

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to have the girls back in school for the past three weeks. They have really settled quickly into the daily routine, have been working hard in lessons and enjoying the company of their friends at break and lunchtimes.

## COVID-19 Testing

We have had just one positive student case in the past two weeks and no positive staff cases in school. Thank you for your support with the Lateral Flow asymptomatic testing at home, which seems to be going very well. All students have been supplied with testing kits so they can continue to test twice-weekly at home over the Easter break. Please remember to record your daughter's test results using this [link](https://forms.office.com/r/efdNy8uR63) (<https://forms.office.com/r/efdNy8uR63>) or scanning the QR code below.



Mr Donnelly has already written to parents this week to explain what to do if your daughter tests positive during the Easter holidays. Please follow the very clear steps in the COVID flow chart which was sent to parents and is also on our website. If your daughter becomes ill with COVID symptoms please remember to inform school of the situation as soon as possible, we will need to 'track and trace' all close contacts and will let families know as soon as possible via email.

To reiterate a key message – please do not send your daughter to school after Easter if she is unwell. If she is suffering any symptoms that could be linked to COVID, please arrange a PCR test (do not use the LF tests as they are for people who are asymptomatic).

## A Plea for updated Contact Details

We have had a few issues with parents not receiving communications from school. In nearly all cases, this was because families have moved house and not passed on their new address to school, or, parents have changed their mobile phone number or email address and not informed school. Please make sure we have your most up to date contact details so that you continue to receive all communications from school, via email, text message and in the post. You can contact us with any new details via the helpdesk: [enquiries@shhs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@shhs.org.uk)



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## Year 11 and Year 13 Students

In line with guidance from the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) and the individual examination boards, all exam students should be revising over Easter, in order to get ready to sit further in-class assessments. If your daughter wants to, or has been asked to, work on some exam materials to strengthen her portfolio, she will have had a conversation about this.

These exam materials have only just been provided by the examination boards today. Please remind your daughter to build in breaks and also take some time to rest and relax too.

## Cafod 'Walk for Water'

We have joined many across the world in doing the CAFOD Walk for Water Campaign. We believe everyone has the right to clean water, so we are doing our bit to be 'agents of change'. We launched this campaign in school in March and will be continuing through to the Easter holidays. Students and staff are setting their own target of steps to walk each day or each week. Our students are recording their steps and sharing them with their form tutor, to be entered onto a shared space online so we can watch the steps mount up. We recognise that the pandemic has made things very difficult for a lot of families, so please do not feel you have to contribute financially. If you would like to donate, this is the link to the Just Giving page:

[Sacred Heart High School is fundraising for The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development \(CAFOD\) \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Sacred-Heart-High-School)

## Parents' Evenings

The remaining parents' evenings for this academic year will take place through 'Schools Cloud'. This is an online platform that allows teachers to talk to parents via a video call which can be accessed by a mobile phone, tablet or laptop/PC. More information will follow nearer the time on how parents can make appointments.

Please save the date:

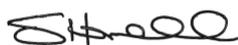
| Date                       | Year Group |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> April | 12         |
| Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> May    | 10         |
| Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> June   | 8          |
| Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> June  | 9          |
| Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> July  | 7          |

## Return to School

We look forward to welcoming the girls back to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. We are waiting for the temporary guidance on face-masks to be updated and will keep you informed of any changes.

I wish you a very happy and holy Easter.

Best wishes,



Mrs S Howell  
Headteacher