

Nurturing Talent & Fulfilling Potential

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H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

MILL	1Q: Conal O'Hanlon & Lorcan McNally	1T: Caolan McCaul & Noah Murtagh	2F: Sean Fennell & Alfie Cunningham	2M: Luke Halliday & Lenni Smith
ARISTOTLE	3M: Connor Turner & Oisín Colohan	3Mo: Cillian Doherty & Francis Murphy	4W: Tomas Braniff & Conan Magee	4M: Ethan McStravick & Caolan Doherty
PLATO	5W: Oscar Altas & Lu Daire Clarke	5C: Rio Cooke Faulkner & Ronan Gillespie	6M: Ryan Reilly & Pearse Strain	6E: Corey McCaffrey & Shay Braniff
SOCRATES	7L: Christopher Moloney & Josh Lyttle	7H: Ryan Flood & TJ Smith	Starlight: Harlee Cooke-Faulkner	RR: Ivan Aldoshyn

Solitude Winners: Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude for a coaching session on the pitch on Monday 18th December with our two current staff members, Tony Kane and Joe Gormley (Cliftonville FC). The boys were selected for their outstanding efforts with their behaviour and attitude. Thanks so much to Cliftonville FC and especially Imelda Pettigrew for the use of their superb facilities every week. **Starlight Rm/P4:** Stephen Marley, Jack Stewart, James Braniff, Kaelann Gilvary, Shay Gilvary, Connell Gourley, Kenzie Morgan & Finn McConnell. **P5:** Theo Hyland, Jake Frame Donaghy, Rhys Corrigan, Jayden Davey, James McCorry & Patrick McManus. **P6:** Kaelem Madden, Finn Johnson, Jay Taylor, Ethan Maguire, Ryan Reilly & Ciaran Gormley. **P7:** Muiz Ojo, Christopher Gormley, Junior B Evans, Rhys Ewing, Kaiden Boyle McAllister, Mark McConnell & Alfie O'Hare.

Christmas Key dates: Both the Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th December will be non-uniform days, when P1-7 pupils and staff will be asked to wear their Christmas jumpers. Christmas Jumper Day & Santa Visit will take place on Tuesday 19th December & Santa will meet P1/2/RR/SL pupils in the hall and then visit P3/P4 classrooms. Christmas dinners will be served on **Wed 20th December. Joint Nativity Carol Service:** The Primary 4-7 pupils will join Holy Cross Girls' and Mercy Primary on **Tuesday 19th December 2023** @1.30pm in Holy Cross Church. **Bradley Manor Carol Singing** @11.00 to 11.40 on **Wednesday 20th December**. Christmas Holidays: All pupils will finish earlier (11.00am) on **Thursday 21st December 2023** and return for **Term 2** on **Monday 8th January 2024**.

Christmas Show: Well done to all the Year 1 to 3 boys and their teachers and classroom assistants for producing three outstanding Christmas performances for their parents and family members last week. A special mention for our music specialist, Mrs Martin and Mrs McShane, who always ensure a 5-star show. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/christmas-show-babushka/>

Confirmation for Year 7 will be celebrated on **Friday 26th January 2024** at 11am in Holy Cross Church. This sacrament will be celebrated alongside Holy Cross Girls' P.S. The Service of Commitment and Light will be held on **Thursday 18th January 2024**. More information on this will follow.

Accelerated Reading/FRECKLE: Well done to all the boys who were awarded certificates (for P4-7 pupils) from Mr Connolly (AR) and Mr Morrin (FRECKLE) last Monday for putting in an excellent effort with both during term 1. Well done boys. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/term-one-individual-target-awards-/> and <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/year-4-7-freckle-winners-for-term-1/?p=1&tags=1081>

Term 1 Awards: We will visit the classes tomorrow, **Mon 18th Dec 2023** to give out awards for Reading, Maths and Attendance for term 1.

Philosophy: P5 Jayden is our Philosopher of the Week for daring to think differently on should we listen to the opinions of others?

Counselling Service: With the help of ES funding & the PHA, we are now offering a specialist counselling service for selected pupils on Mondays (Mental Health Movement at the Marrowbone Hub) thanks to Caoimhin McNulty and on Wednesdays with Anne (will restart after Christmas).

Physical Education: Our P7 boys concluded the **Honour Roll Programme** last week with an excellent day at the Hammer YC. We met up with 3 other schools, Edenbrook, Wheatfield and Holy Cross Girls' and our boys had the chance to play dodge ball, athletics, general knowledge quiz, dodgeball and African drums. They also completed a workshop which will help them transition from primary school to post primary. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/p7-honour-roll-programme-/> Year 7 will start their 8-week swimming programme on **Friday 12th Jan 24**. The focus for the 2nd Physical Education theme for November/December is Gymnastics. Multipoint Games at the Ardoyne Community Centre with Community Sports Network on Thursdays for 6J (10.10-10.30), 6M (10.30-11.00), 5W (11.00-11.30) and 5C (11.30-12.00). Year 5 will continue their handball programme with Gaelfit's Oisín on Thursdays (after Christmas) in the school hall. P5 classes will also have Gaelfast lessons on Tuesdays 5W R14 @1.10-1.50pm and 5C R14 @1.50-2.30pm. **Football Team:** HCB under the guidance of Mr. Mullan enjoyed an impressive 3-1 victory over St. Michael's Primary School in the quarter final of the EDCO Cup at Solitude today. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/quarter-final-win-for-hcb-in-the-edco-cup-at-solitudetoday>. HCB enjoyed a fantastic tournament at the GC Primary Schools Cup at the Hammer Youth Club on Friday, coming through a very strong group phase to progress to the final of the shield. HCB were held to a goalless draw in the final, narrowly losing out on penalties to Seaview PS.

Breakfast Club opens at 8:00am in the school canteen and costs of €1 per morning (includes cereal, toast and a drink). **BREAKFAST CLUB WILL BE FREE FOR PUPILS IN TERM 2** and we give out Tuckshop and Breakfast Club vouchers every Wednesday.

Music: Singing Practice for P1-3 on Fridays and P4-7 on Thursdays @. Classes & Peripatetic lessons on flute, violin, brass, cello & bassoon continue weekly.

Mental Health Awareness: The next session for P6 & 7 pupils will be on **Thursday 11th January 24** @9.30 to 10.30am with specialist, Joe Watson.

Extended Schools ES Block 3 Week 1 will restart on **Mon 8th to Fri 12th Jan** and end on week **Mon 5th to Fri 9th Feb 2024**.

School Holidays 23/24 https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20230309120136_15_HCB_School_Holidays_for_Parents_2023-2024.pdf

HCB Healthy Eating Policy: https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20220705104703_11_Healthy_Eating_Policy.pdf



Reader of the Week	Sports Star of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Philosopher of the Week	Musician/s of the Week	Healthy Eating Ambassador

Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question: Does technology control our lives?
Weekly Challenge: Get up early for the Breakfast Club this week?
Motivational Quote: "If you don't find the time, if you don't do the work, you don't get the results."
Arnold Schwarzenegger

Happy Birthday

Callum Magill, Odhran McGrannaghan, Theo Hughes, Lorcan Lavery, Oisín Colohan, Ruben Bercea, Noah Kelly, Cohan Rafferty, Braden McAllister, Conan Magee, James McCorry, Caleb Patterson, Kai Bake, Anthony Conlon, Oisín Moore, Danny McGoniglr, Tyler O'Halloran, Tierns Smith, John Og Robinson Taylor & Bruno Chodkowski.

Upcoming EVENTS

Trainer Tuesday: Pupils can wear their trainers on **Tuesday 19th December** for 50p.
Breakfast Club FREE entry on **Wed 20th Dec** for P2-7 pupils from 8am.
Tuckshop: will take place this **Tue 19th Dec**.
Solitude Friday Visits tomorrow **Mon 18th Dec**
TRIPS: RR & SR to Cinema on **Mon 18th Dec**.
Rewarding Pupils: Awards for Reading, Maths and Attendance at end of term 1 on **Mon 18th Dec 23**.
Santa visit (P1-4) & Christmas Jumpers (All pupils) & Joint Nativity Carol Service (1.30pm) in church on **Tue 19th Dec 2023**
Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumpers (all pupils) on **Wed 20th Dec 2023**
Bradley Manor Carol Singing @11.00 to 11.40 on **Wednesday 20th December**
Christmas Holidays: Pupils will finish earlier (11.00am) this **Thur 21st Dec** return **Term 2** on **Mon 8th Jan 24**.
Year 7 Swimming: Starts **Fri 12th Jan 24**
KS2 Environmental Show on **Tue 16th Jan 2024** @9.30am in school hall.
Confirmation for Year 7 on **Fri 26 Jan 24** @ 11am in Holy Cross Church. Service of Commitment and light will be held on **Thursday 18th Jan 2024**.
Parent teacher Interviews: **Fri 9th Feb 2024**
St.Patrick's Day Holidays: Pupils finish early (11.00am) on **Thur 14th** and return on **Tue 19th Mar 2024**.
Easter Holidays: Pupils will finish early on **Thurs 28th Mar** (11.00am) 24 and return **Mon 8th Apr 2024**.
P1 Health Appraisal School Nurse Visits on **Monday 15th to Wed 24th April 2024**
Holy Communion on **Fri 17 May 2024** @11am.

	Monday 18 th Dec	Tuesday 19 th Dec	Wednesday 20 th Dec	Thursday 21 st Dec	Friday 22 nd Dec
Chicken	Chicken	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread,	CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU		
Goujons,	Goujons,	Sweet Corn & Steamed Rice.	ROAST TURKEY AND STUFFING		
Spaghetti Hoops & Chips.	Spaghetti Hoops & Chips.	Jam & Coconut Cake.	COCKTAIL SAUSAGES		
Ice cream Fruit.	Ice cream Fruit.		PEAS		
			BATON CARROTS		
			DESSERT OF THE DAY		
			ORANGE & BLACKCURRANT JUICE		
			All pupils will finish earlier @11.00am on Thursday 21st December 2023		
			Christmas Holidays		
			School Closed		

YEAR	START	Finish	Friday Finish
1	9.00	2.00	12.45
2	8.45	2.15	1.00
3	9.00	2.30	1.00
4	8.45	2.45	1.20
5	9.00	3.00	1.20
6	8.45	2.45	1.20
7	9.00	3.00	1.20
RR	8.45	2.00	12.30
SL	8.45	2.30	12.30

Dinner Menu 2023-24 https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20230831013823_74_Dinner_Menu_September_2023.pptx

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