



St Philomena's

Catholic High School for Girls

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we start the month of July, we continue working on arrangements for the last week of term and planning how our Enrichment Activities Programme will work remotely, further details will be shared with families shortly.

Lessons in School

The Year 10 students that are attending school are taking part in live lessons P2 - P5 with their subject teacher. The school believes strongly that the students will benefit from face to face contact with their subject teachers before breaking for the longer summer holiday period. This time provides a great opportunity to assist your daughter with preparing for her exams, early in the Autumn Term. There is also pastoral support available to students in school, should they wish to speak with a member of the team.

Public Exam Grades Updated Guidance

As a school we would like to take this opportunity to share with you the recent guidance from exam boards should your daughter feel that the grades that she will receive will not be sufficient to enable her to make progress to the next steps in her learning journey and to also remind you that we will be present on results day to discuss these options further should the need arise. The exam boards have also stated that students will have an opportunity in the Autumn to sit examinations should they wish to which would lead to results being published in early 2021. This is something each student will need to consider weighing up the benefits whilst considering the study time required for these exams whilst ensuring that they are making strong progress in their new course.

In addition please be advised OFQUAL have issued guidance about appealing GCSE grades and it can be found here.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofqual-publishes-more-details-on-appeals-and-confirms-autumn-exam-arrangements>

Pope Francis - Month of July

For this month of July, Pope Francis has specifically chosen a prayer intention titled "Our Families." You are asked to start the month with love and compassion and join Pope Francis in prayer for all families around the world.

Prayer For the Family

O God of goodness and mercy, to Thy fatherly guidance we commend our family, our household and all our belongings. We commit all to Thy love and keeping; do Thou fill this house with Thy blessings even as Thou didst fill the holy House of Nazareth with Thy presence.

Keep far from us, above all else, the blemish of sin, and do Thou alone reign in our midst by Thy law, by Thy most holy love and by the exercise of every Christian virtue. Let each one of us obey Thee, love Thee and set himself to follow in his own life Thine example, that of Mary, Thy Mother and our Mother most loving, and that of Thy blameless guardian, Saint Joseph.

Protect us and our house from all evils and misfortunes, but grant that we may be ever resigned to Thy divine will even in the sorrows which it shall please Thee to send us. Finally give unto all of us the grace to live in perfect harmony and in the fullness of love toward our neighbour. Grant that every one of us may deserve by a holy life the comfort of Thy holy Sacraments at the hour of death. O Jesus, bless us and protect us.





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O Mary, Mother of grace and of mercy, defend us against the wicked spirit, reconcile us with Thy Son, commit us to His keeping, that so we may be made worthy of His promises.

Saint Joseph, foster-father of our Savior, guardian of His holy Mother, head of the Holy Family, intercede for us, bless us and defend our home at all times.

Saint Michael, defend us against all the evil cunning of hell.

Saint Gabriel, make us to understand the holy will of God.

Saint Raphael, preserve us from all sickness and from every danger to our lives.

Our holy Guardian Angels, keep our feet safely on the path of salvation both day and night.

Our holy Patrons, pray for us before the throne of God.

Yea, bless this house, O God the Father, who hast created us; O God the Son, who hast suffered for us upon the holy Cross, and Thou, O Holy Spirit, who hast sanctified us in holy Baptism. May the one God in three divine Persons preserve our bodies, purify our minds, direct our hearts and bring us all to everlasting life.

Glory be to the Father, glory be to the Son, glory be to the Holy Spirit! Amen

Yours faithfully

Ms M Noone
Headteacher

