Harrytown Catholic High School

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

16th November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

✝ **Faith Life of the School**

This week's Gospel from Matthew 25:14-30 is about the Parable of the Talents. In the story, three servants are entrusted with different amounts of wealth; two invest their gifts and see them multiply, while one hides his talents away out of fear. For our school community, this parable is a wonderful reminder that every child possesses unique gifts—whether in academics, sport, the arts, or simply showing kindness. Our role, both at school and at home, is to nurture these abilities so our children have the confidence to use them bravely. Together, let's encourage them to step out of their comfort zones and let their individual talents shine.

🗓️ **School & Community Updates**

Our Lady & St Christopher's RC Church Christmas Fair

- **Date & Time:** Saturday, 28th November starting at 12:00 noon
- **Location:** St Christopher Centre

We are delighted to support our parish and local community for their annual Christmas Fair—a wonderful social event bringing together the parish, our schools, and the wider community.
There will be plenty of festive stalls and activities for all ages, including:

- **For Everyone:** Craft and gift stalls, cake stalls, a tombola, and a Christmas raffle featuring over 40 prizes (including a top prize of a two-night hotel stay for two).
- **For Younger Visitors:** A chocolate and sweets tombola, children's games, Christmas decoration decorating, and a special visit from Father Christmas.
- **Refreshments:** Hot food, mulled wine, and Irish coffees.

Free Bus Travel for 11-16 year olds

More information about the scheme has now been released and can be found here
https://tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/discounted-and-free-travel/young-people/11-16

In summary:
Starting 4 January 2027, all young people aged 11 to 16 living in Greater Manchester will be eligible for free bus travel across the region through the new Our Pass 11-16 scheme.

- Existing igo Cardholders: If your child already has an igo card and is eligible, their pass will automatically transfer over with no action or extra payment required. You will be contacted directly with details.
- New Applicants: If your child does not currently have an igo card, applications open on 8 December 2026 via the Bee Network app or online (a £10 admin fee applies). We encourage families to apply early so passes arrive ahead of the January launch.

⚽ **Sports Update**

Football:

The girls u14s team beat Priestnall in round 1 of the Stockport Cup. After a 3-3 game the girls won 7-6 on penalties. Well done to all involved.

🏸 **Badminton:**
The KS4 team progressed to Stockport finals after winning the qualifiers held at Kingsway. Well done to Jaxon, Charlie, Roman, and Charlie!

🌟 **Attendance Matters**

Each week Form Tutors and Heads of Year nominate children for Star of the Week, congratulations to the following children:

⭐ **Stars of the Week** ⭐

Year 7
🌟 7Y Holly

Year 8

🌟 8H Cecilia, 8A Brogan and Angel, 8Y Carter, 8T Isla, 8O Alice, 8W Sophie, 8N Olivia
HOY – Havana and Jake

Year 9

🌟 9H – Layla, 9A – Jessa, 9Y – Noah, 9T – Esra, 9O – Melodie, 9W – Charlotte, 9N Vanessa
HOY – Harvey

Year 10
🌟 10H Emilia, 10A Ruby, 10O Limar, 10W Isabel, 10N Rosa

Year 11
🌟 11H Fergal, 11O William

🗓️ **Dates for Your Diary**

Date	Event
Saturday, 28th November starting at 12:00 noon	Our Lady & St Christopher's RC Church Christmas Fair
30th November	School is closed for staff INSET

📢 **And finally…**

If you need anything this week, please do not hesitate to get in touch, all contact details can be found here on our website.

Yours faithfully



Mrs C Pickles
Headteacher