

2017 Edition



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, I don't know about you but I have no idea where this half-term has gone! It's been such a busy time, culminating this week with yet another amazing school production, *'Rock of Ages'*. The cast and crew have been preparing and rehearsing since last term and I can honestly say that the dedication and hard work of both the pupils and staff involved is second to none. Our pupils, your children, are so unbelievably talented, but so modest with it. The show has been yet another smash hit!

We were delighted to welcome some guests, staff and pupils from Greenhill School to our Matinee on Wednesday. They gave us such positive feedback and we hope they will be able to join us again for future productions.

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

The school has been busy in so many other ways also. We have had our share of sporting triumphs, notably the Year 9 girls who won the Welsh Finals in the Under 14's Tennis and are through to the South West England Regional Finals which they play in Exeter University this November! Our Year 9 and Year 10 boys have retained the Welsh Athletics Cup and parents who follow us on Twitter will be aware of the other, too numerous to mention, individual and team successes both at County and International levels.

There have also been a number of fund-raising events that pupils have organised for charities they are keen to support and whilst it may be a little early to be mentioning Christmas, the pupils have been putting together shoe boxes with gifts for children across Eastern European countries.

Hopefully, you will have had an opportunity to peruse the amazing results of last summer's GCSE examinations. These results were due to the hard work of the pupils, their teachers and the support given by parents and carers. Our current Year 11 pupils are gearing up for their Mathematics and Maths Numeracy examinations in November. They will be spending a good number of hours here in school during the half term week with their teachers, preparing for these important examinations. Our Year 7 pupils have settled well and are already showing signs of being a hard-working, enthusiastic and caring group of young people. It was lovely to see so many families at the Welcome Mass at the end of last month.

Finally, on a personal note, I would like to thank our PFA who are a small, but very dedicated group of parents who raise much needed funds for some of the 'extras' for our pupils. In particular, on behalf of the PFA, I would like to thank Anne-Marie and Colin Edge who are stepping down now that their children have left Corpus Christi, after seven years of unstinting generosity in terms of their time, energy and hard work.

Pat Pavlovic

Corpus Christi High School proudly presents



Tuesday 24th October—Thursday 26th October at 7pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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Please check the school website for letters and news-letters.

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

Tuesday 24th October	Rock of Ages Production 7pm
Wednesday 25th October	Rock of Ages Production 7pm
Thursday 26th October	Rock of Ages Production Final Night 7pm
Friday 27th October	Inset Day
Monday 30th October—	Half Term
Friday 3rd November	

Saturday 4th November	Maths GCSE Revision Session
Monday 6th November	School re-opens
	Maths GCSE Numeracy Exam
Wednesday 8th November	Maths GCSE Numeracy Exam
Friday 10th November	Maths GCSE Exam
Monday 13th November	Maths GCSE Exam
Tuesday 14th November	Start of Year 7 Tests (two weeks)
	Year 9 Digital Day
Thursday 23rd November	Year 11 English GCSE Group Discussions
	Presentation Evening 7pm
Friday 24th November	Year 11 English GCSE Group Discussions
Monday 27th November	Year 8 Geography Field Trips
Tuesday 28th November	Year 8 Geography Field Trips
Wednesday 29th November	Year 8 Geography Field Trips

Monday 4th December	Year 11 Applied Science Exam Drop Down
Tuesday 5th December	Year 11 Applied Science Exam Drop Down
Thursday 7th December	Music GCSE Mock Exam
Friday 8th December	Art GCSE Mock Exam
Monday 11th December	Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams (all week)
Thursday 21st December	Carol Service 7pm
Friday 22nd December	Carol Service in school for pupils
	End of Term 1.30pm
Monday 25th December—	
Friday 5th January	Christmas Holidays

Please check your child's
Diary regularly
and sign weekly

Corpus Christi Tennis Team through to the last 16 in the UK!!



The Corpus Christi U14 Girls' Tennis Team have qualified for the South West England Regional Tennis Finals on 16th November in Exeter.

The team, consisting of Year 9 pupils Erin Piper, Caitlin Piper, Lucie John and Olivia Gillard have had an incredible run of success on their way to this amazing achievement.

They first won the Cardiff Schools Division 1 League back in July (other schools in the League were Cardiff High, Howells, Whitchurch and Radyr).

They then went on to win the South Wales Finals beating schools such as Bishopston, Stanwell, Llangatwg and Habadashers, Monmouth. This meant they had now qualified to enter the British Schools Knock Out rounds.

They were drawn against King Edwards School, Bath and hosted the match at Lisvane Tennis Club. Playing absolutely superbly on their home turf, they comfortably won 4-2, qualifying them for the South West Regional Finals (the last 16 in the UK).

This is an incredible achievement from 4 girls who are all passionate and committed pupils in all school sports. They are true team players; they are also members of the netball, hockey, xc, athletics and gymnastics squads and are fantastic role models for younger pupils. They also go out their way to help the PE department in extra-curricular activities such as running the lunchtime doubles tennis tournament in the summer term; officiating games and coaching younger players.

We wish them the very best of luck at the South West England Regional Tennis Finals on Thursday 16th November, in Exeter.

Miss B Radice



CHESS CLUB

Can you play chess? Do you want to learn how to play?

Chess club takes place in the library at lunchtime on Fridays.

Everyone is welcome from novices to chess masters.





**Chess Club is held
every Friday
lunchtime in the
Library**







Trip to Welsh Festival in Disneyland Paris

Polite reminder

The 4th payment of £50 is due on 27th October. The final payment for the trip of £33 is due 1st December.

Please ensure that you are up to date with all payments. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the trip please contact Mrs Love by email on slove@corpuschristihs.co.uk

Year 7 trip to Llangrannog.

There will be a Year 7 trip to Llangrannog at the end of the summer term Monday 16th July to Wednesday 18th July. The cost of the trip will be £160. Further information will be given out in Assembly after half term. Unfortunately we are limited to taking only 80 pupils. If you require any further information please contact Mrs Love by email on slove@corpuschristihs.co.uk

New GCSE Revision guide

Due to the changes in the new GCSE Collins have published an excellent revision guide which is normally priced at £10.99. We have secured a limited offer where we can purchase the revision guide for £4. If you would like to purchase a book for your child please send £4 cash in to your son/daughters teacher. It is suitable for Year 9 and 10. It could also be useful for our current Year 11 cohort. This money must be received by November 17th. If you have any questions at all please contact Mrs James, Head of Welsh, by email on sjames@corpuschristihs.co.uk

QUIZLET

The Welsh department have created a number of vocabulary revision lists on www.quizlet.com Please encourage your son/daughter to create a user name, search for our user name, BLWYDDYN789, and complete some of the vocabulary revision. Stickers will be awarded for any pupils actively using the website. It is also very useful for your child to create their own revision resources.



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YEAR 7 WINTER EXAMS

The Year 7 winter exams will begin on 14th November. The revision list for your son/daughters Welsh exam will be posted on our Twitter page @cymraegcchs

It will also be stuck in your children's books.

Please do not think that you are unable to aid your child's revision if you do not speak Welsh. You can encourage them to use Quizlet, test them on vocabulary and quiz them on their revision list. If you have any questions at all please contact Mrs Love on slove@corpuschristihs.co.uk

Mrs S. Love

Ail yn yr Adran Gymraeg





Warhammer Club News!

For the first time in Corpus Christi we now have a Warhammer 40K Club. It's been running for a few weeks now, mainly with year 7's and we have 15 regular members. So on Wednesday lunchtimes, room 55, usually a French/Spanish classroom is transformed into a futuristic battle zone, with Supersized Genetically enhanced Space Marines battling the forces of Chaos, huge rampaging Orcs fighting metallic Necrons and chittering tyrannids, all on the table tops of room 55.

Currently the new recruits are learning the comprehensive rules and getting to grips with the game by controlling a small squad of troops, soon they will be taking armies across the battlefield in an attempt to defeat their opponents. The war is never-ending and brutal. Many will be slain, however they can always return next week for more.

Before Christmas we will organise a league and hopefully by the end of the year have a team of players ready to represent the school in the Warhammer 40K Schools Alliance where they will battle other schools for a place in the semi-final heats in Nottingham.

All we need now is a club name and a cool sounding club slogan!

Mr C Ellis





Warhammer Club takes place Wednesday lunchtimes in
Room 55



An example of some models from the Ultramarine Army



ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance total is currently running at 96.71%. The final attendance figure for Academic Year 2016/17 was 95.81% and in order to improve or maintain this, we need to make sure that every pupil attends school regularly, therefore your continued support and co-operation is appreciated. 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	98.8%
Year 8	96.8%
Year 9	95.7%
Year 10	96.0%
Year 11	96.7%

- 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.

Wales Rally GB Competition



Well done to Ivan Cheredmichenko in Year 7 who was chosen as a runner up in the Wales Rally GB Competition that was run throughout schools in the UK.

Children had to design the Artwork for a Toyota Rally car. Ivan & his parents are now attending the Wales Rally GB as VIPs on Thursday 26th October at the Toyota Deeside Engine Plant in North Wales and will be presented with a gift by the local MP.

Mr G Parry, Science



School Uniform Update

A big thank you to parents for complying with the uniform rules regarding shoes this year. We have only had to 'make available' two pairs of shoes since September, which is a huge improvement on last year.

On a more negative note, we need to reinforce rules about school skirts. The length of the skirt should be no shorter than just above the knee. Unfortunately, a minority of girls are wearing skirts that, quite frankly, are causing embarrassment to members of staff and visitors to the school.

If your daughter is wearing an unacceptable length skirt, please rectify this during half term.

Girls will be expected to wear a suitable length A-line skirt or trousers from Monday 6th November.

Safety Helmets

There is still some concern about pupils who are not conforming with the school rule concerning the wearing of helmets when cycling to school.

This is for the safety of the children.

After half term, any pupil not wearing a safety helmet will be prevented from riding their bike to school.

POPPIES

After the half term holiday, we will once again be selling poppies to support the British Legion Poppy appeal. Please encourage your child to buy a poppy which will be on sale in the Library. A book of Remembrance is also available for pupils and staff to commemorate a member of their family who has died.



#winteriscoming

Join the fight to help rough sleepers get off the streets this winter and provide them with the help and support they need to stay off the streets. Last winter the Huggard centre in Cardiff sheltered 448 individual rough sleepers. With rough sleepers on the rise, Huggard provides not only emergency accommodation but help and support to get people off the streets for good.

Mrs Kelly will be making a collection again this year for the homeless shelter, so that they can continue with the good work that they do.

Welcome donations include...

- plates and bowls for the day centre
- socks new or used good quality (no holes please)
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- shampoo
- soap
- shaving foam or gel
- razors
- feminine hygiene products

We will also take any other toiletries, old towels, sleeping bags, coats and blankets that you wish to donate.

Many many thanks, Mrs Kelly.

to find out more... www.huggard.org.uk

WINTER IS COMING
DONATE HERE NOW

A Cardiff-based charity
tackling single
homelessness
www.huggard.org.uk

Selection Box Raffle!

After half-term we will be selling raffle tickets, all proceeds will be going to Velindre Cancer Centre. Tickets will cost 10p and there will be two prizes. The draw will take place during the last week of term in December.



During December Christmas gifts will also be on sale in the Library. There will be keyrings, Christmas earrings, gift tags and other items for sale.

RULES FOR SCHOOL BUSES

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

