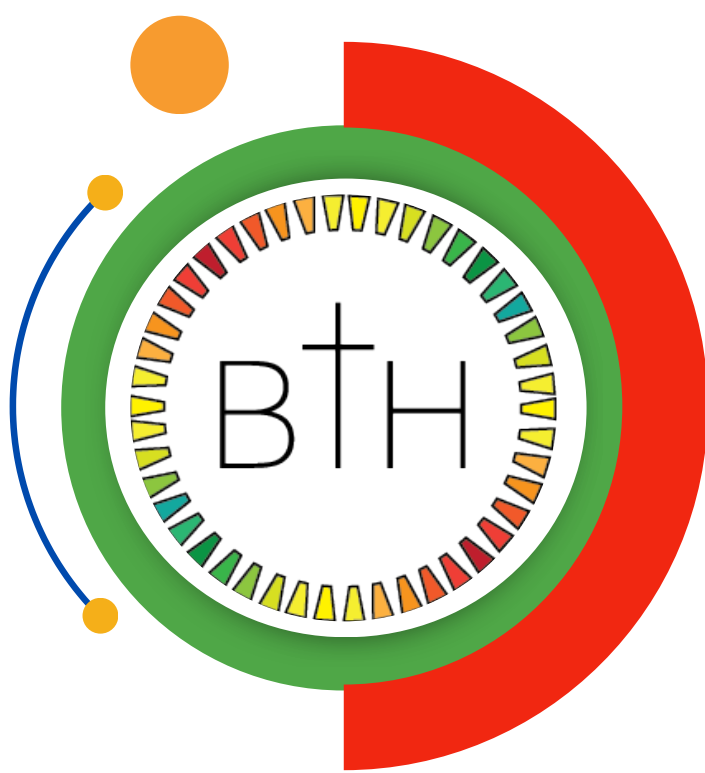




Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College

May God's love be our guide 

Weekly Newsletter





Dear parent/carers,

Happy Easter! I do hope you are all feeling renewed as we breath Easter joy on the summer term ahead.

We have returned as the BTHCC family to pray for and also celebrate the wonderful life of Pope Francis. As the world mourns his passing, Pope Francis' legacy will be remembered as one that brought the Church closer to its mission of love, mercy and justice.

Pope Francis was a passionate advocate of children and young people, calling them the 'joy and hope of the Church and the world!' Pope Francis said that his own life story was a journey of hope. He understood that in a world that can feel scary or divided, God's love and the hope it brings is needed more than ever. In fact, he made hope the theme of this Jubilee Year. Pope Francis has inspired us all to work for a better world.



In this Jubilee Year all the students from BTHCC took part in the Big Lent Walk to fight global poverty with CAFOD and be pilgrims of hope.

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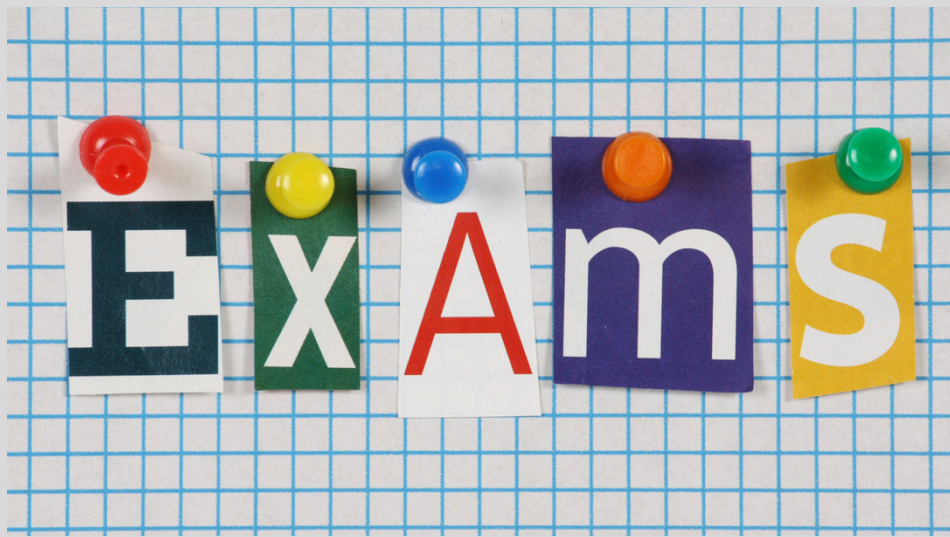
“Our deepest joy comes from Christ: remaining with Him, walking with Him, being His disciples”

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Please continue to pray for our Confirmation candidates who will receive the Holy Spirit during the Sacrament with Bishop Mark over the next few weeks.



With the sun coming out marks the time of year the exam desks come out too! We continue to keep the Year 13 and Year 11 in our prayers as they work hard preparing for these stepping stones in their life. The Easter School has been a great success with many students attending the many revision classes available to them. Remember it is never too late to start and your teachers are here to help and support you through this time.

I'm writing to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the teachers who gave up their time over the Easter break to support the Year 11 students with their revision classes. It's incredibly reassuring as a parent to see such dedication, and I would be grateful if you could share this message with the staff involved so they know how valued their efforts are.

The sessions have helped her focus her efforts and boost her confidence.

The environment that BTHCC provides is clearly one that genuinely cares about the children and their holistic development, and I just wanted to take a moment to acknowledge and thank you all.





Before Easter we welcomed the Ofsted Inspectors to BTHCC. The students were amazing and spoke positively and confidently about our values, ethos and learning. It was a time to reflect and celebrate the hard work of everyone involved in our college family but also to continue to build and improve to ensure BTHCC remains a beacon of light, hope and learning.

Our report is attached and you will see that we have improved in all areas. The inspectors saw that our values are lived out and we have high levels of ambition for students' academic success. There is a culture where students are ready to learn and eager to succeed. The inspectors recognised that the students benefit from high quality pastoral care and there is a calm yet joyful atmosphere at BTHCC.

All the students, staff, governors, families and parents work so hard to be who God called them to be and I am so pleased that the inspectors enjoyed their time with our BTHCC family.

Thank you for all your kind messages of support as we now work on the recommendations made in the report. We will never stop trying to improve and caring for your child/ren.



On Sunday 27th April staff are running the Manchester Marathon to fund raise for BTHCC. Please do come along and support us. Some of us have not stuck to the training plan as much as we should and have missed a few pages so will need to hear your voices and see your posters to keep us all going ... I'm hoping Jelly Babies work too!

I do hope I see some of you on Sunday



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