

# Newsletter

## HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

January 2021

**Welcome to our newsletter where we keep you up to date with the many activities and latest news from our school community.**

### **Teaching and Learning:**

During this period of remote learning and teaching, students and teachers have once again risen to the challenge. Online engagement from students has been very good and we encourage all students to continue with this high level of engagement and to follow the school timetable. Attendance is recorded by all teachers for every class. Good habits and a steady routine are essential to maintain focus and get the most out of classes:

- Go to bed at a reasonable hour
- Have a set work space and be ready for online classes in good time
- Take scheduled breaks as per your school timetable
- Eat well and keep hydrated
- Complete the assigned work and remember to send it on to your teacher as soon as it is completed
- Try to incorporate some form of physical activity into your school day
- Maintain communication with the school and remember to inform your teacher if you are having any difficulties

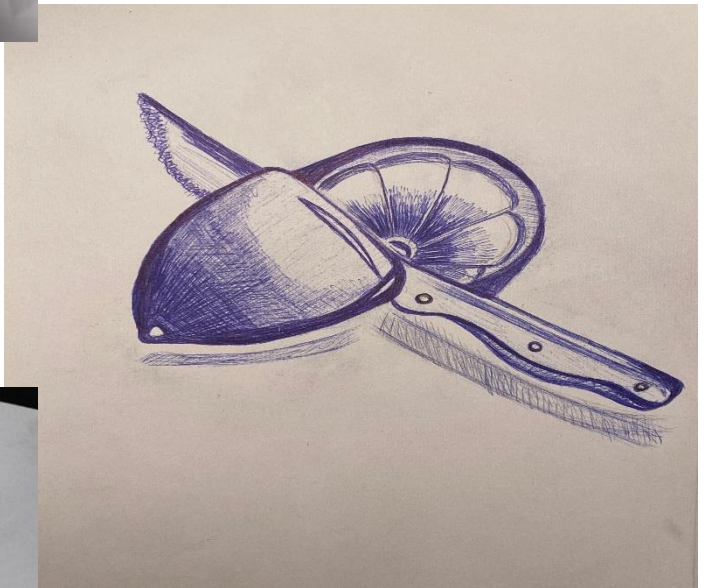
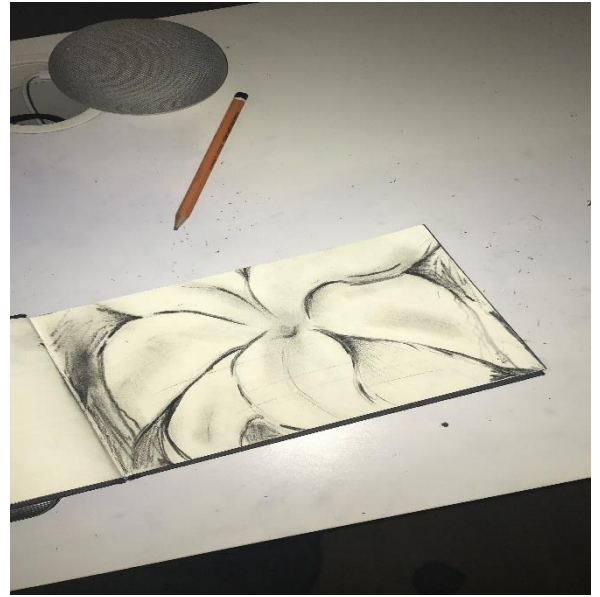
We had a series of **assemblies** last week. Each year group had an online assembly, hosted by their Year Head and attended by the Principal and Deputy Principals. It was great to see such a high level of attendance and engagement at all of the assemblies. It demonstrated that what Holy Family Community School is noted for, its caring environment and effective communication, permeates right throughout the school community. The assemblies presented the perfect opportunity for Year Heads to thank students for their online engagement and to offer words of encouragement. It also provided the platform for students to ask any questions and engage in a Q&A session with Senior Management.

Students in exam years are, naturally, anxious at this time. Please know that the school will always keep students and parents fully briefed on all information from the DES as soon as we receive the information.

**Parents are encouraged to check ePortal regularly as attendance and online engagement is recorded. If you have any difficulty accessing ePortal, please contact the school by emailing [info@hfcs.ie](mailto:info@hfcs.ie) An email should be sent to [attendance@hfcs.ie](mailto:attendance@hfcs.ie) if your child is absent from class so that accurate attendance records can be maintained.**

## Art Department:

The members of the Art Department continue to support and encourage students during this period of online learning. We have included a small selection of the work currently being done by our very talented students.







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## Did you know?

### Using Xbox or PlayStation to access Office 365

Accessing your school work from home during period of remote teaching and learning can be done through Xbox and PlayStation. This can be useful for any student who does not have access to a laptop/tablet/phone. Follow the steps below -



XBox
Plug a keyboard into the Xbox USB slot Go into My Games and Apps Find Microsoft Edge and select it Type in: Office 365 / Office.com and log in to your account as you would in school (your hfcs.ie account) You can access your work through OneDrive and use packages such as: Teams Word Excel PowerPoint Outlook/Email To move from each platform, use the Xbox controller or a mouse



PlayStation
Identify the PlayStation Internet Browser Icon (it is www with dots around it) Press the PS4 Logo on the controller Go to the library and find options for Games and Applications Go into Applications and you will find the internet browser Type Office 365 / Office.com into the browser and log in as you would in school (your hfcs.ie account) You can access your work through OneDrive and use key packages such as: Teams Word Excel PowerPoint Outlook/email To move from each platform, use the PS4 controller



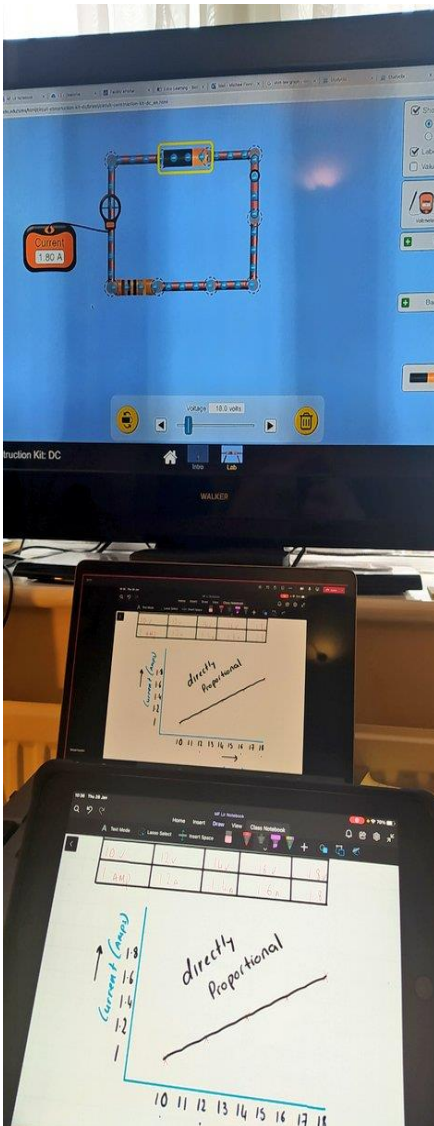
## Wellbeing:

Our Wellbeing programme continues to take place during this time. A Wellbeing Pack is prepared and presented to all students by their tutors every Wednesday. The Wellbeing Pack is centred around the Wellbeing Indicators and contains helpful guidance and advice for students to take care of their wellbeing each day. Parents can access the Wellbeing pack each week on the school website.

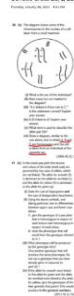
## Staff CPD:

School staff continue to upskill and engage in regular online professional development and webinars. Staff collaboration and sharing of resources is something that is encouraged and is of tremendous benefit to students.

Staff continue to use Microsoft Office for classwork and homework. Remote Learning and Teaching is working so well when we work together.



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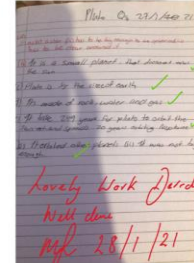
Excellent work Sharon,  
please see corrections  
Review - Monogamous (60, 60)  
- Sex chromosomes (XX, XY)  
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Lovely work John!  
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Lovely work Jordan!  
Well done  
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Student HW Tasks:



### **Supporting Parent/Guardians:**

We have posted links to webinars from a variety of organisations on our school website, [www.hfcs.ie](http://www.hfcs.ie). These webinars are devised as a way to assist parents/guardians in supporting their children during this period of online learning. We encourage all parents/guardians to familiarise themselves with Microsoft Office, especially Teams, which is the platform used by students and teachers. Parents should contact the school at [info@hfcs.ie](mailto:info@hfcs.ie) if they have any questions and we will do our best to assist you. Parents/Guardians can also contact the school on 01-4580766 between 9.00am and 1.00pm.



### **HFCS.IE:**

Our school website is the best location to visit when looking for information. Please note that the website is updated regularly.

### **CAO:**

A very useful, helpful and informative video presentation on the CAO process is on our school website. This is designed by Ms Perris and the Guidance Department specifically for parents of 6<sup>th</sup> year students. The link to the video can be found here: <https://www.hfcs.ie/hfcs-cao-information-presentation/>

## **Competition: Design Our Dialann Competition!**

Our school Dialann is getting a facelift – and we'd like students to design the cover!

We are running a competition to design the cover for the new Junior / Senior Cycle / TY and LCA Dialann.

Prizes will be awarded and the winners will also have the honour of having their design grace the cover.

Your entry can be a drawing, painting, or in digital form.

Email your entry to [l.ferguson@hfcs.ie](mailto:l.ferguson@hfcs.ie) Closing date for entries is **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February**.

### **Academic Success:**

We would like to congratulate **Nithiesh Loganathan** and **Damian Pawlowski** from the Class of 2020 who have both received the Trinity College Dublin Entrance Exhibition Award. This award is reserved for those who achieve outstanding results in the Leaving Certificate. Nithiesh is studying Medicine and Damian is studying Biological and Biomedical Sciences. We are so proud of both young men and wish them every success.



Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/guardians for your continued support. We sincerely hope that you and your families continue to stay safe and well during this very challenging period for all of us.

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