



2017 Edition

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

WHITSUN NEWSLETTER

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Greetings from Corpus Christi as we reach the end of another half-term which has, as usual, been a very busy few weeks.

Public examinations are now in full swing with some substantial ones having already been completed. There are, however, a fair number taking place this week and after the holiday. Year 11 and 10 pupils are working hard and focussing well, much to our collective delight! Exam results will be distributed on Thursday 24th August when hopefully, pupils, families and staff will be rewarded for their dedication and industry.

Year 11 pupils will celebrate the end of their time at Corpus Christi during the Leavers' Mass on 22nd June and at the Prom on the following evening. Everybody is looking forward to those two events when there will be thanksgiving, fun and laughter.

Music and Drama achievements have, once again, been a feature of recent weeks. Our immensely talented musicians and actors swept all before and after them at the recent South Glamorgan Festival for Young Musicians. This was followed by incredible performances by every single pupil (some of them only in Year 9!) in the Performing Arts examination showcase on 11th May.

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.

Huge congratulations must also be sent to our own Jamie Miller for his outstanding performance on 'The Voice'. His visits to school were the highlight of many lives and we all wish him the most enormous success as his recording career takes off. The Music and Drama departments here are simply amazing in the manner in which talent is discovered and nurtured.

Sporting achievements have equally been making headlines. Our gymnasts have been representing us in the most athletic and graceful way possible at national tournaments, netballers were scoring goals right, left and centre at the recent PGL weekend, and Year 7 boys brought home the cup from the Cardiff & Vale Schools' football final on 3rd May and were crowned Cardiff Schools Rugby 7s Champions. Not to be out-done, Year 10 & 11 boys are County Athletics Champions. These are just a few of the highlights of the term which are well-documented on the twitter feed @PE_CCHS. Browsers of that account will also be astonished by the vast number of extra-curricular opportunities that are offered to all pupils. The staff are certainly committed to the philosophy of fitness and fun for all!

Around this time last year, an idea emerged that the school should celebrate its 30th birthday with an 'Extra Special Spring Ball'. The idea became a reality when, last Saturday night, hundreds of people associated with the school in very different ways, descended upon Cardiff City Hall to eat, reminisce, raise a glass to Corpus Christi, dance and have a jolly good time. It was an amazing evening and such a testament to the wonderful people who were, and still are, a part of the history of this very special school. Ela Fraczowska, our 'resident' and much-acclaimed photographer, was snapping away all evening. Photographs will be available on the school website after half-term. A heartfelt thank you to the very many people who worked so hard to make the evening a spectacular success, not least because a sizeable amount of money was raised for the Chris Babu Fund! (Accounts have yet to be finalised!)

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a restful half-term holiday, with the exception, of course, of those pupils who are doing their exams! I hope that they avail themselves of all the revision sessions that teachers are providing, and trust that their parents will ensure that they continue to prepare in every way possible. Thank you so much for all that you do.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Angela Thomas



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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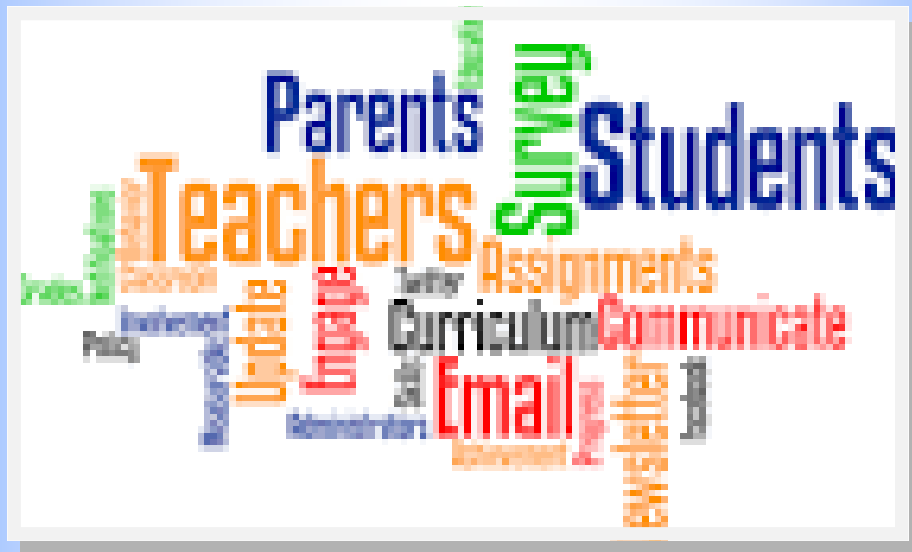
@CorpusChristiHS

Please check the school website for letters and newsletters.

<http://www.corpuschristihs.co.uk/>

Monday 5th June	GCSE exams continue
Monday 5th June	Years 7, 8 & 10 Interim Reports
Wednesday 14th June	Sports Day
Thursday 15th June	Summer Concert 7pm
Monday 19th June	Year 9 Reports to parents
19th to 22nd June	Year 7 Geography Field Trips
Wednesday 21st June	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 22nd June	GCSE exams finish
Thursday 22nd June	Year 11 Leavers' Mass 7pm
Friday 23rd June	Year 11 Prom
Monday 26th June	Year 6 Music & Welcome Evening 7pm
Tuesday 27th June	Year 7 History Trip
Wednesday 28th June	Year 7 History Trip
Thursday 29th June	Year 6 Feeder School visits
Friday 30th June	Year 6 Feeder School visits
Monday 3rd July	Year 8 Reports to parents
Wednesday 5th June	Full Governors' Meeting 7pm
Thursday 6th July	Sports Presentation Evening 7pm
Monday 10th July	Music Trip to Italy
Friday 14th July	Year 7 Reports to parents
Friday 14th July	Year 10 Interim Reports to parents
Friday 14th July	Year 10 Field Trip to Sicily
Monday 17th July	Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 School day trips
Monday 18th July	End of Term 1.30pm
Monday 18th July	Music Trip returns
Monday 18th July	Geography Field Trip returns
Thursday 24th August	GCSE results day
Monday 4th September	INSET School closed for pupils
Tuesday 5th September	INSET School closed for pupils
Wed 6th September	Term starts

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



Communication with Parents

Over the past year the school has been in touch with parents and guardians to ensure we hold the correct contact details for the pupils. Many updated contact forms have now been returned with the correct priority contact details, including telephone numbers and up to date email addresses. In the summer term the school will begin to contact parents and guardians through the email, to notify them of any detentions and attendance related issues. We hope that this new method of communication will further build the home-school link, and improve our lines of communication.

If you have had a recent change to your contact details, and have not informed the school, we ask that you notify us as soon as possible. Further information and the 'change of contact details form' are available on our website, or alternatively the form can be collected from your child's Form Tutor. If you have any questions please contact Mr Harris at the school.

Many thanks for your continued support.



TO ALL PUPILS WITH LOCKERS

All lockers will 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 T Davies in Enquiries before the end of term.





A number of Year 11 ParentPay accounts are still in arrears. Please would all students and their parents ensure that these are repaid as soon as possible.

If a refund of a credit balance is required, please contact the school office.



Extra Special'
SPRING BALL
Raising funds for Chris Babu

*photos to
follow*

**See our next
newsletter**

SPRING BALL



PARIS



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PICS



PARIS

Another year, another successful MFL trip!

This year's trip included 4 days in central Paris and 1 day in Disneyland Paris Theme Park. In Paris, pupils enjoyed a boat cruise on the River Seine and a guided tour of the oldest food market in Paris, where pupils practised their French by ordering food.

One of the main attractions was entry to the Eiffel Tower where only the bravest pupils and teachers ascended to its summit! Pupils also explored the famous artists' quarter, Montmartre, and pupils were able to get their portraits done by professional Parisian artists. Whilst there, they also visited the beautiful Sacré Coeur cathedral where pupils prayed and admired its stunning interior.

At the Louvre Museum, pupils saw the famous Mona Lisa and The Last Supper paintings, and enjoyed some shopping in the mall. We ended our tour of Paris with a group photo outside the Notre Dame Cathedral.

On our last day, 59 very excited pupils and 6 terrified teachers arrived at Disneyland, and the whole day was spent enjoying the rides, laughing, screaming, eating and shopping! The evening was spent watching Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show whilst enjoying our food, banging our plates and arm wrestling the entertainers!

Thank you to the wonderful Year 8 pupils who came and to their parents who allowed them to come; it was a pleasure for us as teachers to take such a well behaved and lovely group of pupils.

Miss A Thomas

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LLANGRANNOG

May 26th to 28th

Year 7

Photos and updates will be put on the
Welsh Twitter account
@Cymraegcchs

Mrs S Love



Could all parents please ensure that they are checking the Welsh Twitter Account @cymraegcchs for updates on arrival time back at school.

REMINDER, PLEASE DO NOT PARK AROUND THE OVAL AS THERE WILL BE NO SPACE FOR THE BUS.

Diolch

Mrs S. Love
Ail yn yr Adran Gymraeg



**COMING SOON
TO CORPUS CHRISTI
SCHOOL HALL
ON THURSDAY 15TH JUNE AT 7PM
TICKETS ON THE DOOR**

*See the school website for
more information nearer the day!*



Sainsbury's Active Kids

*Get your vouchers in
by 30th June*

It's time to drop in all those vouchers still sitting in your purses and pockets. We'll need your vouchers by Friday 30th June to give us time to place our order.

Please drop them into the collection box outside Enquiries.

Many thanks
PE Department



ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance total is currently running at 95.75%, 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:

Year 7	96.20%
Year 8	95.10%
Year 9	95.50%
Year 10	95.70%
Year 11	96.30%

- 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

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**.

THE WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE? SHOW
with BETTY TAYLOR and EUGENE DUFFY

Jimmy and Donna, from Cardiff, say their daughter Levi doesn't have to go to school when it's her birthday.
Mae Jimmy a Donna o Gaerdydd yn dweud nad oes angen i'w merch Levi fynd i'r ysgol ar ei phen-blwydd.

GIVE YOUR CHILD A BETTER FUTURE

GIVE ATTENDANCE 100% ✓

www.cardiff.gov.uk/giveattendance100percent

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Drop a GCSE grade in all subjects

17 days absent a year =

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TERM DATES 2017—2018

TERM	TERM BEGINS	HALF TERM BEGINS	HALF TERM ENDS	END OF TERM
Autumn Term	Wednesday 6 September 2017	Monday 30 October 2017	Friday 3 November 2017	Friday 22 December 2017
Spring Term	Monday 8 January 2018	Monday 19 February 2018	Friday 23 February 2018	Thursday 29 March 2018
Summer Term	Monday 16 April 2018	Monday 28 May 2018	Friday 1 June 2018	Tuesday 24 July 2018

INSET DAYS:

September 4th and 5th 2017
July 19th, 20th and 21st 2017
3 further days to be agreed

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