Holy Cross Newsletter 26 February 2018

What's on this week

Monday

Choir Monday Room 213 3.20-4.15 pm
Spanish GCSE revision 3.20-4.20 Room107
Art afterschool for Y7-Y9 to complete homework. Y10 & 11 to work on GCSE units 3.20-4.30 pm
Library opening times Week A
Break, lunch 1.35 –2.05 pm after school*(closed if meeting taking place)
Library opening times Week B
Break, after school *
Y7 Homework Club Room 122 1.45 2.15 pm
Guitar and drum lessons Music room see timetable outside Music room
GCSE German revision Room 108 3.30—4.30 pm

Tuesday

MFL Club afterschool Room 107 3.20—4.15 pm
Maths Intervention Y11 A band 3.20-4.20 pm
French GCSE revision 3.20-4.20 pm Room 9
Art afterschool for Y7-Y9 to complete homework. Y10 & 11 to work on GCSE units 3.20-4.30 pm
Library opening times Week A
After school*
Library opening times Week B
Break, lunch 1.35-2.05 pm afterschool*
Y7 Homework Club Room 122 1.45-2.15 pm

Wednesday

Maths Doctor Wednesday lunchtime
Room 114 Years 7-10
Maths Intervention Y11 B band 3.20-4.20 pm
Product Design catch up all years 3.20-4.20 pm
Art afterschool for Y7-Y9 to complete homework. Y10 & 11 to work on GCSE units 3.20-4.30 pm
Library opening times Week A
Lunch 1.35-2.05 pm, after school*
Library opening times Week B
Break,lunch 1.35-2.05 pm after school*
Woodwind and Piano lessons Music room see timetable outside Music room

Thursday

Product Design catch up all years 3.20-4.20 pm
Library opening times Week A
Break, after school*
Library opening times Week B
Lunch 1.35-2.05 pm after school
Faith In Action meeting 1.50 pm in Room 125

Friday

Brass Band Friday Room 213 3.20-4.20 pm
Spanish GCSE revision 3.20-4.20 Room 107
Art for Y7-Y9 to complete homework. Y10 & 11 to work on GCSE units lunchtime 1.35-2.10 pm
Library opening times Week A
Break, lunch 1.35-2.05 pm
Y7 Homework Club Room 220 1.45-2.15 pm
Brass,Singing and Piano lessons Music room see timetable outside Music room. Wind band Friday lunchtime, Brass band after school

World Book Day

Wednesday 1 March is World Book Day and there will be lots of activities for pupils to get involved in. Each pupil will receive a £1 book token during tutor time, which can be exchanged for a special edition WBD book available in supermarkets and book shops, or used towards the cost of any book or used at the Book Fair being held in school. There will be a competition to design the school bookmark, book bingo, a big book swap, photo booth and lucky dip. During library lessons pupils will get a chance to do a book review, enter the 'design a book cover competition', a book treasure hunt and help create the new Welcome sign for the Library. The Book Fair will be from 15 March for two weeks, it will be bigger and better than last year's. There will be over 150 titles to choose from as well as stationery and posters. We are having a Big Book Swap, don't forget to hand in any unwanted books to Miss Rushton in the library - in return you will be given a voucher which can be used on 1 March to choose another book from the Big Book Swap selection. This is a fantastic way to recycle any unwanted books that you have lying around at home and at the same time get to choose a different book you haven't read.
Please only donate books that are in good condition and are appropriate for ages 11-16.

St. Catherine's Hospice Book Shop Raffle for World Book Day

Want a new book to read? Need a book for your Accelerated Reader lesson? Why not visit St. Catherine's Hospice Book Shop in Chorley where they have a fantastic selection of great quality teenage fiction and non-fiction from around £1. As well as getting a book for a bargain price, you will be helping to support a local charity. To celebrate World Book Day, the staff at St. Catherine's have kindly offered to let one lucky pupil choose five free books . To have a chance of winning this prize, you need to buy a book from the at shop 54 Chapel Street Chorley by 1 March - just make sure you identify yourself as a Holy Cross pupil so that the staff member gives you a ticket - then hand in your ticket to Miss Rushton in the library. One ticket will be selected on 2 March 2018.
Please note that the World Book Day £1 tokens cannot be used at St Catherine's

Please Note Thursday 1 March is the last day to use the old £10 note, after this date school will not accept or change the old notes for new ones. The banks will continue to receive and/or exchange them

Refurbishment Work The work on the food rooms and the creation of the music suite has now commenced and is due for completion in June.

News from the PE Department

Congratulations to the Y7 Boys and the Y8 Boys Dodgeball teams who became district champions at the tournament on the 19 February.
Congratulations to the Y8 Girls Dodgeball team who finished in bronze medal position and also the Y7 Girls team who finished 4th.
Congratulations to the Y9 Girls Basketball team who finished runners up in the Lancashire Cup - They now go through to the National tournament.
Good luck to the Y7 Boys Athletics team who are going to compete in the NW indoor athletics finals in Blackpool on Tuesday 27 February.
Y8 Girls A and B Netball teams won against Southlands before half term. Holy Cross girls had good success in the Chorley Schools Gymnastics Competition.

News from MFL Department

All Y9 pupils enjoyed working with foreign language students from Newman College, Preston. During last half term, we welcomed 20 A2 students who were keen to share with our pupils their experiences of taking their foreign language studies beyond GCSE and how they hope languages will feature in their future career. They also gave our pupils the opportunity to engage in general conversation in French or Spanish. Our pupils engaged exceptionally well with the event and spoke of increased confidence and spontaneity in their oral skills.

News from Science

Holy Cross have been given an exciting opportunity for a selection of Y9 pupils to go to the University of Manchester during British Science Week to take part in interactive workshops, observe exciting demonstrations and lectures to compete with other schools and learn about the scientific research currently taking place at the university.
The STEM club are gearing up to take part in the Tomorrow's Engineers Robotics Challenge at BAE on the 6 March. After lots of hard work, our robot Geraldine is built and in the final stages of programming to compete against other schools in the regional final on the interactive map.
The University of Manchester brought the exciting 'Spectroscopy in a Suitcase' to Holy Cross Y11 Triple Science pupils on Tuesday 20 February. Pupils synthesized paracetamol and then used both Infrared Spectroscopy and TLC to analyse and find out whether they had a pure substance which could be taken as a painkiller tablet. The workshop helped to see what life at university in the laboratory will be like.

When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time.

Sports Fixtures

Wednesday 28 February
Y8/9 Football away v Southlands

Friday 2 March
Y7 Basketball away v Southlands

Tuesday 6 March Y9/11 Football away v Bishop Rawstorne

Wednesday 7 March
Y8/10 football at home v Bishop Rawstorne

Friday 9 March
Y7 football away v Bishop Rawsthorne

Friday 23 March Y7 (3 teams) tournament at home v St Michael's

Table Tennis Competition
Friday 23 March
v Southlands away