Harrytown Catholic High School

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

23rd November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

✝ **Faith Life of the School**

Yesterday was the Feast of Christ the King, an important day in the Catholic church's calendar as it marks the last Sunday before the First Sunday of Advent. For many of us, the Feast of Christ the King can seem an unusual celebration in a modern world where monarchs hold little power over our daily lives. Yet this feast reminds us that Christ's kingship is not built on power, wealth or status, but on service, compassion and sacrifice. Jesus shows us that true greatness is found in putting others first, standing up for what is right and living with love at the centre of all we do. As we approach the end of the Church's year, may we reflect on how Christ reigns in our hearts and seek to build a community rooted in faith, kindness and hope and live out our school values each day.

Further to my letter last week, we are asking for donations to our annual collection for the Wellspring, all contributions are gratefully received

🗓️ **School & Community Updates**

- It was wonderful to welcome back so many of our Class of 2026 last week to receive their GCSE Certificates, a huge well done to them all!
- At the end of this letter there are some helpful tips on how to keep safe whilst online shopping
- Congratulations to Elischa 10Y and Sophia 7T for winning our design a Christmas card competition, their designs are being printed and will be used as our school Christmas cards. Well done to all who submitted entries, we have many talented artists in our school.

Attendance Matters

Attendance and Punctuality Incentives

Research shows a strong, direct link between high school attendance and better academic results, higher lifetime earnings, and improved social well-being. Regular attendance helps students master the curriculum, build stable routines, and avoid falling behind.
We are running a number of incentives for the remainder of this half term to encourage pupils to make sure they are here every day on time!

Freddo Friday's will start again on Friday 27th November 2026 and will run until at least Christmas. If pupils are in each Friday, they will be given a free Freddo

If pupils are in on time, for each of the **12 days leading up to Christmas** they will be eligible for a prize

To be eligible to go on the trip to **Trafford Centre** on 17th December pupils, from 2nd November, need to have: 100% attendance, no more than 1 late and no more than three behaviour points (no suspensions/Emmaus days).

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

🌟 7A Harper Rose and Scrlett, 7T Sophia, 7o Lathan

Year 8

🌟 8H Alice, 8A Kateryna, 8Y Gracie, 8T Frano, 8O Evie, 8W Annabelle, 8N Ava-Mae, HOY – Rowen Harry

Year 9

🌟 9H Jessica and Layla, 9A Lulah-Rae, 9T Max, 9W Oscar, 9N Thomas

Year 10

🌟 10T Kianna – Rose and Mia, 10O Aleksander, 10W Niya, 10N Tilly

Year 11

🌟 11O Ilah - Rose

🗓️ **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

BE AWARE OF ONLINE SHOPPING FRAUD

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TIPS TO KEEP SAFE

1 Choosing where you shop

If you're making a purchase from a company or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first, and ask a friend or family member for advice before completing the purchase.

2 Keep your devices up to date

Make sure you install the latest software and app updates. These usually contain important security updates that can protect you against fraud and identity theft.



3 Secure your email account

Make sure youhave a strong password for your email. One that you don't re-use anywhere else.To give any online account additional protection, where possible, you should turn on two-factor authentication (2FA).

Whether you've been affected depends on the information you shared. Keep an eye on your bank transactions and contact your bank immediately if you spot anything suspicious, even small amounts.