



2018 Edition

**CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

# Christmas Newsletter

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, here we are at the end of the term and I can honestly say I do not know where the time has gone. I have had a most enjoyable term getting to know the community that is Corpus Christi. Our school is thriving as you will see when you look at the 'snapshots' of the various departments across the school. I have been over-awed by the hard work and dedication of the staff, teaching and non-teaching and their absolute commitment in placing the children at the heart of all they do.

I have also been impressed by so many of the pupils, your children, in many, many different ways. They are kind, generous, enthusiastic and good people to be around. During this wonderful season of Advent especially, I have seen them putting faith into action. Some 140 shoe boxes, packed with gifts, have gone off to Eastern Europe. Many pupils have supported the CAFOD hunger lunches on Thursday and Friday of each week this month.

## *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

A group of our Year 11 pupils have braved the cold weather to take hats and gloves and biscuits to the homeless in the city centre. Literally hundreds of pupils have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas and on that note, I want to thank our Parish priests for giving their time so generously for our young people.

The Carol Service was a truly befitting preparation and celebration of the Christmas message. I want to personally thank those pupils who shared their gifts by playing, singing, reading and acting. I found the whole liturgy to be truly inspirational and an opportunity to reflect on the reality of the Incarnation; Our Lord, Jesus Christ, sent into our world for our salvation. And, of course, I want to thank the staff who made this possible. My thanks also goes to the PFA for providing the refreshments and, indeed, for all they do for the school.

It only remains for me now to thank you, the parents, for the different ways in which you show your support of the school, the Governors for their unstinting time, wisdom, support and guidance and the staff for all that they do, both seen and unseen for our pupils and to wish you and your families a happy, peaceful and holy Christmas.

With kind regards



Patrick Brunnock  
Headteacher



# ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance total is currently running at 95.03%, which is lower than we would want it to be for this time of year. 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:  
(14.12.18)

Year 7	97.40%
Year 8	96.20%
Year 9	95.50%
Year 10	95.60%
Year 11	95.40%

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.

## 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

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Absence</u>	<u>Lessons Missed</u>	
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	😞

- Missing lessons makes the work more difficult.
- For every day you are absent from school YOU fall behind in **5 Subjects**.
- 100% Attendance = **ACHIEVING YOUR POTENTIAL**.

At this time of year prizes are on offer for pupils who achieve 100% attendance. Prizes have been donated by **Nando's, Waitrose and Aldi**. We would like to say a big thank you to the above for their kind donations.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you for your continued support.





# CALENDAR 2019

## JANUARY 2019

JANUARY 2019			
School Events Day		School Events Evening	
Tuesday	1		
Wednesday	2	Christmas Holidays	
Thursday	3		
Friday	4		
	5		
WEEK A	6		
Monday	7	Term Starts	
Tuesday	8		
Wednesday	9	Year 10 English Literature GCSE Exam	
Thursday	10	Year 11 ICT GCSE exam	
Friday	11		
	12		
WEEK B	13		
Monday	14	Year 9 Options Evening 4.00pm-6.00pm	
Tuesday	15		
Wednesday	16	Year 11 Science Practical Assessments	
Friday	18		
	19		
WEEK A	20		
Monday	21		
Tuesday	22	Year 9 Parents' Evening 4.00pm-7.00pm	
Wednesday	23		
Thursday	24		
Friday	25		
	26		
WEEK B	27		
Monday	28		
Tuesday	29		
Wednesday	30		
Thursday	31	GCSE PE External Moderation (TBC)	Year 7 Parents' Evening 4.00pm-7.00pm

# CALENDAR 2019

## FEBRUARY 2019

FEBRUARY 2019			
School Events Day			School Events Evening
Friday	1	Y11 English Group Discussion Resits	
	2		
<b>WEEK A</b>	3		
Monday	4		
Tuesday	5	Boys' GCSE PE Internal Moderation	
Wednesday	6		
Thursday	7		
Friday	8		
	9		
<b>WEEK B</b>	10		
Monday	11		
Tuesday	12		Gym and Dance Evening 7.00pm
Wednesday	13		
Thursday	14		
Friday	15	Year 11 English Individual Talk Resits	
	16		
<b>WEEK A</b>	17		
Monday	18		
Tuesday	19		
Wednesday	20		Year 10 Parents' Evening 4.00pm-7.00pm
Thursday	21		
Friday	22	Year 11 Photos	
	23		School Skiing Trip
	24		
Monday	25		
Tuesday	26	<b>Half</b>	
Wednesday	27	<b>Term</b>	
Thursday	28		

## Charitable Giving

During the autumn term, the following amounts have been raised through non-uniform days and other events such as the cake sale for Macmillan Cancer.

Show Racism the Red Card - £882.16

Macmillan Cancer Support - £310.51

Family Lives (Wear Blue for Bullying) - £795.00

The Royal British Legion - £843.83



# Careers

## Open your eyes

In partnership with our feeder primary schools and Cardiff Commitment, our Year 7 cohort took part in talks to raise awareness of the various careers available to them. Renishaw, HMRC and Admiral Law gave presentations to all pupils and opened the floor for questions.



## Careers Wales

Year 7 pupils were also lucky enough that Careers Wales organised for “Bad Wolf” to come and inspire them to work hard and achieve their goals.

Our new Careers Adviser, Leigh, has settled in well to the school and has started to see Year 11 pupils in preparation for their transfer to post-16 education. Leigh is also giving talks through the Pastoral rota to ensure all pupils are aware of the wide range of opportunities available to them when they leave Corpus Christi.

## **Pastoral**

Every fortnight pupils receive an hour's pastoral session in order to develop their awareness of themselves, the world around them and their communication skills.

This term Year 7 has focused on topics to help them settle into Corpus Christi. They have looked at Welcoming, Homework, Learning Styles and Action Planning.

Year 8 pupils have looked at the society and world that we live in by studying: Democracies and Dictatorships, Child Labour, UN Rights of the Child and Smoking.

Year 9 have looked at the effects of drugs on the body, bullying and have received talks from entrepreneurs to inspire them about their future.

Year 10 and 11 are working on a rota programme where they have lots of external visitors coming in to discuss a wide range of topics. We have Public Health Wales, The Principality, Red Cross, Teenage Cancer Trust, Going Public, Cardiff and the Vale College, HE Roadshow with Cardiff University, and MacMillan. Within the school we also study Mental Health Awareness through DEAL (Developing Emotional Awareness and Listening), Parenting, Resuscitation and Checking for Cancer.

# DIGITAL DAY



On the 13<sup>th</sup> November, 20 Pupils from Year 9 took part in the Digital Day Competition. Yard Digital were our industry professionals and they came in to help the 4 groups of 5 pupils to produce innovative solutions to problems.

## Why?

Theo Blackwell, Chief Digital Officer for London says "There should be no barrier to a career in digital. The next great technological leap could be just as likely to come from a child currently sitting at a school desk in Southwark or Sutton as Silicon Valley, if we inspire our young people and give them the opportunity to explore their digital potential. BIMA Digital Day gives children across London and the UK the chance to put their digital skills to the test on real world challenges so that, in the future, they might be inspired to help solve those problems for real."

Speak to virtually any student who takes part in BIMA's Digital Day and you'll hear much the same thing: I didn't realise. Despite the fact that most young people leading lives inseparable from digital, they rarely consider a career in digital. That's what BIMA's Digital Day seeks to address by bridging the gap between industry and education.

## The challenges

### **Challenge 1: Vodafone Digital Day Challenge**

The high street has long been the heart of town and city life in the UK. Design a tool using either AR (augmented reality) or VR (virtual reality) technology to increase peoples enjoyment of the high street

### **Challenge 2: The Football Association Digital day challenge**

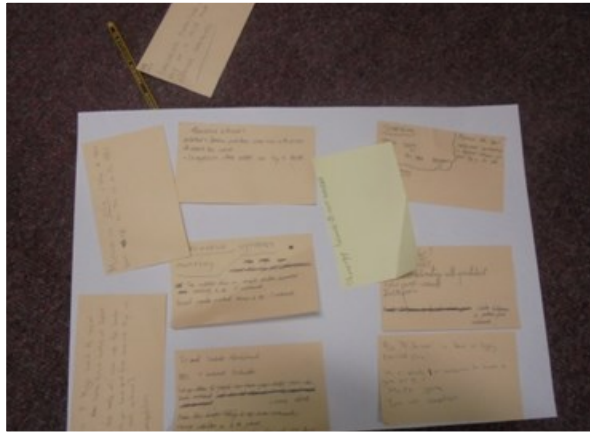
The England Women's Football Team (The Lionesses) are competing in next year's FIFA World Cup in France in July 2019. How could you increase the number of people following it and encourage girls to play more football?

### **Challenge 3: BBC DIGITAL DAY CHALLENGE**

BBC's upcoming digital-only program Earthlings will focus on children and young adults around the world, comparing the daily lives of people across 7 continents over 14 episodes. How would you digitally market this program?

The groups chose any one of these challenges and worked on the 4 D's of Digital: **Discover** **Decide** **Design** and **Deliver**.





The pupils laboured hard for 4 hours on their solutions, brainstorming ideas, researching and designing their end products. Finally, they presented their ideas to the rest of the groups. All pupils showed great team work and ICT skills. Their collaborative approach used a variety of tools, which allowed them to work on the same presentations at the same time. Fingers crossed we get shortlisted again this year! Great effort, da iawn!



## History Department

### Corpus Remembers Week

To commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War, preparations for a memorial garden began in July 2018. Students planned and created a memorial 'Remembrance' garden in the Courtyard of the school grounds. Students helped to clear the weeds and overgrown areas of the courtyard, erect a bench to provide seating, designed and ordered a memorial plaque and planted poppies and other plants. On November 9th a Remembrance service took place in the Courtyard. A representative from the British Legion attended and six Year 9 students, who are cadets, also took part.

To understand the wider experiences of war, the History Department organised a WWI cross-curricular week from November 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> for all students in Year 9, where all subjects had a WWI focus. To give a few examples, students made trench biscuits in Food Technology, in English they studied and wrote their own WWI poetry, they designed their own recruitment posters in ICT, looked at casualty statistics in Maths and the use of chemical weapons in Science.

A whole-school WWI event was organised for the Friday lunch time.

Several interactive stations were created. The British Legion and Firing Line Museum came in to school to talk to the students. Students could try on uniforms, hold a replica Lee Enfield rifle, look at trench art and books from the time and ask questions. Students could sample trench stew and cake (made by Mr Hayman!), and the trench biscuits which they had made in Food Technology. They shared their own war stories and wrote messages of Remembrance and thanks. The work they created throughout the week was on display. The humanities department were even dressed up in WWI themed costumes for the event!

A series of Remembrance Day assemblies, led by pupils in form group 9R, also took place throughout the week. These gave all students the opportunity to reflect on the importance of Remembrance Day.

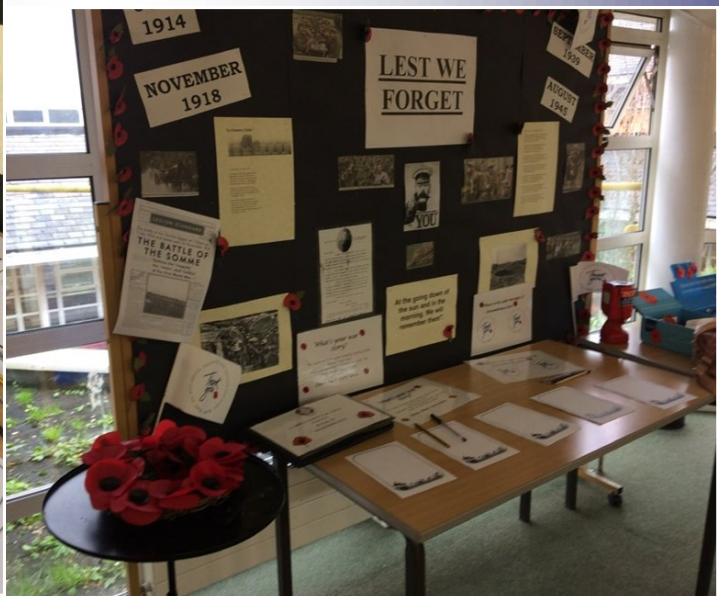
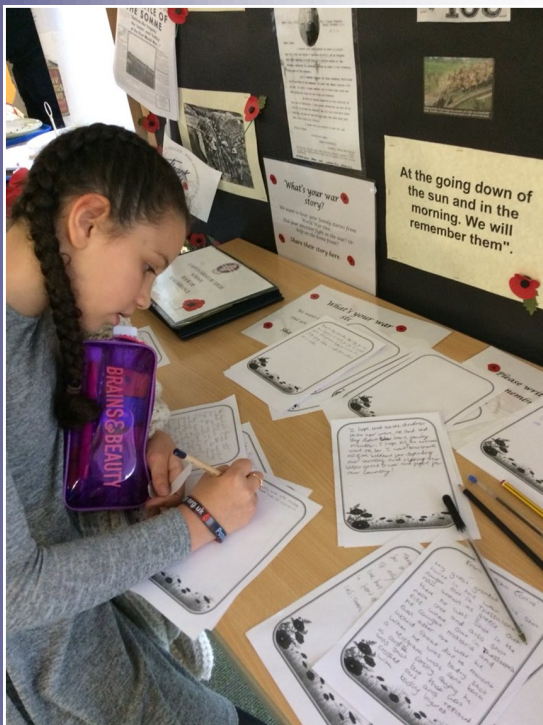


Not only did the week enhance the pupils understanding of the war, they also found the experience extremely meaningful and enjoyable. During the day, money was also raised for the British Legion.

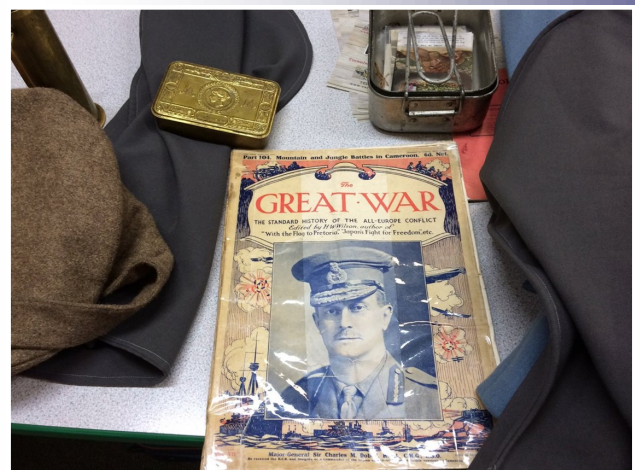
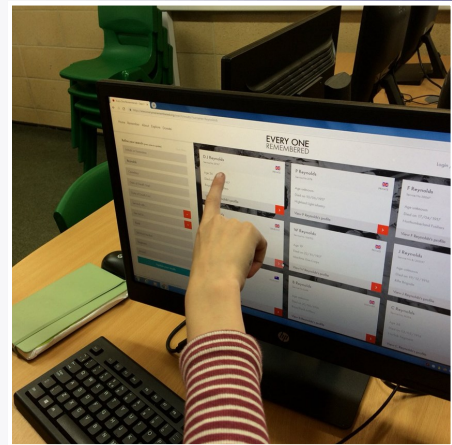
More photos from the week can be found on Twitter @CCHS\_History10  
#corpusremembers

















# BOYS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## CROSS COUNTRY – CARDIFF AND VALE CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE 2018



Year 7 above and Years 10 & 11 below



Years 8 & 9 above



Final league placings below



CARDIFF & THE VALE SCHOOLS' AA Boys' LEAGUE 2018 - Overall after 3 fixtures									
YEAR 7	L1	L2	L3	After 3					
1 Cardiff High	6	1000	20	6	775	20	6	766	20
2 YG Bro Morgannwg	6	965	19	6	716	18	6	645	17
3 Cowbridge	6	963	18	6	718	19	6	634	16
4 Corpus Christi	6	953	17	6	676	16	6	697	19
5 YG Plasnewydd	6	893	14	6	704	17	6	677	18
6 Whitchurch	6	852	13	6	631	15	6	600	15
7 Llanishen	6	769	10	6	566	13	6	562	13
8 Whitmore	6	760	9	6	501	12	6	503	12
9 YG Gwent	6	948	16	0	0	0	6	563	14
10 Radyr	6	848	12	4	359	10	2	269	8
11 YG Bro Edern	6	904	15	6	618	14	0	0	0
12 St Cyres	3	395	8	2	184	9	5	315	10
13 Bishop of Llandaff	0	0	0	5	230	11	6	386	11
14 Cathedral School	3	385	7	0	0	0	3	360	6
15 Stanwell	2	287	5	0	0	0	2	228	7
16 Llantwit Major	6	808	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
17 Kings Monkton	3	49	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
18 Pencoedre	1	15	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
YEAR 8 & 9	L1	L2	L3	After 3					
1 YG Bro Morgannwg	6	693	20	6	687	20	6	587	20
2 Cardiff High	6	661	19	6	674	19	6	550	18
3 Whitchurch	6	661	18	6	563	17	6	504	16
4 YG Plasnewydd	5	565	12	6	646	18	6	559	19
5 Corpus Christi	6	622	17	6	500	15	6	513	17
6 Radyr	6	482	16	6	373	13	5	366	13
7 YG Gwent	5	360	11	6	525	16	4	307	10
8 Whitmore	6	366	14	6	205	11	5	215	12
9 Cowbridge	5	343	10	3	261	10	6	443	15
10 YG Bro Edern	6	369	15	6	378	14	0	0	0
11 Llanishen	0	0	0	6	262	12	6	343	14
12 St Cyres	1	126	6	1	126	8	1	115	5
13 Stanwell	3	249	9	0	0	0	4	362	11
14 Bishop of Llandaff	0	0	0	3	115	9	3	6	9
15 Cathedral School	1	24	5	1	67	7	1	24	6
16 Cathays	2	42	7	0	0	0	1	50	7
17 Llantwit Major	6	234	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
18 Pencoedre	3	16	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
SENIOR	L1	L2	L3	After 3					
1 Cardiff High	6	574	20	6	487	20	6	545	20
2 YG Bro Morgannwg	6	531	19	6	466	19	6	525	19
3 Whitchurch	6	477	17	6	376	16	6	398	15
4 YG Gwent	6	484	18	4	255	14	6	421	17
5 Corpus Christi	6	328	16	6	335	17	6	406	16
6 Llanishen	6	285	15	6	333	16	6	431	18
7 Cathedral School	4	271	12	2	125	12	3	202	12
8 Cowbridge	3	219	9	2	126	13	3	250	13
9 Radyr	4	310	13	1	74	10	3	187	11
10 YG Bro Edern	3	246	10	6	120	15	1	84	8
11 St David's College	1	101	7	1	80	11	2	172	10
12 YG Plasnewydd	5	104	14	0	0	0	6	169	14
13 Stanwell	1	97	6	0	0	0	1	92	7
14 Cathays	4	153	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 Bishop of Llandaff	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	121	9
16 Whitmore	2	108	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
17 Kings Monkton	1	12	5	0	0	0	0	0	0





## KEY STAGE 4

Year 10 Football



Year 10 Rugby 7s



Year 11 Rugby 7s



## Year 7 Cross Country, Rugby and Football



## YEAR 7 FIXTURES

### **RUGBY**

Corpus v Glantaf – Lost

Plasmawr v Corpus – Won

Corpus v Llanishen – Lost

Cardiff High v Corpus – Lost

Corpus (B) v Plasmawr (B) – Drew

Inter Class Competition

### **FOOTBALL**

Glantaf v Corpus – Drew

WSFA Cup - Eastern High v Corpus – Lost

CVSFA Cup - Corpus v St Iltyds – Won

Inter Class Competition



## Year 8 Football and Rugby



## **YEAR 8 FIXTURES**

### **RUGBY**

Corpus v Glantaf – Lost

Corpus v WHS - Won

Plasmawr v Corpus – Drew

Glantaf v Corpus – Lost

Corpus v Radyr – Won

Llanishen v Corpus – Won

Corpus v Cardiff High – Won

Plasmawr (B) v Corpus (B) – Drew

Corpus v Bro Edern – Lost

### **FOOTBALL**

Glantaf v Corpus – Won

WSFA Cup – Corpus v Cardiff High – Won

WSFA Cup – Corpus v St Richard Gwyn - Won

CVSFA Cup – Willows v Corpus – Won

WSFA Cup – Corpus v Plasmawr – Won



## Year 9 Football and Rugby



## YEAR 9 FIXTURES

### **RUGBY**

Corpus v Glantaf – Won

WHS v Corpus - Won

Corpus v Plasmawr – Won

Glantaf v Corpus – Won

Corpus v Radyr – Won

Llanishen v Corpus – Won

Cardiff High v Corpus – Lost

Plasmawr (B) v Corpus (B) – Drew

Clifton College 10 – 15 Corpus

### **FOOTBALL**

Glantaf v Corpus – Won

WSFA Cup – St Teilo's v Corpus – Won

CVSFA Cup – Corpus v Bro Morgannawg – Lost

WSFA Cup – BOL v Corpus - Won

# CORPUS REMEMBERS

The Boys' Physical Education Department took part in a week of football matches in lessons with an old leather ball to pay tribute to the game that was played between the Germans and British soldiers when they stopped fighting and for a moment in time played a game of football.





## YEAR 7 INTER CLASS COMPETITIONS



# HEALTH RELATED FITNESS

The pupils have been progressing well in their HRF lessons where the focus is on personal fitness for health through personal GOAL and TARGET setting.





CONGRATULATIONS TO IMMANUEL, JOSH AND DAVID ON  
INTERNATIONAL SELECTION!





A VISIT FROM PAST CORPUS PUPIL AND WELSH RUGBY  
INTERNATIONAL CHRIS CZEKY





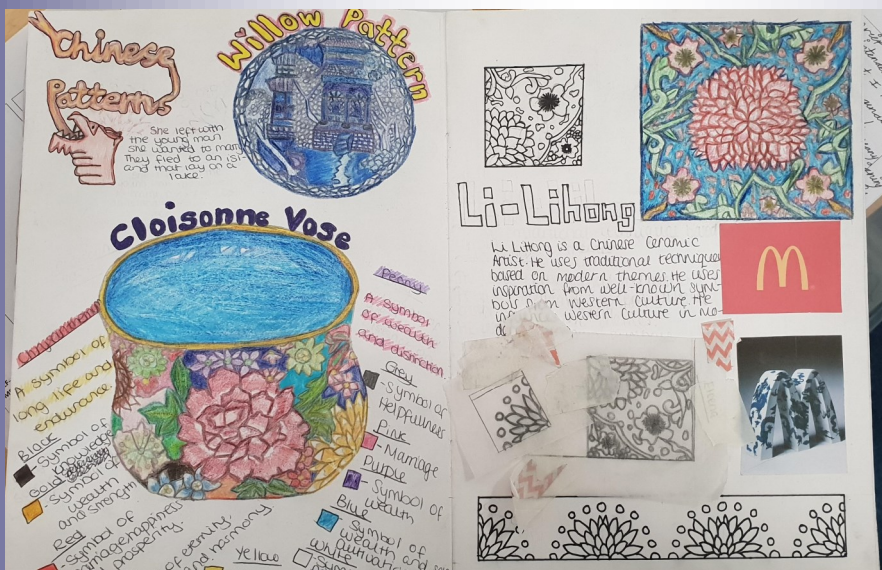
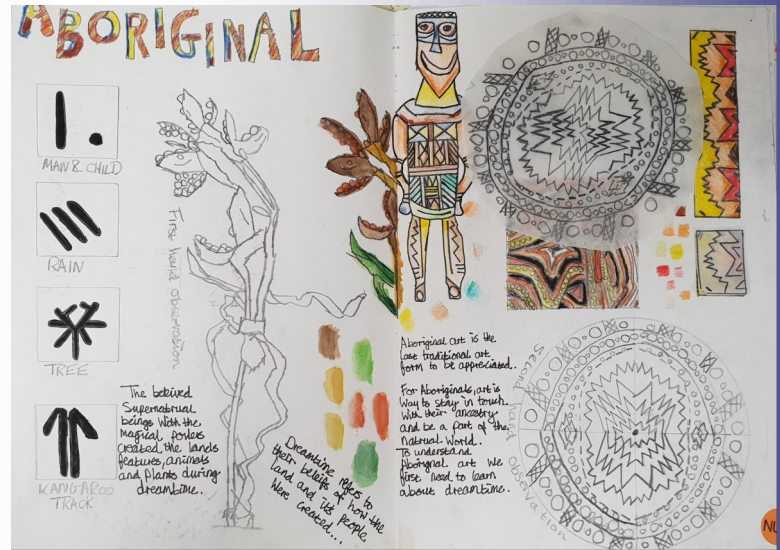
## Year 7

Year 7 pupils have been working hard, drawing outside to creating first hand observations of the landscape, experimenting with texture and colour mixing to culminate in producing a composé for a painted landscape.

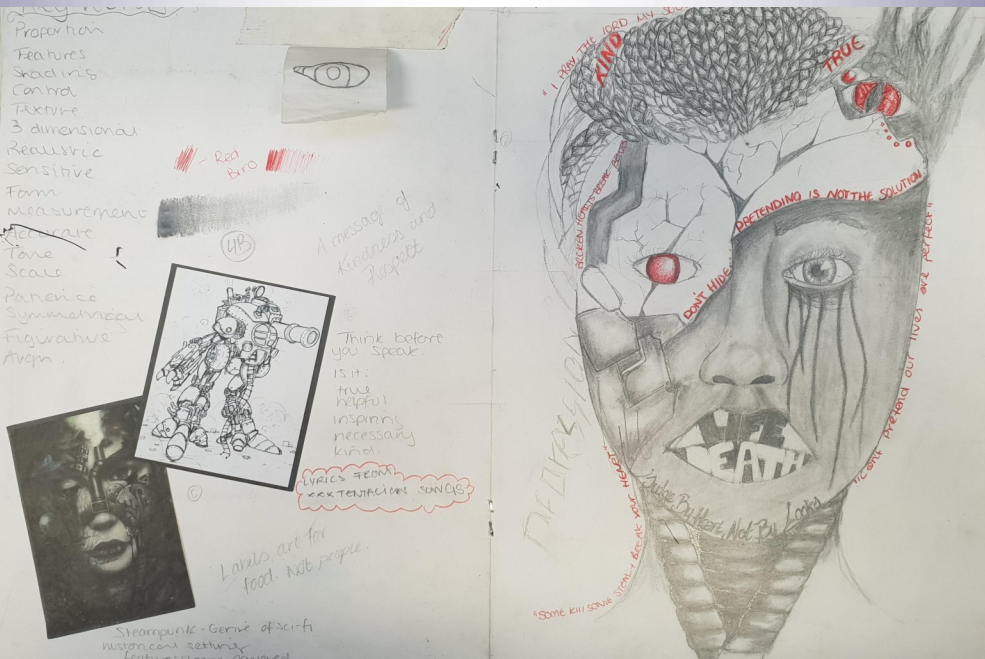


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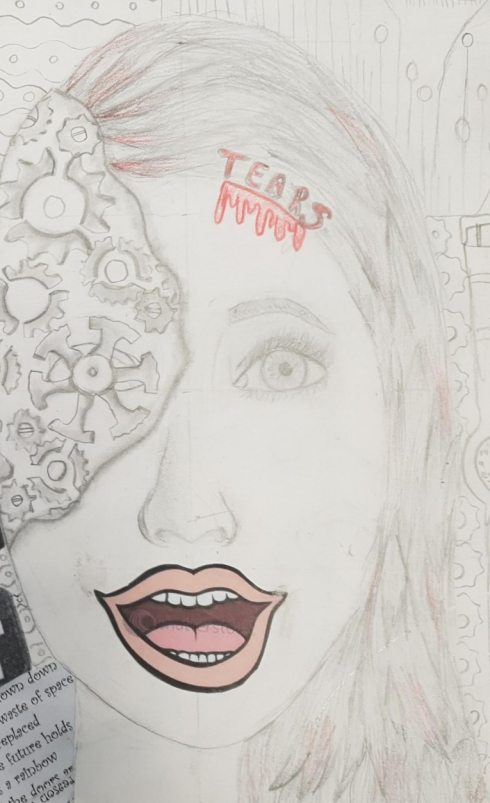
Year 8 pupils have been working with commitment to create detailed and accurate observational drawing sheets in their sketchbooks. Some fabulous studies achieved.



**Year 9 have been concentrating on producing portraits with a conceptual influence to support anti-bullying.**







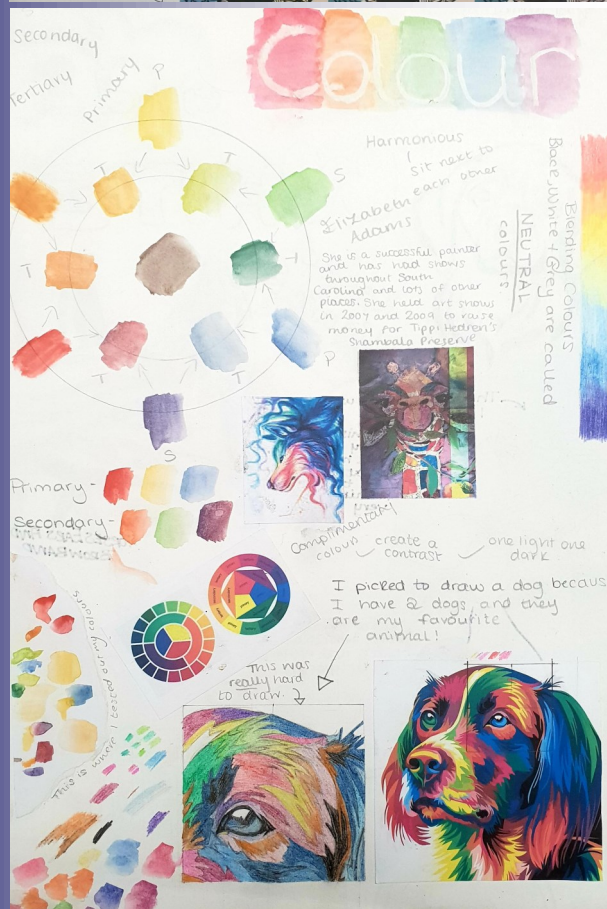
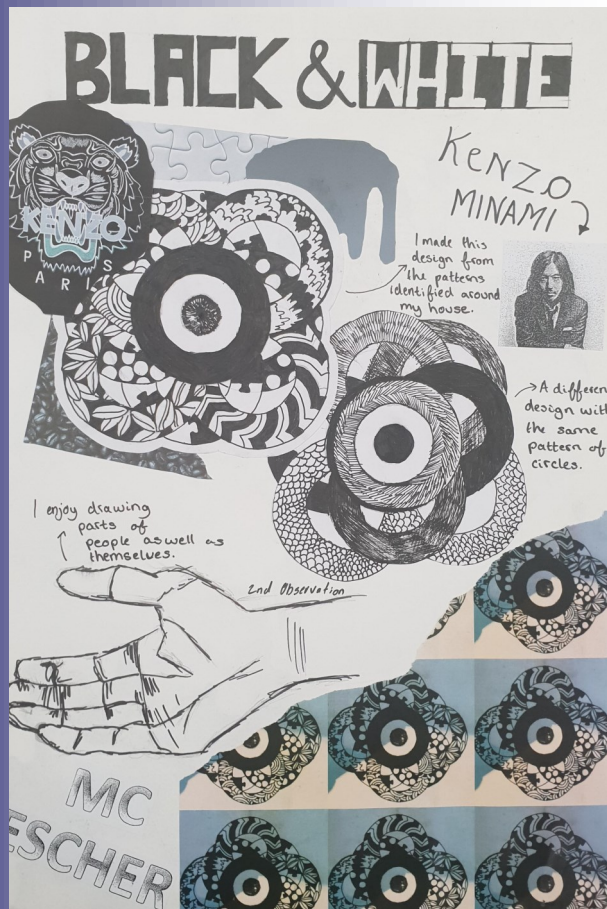


## Year 10

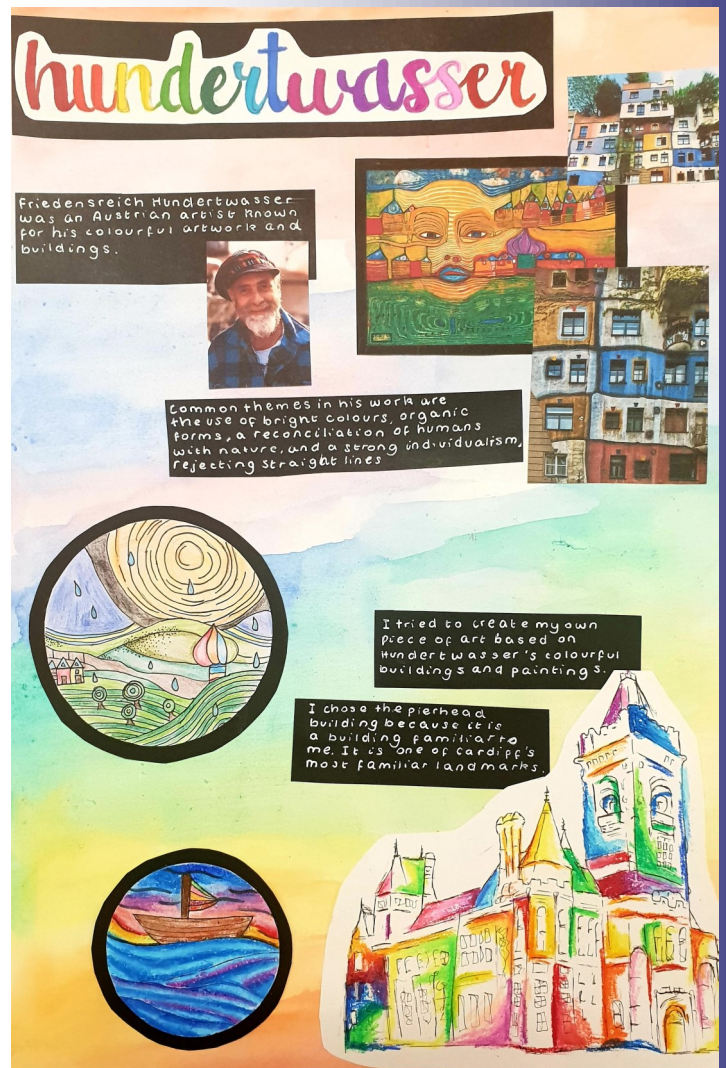
Year 10 pupils have been creating some very exciting pages in their coursework sketchbooks. Keep up the great work year 10.







## Year 10 Artwork





## Year 11

Year 11 pupils are striving to complete their course work final pieces and sketchbook development work. Some creative, imaginative and thoughtful outcomes have been produced so far.

The WJEC externally set exam questions will be sent home with the candidates after the Christmas break.





## Year 11 Artwork



## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

### Simon Chalk Masterclass

We were delighted to welcome Simon Chalk back to Corpus Christi in November. Simon is the chief guest conductor of the Slovakian Sinfonietta orchestra. It was another amazing experience for the orchestra and parents who took the opportunity to come and watch. It is highly likely that some members of the orchestra will be invited to perform in Slovakia next year (2019) and discussions are currently taking place to enable this fabulous opportunity to be available to 20 of our musicians.





## Music in the Vale Competition

Many pupils took part in a competition last month and there were many 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place and highly commended awards given out to our musicians. Some 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> place winners have been invited to perform at their prestigious gala concert held in Stanwell School on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**Solo singers:** Ellie C, Lilian W, Sophie B, Erin K, Isabelle M, Ethan B, Isabelle G.

### Trio's:

Lilian W, Elen M & Emily G

Sophie B, Frances F & Aaliyah B

### Ensembles:

Fusion & Cantabile

### Instrumentalists:

Ivan C (Cello & Piano), Olivia H (Violin), Niamh S (Flute), Finlay H (trumpet),

Jack T (Piano),

Patricia G (Piano) & James H (Cello).



## **Congratulations**

Huge congratulations to all of the many musicians who have completed graded exams this term – some outstanding results. An additional congratulations to IVAN C who has been given a place in the National String Orchestra of Wales.



## **Woodwind Concert**

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, woodwind players took part in a small informal concert for parents and all performed brilliantly. Thanks to Mrs Rhodes, our woodwind teacher for organising the event, and to all who took part with some fabulous performances.

## **Cantabile on the road!**

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December vocal ensemble, Cantabile performed to lots of happy Christmas shoppers in Castle Arcade. In the evening, the ensemble were invited to perform at CAVMS Christmas Concert in the Gate, Cardiff. It was a beautiful event and Cantabile sung with amazing musicianship and class – not so surprising that they have been booked for two more concerts this year!

## **Christmas Service**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – please come and support!

## **Music Department**

Please follow us on twitter: Music@Corpus for all updates, information and peripatetic timetables.

# Year 11

## GCSE Mathematics and Mathematics-Numeracy

### Reminders

#### Revision Support

**Weekly after-school revision** - Pupils are expected to attend their own class' session every week. If unable to attend, pupils must inform their Maths teacher and attend an alternative session, delivered by another teacher.

Set	Tier	Teacher	Day
1	Higher	Ms Hesp	Tuesday
2	Higher	Ms Wood	Wednesday
3	Higher	Mr Jones Pritchard	Tuesday
4 and 9	Higher/Intermediate	Mr O'Neill	Tuesday
5	Intermediate	Mrs Ling	Thursday
6	Intermediate	Miss Bishop	Tuesday
7 and 10	Intermediate	Mrs Bussell	Thursday
8 and 11	Intermediate/ Foundation	Mrs Donovan	Wednesday (lunch Wk A, after school Wk B)

**Past papers will be sent home on a weekly basis as homework.**

These must be submitted a week later and will be marked by the teacher or self- marked by pupils. Past papers should be completed steadily over the course of the week so that pupils can refer to books, online support or seek help from their teacher when necessary. All questions should be attempted. Parents will be informed if pupils fail to meet submission deadlines or show insufficient effort.

Frequent consolidation is crucial. To support students' retention of key skills pupils will also be set weekly online revision tasks on either MyMaths or MathsWatch (login details were sent home last term).



## Useful Websites

[www.mathswatch.co.uk](http://www.mathswatch.co.uk) (login: e.g. GBussell@corpuschristihs password: password)

[www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk) (username: ccrc password: square)

[www.revisegcsemaths.co.uk](http://www.revisegcsemaths.co.uk)

[www.mrbartonmaths.com/gcsetakeaway](http://www.mrbartonmaths.com/gcsetakeaway)

[www.studymaths.co.uk](http://www.studymaths.co.uk)

[www.revisionmaths.com](http://www.revisionmaths.com)

[www.hegartymaths.com](http://www.hegartymaths.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

## Following the Christmas Mock Examinations:

**Intermediate Tier** pupils who achieve B grades in the Year 11 mock examinations will move onto study at Higher Tier in order to aim for A/A\* grades in the summer term.

**Foundation Tier** pupils who achieve D grades in the Year 11 mock examinations will move onto study at Intermediate Tier in order to aim for C/B grades in the summer term.

### Higher Tier GCSE Results

For those students who sat GCSE exams in November, results will be published on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January**. Examination entries for the summer term will be discussed following this date.

### Young Mathematician's Awards

In early December, four of our talented Year 8 learners took part in Round 2 of the National Young Mathematician's Awards. It was fantastic to see our students and so many other young people inspired by maths. The group faced the challenges set with great determination and skill and were a real credit to the school. Unfortunately, none of the local teams made it through to the final stage of the competition, to be held at Cambridge University. Despite this, the Corpus Christi team should feel incredibly proud of what they achieved in getting through to the second round of the competition and impressing the judges with their mathematical reasoning and teamwork at each stage. Congratulations to Eliot G, Ivan C, Ellis H and Jacek K!

During their Rotational Symmetry lesson, Ms Wood's Year 9 class produced these fantastic snowflakes.





Warhammer 40K Kill Team takes place on Thursday lunchtimes in the Art room (176), however after Christmas we are hoping to run it as an afterschool club on Thursdays from 3:30 until 5:30.

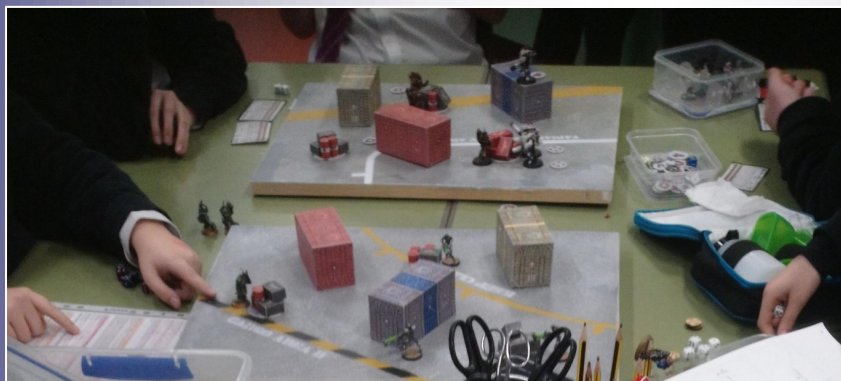
All you need to play is a small squad of figures (3-20) that follow the rules for kill team. These small squads play on a small map and try and out manoeuvre their opponents to steal objectives or just try and destroy them to win the game.

We currently have 10 regular members which is about as much as we can have at the moment, but if more people want to join, when we start the after school club will be the time to do it.

In the New Year we will be picking a team to represent the school in the Warhammer Schools Kill Team League, to compete against other schools in South Wales and then the whole of the UK, so exciting times are ahead for some of our members.

If you want to find out more about Warhammer visit the [gamesworkshop website](#) or visit the Warhammer Shop on High Street in Cardiff.

Have a great Christmas and hope to see you in the New Year.



Mr Ellis





## MOBILE PHONES

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

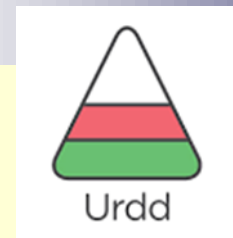
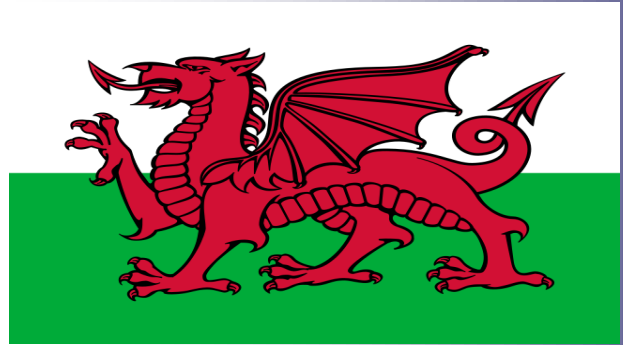
Pupils are **NOT** allowed to use their phones under any circumstances. If a pupil needs to contact home in an emergency, their Head of Year, Assistant Head of Year or the school office will assist them in this.

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](mailto: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





## Llangrannog 2019

Thank you to all parents/guardians for sending in your deposit for the Year 7 Summer trip to Llangrannog. Almost half the year group will be attending and are already extremely excited to go! In the New Year a letter will come home with your child detailing the remaining payments with some additional forms for you to complete. In the meantime, could you please ensure that you follow our Twitter page @cymraegcchs as all trip updates and details will be detailed there. If you have any enquiries about the trip please email [slove@corpuschristihs.co.uk](mailto:slove@corpuschristihs.co.uk)

**Mrs S. Love**

**Ail yn yr Adran Gymraeg**



### Student Council Activities this Term

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Action</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The state of the toilets are an ongoing concern. They are being left messy by pupils during the day, no soap, paper etc</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was agreed that prefects would check toilets at the end of break and lunch and communicate any issues direct to the Caretaker</li> <li>Pupils agreed it was their duty to leave the toilets clean for others to use. They suggested <u>signage</u> to remind users eg 'dispose of sanitary waste in bin provided', 'wash your hands' and 'leave the toilet as you would wish to find it'</li> </ul> <p>The Head has agreed to fund signage. This has been referred to Caretaker.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupils were concerned with cost and choice of food in the (Cardiff authority run) canteen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A survey is currently being undertaken to see if these views are widely held and to highlight any potential action required.</li> </ul> <p>We await results!!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Uniform was discussed (including the skirt/badge)</li> </ul>	<p><u>Skirt/Badge</u></p> <p>Pupils expressed some concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost</li> <li>Sizes ( eg different shops cater for different shapes and sizes - eg some girls are tall with tiny waists therefore skirts end up being very short and vice versa)</li> </ul> <p>If girls have badge on skirt/ should boys have badge on trousers?</p> <p><u>Summer Uniform</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupils agreed white shirts were best in the summer</li> <li>Boys feel it's unfair they have to wear trousers and would be happy to wear proper school shorts with shoes and socks in very hot weather</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bike racks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupils would like more bike racks.</li> <li>Pupils feel more would ride their bike to school if there was space to store them</li> <li>A separate Eco Committee has been set up, and one of the priorities would be to raise funds towards the cost of this.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Benches in yard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupils really like them as a place to sit and eat in the fresh air.</li> </ul>

Finally The Student Council want to say a MASSIVE thank you to the PFA for providing a table tennis table for the Year 7 yard. Pupils are enjoying it very much, and they are looking forward to when the second one is in operation!!



## Year 10 SWEET Group Cardiff City Centre Homeless Project



On 14th December we went to Cardiff City Centre to see how homeless people live. Before our visit we found out what the homeless need and we decided to wrap and give out socks, hats and biscuits to whoever we could find sleeping rough on St Mary's Street and Queen Street. We decided to donate some hats and socks to The Huggard homeless Centre. We learned from a member of staff that it offers a day centre and 18 hostel rooms and for vulnerable people at night they offer floor space.

We also visited the Big Moose, a new charity focused café which has opened in Cardiff, dedicated to getting homeless and disadvantaged people back into work by mentoring them in food and hospitality roles.

From this experience we have become more aware of homeless people and their issues and we know about the help that the centre offers and that Cardiff is one of the best cities for helping the homeless.



# Geography

## Key Stage 3

- Year 7 have studied Map Skills, completed their Year 7 tests and are now studying the topic Wales.
- Year 8 have completed their Traffic Enquiry and are now studying the topic Tourism.
- Year 9 have studied the topic Tectonics and are now studying a new topic the Globalisation of Fashion.

All of Key Stage 3 have completed at least one assessment.

## Key Stage 4

- Year 10 have studied Distinctive Environments and Rivers, Tectonics and are just starting the topic Rural Urban Links.
- Year 11 have studied the topic Tectonics and have been writing their fieldwork portfolios. They have just completed their Non-Examination Assessment worth 20%.

The Geography Department will be starting revision for Year 11 in January on a **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening from 3.30-4.30pm**. It is important students chose one session to attend.





# **SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR CODE**

## **TO BE SAFE**

- When the bus arrives, wait for it to stop before boarding
- Get on and off the bus carefully – pushing or rushing can cause accidents
- Always wear your seat belt and stay in your seat for the whole journey – it could save your life
- On a school bus, stay in your seat for the whole journey
- On a public bus, find a seat if one is available
- Store your bag or other belongings safely and out of anyone's way
- Let the driver drive without distraction during the journey
- Take care of the bus
- Never spit or smoke
- Never be rude to other learners or the driver
- Never interfere with driver controls or safety equipment
- Never throw anything in or from the bus
- Only operate the bus doors or exits in an emergency and don't get off the bus until it has stopped
- Always follow the instructions of the driver or passenger assistant
- If there is an accident, stay on the bus until you are told to leave – but leave the bus by the safest exit if it is unsafe to stay on the bus
- When crossing the road find a safe place where you can be seen by all other drivers
- Please tell a teacher, parent or driver about any bad behaviour you see

# Design & Technology



Made by Ella G in Year 8





Sweet  
Christmas  
treats by  
Year 8 pupils




## English

Commencing with their October half term homework, all Year 7 pupils have started a joint piece of work between English and IT lessons. All pupils have created a story board which ties in with the Autobiography unit of work in English which they will then use as the basis for a PowerPoint in their IT lessons, which will develop their DCF skills.

Preparations for the Year 10 Unit 1 Literature examination on 9th January are well under way with revision sessions running on Wednesday lunchtimes; a walking-talking style mock examination on Friday 21st December and a twilight revision session on Monday 7th January from 3.30-5.00pm.

Pupils will have a mock poetry comparison to complete over the Christmas holidays and need to be revising 'Of Mice and Men' with particular emphasis on the key characters, themes and relationships.



 Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

## Is there an age limit for kids on social media?

**13** Most social media services and apps require users to be 13 years old to join.

**WHAT ABOUT APPS?** App stores set their own age ratings based on the app's content.

**WHY 13?** This is usually to comply with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 (COPPA)—a US law preventing the collection and storage of personal information from a child under 13.

### Age Guide to Social Media

SOCIAL MEDIA	TERMS OF USE - MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS	APP STORE RATING	GOOGLE PLAY RATING	
<b>ASK.fm</b>	ASK.fm	13+	12+	12+
<b>CLUB PENGUIN</b>	Club Penguin	All ages (Directed at 6-14 year olds)	4+	G-General
<b>EA</b>	EA (Electronic Arts)	18+ (With parental permission up to 17yrs)	n/a	G-General
<b>f</b>	Facebook	13+	4+	12+
<b>Messenger</b>	Facebook Messenger	13+	4+	3+
<b>Flickr</b>	Flickr	13+	12+	12+
<b>Foursquare</b>	Foursquare	13+	4+	12+
<b>G+</b>	Google+	13+	17+	12+
<b>Instagram</b>	Instagram	13+	12+	12+
<b>keek</b>	Keek	13+ (With parental permission up to 17yrs)	12+	12+
<b>k.</b>	Kik	13+ (With parental permission up to 17yrs)	12+	12+
<b>in</b>	Linkedin	14+	4+	3+
<b>Minecraft</b>	Minecraft	All ages (Parental permission required to create mojang account if user is under 13)	n/a	M-Mature (Pocket Edition)
<b>Moshi Monsters</b>	Moshi Monsters	All ages (Directed at 6-12 year olds. If user is under 13, parent's email is required)	4+	G-General
<b>Pinterest</b>	Pinterest	13+	12+	12+
<b>S</b>	Skype	18+ (With parental permission up to 17yrs)	4+	3+
<b>Snapchat</b>	Snapchat	13+	12+	12+
<b>Steam</b>	Steam	13+	17+	12+
<b>Tinder</b>	Tinder	13+ (Facebook account required to register)	17+	18+
<b>t</b>	Tumblr	13+	17+	12+
<b>Twitter</b>	Twitter	13+	4+	12+
<b>Vimeo</b>	Vimeo	13+ (With parental permission up to 17yrs)	17+	12+
<b>Vine</b>	Vine	13+	17+	12+
<b>WhatsApp</b>	WhatsApp	16+	4+	3+
<b>YouTube</b>	YouTube	13+	17+	12+

\*Age guide based on published Terms of Use and app store ratings as at April 2016.

[esafety.gov.au/iparent](http://esafety.gov.au/iparent)



## We are supporting Safer Internet Day

5 Feb 2019

[www.saferinternetday.org.uk](http://www.saferinternetday.org.uk)

#SaferInternetDay2019

## Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides - Internet Matters

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

Search our 'step-by-step' guides. Search here for parental controls guides for broadband, mobile, smartphones, social media, search engines and more, e.g Snapchat, Google, EE, Sky.



## **R. E. Department**

The RE Department is very pleased to have a new teacher joining the department, Mr. Kevin Timothy, who is to take up his post in January 2019. The new appointment will undoubtedly be beneficial to the future success of the department. Other new developments involve the Jesuit pupil profile - virtue signs, which will enhance the Catholic identity in and around our school building.

As Head of the RE Department I am happy to have had the support shown to me by Mr. Brunnock when implementing my vision for the school environment, to include visual representations of our Catholic Faith. Starting with the new cross found on the wall at the front of the school.

I am also excited about the introduction of the New Fertile Heart Diocesan led pastoral programme, which is to be piloted in the New Year. An initiative which will be carried forward by JR our school chaplain, Nicole Killen who is in charge of the Pastoral programme and Kevin Timothy who has been instrumental in implementing the programme at his present school, St Albans in Pontypool.

So, very exciting times for our school as we start a new chapter in the Corpus Christi story. Just as the new Liturgical year is about to start the department continues to pray for all staff and pupils during this time of Advent, especially for the success of our new Headteacher.

The department wishes all members of our school community a happy, faith filled and hopeful Advent season. Can I also wish on behalf of the RE department, to all those involved in our school community, a Holy Christmas and a happy New Year.



## Reconciliation in Advent



Advent is a time of waiting and preparation towards Christmas. As a way to prepare our hearts this Advent season, all Year groups were given the opportunity to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in the school Library. This occurred on the 10<sup>th</sup> November to the 14<sup>th</sup> of December.

The beauty of this sacrament is that students receive the love, forgiveness and mercy of God through sharing of their wrongdoings and past sins. This is done through the ministry of the priest. The peace of mind and soul which this sacrament imparts to us is one for which there is no substitute. It is a peace that flows from a certainty, rather than from an unsure hope, that our sins have been forgiven and that we are right with God.

We want to thank the local priests who came and gave their time for Confession:

*Fr Matthew Jones (Three Churches)*

*Fr Nick Williams (Holy Family and St Mary of the Angels)*

*Fr William Isaac (St Teilo's and Our Lady of Lourdes)*

*Fr Bernard Sixtus (St. David Lewis and St. Francis Xavier's Parish, Usk)*

*Fr Saji (St. Peter's Parish)*

*Fr Shinto (St. Peter's Parish)*

*Fr Justus Okibo (St. Joseph's Parish)*

We also thank the teachers and staff who have been kind enough for me to take some of their students out of class time for this special sacrament. Thank you for your support.

The next opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation here at school will be during the Lenten season before Easter. All local Catholic parishes have Confessions available weekly usually Saturday. Please check your local parish newsletter or see the link below for Mass and Confession times in all Catholic churches in Cardiff:

<http://weekdaymasses.org.uk/en/area/cardiff/churches>

JR

(School Lay Chaplain)

### **CAFOD Hunger Lunch**

This Advent season we took part in our yearly Hunger Lunches at Mr Burke's room.

Hunger Lunches are a way for us to connect with families around the world who have difficulty in even having one meal a day. In the hunger lunch, we are offered a cup-a-soup, a piece of bread and a hot drink for a minimum donation of a £1. This simple lunch allows us to stand in solidarity together with people who are less fortunate than us and to raise money for CAFOD. This year's hunger lunches were held every Thursday and Friday. A total of nearly £200 have been raised. A big thank you to students and staff who have supported this cause.



## Christmas Shoe Box Appeal 2018

The 2018 Shoe Box Appeal raised 139 boxes. This is the 15th anniversary of Corpus Christi running the appeal and thousands of boxes have been donated and distributed through the years. Boxes will go to Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Pakistan, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine this year. These shoe boxes will brighten up the lives of children in need at Christmas. A big thank you to everyone who donated and a special well done to the YR 10 SWEET group who were responsible for organising the appeal as part of their course.







# NOV/ DEC 2018



## Netball







# Urdd Netball Tournament





# Hockey



## Year 7B Hockey v Cardiff High



## Year 7A Hockey v Cardiff High





During Lesson 5  
Starts @ 2.30pm  
Finish @ 3.25pm

# Elves

CHRISTMAS

Monday 17th December

Festive Hockey

## Santas

Monday 17th December

Merry Christmas

Games are 11 aside on full pitch.  
Captains - organise substitutions.

Get changed at lunchtime

You must wear:  
Trainers, skorts, gumshields  
and shinpads!

You can also wear:

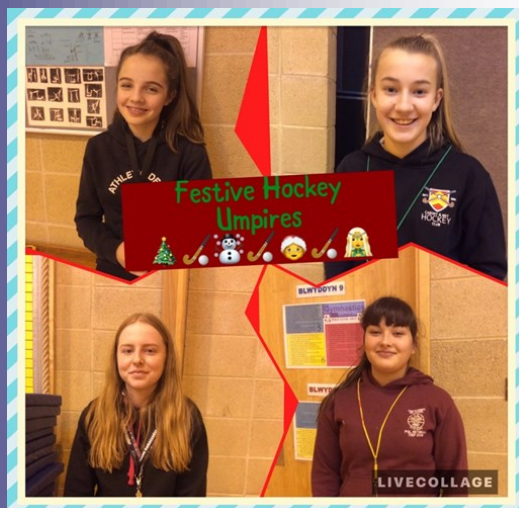
- Xmas accessories  
e.g. christmas jumper,  
tinsel on sticks / socks / hair
- xmas hoppers, etc
- too dangly earrings...



## FESTIVE HOCKEY



Santas	3
Elves	2





## YEAR 7 OPEN NETBALL TEAM 7B Tournament



**v Plasmawr 1-1**  
**v St Johns D 0-0**  
**v St Teillos W 4-0**  
**v SRG W 2-1**  
**v Cowbridge W1-0**  
**v Bro Edern W3-0**



## Open clubs: Netball



**Corpus Christi Girls' PE** @CCHSGirlsPE · Nov 20

Great to have nearly 50 girls staying after school last Friday for Open Netball.  
#corpusgirlscan 🍌🍌



**Corpus Christi Girls' PE** @CCHSGirlsPE · Nov 13

The girls in Year 7 who attend Open Netball club every Friday played their first match on Monday against St Teillo's. Green Won 5-0 POM WA Yellow Won 4-0 POM WA 🍌🍌🍌



**Corpus Christi Girls' PE** @CCHSGirlsPE · Nov 23

Another great turnout for Open Netball on a cold and wet Friday afternoon.







Corpus Christi Girls' PE @CCHSGirlsPE · Nov 6

Corpus Remembers this week. In Year 9 Girls PE lessons, the pupils are re-acting PE lessons which took place during war time #drills #marching #corpusremembers #lestweforget @CCHS\_History10 @CorpusChristiHS



## Corpus Remembers



During WW1 and WW2 PE lessons involved elements of marching and drill practice. As pupils of that time there was the chance they could end up going to War to fight for their country.

In this Girls' PE lesson you have to create and perform a marching drill in a group.

Try to include the following basic steps:

- Standing to attention
- Right Turn
- Left turn
- Stopping
- Right and left wheel



Below are a few points to thinking about:

- Timing
- Organisation
- A leader to call the moves
- It must be creative



Year 9 Girls Remember



Corpus Remembers





Corpus Christi Girls' PE @CCHSGirlsPE · Dec 5

GO GIRLS! 🌟🌟🌟 Our Young Ambassadors doing us proud 😊👍

#corpusgirlscan #inspire #engage #enjoy #sportforall



Sport Cardiff North

@SportCardiff\_N

Following

Silver 🥈 Young Ambassadors 🎓🎓

from across the City are sharing their physical activity projects and how they are making a difference to young peoples participation in Sport

Thank you @HEYAcardiffmet and @YACymru for your support throughout the year! 👍

#sportcardiff #yacymru



Corpus Christi Girls' PE @CCHSGirlsPE · Nov 9

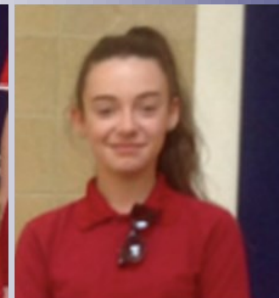
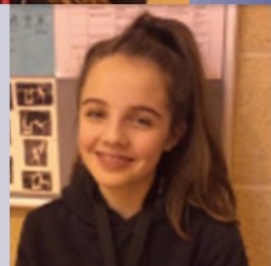
Well done Cara 🌟 you are true role model and an inspirational pupil of ours #proud 😊 can't wait to hear all about it on Monday 😊



Cara Stuart @stuartcara1

What an amazing and inspiring day at the YA gold conference. So much learnt and developed ready for the future. What an honour to be part of such an amazing event....

Our fantastic ambassadors  
Cara S (Gold Ambassador)  
Millie E (Silver Ambassador)  
Ella K (Silver Ambassador)  
Susie J (Silver Ambassador)



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Cara Stuart @stuartcara1 · Dec 5

What an amazing and inspiring evening. I am honoured to have attended the Wales Sports Awards!! Well done to all the amazing people who won awards!

#WSA2018

@BBCWales

@sportswales

@CCHSGirlsPE

