

2018 Edition



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SPRING NEWSLETTER

Message from the Acting Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

We are at the half way point of the school year. There has been so much going on since I last wrote to you in the Christmas newsletter.

This is short but important half-term. We are in the season of Lent and pupils will be provided with opportunities to reflect on and enter into this very beautiful and important time of the Church's year during assemblies, through the prayer life of the school and they will also have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation over the coming weeks. I would like to thank our Parish Priests for availing themselves to pupils and staff. On this note, may I take this opportunity to invite you and your family to join us for our Easter Liturgy, which this year will be Wednesday 28th March at 7pm in our school hall. It is always a most moving and spiritually up-lifting retelling of the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ and I would urge you to come along if you can.

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

Thank you to those Year 9, 10 and 11 parents who were able to come along to our Careers Fair. This was such an amazing opportunity for our young people and their parents to talk with a wide range of employers, universities and colleges. I would like to thank Mrs Killen for the huge amount of work she undertook in preparing the event.

Our Gym and Dance Evening was a rip-roaring success. Our pupils, your children, are so talented. It is always a completely inclusive event and pupils who performed ranged from absolute beginners to those who compete on the national and international stage!

Because this newsletter is a little late going out, I am able to write that this year's ski trip at half-term to Kranjska Gora in Slovenia was a huge success. Staff who accompanied the pupils have commented that the week was thoroughly enjoyable and that behaviour, good manners, respect and sense of fun was second to none. Information detailing next year's trip to America will be available shortly.

The majority of the GCSE examinations are just around the corner now for many of our pupils and I'd like to ask that parents keep on encouraging their children, especially with regard to revision sessions and revision at home. It is not an easy time for children or parents, but I urge you to 'hang on in there'. Hopefully, it will be worth it in the end!

Finally, but very importantly, I hope that you have heard the great news that the school has appointed a substantive Headteacher, Mr Patrick Brunnock, who will take up the post in September. I know that the school community will welcome him so that the school can move forward on its very exciting journey.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P. Pavlovic". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a white rectangular box.

Pat Pavlovic
Acting Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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Please check the school website for letters and newsletters.

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

Sat 17th Feb - Sat 24th Feb

Ski Trip

Mon 19th Feb - Fri 23rd Feb
Tue 27th Feb

Half Term

Year 11 Photos

Year 8 Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm

Thu 1st Mar - Sun 4th Mar

Disneyland Paris Trip

Tue 6th Mar

School Eisteddfod

Fri 9th Mar

Year 11 English GCSE Group
Discussion Re-sits

Mon 12th Mar

Year 10 Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm

Mon 19th Mar - Fri 23rd
Mar

Year 10 Mock GCSE Exams

Mon 26th Mar
Tues 27th Mar

Art GCSE Exams

Art GCSE Exams

Wed 28th Mar
Fri 30th Mar -
Fri 13th Apr

Easter Liturgy

Easter Holidays

Mon 23rd Apr - Thu 3rd Apr
Thu 3rd Apr

Year 7 & 8 Tests

Year 8 Girls HPV Inoculations Catch-up

Fri 4th May
Mon 7th May
Tue 8th May

INSET DAY

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

GCSE Examinations start

Mon 21st May - Thu 24th
May

Year 9 Geography Field Trips

Mon 28th May—Fri 1st Jun

WHITSUN HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

Please check your child's
Diary regularly and sign weekly

ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance total is currently running at 95.50%, 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:

(26.01.18)

Year 7	97.4%
Year 8	95.6%
Year 9	94.4%
Year 10	94.8%
Year 11	94.9%

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

Absence

Lessons Missed

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	😞
70%	57 Days	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.

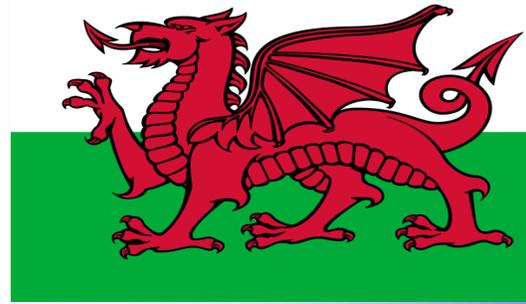
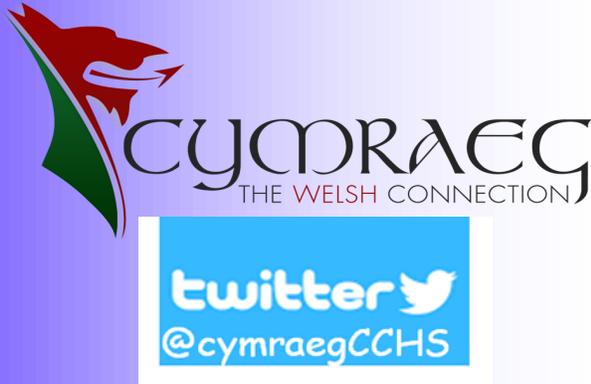
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17 days absent a year = Drop a GCSE grade in all subjects

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Eisteddfod

A reminder that this year's Eisteddfod will take place on Tuesday 6th March for Year 7 and 8

Pupils in Year 7 and 8 can wear their house colour. If they do not wear the house colour they must wear school uniform.

Please allow your son/daughter to bring in some money as there will be facepainting, raffles and sweet cones for sale.

REMINDER OF HOUSE COLOURS:

ST TEILO - COCH/RED

ST CADOC - GLAS/BLUE

ST ILLTYD - MELYN/YELLOW

ST PATRICK - GWYRDD/GREEN

Llangrannog

There will be a trip to Llangrannog organised for Year 7 pupils in July. Letters will be available to all Year 7 pupils after half term. However, there are a limited number of spaces.

Follow the Welsh department on Twitter for updates on when the letters are available and information about the trip.

DISNEYLAND PARIS ITINERARY

Thursday 1st March

20.30 - All pupils must arrive at Corpus Christi High School.

21:00 - Coach to depart for Folkstone

Friday 2nd March

02:00 hrs Check in at Eurotunnel Terminal Folkestone.

03:27 hrs Depart Folkestone.

05:02 hrs Arrive at Calais (local time)

Arrival at hotel at approximately 9am. Pupils can change leave luggage in safe storage and freshen up before heading into the park. We will then go into the park to take advantage of the Early Magic Hours where only Disney hotel guests may enter.

We will return by shuttle to the hotel at approximately 7.30pm

Saturday 3rd March

Later start today, buffet breakfast before departure for the Disneyland.

Pupils spend all day in the parks and stay to watch the firework display at approximately 10pm.

Sunday 4th March

08:00 load their luggage onto the coach ready for departure.

09:15 Group to depart the accommodation on their coach for transfer to Calais.

13:15 Check in at Eurotunnel Terminal Calais.

14:20 Depart Calais.

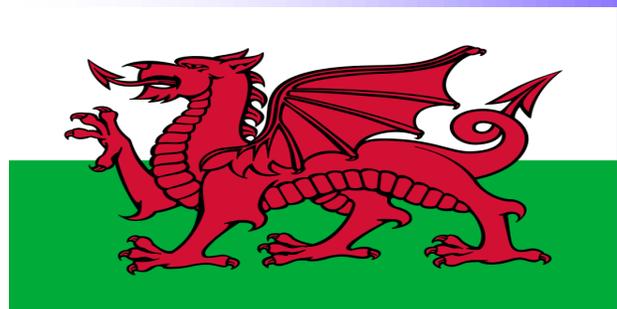
13:55 Arrive at Eurotunnel, Folkestone Terminal (local time).

19:00 Anticipated arrival at school.

Pupils can contact parents en route to inform them of a more accurate arrival time.

WE WILL BE UPDATING @CYMRAEGCCHS ON TWITTER WITH ACCURATE ARRIVAL TIME

ANY QUESTIONS - PLEASE CONTACT US



Year 9 Digital Day Update

Congratulations to our Year 9 Digital Day pupils!

In the Christmas edition of the Newsletter, we reported that some of our Year 9 pupils were selected to take part in a Competition organised by BIMA to promote digital creativity.

Although we had no winners this year, our entries made it to the short-list...

Announcing the shortlist..

We'd like to congratulate the following schools that made it through to the final round of judging. The jury were thrilled with your brilliantly innovative and creative ideas 🧑🎨

Congratulations to: Amnuay Silpa School, Bentley Wood High School, Blatchington Mill High School, Boroughmuir High School, Bournemouth School for Girls, Bury Grammar School for Girls, Caldew School, Chislehurst School, Clevedon Secondary School, Corpus Christi High School, Corsham School, Hermitage Academy, Jersey College for Girls, John Cabot Academy, Newbattle Community High School, Nottingham Girls High School, Shawlands Academy, Thomas Gainsborough School and Westholme Senior School.

Cardiff Digital Citizenship Workshop



Four pupils, Rowan Fahy, Joseph Fairs, Samir Adhikari and Arjun Sinha, represented the School at the Cardiff Digital Citizenship Workshop on 30th January at Ocean Park House. They collaborated with schools from across the city to develop resources for Digital Citizenship and Digital Competency. All our pupils made a very positive impression and were a great credit to our school. Well Done Boys!

CHESS CLUB

George Whitehead defeated Charles Ballatay in the final of the Chess Tournament to become champion. It was a very close contest, and Charles was very gracious in defeat. We will be holding another tournament closer to Easter if you would like to take part, please register in room 25 with Ms Wood by 28/2.



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) 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



Gym and Dance Evening

Parents, families and staff were treated to a wonderful evening at the Girls' PE Department annual Gym and Dance Evening. A record 180 pupils, ranging from Year 7 to Year 11, showcased their plethora of gymnastic and dance talents in a spectacular show.

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Gym and Dance Evening February 2018





To parents of Year 10 pupils:

Due to recent changes to the exam entry system implemented by Welsh Government, the planned early entry/resit option for GCSE Mathematics and Mathematics-Numeracy has very recently been abolished. As of September 2018, the grades achieved by pupils' first entry will now count towards the GCSE results of Summer 2019. As a result, most pupils will now sit all four examinations in the May/June of Year 11. Those pupils who have completed both GCSE courses, and are able to achieve their full potential by November 2018 (typically Set 1 and Set 2), may be considered for the November GCSE examinations. This will allow a number of Higher Tier students to begin the Additional Mathematics course. For those pupils who have started Year 10 following the Intermediate Tier courses, they will still have the opportunity to complete their studies at Higher Tier. Mock examinations will be set in place of the November GCSE examinations in Year 11. Should pupils achieve at least one B grade at Intermediate Tier, they will sit the GCSE examinations at Higher Tier and have the opportunity to achieve A* to C grades. For learners who achieve at least one D grade at Foundation Tier in the November mocks, they will continue their studies at Intermediate Tier, aiming for C and B grades.

Please contact Mrs Bussell, should you have any further queries.

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**

