



2018 Edition

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Message from the Acting Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers



The school year has almost come to an end and we have said a fond farewell to our Year 11 pupils. Their time here at Corpus Christi High School was marked with a Leavers' Mass which was a truly lovely occasion when we gathered as a community, with our Year 11 families, to celebrate the Eucharist together.

The Year 11 Prom was held in the Holland House Hotel the following week. It was a splendid evening, our young people looked magnificent in their finery, they conducted themselves in a way that was a credit to their families and to the school. On their behalf I would like to thank Miss King and Mr Roberts for arranging the evening and I would like to thank staff who so generously gave up a precious weekend evening so that the event could run. We wish all of them the very best for their future and we will see them on results day in August!

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Together we are the body
of Christ
In our school community
we will

- show our love by helping and forgiving each other
- recognise that everyone is unique and celebrate their differences
- value ourselves, develop our talents and help others to develop theirs
- strive for excellence in everything we do
- grow closer to God in word, in Sacrament and in what we do
- live in partnership with all those around us
- respond to Christ's call to build His kingdom

So, as we say 'adieu' to Year 11, we have been meeting our new intake for September. They have spent some time sampling lessons, participating in a Music day and evening and watching our Year 7 and 8 production of 'Mary Poppins'. They have made a good impression and we are very much looking forward to meeting them again in September and welcoming them as Year 7 members of our school.

I hope you enjoy reading about some of the activities and events that have taken place since I last wrote to you. School is always a busy, thriving environment and as we draw to the close of this academic year, I would like to thank all of the staff for all they do for our pupils. They are so committed and so hard-working and it is time for them now to take a well-earned break. I would like to thank you, as parents, for the support you have given to the school and to me, personally. I have received so many lovely messages and I know you will extend that same welcome, support and kindness to Mr Patrick Brunnock when he arrives in September.

It only remains for me, on behalf of the staff and Governors, to wish you a good summer and we look forward to welcoming your children back to school on **Wednesday 5 September**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'P. Pavlovic', written on a white rectangular background.

Pat Pavlovic
Acting Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance total is currently running at 95.20%, and the school achieved 95.50% at the end of May 2018. This figure was submitted to Cardiff Council in order for them to calculate the School Attendance Ratings which will be published shortly.

The Welsh Assembly Government's target for **pupil attendance** is **95%**. Anything under this figure could mean that the Educational Welfare Service will contact you to find out why your child has been absent from school.

Below is a current breakdown of each Year Group's attendance:
(11.07.18)

Year 7	96.8%
Year 8	94.8%
Year 9	94.5%
Year 10	94.6%
Year 11	95.5%

- It is a parent's legal responsibility to ensure their child attends school every day.
- Parents responsible for children who exhibit poor attendance risk prosecution and a **Fixed Penalty Notice** fine being issued by the Local Authority.
- Children are **not allowed to go on holiday during term time**. Parents need to write/E-mail the Head Teacher regarding any holiday requests.

Absences due to Illness or Medical Appointment

Although you may have contacted the school by telephone, E-mail or in person to notify us of your child's absence, you are still required to provide a parental note, E-mail or appointment card in order for the absence to be authorised. In certain circumstances of illness medical evidence may be requested in order to authorise your child's absence.

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance

Absence

Lessons Missed

100%	0 Days	None	😊
99.5%	1 Day	5 Lessons	😞
97.4%	5 Days	25 Lessons	😞
95%	10 Days	50 Lessons	😞
80%	38 Days	190 Lessons	😞
70%	57 Days	285 Lessons	😞

Missing lessons makes the work more difficult.

For every day you are absent from school **YOU** fall behind in **5 Subjects**.

GIVE YOUR CHILD A BETTER FUTURE

GIVE ATTENDANCE 100% ✓

www.cardiff.gov.uk/giveattendance100percent

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17 days absent a year = GCSE grade in all subjects

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Thank you for your continued support throughout this academic year.



MFL Trip to Madrid



MFL Trip to Madrid 29th May - 2nd June

On the afternoon of the 29th May, 65 very excited Year 8 pupils and 7 equally excited teachers travelled to Bristol Airport to board a flight to Madrid. For some of the pupils, it was their first ever flight abroad, and their first ever trip without their families.

On the first day in Madrid, we spent the morning exploring the area near the hotel and we went shopping in Puerta del Sol - shops included Sephora, Corté Inglés, FNAC. Around 12pm we headed to Parque de Atracciones theme park and spent the whole day screaming, laughing and getting soaking wet from the water rides! Some pupils practised their Spanish with some local Spanish children at the theme park. Very impressive!

On the second day, we explored Bernabéu stadium where Real Madrid recently celebrated their success in the Champions League. The atmosphere was still thrilling as we explored the changing rooms, the trophy rooms and the pitch. In fact, there were staff still cleaning up the confetti on the pitch from the celebrations! As it was a lovely sunny day, we then headed to the enormous Retiro Park, where we had a few very competitive games of football (teachers versus pupils!), we cooled down with some ice creams and drinks and we went on the boating lake. In the evening, we tried some traditional Spanish tapas - such as croquetas, Spanish tortilla, calamares and flan.

On the third day, we went to San Miguel food market - pupils practised their Spanish and tasted calamares, paella, palmeras and churros. Afterwards, we explored the famous square, Plaza Mayor, where in the old days, the Spanish authorities would traditionally hang people! This was followed by a tour of the very opulent Royal Palace, but unfortunately we were not allowed to take photos once we were inside and King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia were not at home!

On our final full day in Madrid, we stopped at Parquesur shopping mall to do some last minute shopping and then we reluctantly headed home.


A huge thanks to the Year 8 pupils who came on the trip - you were a credit to Corpus Christi High School as your behaviour was impeccable. Another huge thanks to Madrid 2018 staff: Mrs Langdon, Mr Yunta, Miss Catherine, Mr O'Neill, Miss Bishop, Miss Cordival and Miss Balsa.





**MADRID
2018**





MFL Trip to the Loire Valley May 2019



The MFL Department is excited to announce that next year's trip will be to the Loire Valley in France. This will support our curriculum plans for French Language pupils and enhance their learning experiences within the school. The aim is for pupils to get a taste of life in France and practise speaking the language in a real French context.

Here are the key details about the planned trip:

4 days and 4 nights

- Departs on Wednesday 29th May
- Overnight crossing, return on Sunday 2nd June (expected time 2pm)

Return executive coach travel

- Return journey

Full board accommodation at Ethic Etapes Val de Loire, Blois. The accommodation is surrounded by woodlands and facilities include Free Wi-Fi, cinema room, ping-pong table and park.

- Entrance to Futuroscope Theme Park (1 Day Ticket, all rides included in the cost)
- Tasting of local delicacies at a Troglodyte cave
- Chateau Chambord Entrance
- Visits to Loches, old medieval town
- Visit to a shopping centre
- Quiz night about French culture and traditions

A tour hoodie will be provided

Reply slips along with money or cheques payable to Corpus Christi High School should be given to Miss Catherine, who is organising this year's tour.

Kind regards,

Amy Langdon
Head of MFL

CODING CLUB

The school coding club has collaborated with local primary schools to create transition projects using BBC Microbits. The projects require programming skills which some of our Year 8 pupils have assisted in providing to Year 5 pupils. All projects are based around the theme of solving an every day project in the home. Some of the examples include creating a doorbell, an alarm and a wearable compass. The following schools were visited throughout the week:

St Philip Evans
St Josephs
St Bernadette's
Holy Family
Christ the King



A big thank you to the boys from our coding club who were involved:

Kane James, Oliver Noon, Luka Appanna, Rowan Fahy, Edward Noon, Joe Fairs, Johan Charles, Harry Foley and Peter McDonald.

Rowan Fahy:

"A few of us from the Corpus Christi Coding Club went to multiple primary schools over the course of a week, and we helped them with all of their different projects that they had made using the BBC Micro-bit. Their projects ranged from fish feeders to combination lock alarms. We went to Holy Family, St. Josephs, Christ the King, St Bernadette's, and St Philip Evans."





Representatives from our Coding Club helped Primary School pupils with their IT projects



And more Coding Club News...

A huge congratulations to Rowan Fahy, Edward Noon and Johan Charles and the rest of the coding club pupils on their efforts and achievements within the Technoclubs competition, "Autonomous Artists". The boys achieved 4th place from a total of 12 other schools by programming a robot to produce a piece of art and completing a series of coding challenges throughout the day. Our robot was able to paint its own name by using a stencil and produce "dits" and "dahs" which represented "Technocamps" using Morse Code. Well done, boys!



Past Pupil News



Jacob Harrington-Wara
attended Corpus Christi RC
High School
Sep 2012— Jun 2017



'I have now finished my year at SGS College in Bristol, achieving a distinction in BTEC Sport. I am 2018 SGS Golf Academy Champion and I have been selected to compete in the English Schoolboys Team. I am the only student ever from SGS College to be selected. I am busy emailing American colleges and universities and I am hopeful of getting a place for 2019/20. My handicap has come down from 5 to 1.1 and I could not have had a better year! Jacob'



TO ALL PUPILS WITH LOCKERS

All lockers must be emptied by the end of term so they can be checked and cleaned.

If your locker hire expires at the end of July, you must either return your key to claim your £10 deposit, or keep your key and pay £2 to continue to use the locker next year.

Don't forget to give your key or £2 to Mrs Bartley in Enquiries before the end of term.

British Nutrition Healthy Eating Week

11-15 June 2018

Healthy eating week kicked off with a jam packed schedule:-

Monday Eat Breakfast Challenge, free healthy breakfast bites given out

Tuesday Eat 5 A Day Free fruit from Sainsbury's on Colchester Avenue

Wednesday Drink More Water, free water provided by school

Thursday Get Active - Staff yoga with Amy Taylor Jones fitness, pupils walked a mile at lunch time with Mr James

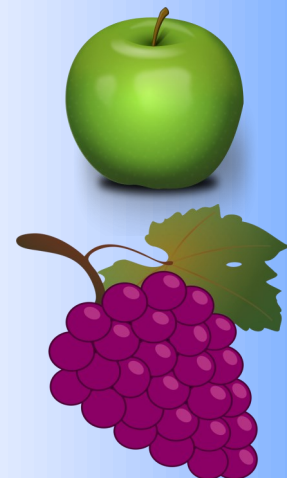
Friday Pupils chose a target to make a change and put it in their diaries



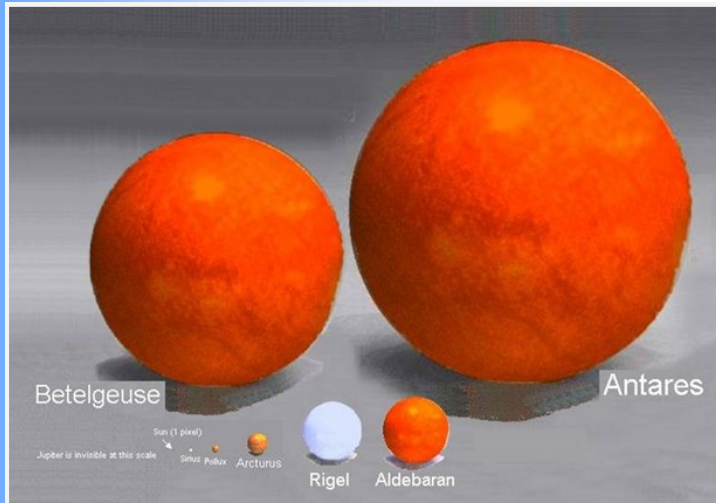
Mrs. Gunningham would like to thank the healthy eating group who are now the healthy ambassadors for our school.

The British Nutrition Foundation emailed the school personally to say thank you for our hard work and contribution to the countrywide! Look out for next year's challenges!

It was a huge success!



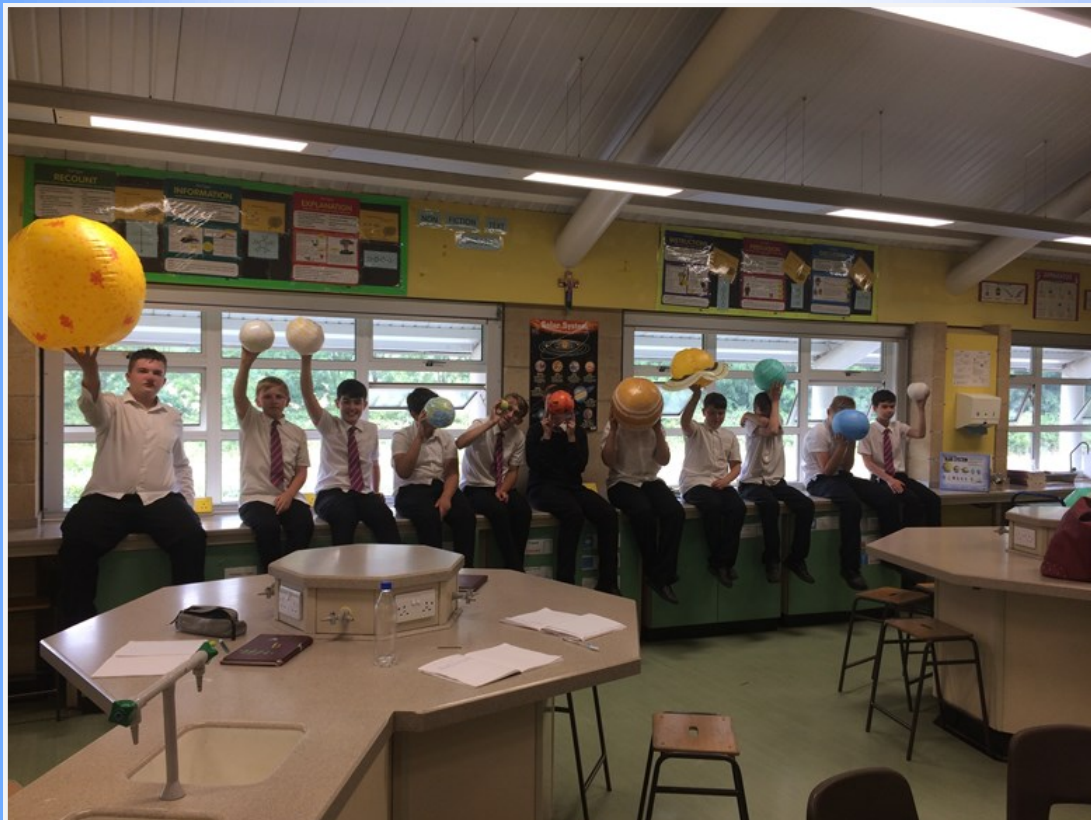
8S Science—The Solar System

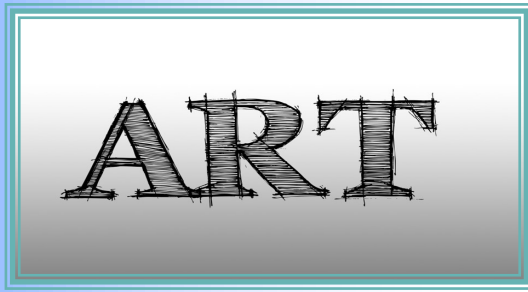


8S have been learning about the Solar System this term. They are fascinated by how VAST space is and how ENORMOUS stars can be.

For example, in this picture our Sun (our star which is at the centre of our Solar system) is just a tiny spec in comparison to other stars in our Universe.

Well done 8S!! Good luck in Year 9!! I have loved every minute teaching you this year!! It really has been great fun!! Mrs Llewellyn





Year 10 GCSE art students were offered the opportunity to enter a 'Portrait' project in association with CAVC.

As a result one of our pupils, Esme Hoffer, was successfully shortlisted for the competition and the CAVC team invited the shortlisted candidate, along with 9 other creative pupils from Corpus Christi, to attend a 'Reward and Awards day' along with other schools who also took part in the competition.

The day featured workshops in Art and Photography. The students can use the work created in these workshops as part of their submission to their coursework sketchbooks.

Our shortlisted pupil, Esme, WON the competition! Well done, Esme!





Award winning Artwork by Esme Hoffer



Esme collects her prize money of £200

Year 11 Leaver's Mass 20th June, 2018

On the 20th June, 2018, our Year 11 students celebrated their five years at Corpus Christi with the annual Year 11 Leaver's Mass in the evening at the school hall. The celebration was attended by Year 11 pupils, their families, form tutors and staff. The celebrant for the Mass was Fr William Isaac from St Teilo's and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. It was a touching and emotional night.

Before the celebration, our wonderful singing group sang 'Bring Me to Light'. Our Head of Year 11, Ms King welcomed us all and shared her lovely memories of the last few years with the year group. Scott Hughes-Lewis (Head Boy) and Niamh Murphy (Head Girl) also delivered a heartfelt message of their time at Corpus Christi.



The Mass began with an entrance procession of all the Year 11 Reg Form Tutors bringing up their lit form candles and placing them in front of the altar to spell the words NICHOLAS. These candles were to be later extinguished to symbolise the end of the student's life at Corpus Christi. The candles were also accompanied at the foot of the altar by a wooden cross hand-made by Tom Palmer, which he has given to the school as a gift. The school is very appreciative of this kind gift.

The First Reading was read by Scott Hughes-Lewis and the Psalm was read by Niamh Murphy. Fr William Isaac presented a homily which reflected on the readings and highlighted the gospel value of love. Ms King and Mr Roberts (assistant Head of Year) facilitated the offertory procession bringing up the gifts of bread and wine to the altar. Our senior prefects read the bidding prayers.

After the Mass, our singing group performed, 'You Will Be Found' and a video created by Tom Palmer showed the messages from the staff and the memories of the last five years at Corpus Christi.

Thank you to all the families present, our form tutors, Ms King, Mr Roberts and for Fr William Isaac for his time and presence in our school community. Thank you to all those who were involved and helped out with the celebration especially our altar servers from Year 7, Eleena Sibichen and Jerom Johnson, our readers and those in the chaplaincy team.

Corpus Christi School Mass 21st June, 2018

The school celebrated our end of year Corpus Christi School Mass on Thursday morning in our school hall. The celebration was attended by all pupils from Year 7 to Year 10 and also by our staff. The school Mass was celebrated by Fr Gareth Leyshon from St Philip Evans Parish.

The first reading was read by Fran Feehan (Yr 10) and the Psalm read by Rowan Fahy (Yr 8). Fr Gareth shared in his homily the importance of our school name of Corpus Christi and what it means to us today.

Students, Zarah Alejo (Yr 8), Beni Mubiayi (Yr 8) and Yousif Abdulahad (Yr 9) led the offertory procession. Prayers of Intercession were spoken by student representatives from Years 7 to 10.

A big thank you to all those involved with the preparation and the involvement in the celebration of Mass. A special thank you Mrs Evans and the music ministry team who provided the beautiful music in the Mass. A special mention to Sam Franks, who donated and created the lovely bouquet of flowers; Mr Burke, Mrs Corellis and Mrs Dooley for their help in setting up; our student technician, Peter McDonald; our altar servers from Year 7, Noel Bino, Tomin Vineeth and Jake Joseph and also for Fr Gareth for giving his time and presence to be with our school community.

The celebration, was again, a very peaceful and prayerful time for everybody involved in our school to mark our final days of the school 2017/2018 year in thanksgiving.



St Teilo's and Our Lady of Lourdes
Catholic Youth invites you to:

YOUTH SOCIAL BBQ



Come bring a friend and explore your faith
through music, games, food and prayer.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND • 11:00 AM

St Brigid's Catholic Church Hall
Crystal Glen, CF14 5QN

ALL YOUTH AND FAMILIES WELCOME

For more information please contact us on:
stteilo.olol.youth@gmail.com



Year 7 Geography Field Trips Cwmbran Boating Lake

The week beginning June 4th all of Year 7 did some Geography field work at The Afon Lwyd River, next to Cwmbran Boating Lake. Here, pupils were introduced to some basic methods of data collection in a physical geography setting. We collected data on the processes and landforms on a meander. This included measurements of the river width, depth, velocity, and cross sectional area. Pupils made calculations from their data, and practised an annotated field sketch of the study site, and a pebble analysis. We were lucky to have bright, clear weather for the most part, and took every opportunity to make the most of it in the great outdoors. We received compliments from members of the public, on how polite and well behaved our pupils were. A special mention must go out to Kian O'Donovan in 7N who demonstrated what a positive role model he is, and an environmentalist at heart, picking up litter in the community that had been left by tourists, without prompting. Pupils will now use the primary data they collected, along with secondary data, in class, to complete the enquiry process. This includes evaluating methods, graph analysis, and drawing conclusions from what we found out. Well done Year 7- a great day was had by all that were involved.

Cwmbran
Boating Lake
June 2018





MOBILE PHONES

The school has a very clear policy about the use of Mobile Phones by pupils on the school premises.

Pupils are **NOT** allowed to use their phones under any circumstances. If a pupil needs to contact home in an emergency, their Head of Year, Assistant Head of Year or the school office will assist them in this.

If a pupil has their phone confiscated, it is returned at the end of the day. If, however, it is subsequently confiscated, then this will involve a longer period of confiscation of up to a week. If a child's bus pass is on their phone, the office will lend them the bus fare to get home, but please inform the school via email (bmullins@cardiff.gov.uk) if you would prefer to make arrangements yourself to collect your child rather than let them make their own way home without their mobile phone.

Clearly, it is in everyone's interest that pupils do not have their phones taken and if parents could remind their children about this we, as a school, would be grateful as it makes life much easier for all concerned.

Thank you



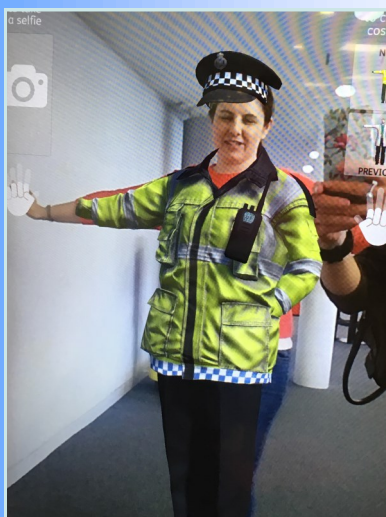
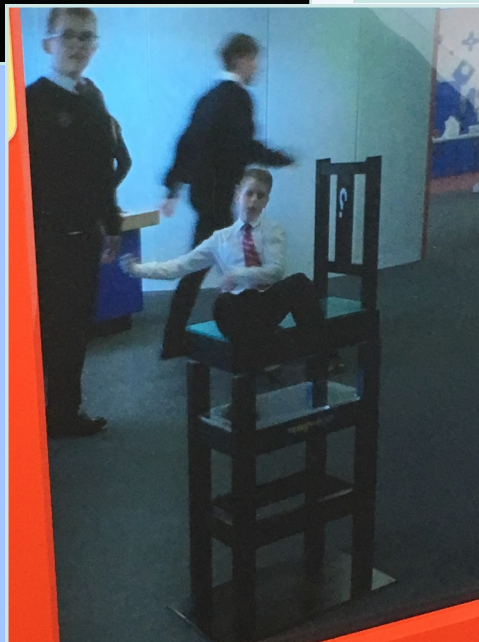
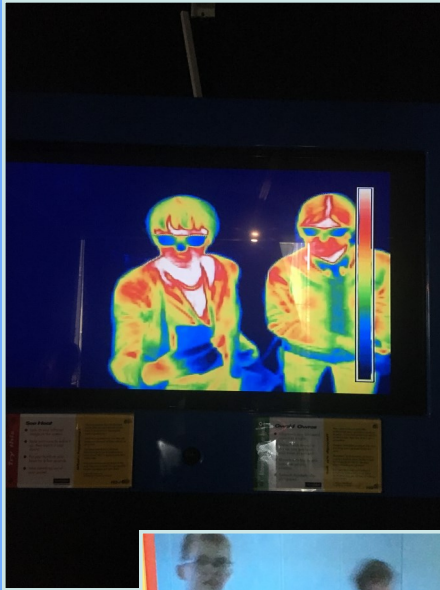
Year 7 Maths Trip to Techniquiest

The Maths Department enjoyed a fun-filled day at the Mathamagic show at Techniquiest on the 21st June. Pupils from Year 7 enjoyed the new interactive maths puzzles and scientific activities on offer, before taking part in a Maths Challenge.

In the afternoon the pupils were treated to some real-life mathematical magic in the Mathamagic show. The pupils' behaviour was impeccable throughout the day, and all our members of staff were proud of the way that the pupils represented our school.



Year 7 Pupils at Techniquist

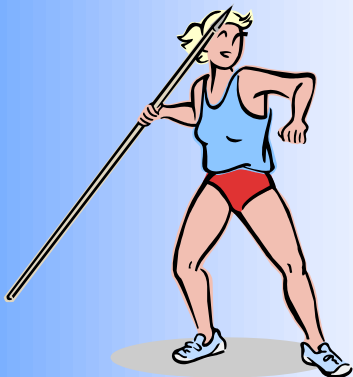


#corpusgirlscan

Tuesday 10th July 2018

Over 200 girls took part in our first #corpusgirlscan day this year. We celebrated all the girls' sporting achievements during our awards presentations during lessons 1 and 2 in the hall. After break, the Year 7 & 8 girls took part in a fun run / walk on the field and then all enjoyed mass participation rounders last lesson. Lots of money was raised for our department which will now allow us to buy equipment for lessons and extra curricular activities and enable us to offer a more varied and diverse curriculum. We are really excited for #corpusgirlscan2019 and are already putting our heads together to come up with ideas to make it bigger and better!! We would like to thank all of the girls that took part and the staff that helped run the day. We've had a hugely successful year and would like to wish all staff, pupils and parents an enjoyable and restful summer.

Girls' PE Department.





Summer Term

Tennis



Open clubs: Tennis Rounders Athletics



Corpus Christi Girls' PE @CCHSGirlsPE · Apr 23

Superb turn out at our (rather chilly) Open Tennis Club today after school. Well done girls 🌱🌞🌻 lots signed up to our Yr7 & Yr 8 doubles tennis tournaments which will be held at lunchtimes. #play #fun #summersports



Corpus Christi Girls' PE @CCHSGirlsPE · May 3

Another fantastic turn out at Rounders Club tonight. Next week lunchtime practices too for Year 8 Rounders Tuesday, Year 9&10 Friday plus open club again next Thursday 🌞🌻👍



Corpus Christi Girls' PE @CCHSGirlsPE · Jun 5

Using video analysis in afterschool athletics to help Ffion improve her discus technique!! 👍 #greatwork



Corpus Christi Girls' PE @CCHSGirlsPE · May 1

Great turn out for Girls Open Athletics club. All welcome every Tuesday 3:30-4:30



Corpus Christi Girls' PE @CCHSGirlsPE · Apr 26

Another great turnout at Rounders Club this evening. Well done girls 🌞🌻🌱 #2pitches



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Corpus Christi Girls' PE @CCHSGirlsPE · May 14

Gorgeous weather for tennis club today 🌞🌱🌻🌞🌱🌻





Rounders fixtures





Athletics Competitions





Sports Day





Primary Schools' Netball Tournament

Corpus Christi Girls' PE @CCHSGirlsPE · Jun 21
 Thank you to all the primaries who came up for our annual netball tournament. What a fabulous afternoon which saw great team spirit and fantastic netball skills demonstrated by all. 🌟🌟🌟 #feedertournament



Lunchtime Tennis Tournaments



Corpus Christi Girls' PE @CCHSGirlsPE · May 10
A glorious day for the lunchtime Year 8 tennis tournament round 2... some excellent rallies and games... #gameface thanks to the Year 9 superstar celebrity tennis players for officiating



Corpus Christi Girls' PE @CCHSGirlsPE · Jun 13
Congratulations to Heda and Chloe who won the Year 8 Tennis Tournament Cup Competition today in a well fought match v runners up Katy and Ella.



Corpus Christi Girls' PE @CCHSGirlsPE · Jun 11
Well done to Lowri & Ruby. Winners of the Year 7 cup Competition. Jessa & Ella gave them a great game in the final today.



RULES FOR SCHOOL BUSES

- **DO NOT EAT OR DRINK ON THE BUS**
- **DO NOT BLOCK AISLES OR EXITS WITH BAGS**
- **DO NOT DISTRACT THE DRIVER**
- **DO NOT STAND UP UNTIL THE BUS HAS STOPPED. YOU MUST REMAIN SEATED THROUGHOUT THE JOURNEY.**
- **YOU MUST WEAR A SEATBELT**

