
Newsletter

HOLY FAITH
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Welcome!

Deputy Principal's Welcome

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to another school year at Holy Faith. A special welcome to our new students and their parents. We have 112 very enthusiastic First Year students and have welcomed new students to a number of other year groups. I hope that you enjoy being part of the Holy Faith community. I hope that all students are settling back well.

A huge congratulations to the Class of 2024 on their excellent Leaving Certificate results. I wish them well as they embark on their next journey. Thank you to their teachers who worked so hard with them during their time in the school and to their parents for their support.

As you may be aware, we have faced some challenges with timetabling this year due to a variety of factors. I don't think there is a school in the country that is not facing similar challenges. While we have worked hard to minimise disruptions, some scheduling issues could not be avoided, and we appreciate your understanding on this. Our goal is always to create the best possible learning environment for our students, both academically and holistically, and as a school we are all working towards this within the constraints facing most schools.

The students continue to impress me every day with their dedication and enthusiasm. All students have been reminded about the correct school uniform and I ask for your support on monitoring this. We have new chairs in all the classrooms and a new sensory room, I hope that students benefit from these.

We are delighted to offer a wide range of after-school activities this year, from sports teams to drama and music. These activities provide students with opportunities to explore their interests, develop new skills, and build friendships. I encourage all students to get involved and take advantage of the fantastic opportunities available to them.

Finally, I know that you will join me in wishing Ms Gogarty well and will keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers.

Mary Molloy.

Welcome First Years

We would like to welcome our new first years to the school. As they embark on their first year of secondary school, here are some top tips from our senior students to help them navigate their new school, subjects, and routine:

- Get involved, try new things and make the most out of every opportunity, because the memories and friendships you'll make here will last forever
- Take the time to get to know all the girls in your year, you never know which group of friends you'll end up with and what day people are having so be kind to everyone

Our Prefect Executive



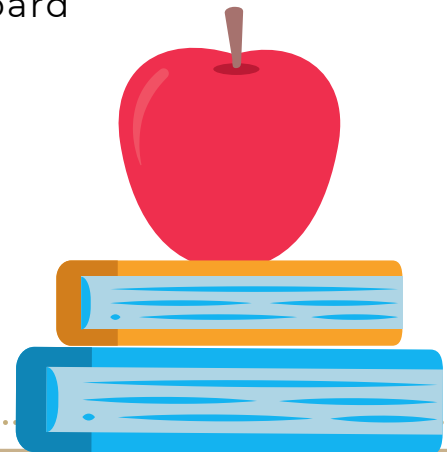
L-R: Ciara Maguire, Rachel Whyms, Jodi Costello, Nicole Carroll, Alice Carey

New Teachers

We would like to welcome several new teachers to the school:

- Mr Curran - Irish
- Mr Fitzpatrick - Maths and Music
- Mr Cooper - Maths and PE
- Ms Bohan - RE, History, SPHE, CSPE
- Ms Tierney - Ag Sci
- Mr Hossey - French CSPE
- Ms McCauley - Maths, Business, Computer Science

We're delighted to have them on board





What's new?

Prayer and Mediation Space

Over the summer, Ms O'Donnell (with help from our caretaker, Glenn, and Mr Hayden) gave our prayer room to a facelift to incorporate a sensory and meditation aspect. All students will be able to benefit from the calm, peaceful environment and the range of sensory equipment included.

New Chairs

All student chairs have now been replaced with brightly coloured Titan chairs. They are designed to reduce lower-back stress and help maintain a natural posture. The bright colours really add some cheer to the classrooms



Junior Football Team

Mr Hayden and Mr Cooper are starting Holy Faith's first football team for Junior Students.

Keep an eye out for notices on the first year corridor!



Teacher Training

We started off the year with some wonderful training for our staff on meeting the needs of students with Dyslexia.

Wyn McCormack presented to our staff and talked us through ways to make our teaching and our school friendlier for those with dyslexia.

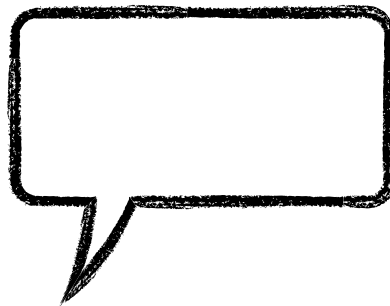
There will be an online seminar available to parents in the coming weeks. More information will be available on the school app.

Debate and Public Speaking

Debating season is starting soon!

Second year students will get a chance to enter the UCD Junior Debates and senior students will have opportunities to enter Leinster Debating and Soroptimist Public Speaking competitions. This year the school will also be entering Les Joutes Oratoires, a French debating competition.

More details will follow!



5th year Causey Farm Trip

Ms Mackle, with the help of Ms Cusack, Ms Coghlan, and Ms O'Donnell took the 5th years off to a brilliant team building trip to Causey Farm, where they did pizza making, Irish dancing, bog hopping and much more. It was a brilliant day out for everyone.

