



2016 Edition

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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WINTER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

Another term and another year are drawing to a close. Preparations for our Christmas Carol Service are all underway and everybody at school is looking forward to a well-deserved rest!

Since the last newsletter, the much anticipated and long-rehearsed production 'Les Misérables' has taken place to great acclaim! It was an absolute triumph and huge congratulations must go to all the staff who made it possible, and to our incredibly talented pupils who sang, danced and acted their hearts out over four splendid evenings. They included a number of wonderful young people in Year 12 who returned to grace our stage for the very last time.

In fact it was not quite the final time because a few very stirring musical numbers were reprised at the start of the Presentation Evening a few weeks later.

That was also a most memorable evening when everybody present celebrated the amazing GCSE results from the 'Class of 2016'. It was lovely to be able to catch up with these young people who gave so much to Corpus Christi during their time here, and also with their parents who supported the school so fully. Hannah Woodhouse, the Managing Director of the Cardiff South Consortium, gave the opening address, congratulating the pupils upon their achievements and telling us something about her own fascinating background in education, including a spell in Whitehall. Details of prize winners are provided later on in this newsletter.

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.

Autumn terms are famous for being the 'hardest', when the back of work for the year is 'broken'. This has certainly been true for us this term. Our Year 11 pupils have worked very hard in preparation for the Numeracy and Mathematics examinations which they sat in November, and also for the group speaking element of their English GCSE. These young people are the trail-blazers for these new qualifications and their attitude to the challenges that they are facing is to be lauded. Indeed, all year groups have settled well and are producing fine work.

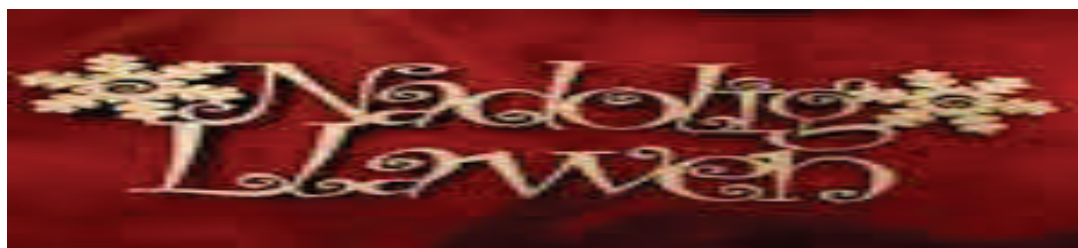
In amongst all this academic endeavour, there has also been plenty of fund-raising. The focus has been to raise money for the Chris Babu fund and the response from pupils, staff and the wider community has been absolutely terrific. Our efforts will culminate in the 'Special Spring Ball' on May 20th 2017. Almost one hundred tickets have been sold already, but be prepared for the 'big push' after Christmas! It promises to be a Corpus Christi reunion on a grand scale because of the number of people we would like to be there (400 plus!), and also because of the setting, the City Hall. For those of you with a long association with Corpus Christi, it is a sobering fact that 'reorganisation' took place in September 1987, almost 30 years ago and that this 'new' school building officially opened in May 1996, just over 20 years ago!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for all their support and cooperation during this term, not least over the matter of shoes. I would like to make it clear, also, that every pupil must return to school in January in regulation footwear.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff and governors, I would like to wish you and your family a happy and holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Angela Thomas





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 15th December
Friday 16th December

Carol Service 7pm
Carol Service in school.
Last Day of Term 1.30pm



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school website for
letters and news-
letters.

<http://>

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Tuesday 3rd January
Wednesday 4th January
Monday 9th January
Monday 16th January
Thursday 19th January
Monday 23rd January
Wednesday 25th January
Tuesday 31st January
Thursday 2nd February
Monday 6th February
Monday 6th February
Tuesday 7th February
Tuesday 7th February

Thursday 9th February
Wednesday 15th February
Wednesday 15th February
Thursday 16th February
Friday 17th February

Monday 27th February

Back to School
January GCSE exams begin
Y9 Options Evening 4pm
Governors' Meeting (Finance & H&S)
November GCSE results to pupils
Governors' Meeting (Admissions)
Year 9 Parents' Evening 4pm
GCSE PE Internal Moderation
Twilight INSET for all staff
Internet Safety Week starts
School Council Meetings this week
Gym and Dance Evening
Governors' Meeting (curriculum, pupil & personnel welfare)
Y11 Parents' Evening (selected)
GCSE PE External Moderation
Year 7 Parents' Evening 4pm
School Skiing Trip
End of Half Term

Back to School

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







The Shoe Box Appeal 2016

The 2016 Shoe Box Appeal raised 214 boxes. This was even better than last year. This is the 13th 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 CoPE group who were responsible for organising the appeal as part of their course.

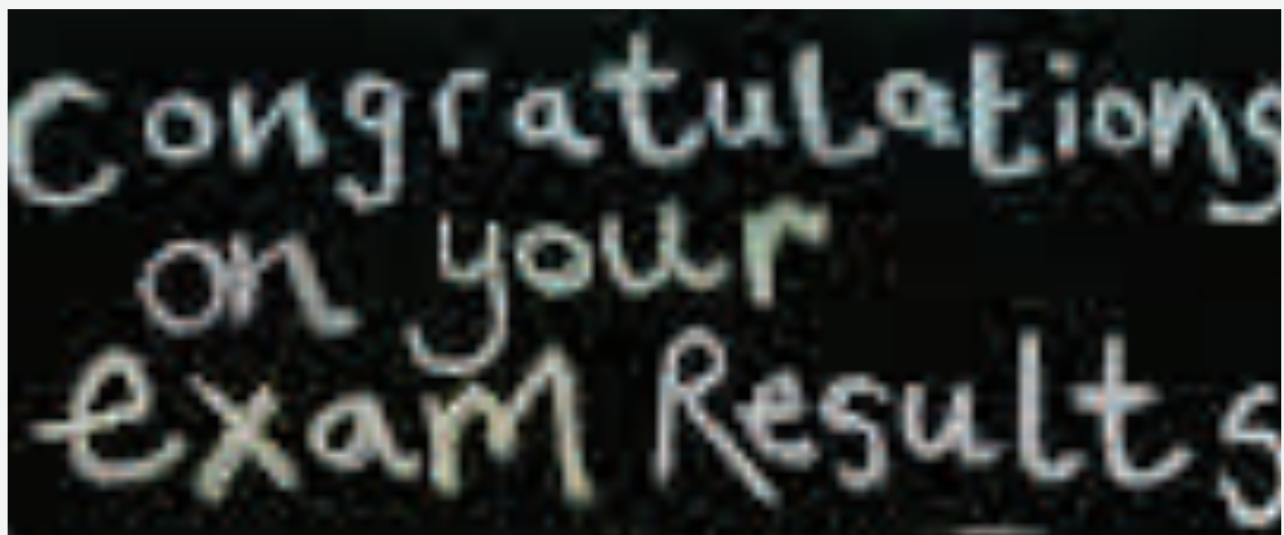


A Night of Celebration and Glittering Prizes!

It was with the greatest pleasure that we welcomed the 'Class of 2016' back to Corpus Christi on 24th November for the Presentation Evening. Almost every past pupil came to receive his or her GCSE certificates. Our guest for the evening, Ms Hannah Woodhouse, Managing Director of the Central South Consortium, spoke warmly to each pupil during the presentation.

Every department awarded a subject prize and it was very difficult for members of departments to decide upon one worthy winner when so many pupils did so well last year. But after discussions (and sometimes squabbles!), the decisions were made and the prize winners are listed on the next page.

Congratulations to them all!



Head Boy	Ben Waldron
Head Girl	Meg Bhogal
Senior Prefect	James Backhouse
Senior Prefect	Bridget Morris
Endeavour Cup	Lucy Campbell, Bridget Morris, Juliette Goodwin, Dean Williams, Ashna Anil, Coco Zhang
St David's Award	Year 12's who took part in Les Miserables Rithvik Andugula, Ben Waldron, Oscar Notley, Peter Lewis, Millie Davies, Georgia Tonge, Greg Feehan, Katie Pond, Georgia Bines, Siobhan Jones, Ellie Thomas, Lucy Campbell, Bridget Morris, Juliette Goodwin
David Stone Cup	James Backhouse
Drama	Greg Feehan
English Language	Sophie Donovan
English Literature	Chloe Mason
French	Alice Owen
Spanish	Fleur James & Chelsea Balatay
Art	Caitlin Mills
RE	Aavash Devkota
Chemistry	Ben Thomas
Physics	Jithin Thomas
Biology	Niamh Riordan
Textiles	Raghad Jamal
Design & Technology	Marc Cassar
Food & Nutrition	Jessica May
Child Development	Emily Kiff
Boys PE	Max Thomas
Girls PE	Maddie Rayer
Geography	Andrew Tong
Mathematics	Allen Mathew & George Breeze
ICT	Vikram Ponnuswamy
CiDA	Patrick Harrington
Music	Peter Lewis
Welsh	Jamie Jaison
History	Ben Glennan
Performing Arts	Millie Davies & Rithvik Andugula
CoPE	Victor Karababu
Core Science	Nathan Crothers
Applied Science	Ellie Thomas
Additional Science	Nat Ahmed



Well done to Mrs Wilson's Year 11 Child Development class who took part in the Reality Baby weekend last month!





**TO ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN GOING ON THE
WELSH TRIP TO DISNEYLAND PARIS**

The Welsh trip to celebrate St David's Day should now be fully paid for. There will be an opportunity in the New Year to purchase a Hoody for the trip. Details to follow!

Mrs S Love



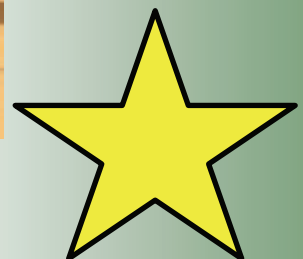


Cardiff Disability Games

Autumn 2016

Well done to all of our Corpus Christi pupils, who took part in the Cardiff Games.

Lots of gold, silver and bronze medals were won in the Boccia, Gymnastics and badminton events. Da iawn!



Year 8 Geography Fieldtrip

During the week beginning the 28th November, the Geography department took all Year 8s on a field trip as part of their shopping unit of work. This involved collecting primary data based on peoples' shopping habits and patterns comparing the centre of town, the Christmas market, Albany Road and Pontprennau Retail Park. This year we were lucky to have clear blue skies and sunshine to take the edge off what was a bitterly cold week! It was an absolute pleasure to take them for a day out, and amongst getting the work done for their assessment in class, we also enjoyed a spot of Christmas shopping along with a festive beverage!



Year 11 CoPE Group-Cardiff City Centre Homeless Project

On 9th December we went to Cardiff City Centre to see how homeless people live. We met outside the museum.

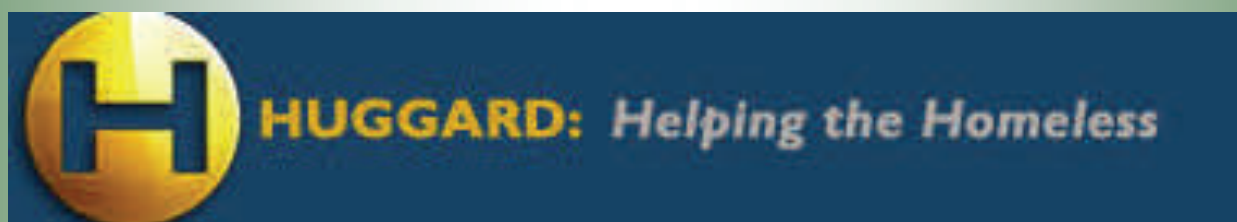
Before our visit we found out what the homeless need and we decided to pack and give out socks and hats to whoever we could find sleeping rough on St Mary's Street and Queen Street. We decided to donate some hats and socks to The Salvation Army and The Huggard homeless Centre.

When we arrived at The Huggard Centre my first impression was that it looked like a prison. 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. When we arrived at The Salvation Army we gave a bag of socks and hats to the reception. They offer 60 hostel rooms and if they find any homeless people under the age of 18 social services will be contacted.

From this experience I have become more aware of homeless people and their issues and I know about the help that the centre offers and that Cardiff is one of best cities for helping the homeless. I also feel good for helping those who are less fortunate.

By Eve Kafoed- Year 11





Hello Everyone,

Just a short line to thank you all for your wonderful effort in providing items for the homeless here at the Huggard. We were delighted to hear that you have chosen us as your school project, and I have seen the perfectly wrapped gifts you have provided, which are rather spectacular! Our clients are treated to a full Christmas lunch with all the trimmings, even crackers! The presents will be handed out on that day.

As you are aware all Huggard clients are vulnerable and suffer from extreme social exclusion. We know that this is often a difficult cycle to break. We see our role as being there to welcome, engage, support, nurture and develop people out of homelessness. We provide a range of services including provision of clothing, bedding, toiletries and shower facilities as well as development opportunities and accommodation to help people to achieve this.

We wish you all the very best for Christmas and New Year and hope that you all have a wonderful time.

Regards

Ruth Stone (Admin Team at the Huggard Centre)

Collecting socks for the homeless in Cardiff



8C responded to a request from the homeless people in Cardiff, that they would appreciate socks for Christmas!

In total, they collected over 50 pairs of socks, which were delivered by Mrs Chidley and the Year 11 COPE group.... Da iawn 8C!





CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATE HAMPER RAFFLE

Thank you to all the pupils, parents and staff who bought raffle tickets, Christmas earrings, keyrings and homemade chocolates. The total raised was £275.40 and all proceeds will be going to the 'Chris Babu fund'.

Special thanks go to Megan Watson, Gwen Bevan and Rida Malik (Year 11) who patiently made the earrings and keyrings and to Ellie Rich and Niamh McKeown (Year 7) for their enthusiasm in selling raffle tickets.

The winners of the chocolate hampers were:-

Olivia Meggitt

Gethin Howell.



Congratulations!!



HAIRSTYLES

Unfortunately, we recently had to use sanctions against boys who are flouting the school rules with regard to acceptable hairstyles. Please note the school rules:

‘Hair must be kept neat and tidy. **No shaving, patterns, outlandish styles or colours are allowed.** Boys’ hair must not be longer than the bottom of their shirt collar.’

SHOES

Examples of acceptable shoes are on the school website and on the next page of this newsletter.

In addition to this, we have sought advice from an orthotic clinic and have been advised that most shoes can be adapted to accept an orthotic. If this applies to your child, please ensure that the shoes you buy have insoles that can be removed to allow custom-made orthotics to be used inserted their place. Thank you to the parents who have already done this, and who also advised us of this sensible solution.

Mrs A Geen

Examples of Unacceptable Shoes – as stated in the May 2016 Newsletter



Converse (or similar)
leather or canvas hightop



Converse (or similar) leather or
canvas trainers



Vans canvas X train-
ers (or similar) styles



Vans canvas slip-on (or
similar) styles



Nike (or similar) leather or
canvas trainers



Lacoste (or similar) leather
style, Velcro trainers



Dr Martens Boots



Stan Smiths (or similar)

Examples of acceptable shoes



Digital Day 2016

On Tuesday 15th November 2016, employees from Yard Associates Limited made a welcome return to Corpus Christi High School to aid and inspire our students in a national “Digital Literacy” computer app themed competition.

Digital Day is the only digital initiative of its kind in the UK and is designed to give Year 9 pupils an insight into a world of digital careers. Our students worked in teams to complete one of three sponsored challenges and are in with the chance of being crowned Digital Day Champions – winning £500 cash for their school plus a host of cool prizes.

WHAT THEY DID

Challenge 1: Cancer Research tasked Digital Day students to think of a new creative digital solution to raise awareness of the obesity crisis amongst young people, helping them make smarter choices and live healthier lives. Team members – Maddy Jones, Elin Holland, Lucy Jenkin, Bethany Mould and Molly Howell, accepted this





Challenge 2: Standard Life wanted the students to design a fun game using the technology that they have at home or at school to get young people interested in making and saving money. Team Members –Patrick Topham, Bethan Jenkins, Pranjil Pokharel, Sion Evans, Melissa Rutowska, David Cox, accepted this challenge.



Challenge 3: TATA Communications challenged Digital Day teams to come up with a digital idea to help tackle some of the key issues for disadvantaged communities including; unemployment, poor health, gender inequality, poverty and poor standards of education. Team members – Joe Lewis, Seb Wooding, Fursey Butler, Nick Holcombe, and Ben Turner, accepted this challenge.



Each group made impressive in-school presentations to pitch their ideas and now their proposals have been sent off for consideration in the national competition. Fingers crossed!



WALES CROWNED HOME NATIONS FUTSAL CHAMPIONS!

It was an honour to participate in the first Futsal Home Nations tournament on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of December. It was the first time the event was held, between Scotland, Northern Ireland, England and Wales.

We got off to a brilliant start against Northern Ireland, winning the game 7-1. I was fortunate to score one goal to help our team secure a victory.

The next day we faced a sterner opposition in Scotland. Again, we came out victorious, winning 5-2 to set up a dramatic final match against England to see who would be crowned ultimate champions.

The atmosphere was electric on the Sunday, as the two teams sang the anthems passionately in Cardiff House of Sport. The match was a tense affair, with England having much possession but Wales outsmarting them with great counter-attacking flair. We managed to go into half time 3-1 up, knowing the second half would be tough.

The second half started with great pace and I was again very fortunate to score a quick two goal brace to take the score to 5-1. The match continued with the same tenacity and tempo, and as the final whistle blew, the match ended in a historic victory for Wales, winning 6-2. An amazing weekend and it was great to see some pupils supporting the event too. Who knows, they might turn out to be the future generation to win a home nations tournament.

Mr E Thomas



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Unfortunately, due to administrative error in Llangrannog, the wrong date was put on the letters for the Year 7 trip. The correct dates are 26th May until 28th May.





We would like to say a huge thank you to all the local businesses who have contributed to our attendance competition by providing so many fantastic prizes

Corpus Christi High School - £400 cash total

Nandos – 10 Meal & Drink Vouchers

Superbowl – 5 x Bowling for 4 Tickets

Premiere Cinemas – 4 x Cinema Passes

Anatoni's - £30 voucher for 2

Hollywood Bowl – 2 x Family Bowling Voucher

Boulders – 2 x Climbing Class Sessions

Tesco – £10 Voucher

Joe's Ice Cream – Golden Ticket Dessert Voucher

Infinity Trampoline Park – 2 x £10 Jumping Vouchers

Jump Jam Trampoline Park – 3 Pairs of Jumping Vouchers



ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance total is currently running at 96.36%. 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:

Year 7	97.2%
Year 8	95.8%
Year 9	95.9%
Year 10	96.3%
Year 11	96.3%

ATTENDANCE PRIZES

Don't forget, there are fantastic prizes to be won at Christmas for 100% attendance. Make sure you are in school every day, up to and including the last day of the Christmas term to be entered into the Prize Draw. Remember, **'you have to be in to have a chance to win!'**

TERM DATES 2016—2017

TERM	TERM BEGINS	HALF TERM BEGINS	HALF TERM ENDS	END OF TERM
Autumn Term	Thursday 1 September 2016	Monday 24 October 2016	Friday 28 October 2016	Friday 16 December 2016
Spring Term	Thursday 3 January 2017	Monday 20 February 2017	Friday 24 February 2017	Friday 7 April 2017
Summer Term	Monday 24 April 2017	Monday 29 May 2017	Friday 2 June 2017	Tuesday 18 July 2017

INSET DAYS:

September 1st and 2nd 2016

July 19th, 20th and 21st 2017

Girls & Boys PE Newsletters can be found on Friday at
<http://www.joomag.com/magazine/corpus-christi-sporting-times-april-2014/0609765001396371278>