoyed the two visits and have kept in touch with each other.

We plan to make another successful visit to Kempten next academic year. Please see Mr Godfrey for further details.



FUEL FOR SCHOOL

Holy Family Catholic School are working with Fuel for Schools to try and reduce the amount of unnecessary waste from supermarkets and shops. We offer food where the packaging may be damaged. It is produce that the supermarkets have stopped selling or is passed its best before date, but is still perfectly edible. We have a shop in Keighley town centre (opposite the back entrance of Next) where we offer food on a pay as you feel basis. Pay what you feel the food is worth and what you can afford. All of the money goes back into the school, so it really is worth giving us a try. Any perishable food that we are unable to sell is sent to the Franciscan Friars in Bradford to help them feed the homeless. We are open on Fridays 10.30-11.50am every week, including the school holidays.

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MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

Delroy Beverley, Speakers for schools. Expert in how to build profitable businesses.

Students from years 8 and 9 received a presentation from Delroy Beverley, a volunteer with the Speakers for Schools Programme, which arranges for successful visitors to come and speak to pupils about their life options.

Mr Beverley has had a lengthy career in housing and construction, taking on senior roles and sharing experiences by acting as a mentor to A-level students.

A Holy Family spokesman said "Delroy Beverley was an inspiration to all the year 8 and 9 students at Holy Family when he told them about his life.

He came to England at the age of nine and following hard work he was able to achieve great personal success.

He explained to the students that they shouldn't be afraid of taking opportunities that present themselves in life.

Delroy said, "The more we experience, the more we learn and the more we're able to contribute to society in a positive manner."

Our students were extremely impressed with the way he spoke and the way he treated them.



Hatchlings causing a flap in science.

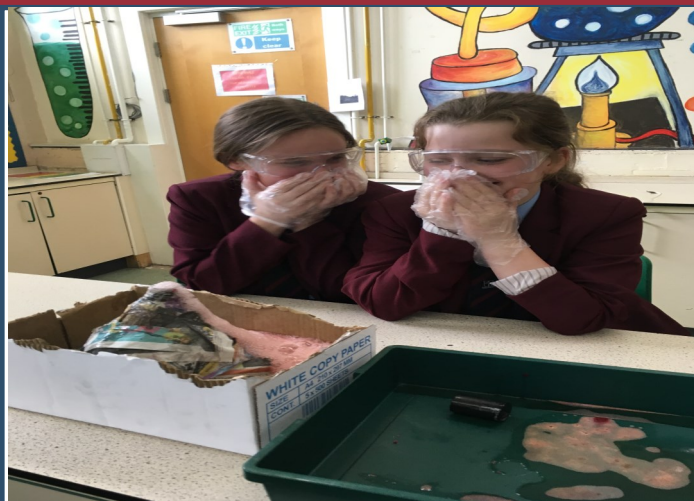
Holy Family's science technician Phil Cowen created quite a stir back in March when he set up an incubator and 9 hens eggs at the back of the science lab. After 21 days of the students watching, our first hatchling appeared in late March and was named Nigel due to his sleepy nature. Nigel was swiftly followed by 2 more chicks over the next two days. Getting 3 healthy chicks from the original 9 eggs was considered a great outcome especially with the cold weather and snow. During the time we had them in school the students learnt how to handle them safely and about their care and feeding schedule. All 3 are now living happily in Phil's garden as you can see from the pictures.

GEOGRAPHY/SCIENCE.

Mrs MacGregor and some students made Volcano's in geography then went to science to watch them explode.

As you can see from the students faces it was a fantastic experience.

Our very own Jamie Olivers in the making!



Sacrament of Confirmation.

On Wednesday 16 May, 38 students from years 7, 8 and 9 received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Josephs Church, Keighley. This event marked the end of months of prayer and preparation and the journey of faith and initiation which began their Baptism. The Bishop of Leeds (below) Reverend Marcus Stock, led the service in which our young people confirmed their desire to continue to grow in their Catholic faith and to take up a greater role in the life of their Parish. During the service the Bishop and congregation prayed for the candidates before the Bishop lay his hands on the candidates heads, anointing them with the oil of chrism and calling down the Holy Spirit upon them. Congratulations to all of our students who have been involved in this wonderful event and the staff who helped in their preparation.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

We are looking for 16 volunteers from The Bridge in year 7, 8 and 9 to help in The Bradford Youth, Dragon Boat Festival in June at Roberts Park, Saltaire. If your child is interested please see Miss Pritchard or Mrs Fletcher for further details.

Holy Family Students "Share The Journey"

CAFOD is the development agency of the Catholic Church, working alongside the other relief agencies such as the Red Cross.

This year for lent, in preparation for Easter CAFOD's campaign was titled "Share the Journey". It focussed on the journeys migrants and refugees have to make to find sanctuary.

Schools and Parishes across England and Wales joined in a walk to travel in solidarity with people on the move. The aim nationally was to have walked 24,900 miles, or around the whole world to give a message to world leaders who meet in Autumn 2018 to discuss two global agreements on refugees and migration ensuring they live with dignity.

A group of students from Holy Family participated in the walk from Granary Wharf in Leeds to Kirkstall Abbey where they stopped for a picnic lunch before walking back to Leeds to catch the train home.

The day passed off without mishap apart from the school banner, which was carried high and proud, well to the fore for most of the day, as it got stuck in a tree.

Clare Pullen the group leader said, "This was different to the usual CAFOD walk in Lent which is normally a sponsored walk. This year we just walked to be in solidarity with people on the move".





ROUNDERS

Year 7 girls attended their first rounders tournament on Monday 21 May. They lost to South Craven School but quickly improved to narrowly lose to U.A.K but then went on to beat Oakbank. By the end of the tournament the girls improved massively and Mrs Walshaw is very much looking forward to their next games.



NETBALL NEWS

The netball season has been completed with years 7,8,9 and 10 representing the school. Over the season the girls have won 11 matches, drawn 3 and lost 11.

Year 8 netball were winners of the UN13B league and have been promoted to the first division. The players were:

Lucy Ciaffarafa

Abigail Cuzziol

Julia Depo

Summer Milner

Leila O'Neill

Mia O'Neill

Katelyn Devlin

Sienna Chadwick

Halayna Harvey

Chloe O'Reilly

