



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

The October half-term holiday is almost upon us and everybody in school is wondering where the last eight weeks have gone. All our new pupils and staff have settled into school and plenty of hard work is going on in every area of the school.

This newsletter traditionally begins with a review of last summer's GCSE results. I put pen to paper this time last year with a comment that the 77% Level 2+ (the number of pupils who gained 5 A*-C grades including English and Maths) 'broke all records'. You can imagine, therefore, the pleasure with which I report that this year's Level 2+ was 83.4%. The 2014 percentage placed us 8th in the whole of Wales so it will be very interesting to see whether the school has gained ground nationally.

In all, 99% of pupils gained 5 A*-G grades and 90% achieved Level 2 (5 A*-C grades). The vast majority of pupils either reached or exceeded their target grades and an impressive number will achieve GCSE certificates with at least 9A/A* grades printed on them. Claudia Perry and Aisling Beevers gained all A* grades.

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.

Our other very high achievers are Thomas Evans, Martyna Wezyk, Sara Amadio, Hannah Shields, Bethany Wooding, Bethan Barkley, Bethany Bridges, James Llewellyn, Lauren Brown, Sarah Butler, Dencila Thomas, Sion Williams, Dane Carlos, Lucy Nethercott, Rebeca Scone, Laura Williams, Nathan Crothers, Xyle Dela Cruz, Gabrielle Diffey, Michal Oleszuk, Emily Brookfield, Sean O'Hanlon, Carey Owen. Joseph Rees and Maisie Spicer.

All 214 leavers deserve our heartiest congratulations, along with the staff who taught them and their parents, who were so ambitious and encouraging throughout their time here. It was truly a team effort and we look forward to a celebration of these amazing achievements on the evening of 12th November.

Yet Corpus Christi is not a school which limits itself to concentrating on academic success. The Year 7 Welcome Mass was full to the rafters and it was a beautiful liturgy where the talents of our new pupils were already clearly evident.

Music is such a strength in the school. As usual, the final preparations are in full swing for the school production 'Back to the 80s' and, once again, it promises to be a fabulous show. Some of the cast members gave a sneaky preview at the Open Evening earlier this month and they are certainly set to dazzle and delight! You can imagine how they 'wowed' prospective parents and pupils.

I would like to congratulate our incoming Head Girl and Boy, Meg Bhogal and Ben Waldron, and our Senior Prefects, Bridget Morris and James Backhouse. New prefects are now in post and, as usual, helping in all sorts of ways around the school. Indeed, pupils in Year 11 in general are embracing the many challenges that are facing them. Plenty of hard work and revision during the next few weeks before their November entry Maths GCSE should ensure that they maintain the superb standards that have been reached in recent years.

I hope that everybody manages to have a restful half-term and I look forward to meeting as many parents as possible over the next few months at Parents' Evenings and at other events.

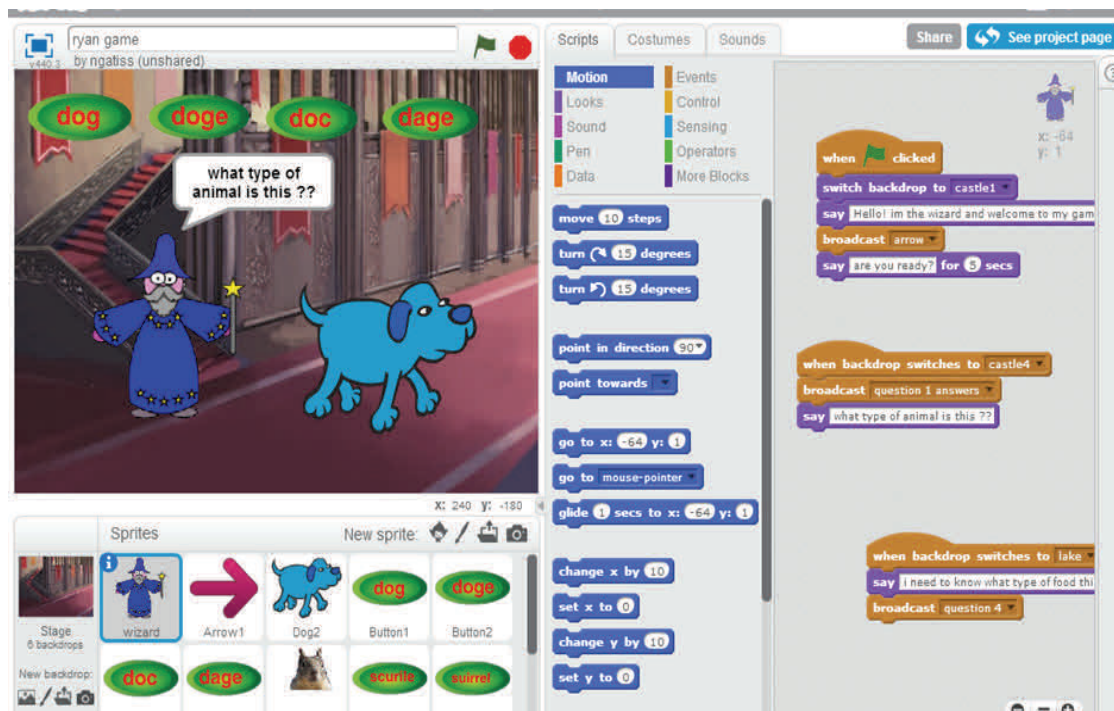
Angela Thomas



at CORPUS CHRISTI

On Thursday 1st of October the Year 10 and 11 pupils took part in a 2 hour session to see how far they could push their skills in Scratch programming. The great Technocamps tutor Laura, showed the pupils how to progress further by making moving games to more advanced interactive games with levels. Unlike the current KS3 pupils, this year group had had limited programming experience and this enabled them to experience the concepts at a higher level. By the end of the session the pupils were able to create an interactive animated literacy game of 4 levels for young children. The pupils learnt a lot about sequencing events, introducing them to computational thinking whilst having fun! There are more opportunities for pupils to explore this on a Monday Lunchtime and after school in Coding Club in Room 9.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Wednesday 25th October
Thursday 26th October
Friday 27th October

Back to the 80s Production 7pm
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Last Day of Term
Back to the 80s Production Final Night 7pm

Monday 2nd November
Wednesday 4th November
Tuesday 10th November
Thursday 12th November
Monday 16th November
Wednesday 18th November
Monday 23rd November
Monday 30th November
Tuesday 1st December
Wednesday 2nd December
Thursday 3rd December
Wednesday 9th December
Tuesday 15th December
Thursday 17th December
Friday 18th December
Monday 21st December
Tuesday 22nd December

School opens.
Maths GCSE (am)
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Presentation Evening 7pm
Start of Year 7 Tests - all week
St David's College Open Evening
Year 7 Tests—all week
Year 8 Geography Field Trip
Year 8 Geography Field Trip
Year 8 Geography Field Trip
Year 8 Geography Field Trip
Year 11 Mock Exams start
Year 11 Mock Exams end
Year 11 Mock Art Exam
Year 11 Mock Art Exam
Carol Service 7pm
Carol Service in school
End of Term 1.30pm



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school website for
letters and news-
letters.

[http://
www.corpuschristi
hs.co.uk/](http://www.corpuschristihs.co.uk/)

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S
DIARY REGULARLY
AND SIGN WEEKLY**



Congratulations to all of Mrs Wilson's GCSE Catering class who achieved their Level 2 Food and Hygiene qualification from the Food Standards Agency.

Well done to -

Tori Evans
Shannon Kennedy
Tiago Santos
Madeleine Rayer
Bridget Smalley
Jessica May
Michael Trott



BARCELONA

After the success of last year's Year 8 and 9 MFL trip to Paris, the MFL department now look forward to another successful trip for this year's Year 8 pupils to Barcelona. It will take place from Friday 25th March and returning on Tuesday 29th March 2016. A full programme of activities will be offered whilst abroad, including visiting La Sagrada Familia, the famous Camp Nou, shopping in Las Ramblas and `Maremagnum. There will also be a two course tapas tasting evening, a flamenco show, a day at PortAventura Waterpark, a disco on the final night and much more. We will also be in Barcelona for Easter weekend, so pupils will see the cultural and historical events that they have learnt about in class. The trip is now FULL; stay up to date with the latest information via the MFL Twitter page @MFL_CCHS.



Corpus Christi High School

presents

BACK TO THE 80'S



Wednesday 21st October, Thursday 22nd October
+ Friday 23rd October 2015

7pm (Doors Open at 6.30pm)

Corpus Christi High School, Ty Draw Road,
Cardiff, CF23 6XL

For tickets please call Mrs B Mullins 02920 761893

ADULTS: £8 CONCESSIONS: £5





We have a long standing tradition of supporting this very worthwhile cause. Our gifts will be sent to the poorer parts of Eastern Europe in time for Christmas. We are collecting the following and would be grateful for any contributions:

Toothbrush & toothpaste, hat/scarf/gloves or warm jumper, soap, toy car for a boy, small doll or toy for a girl, sweets which are 'best before March 2016' (no loose sweets, lollies or undated bags)

Other ideas:

- SOMETHING TO LOVE: teddy bear, doll, soft toy etc
- SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL: notebook, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, stickers
- SOMETHING TO WEAR: t-shirt, shorts, underwear, cap, beanie
- SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH: tennis balls, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, finger puppets, wind up torch (no battery operated items)
- SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE: soap and facecloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips/slides, scrunchies
- SOMETHING SPECIAL: carry bag, necklace, bracelet, craft kit, stickers, note or photo of yourself

MACMILLAN CAKE SALE

A huge thank you to
all the pupils and
staff for bringing
and purchasing
cakes for MacMillan
Cancer Research.
The school raised
£500.

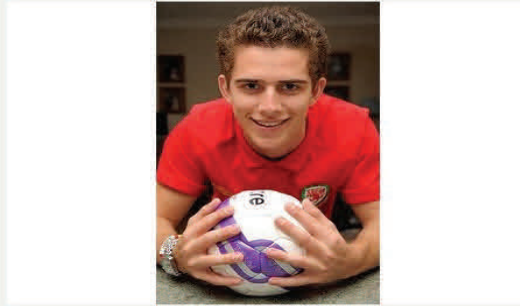
Well Done!



THANK YOU



LEARN | TRAIN | PLAY | WORK



On the 21/09/15 I was very fortunate to represent Wales playing Futsal against Holland. Futsal is the official recognised version of 5 a side football, and is very popular across Europe and South America. Although the result was disappointing (we lost 7-3), I was extremely grateful for the support of the P.E. department for organising a bus from the school to come down and watch the game in the Newport Velodrome Centre. The support from the 40 pupils and staff who came to watch was phenomenal, although it couldn't inspire us to a famous win. Hopefully it did inspire some of the pupils to play the game and, who knows, I might be watching them in the years to come as a proud teacher!

Mr E Thomas

RUGBY FOR GIRLS



World Cup fever has hit Corpus Christi, with around 30 girls now coming to rugby training! Training is every Tuesday after school 3.30pm - 4.30pm on the rugby fields. All age groups are welcome; at the moment there are girls training from Year 7 to Year 10. The team is coached by Miss Thomas from the MFL department, who has been playing rugby for over 10 years. She is also joined by professional women's rugby players, Megan Daley and Women's Welsh International, Elinor Snowsill.

TERM DATES 2015—2016

Term Dates 2015-2016

Autumn

1 September 2015
26 October 2015 (Half Term Begins)
30 October 2015 (Half Term Ends)
22 December 2015 (End of Term)

Spring

6 January 2016
15 February 2016 (Half Term Begins)
19 February 2016 (Half Term Ends)
24 March 2016 (End of Term)

Summer

11 April 2016
30 May 2016 (Half-Term Begins)
3 June 2016 (Half-Term Ends)
15 July 2016 (End of Term)

INSET days:

Monday 18th July
Tuesday 19th July
Wednesday 20th July

ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance total is currently running at 96.78%, 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.

- 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.**

Below is a breakdown of each Year Group's attendance:

Year 7	97.6%
Year 8	96.8%
Year 9	96.6%
Year 10	96.6%
Year 11	96.5%

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance

100%

99.5%

97.4%

95%

80%

70%

Absence

0 Days

1 Day

5 Days

10 Days

38 Days

57 Days

Lessons Missed

None

5 Lessons

25 Lessons

50 Lessons

190 Lessons

285 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.

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the girls who have represented the school at the first two cross country meetings this year.

Year 7

Emily Fish, Olivia Barrett, Aaliyah Yarwood, Eve Harrington, Lola Fadian, Emily Backhouse and Emilia Davies-Hurley.

Years 8 & 9

Sofia Vella, Pratheesha Varghese, Kathy Fletcher, Megan Jones, Jasmine Hurley-Tyers, Laura Brewer, Cara Stewart, Faye Towler and Dionne Law. All the girls performed with commitment and determination.

A special mention must go to Sofia who was placed 2nd and 4th respectively. She also represented the school at the South Wales Regional Championships, achieving 14th place—fantastic! The final league fixture will be on November 4th.



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

On the 26th September 2015, it was the European Day of Languages, and so to celebrate this day and most of all, to celebrate our huge cultural diversity at CCHS, five Year 11 Language Ambassadors and Miss Thomas in the MFL department planned and hosted a range of events for the whole week for all CCHS pupils.

The events ranged from European film showings with free popcorn, beginners' Polish lessons (hosted by Language Ambassadors Weronika Wojciechowska and Fleur James) to a Photo-booth afternoon with a European twist! It was a big success, to the extent that pupils came the following weeks to ask for more events!

To see more information and photos from the MFL department, follow their Twitter page @MFL_CCHS.

Many thanks to Year 11 Language Ambassadors: Weronika Wojciechowska, Fleur James, Peter Lewis, Inigo Santillan and Alice Owen.

