



2018 Edition

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

EASTER NEWSLETTER

Message from the Acting Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

It seems like only yesterday that we were beginning this spring term and here we are at the end of it! Lent is always a time for us to reflect on our lives and the ways we can turn back to God. As a school community, we have been reflecting on the virtues of attentiveness and discernment; reflecting on ways in which we can be attentive to God in our lives and discern through listening to God's voice. Is there ever a greater time to do this than in Holy Week itself?

At the time of writing, we are participating in our school's Easter Liturgy. This is, as always, a truly wonderful depiction of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. We are very grateful to those pupils who, in sharing their gifts, have really helped all of us to understand better the reality of a Christ who was crucified for our redemption and a Christ who rose from the dead so we might have life.

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

Please enjoy reading the newsletter. I am sure, like me, you will continue to be impressed by some of the achievements of our young people and the way in which they respond so positively to the opportunities they are given. On that note, there is a revision timetable on the website for the subjects that are offering extra sessions during the Easter holidays. Once again, I would like to encourage parents whose children have GCSE examinations coming up, to in turn encourage them to be getting on with some very serious revision over the holiday period.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to mention our grateful thanks to Simon Chalk, a conductor with a National and International portfolio. Chief Conductor to the Slovak Sinfonietta and Musical Director for Russell Watson, Simon very generously gave his time to our young musicians by engaging them in a master class. It was both an honour and a privilege for the young people participating in the session and indeed for those of us who were present, staff, parents, grandparents and honoured guests; His Grace, Archbishop George Stack, Nigel Payne Honorary consul for the Slovak Republic in Wales, the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Dianne Rees and John Murray, Director of CAVMS. Thank you, Simon, you are welcome to come back to Corpus Christi at any time in the future.

It only remains for me, on behalf of the staff, Governors and pupils, to wish you a very blessed Eastertide.

Best wishes



Pat Pavlovic
Acting Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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Please check the 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

Wed 28th Mar

Thu 29th Mar

Fri 30th Mar-Fri 13th Apr

Mon 16th Apr

Mon 23rd Apr - Fri 4th May

Thu 3rd May

Fri 4th May

Mon 7th May

Tue 8th May

Wed 16th May

Fri 18th May

Mon 21st May-Thu 24th May

Mon 28th May-Fri 1st Jun

Tue 29th May-Sat 2nd Jun

Mon 4th-Thu 7th Jun

Wed 13th Jun

Wed 20th Jun

Thu 21st Jun

Mon 25th Jun

Tue 26th Jun-Wed 27th Jun

Wed 27th Jun

Thu 28th Jun

Thu 28th Jun

Thu 28th Jun-Fri 29th Jun

Fri 29th Jun

Tue 3rd Jul

Thu 5th Jul

Mon 16th Jul-Wed 18th Jul

Mon 16th Jul-20th Jul

Thu 19th Jul

Fri 20th Jul

Easter Liturgy for parents 7pm

End of Term. School finishes 1.30pm

Year 8 reports to parents

Easter Holidays

Summer Term begins

Year 7 & 8 Tests

Year 8 Girls HPV Inoculations

Catch- up

INSET DAY

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

GCSE Examinations start

Music Trip visit to Slovakian Embassy

Year 10 reports to parents

Year 9 Geography Field Trips

WHITSUN HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

Year 8 Trip to Madrid

Year 7 Geography Field Trips

Sports Day

Reserve Sports Day

GCSE Exams finish

Year 6 Music & Welcome Evening

Mary Poppins Lower School Production

Year 6 visits (St Bernadettes, St

Philip Evans, St Joseph's)

Year 6 visits (Holy Family, Christ the King, St Peter's)

Year 9 reports to parents

Year 11 Leavers' Mass

Year 10 English Individual Controlled Assessments

Year 11 Prom

Music Dept Summer Concert

Sports Presentation Evening

Year 7 Trip to Llangrannog

Music Trip to Italy

Year 10 Geography Field Trip

Activities Day

Year 7 reports to parents

End of Term - School finishes 1.30pm

Reconciliation in Lent



Lent is a season of renewal and repentance. As part of our 40 day journey in Lent, all Year groups were given the opportunity to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation (also known as the Sacrament of Penance or Confession). This occurred on the 5th March to the 13th of March. For each Year Group, we had morning Assemblies relating to the themes of Reconciliation as another way to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We want to thank the local priests who came and gave their time for Confession:

Fr Matthew Jones (Three Churches)

Fr William Isaac (St Teilo's and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish)

Fr Gareth Leyshon (St Philip Evans Parish)

Fr Tony Furlong (St. Peter's Parish)

Fr Sebastian (Cardiff Oratory, Cardiff University)

We also thank the teachers and staff who have been kind enough for me to take some of their students out of class time for this special sacrament. Thank you for your support.

All local Catholic parishes have Confessions available weekly usually Saturday. Please check your local parish newsletter or see the link below for Mass and Confession times in all Catholic churches in Cardiff:

<http://weekdaymasses.org.uk/en/area/cardiff/churches>

JR
(School Lay Chaplain)



Religious Education

The RE department would like to wish everyone a happy Easter. Lent has passed by so quickly and as we draw near to the holiest week of the year, we should take time to reflect on who we are and who God is calling us to be. We are asked to be more attentive to God's whisper in our hearts and to discern how we can make a difference in the lives of those around us. Am I mindful of the ways in which I can offer peace to those I come into contact with? Do I inspire others by my loving nature? Am I slow to anger and quick to forgive? Do I care enough to help and be of service?

No matter where we are in our lives, God always wants to journey with us exactly where we are – in our joys and our sufferings, in our triumphs and in our tiredness. Let us all walk together with Christ through Holy Week toward the Resurrection morning where Christ, in his love, gives us the gift of new eternal life.

Happy Easter!

Mr K Burke
Head of Religious Education

Prayers of Reconciliation by Class 8S

Dear Jesus

I am so sorry for all the bad things I have done.

Please help me to be a better person each day.

Jack

Dear God and Father

I am sorry that I hurt you and others.

Your son Jesus died on the Cross and I am thankful for you doing this for me and others, so I will try to fix it all and do a good deed.

Amen

Thomas

O God our Father

I am so sorry for being mean to people and you and my parents.

You died on the Cross to save us from our sins, so please forgive me and help me to be a better person.

Amen

Luke

Dear God

I'm sorry for my sins, when I have hurt other people and I've hurt you.

You sent Jesus to die on the Cross to take our sins away.

I am going to be a better person by praying.

Amen

Piotr

Dear God

I am sorry for all of my sins. I will try to be a better person as I can in my life. Please forgive me. Jesus died on the cross for all our sins. Thank you for sending him to help us.

Amen

Ryan

Dear God our Father

I'm sorry for all the sins I have said or done.

I hope you will forgive me as I have been a bad influence to young children and I hope I can teach them the good thing to do and not to sin. You have sacrificed yourself for us and we are thankful for this new day to do good thing for you.

Amen

Callum

Dear Jesus

Please forgive me for my abundance of sins. Help me to help myself and others. Please help me, Jesus. I have hurt you, the one who paid the toll for our sins. You forgave us, but we didn't forgive ourselves. Please help me to be better than I am now.

Amen

John Joe

Dear God our Father

I am sorry for all my sins. I didn't just hurt myself but I hurt you. You sacrificed your life for us on the Cross and our sins will just go away if we say sorry. God, in the future, I will be a good person and help others and tell people to go the right way in life.

Amen

Lily

O mighty Father

Forgive me for my sins. I am sorry for trespassing against the Lord's will and not caring for my surroundings and others. I thank you for this beautiful world, animals and friends.

Lead me to not sin again.

Amen

William

Dear God our Father

I'm sorry for my sins and hurting Jesus, hurting myself and others. I know you died on the Cross. I'm going to be a much better person and help others, be better to my parents, pray more and be kind to people who don't have very much.

Finn

Dear God/Father

I am sorry for my sins. I have done a lot of sins, but I will try to stop from doing them. So in the future, I will not sin again. And I have done some things that are bad in school. I have hurt others and I have hurt you. I hope you can forgive me, Jesus. And I know you crucified yourself for us all, so that you could take away our sins. I have sinned and I will try not to sin again.

Amen

Joshua

ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance total is currently running at 95.20%, 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	97.0%
YEAR 8	95.3%
YEAR 9	94.4%
YEAR 10	94.8%
YEAR 11	94.4%

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.

GIVE YOUR CHILD A BETTER FUTURE

GIVE ATTENDANCE 100% ✓
www.cardiff.gov.uk/giveattendance100percent

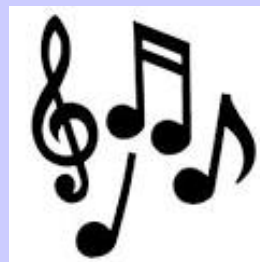
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I BRESENOLDEB ✓
www.caerdydd.gov.uk/rhowch100cantibresenoldeb

17 days absent a year = GCSE grade in all subjects

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Music Department News

We are delighted to announce some fabulous performance opportunities we have over the next few months. We would love you to come along and support our pupils and of course ensure that they are in the right places at the right times!



ORCHESTRAL MASTERCLASS

26th March

We were incredibly thrilled that SIMON CHALK (www.simonchalk.co.uk) conductor and musical director, visited the school to do a masterclass with the orchestra. Simon Chalk is currently the Chief Conductor for the Slovak Sinfonietta State Chamber Orchestra. He has recently been honoured by the government of Slovakia through the award of a 'Diploma of Appreciation' in recognition of extraordinary merits in the development of friendly relationships with the Slovak republic. We were honoured to receive Mr Chalk at the school for his masterclass on the 26th March. It was a truly inspirational event and our orchestra members learnt so much in such a short period of time.

We would like to thank Mr Chalk for giving his time so generously, and Mr Nigel Payne who has become a special friend to our school for organising it. We also thank our honoured guests and parents and grandparents who came along to lend their support.



SOUTH GLAMORGAN FESTIVAL

5th and 6th May

Pupils who are being entered are already aware of who they are!

LAST CONCERT FOR YEAR 11 ENSEMBLE 'MELODY'

12th May

Melody will be performing some ensemble numbers and solos at a concert which has been organised in St Teilo's Church in Merthyr Mawr, Bridgend at 7pm on Saturday 12th May. All are most welcome!

ENSEMBLE VISITS TO THE SLOVAKIAN EMBASSY, LONDON

16th May

Our younger vocal ensembles CANTABILE and FUSION have been incredibly lucky to be invited to perform at the Slovakian embassy in London. More information to follow in a separate letter!

YEAR 6 MUSIC DAY AND WELCOME EVENING

25th June

Our Year 6 transition day will again involve all our school orchestra and choir, who will be combined with Year 6 students from our new pupil intake. Pupils will be engaged with musical activities during the day and this will be followed by an evening performance at 7pm.

MARY POPPINS

26th-28th June

Rehearsals are well underway for our Year 7 and 8 show which will take place in late June. There will be evening performances open to the public and matinee performances for Year 6 visits AND Year 7 and 8. More information to follow.



YEAR 11 LEAVERS MASS

28th June

We will look forward to being musically involved in the leavers mass this year. It will be incredibly sad to say goodbye to this fabulous musical year group. In particular; vocal ensemble 'MELODY', who have been together for five years and will be greatly missed in the department. We look forward to hearing their last song together!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT SUMMER CONCERT

3rd July

DO NOT MISS THIS CONCERT!!!! Performances from the school choir and orchestra as well as a variety of soloists and ensembles and departmental prize giving.

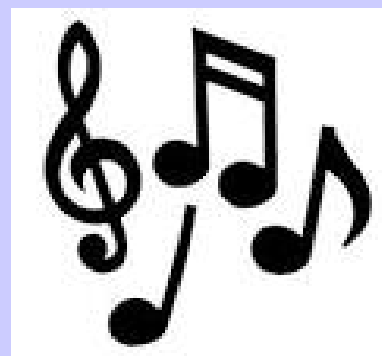
SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Letters and application forms are soon to be available from Miss King/Mrs Evans if you would like to audition for the school production, 'We Will Rock You'. We were incredibly disappointed not to be able to go ahead with 'Chicago' but confidently know we have a fantastic cast to do a fabulous job of this show.

We are also looking forward to seeing you all at our Liturgy which is being held on Wednesday 28th March in the school hall for our Easter celebrations.

Mrs N Evans
Head of Music

[Twitter: Music@Corpus](#)



Home Economics

The Home Economics department has enjoyed a prosperous Spring term. In January, Mrs Wilson, Head of Department gained a Masters degree in Education from Cardiff University and Mrs Gunningham embarked on the ILM Leadership and Management course. All Year 11 pupils completed their practical exams in Hospitality and Catering and also Child Development. We are delighted with their results so far and urge all pupils to use their time over the Easter holidays wisely as far as revision is concerned. Easter revision sessions will be taking place over the holidays for both subjects - please see website for dates and times. We would like to thank all the pupils for their hard work this term.

Mrs S Wilson
Head of Home Economics
Assistant Head of Year 9
Corpus Christi High School



ICT

A big congratulations to those who sat their ICT examination in January. Most pupils improved their marks and therefore improved their grades. Last push now for the final examinations in May! Revision classes will be decided after Easter and times and days emailed to parents.

Miss Gatiss and Mrs Jackson are putting on an extra computer course in the Easter Holidays. This will gain pupils an extra GCSE examination. If you are taking part in this course (you will have received a confirmation letter), please be at the school and ready to log in on the 3rd and 4th of April at 9.00am. The sessions will be completed by 1pm.

Ms N Gatiss
Head of IT



Coding club for GIRLS!

MICROBITS

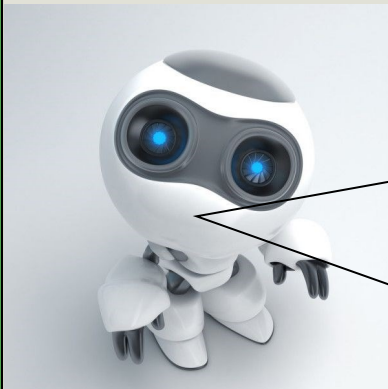


GAMES



RASPBERRY
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Join the 2020 Campaign and help 20,000 women to code by the end of 2020



CAN YOU BEAT THE BOYS AT CODING?
CAN YOU PROGRAM YOUR OWN ROBOT
FOR A SPECIAL ROBOT WARS?

**IF YOU THINK YOU CAN'T ..
THEN I CAN TELL YOU YOU CAN!**

TUESDAY lunchtime WEEK a –RM 8
FRIDAY lunchtime WEEK B—RM 8

Design & Technology

The Design and Technology Department have had a busy Spring Term. All Year 11 pupils have completed their GCSE Controlled Assessment Tasks and revision is well underway for examinations.

Mr. Wintle took 33 Year 9 pupils to the Sir Robert Mc Alpine Construction Centre on a one day course in association with Careers Wales. The pupils involved really enjoyed the experience and found it very worthwhile.

I would like to remind Year 11 pupils to use the time over the Easter break to continue with their revision.

Mr T McKeever
Head of D&T



VELINDRE HOSPITAL **KNITTED CHICKS APPEAL 2018**

This year, we have once again been supporting this vital charity. The chicks which contain a chocolate egg cost £1 are on sale in the Library. We have raised over £150.00 this year and would like to thank both pupils and staff for their kind donations.

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



DRAMA DEPARTMENT

The Life and Times of Oscar Romero

On Wednesday 14th March, some Year 9 pupils along with Pupils from Mary Immaculate and St Illtyds went to St. Peters Church to watch The Rise Theatre Company perform a portrayal of The Life and Times of Oscar Romero. It was a fabulous performance which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. The cast of 3 performers were extremely talented playing over 47 roles and pupils learnt a great deal about Oscar Romero himself.





Drama Club

This year's Year 7 Drama Club has sadly come to an end but pupils have had a fabulous few months of sessions run by Millie Nethercott and Elizabeth Welsh in Year 11. Pupils created so many different performances and learnt a great deal from the Year 11's which they will continue to develop on in lessons and in Extra Curricular activities. This year's group have been a lovely, talented and thoroughly engaged group and we look forward to seeing which members will be running the club when they are in Year 11!

Drama Club



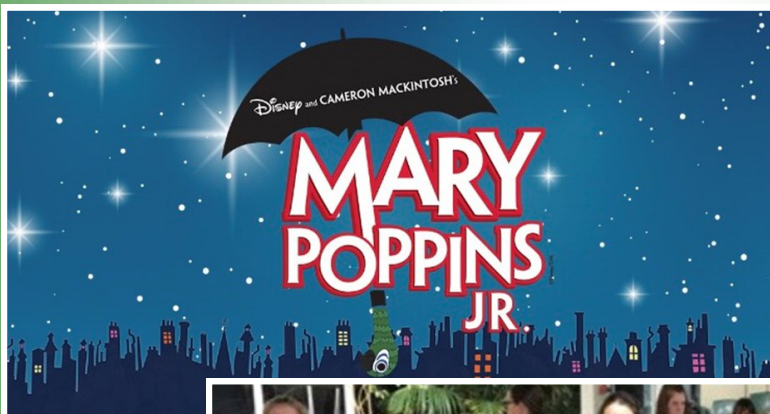
Trips

This year, the Year 10/11 GCSE Drama pupils have been to see Deathtrap (The Play) starring Jessie Wallace and Paul Bradley and just recently they saw The Sound of Music starring Lucy O'Byrne and Neil McDermott. The trips have been extremely enjoyable and both completely different. Pupils have learnt a great deal from both performances and will write about them then in their Theatre Review Sections in their final exams.



Performance news:

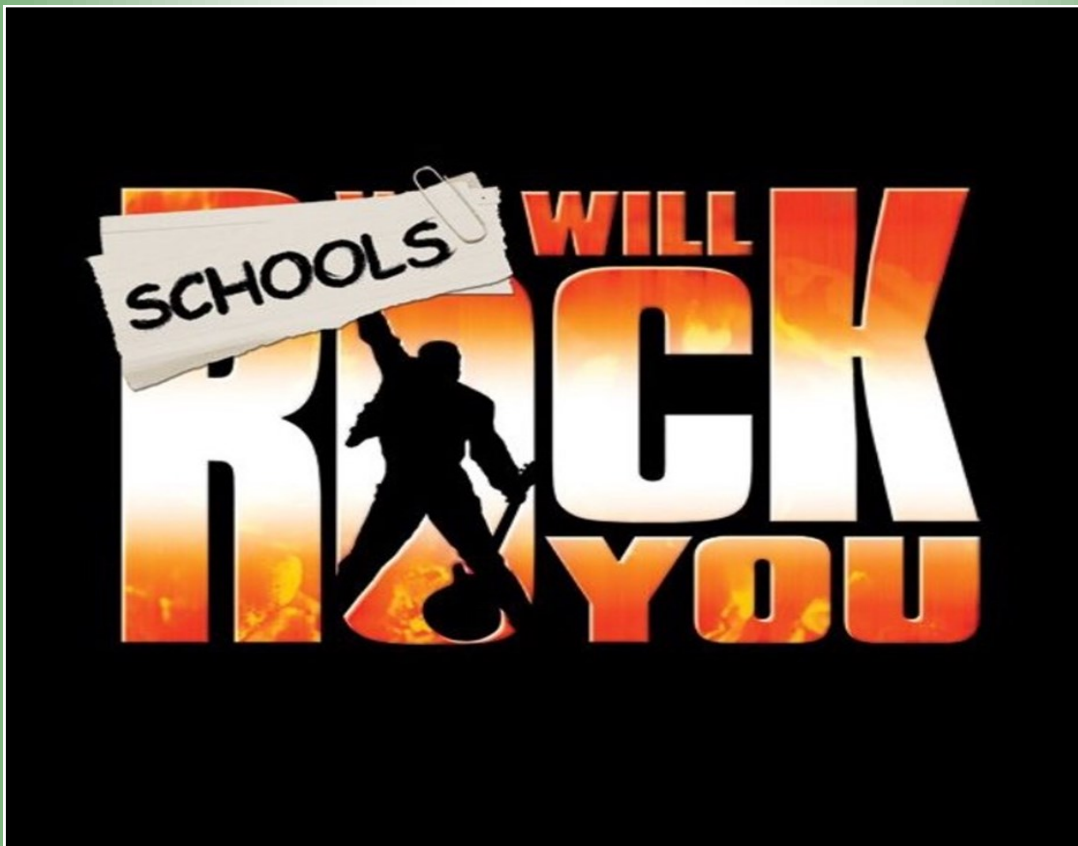
Rehearsals for Mary Poppins Jr are well underway and the Year 7/8's are working extremely hard. The performances will be on the evening of Tuesday 26th June and Wednesday 27th June. Further information regarding tickets etc will be in the next newsletter and on twitter.



School Show:

We Will Rock you Audition letters are available from Miss King and Mrs Evans and auditions are the first week back after the Easter Holidays. If you require further information please e-mail The Music or Drama Departments and/or check twitter. The Show will be the usual time of year which is the week before October Half Term.

If any companies would like to place an advert in the programme please e-mail Miss King or Mrs Evans. Also, if any companies, parents or friends can donate raffle prizes please let us know.



YEAR 11:

Prom and Year Book letters have been distributed. If anybody has any queries please contact Miss King (Head of Year 11) on BKing@CorpusChristihs.co.uk The prom is on Friday 29th June 2018 and payments are to be given to Mrs Mullins.

PLEASE NOTE THE LEAVERS MASS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY 28th JUNE IN THE SCHOOL HALL.



The Year 11 Prom will take place Friday 29th June at the
Mercure Hotel, Cardiff

Past Pupil News

Sophie Ekstrom-Gabb, Summer 2016

Since she left Corpus Christi, Sophie has been a member of the Welsh Synchronised Skating Team who train in Cardiff.

In December 2017, they became Welsh Champions and in January 2018, they beat other synchronised skating teams from all over Great Britain to become British Champions for 2018.

On Friday of this week, Sophie and her Team are flying out to Stockholm in Sweden to represent Great Britain in the World Synchronised Skating Championships. This is a massive achievement and one which I am sure you are happy to hear about since Sophie is a past pupil of Corpus Christi.

We are also waiting to hear whether the Olympic Committee will be accepting Synchronised Skating in the 2022 Winter Olympics and if so – watch this space !!!!



GIRLS P.E. NEWS

NETBALL

A huge congratulations to the Year 7, 8 and 9 netball teams who all qualified for and competed in the County Netball Finals on Friday 16th March. The Year 8 and 9 teams both came 4th and the Year 7 team played absolutely fantastically and were CHAMPIONS!!! Well done to Erin Piper, Lowri Pinnell and Katy Brain who were voted Corpus Christi's 'Players of the Day'!



Please follow us on Twitter @PE_CCHS for updates about fixtures, results, training and all things PE.

HOCKEY

The Year 7 A team and B team continued their winning run to qualify for the County Hockey Finals which will be Tuesday 17th April, after the Easter holidays. We wish them the best of luck at the finals.



Cardiff and Vale Tumble and Vault Competition 16th February

Congratulations to the following girls who represented the school in the Cardiff and Vale Tumble and Vault Competition.

The girls were judged on their tumbling ability for three different tumbles and two different vaults.

Isabella Lloyd (Year 11) was crowned U16 Cardiff Tumble and Vault Champion and Jea Maracha was awarded U14 Cardiff Tumble and Vault Champion with Emily Backhouse finishing 3rd in the U14 category.

These three girls will be representing Cardiff in the Welsh Finals aiming to place in the Top two to hopefully go on to represent Welsh Schools in the British Finals in May. We wish them every success in this and will keep you update to date with their results.

The U16 Team of Isabella Lloyd, Abbie Patterson and Ellie Sims placed 2nd in the Cardiff competition and the U14 Team of Jea Maracha, Emily Backhouse and Catrin Goddard finished as Cardiff Champions in 1st place.

Congratulations to all those girls who achieved such fantastic results and represented the school so brilliantly.

Cardiff and Vale Schools Tumble and Vault 16th February

Congratulations to U14 Tumble and Vault Team who came 1st in the Cardiff and Vale Schools Competition

Jea Maracha came 1st individually
Emily Backhouse came 3rd individually
Catrin Goddard



The U19 team came 2nd in their Tumble and Vault Competition

Issy Lloyd (1st individually)
Ellie Sims
Abbie Pattison



Corpus Flip to Gymnastics Success

On Friday 16th March, Corpus Gymnastics Team travelled up to Stoke to represent Welsh Schools in the British Gymnastics Milano Competition. Each gymnast had to complete an individual sequence, an individual vault and a group sequence consisting on group balances and synchronised movements. Representing Welsh Schools and Corpus Christi Gymnastics Team was Isabella Lloyd, Olivia Gillard and Katie Connolly and they were competing against schools, representing their region, from all over Britain. Emily Backhouse also competed for Corpus Gymnastics in the preliminary rounds, enabling the team to qualify to represent Welsh Schools in Stoke; however, she was unable to take part in the British Finals as she was representing the School Netball Team in the County Netball Finals.

Isabella, Olivia and Katie gave up many evenings after school to practice and this was clearly evident when it came to the British Finals. All the girls, performed their individual sequences and individual vault with poise, energy and elegance and they achieved some brilliant scores. This was followed up with an outstanding group sequence was, demonstrating excellent timing and synchronicity and incredible gymnastics skills in holding their difficult group balances. The group sequence was fantastic and out of all 24 schools from Britain, our group sequence placed 4th.

Overall, after an incredibly tough day of competition involving over 90 gymnasts and 24 schools, Corpus Christi were placed 5th. This is such an exceptional result as it is the highest scoring girls Milano group Welsh Schools have ever had. Well done girls we are so pleased of the way you conducted yourselves and performed, you represented the school and Welsh Schools brilliantly.

Congratulations girls, this is such an amazing achievement and as a School, we are extremely proud of all that you have achieved.

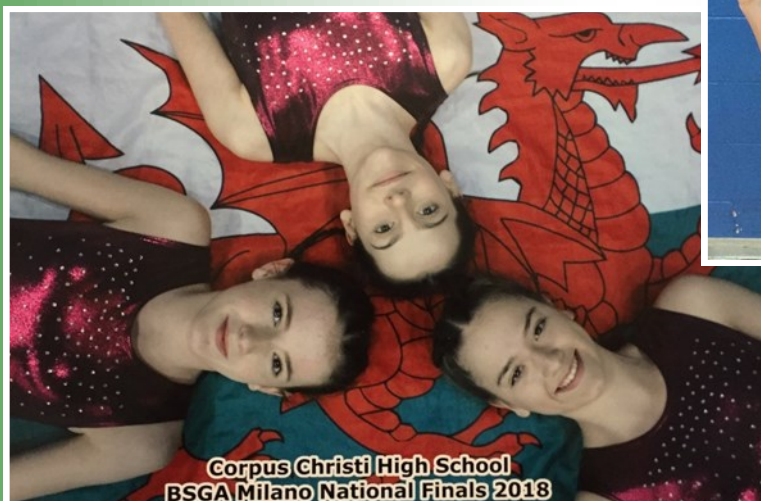
U19 Milano
Team

Isabella Lloyd
Olivia Gillard
Katie Connolly



The U19 Milano Gymnastics Team won the Welsh Championships and competed in the British Championships in Stoke last week.

25 schools from across the UK entered. Our U19 team came an incredible 5th place!! This is the highest place a team from Wales has secured in the last 15 years. Huge congratulations!



Tumble and Vault Welsh Finals Update

On Wednesday 28th March, Isabella Lloyd, Emily Backhouse, Katie Connolly and Jea Maracha were selected to represent Cardiff in the Welsh School Tumble and Vault competition. All the regions across Wales were competing from areas such as South East Wales, Dyfed, Eryri and North East and North West Wales. All gymnasts had to complete two vaults and three different tumbles. All our girls competed fantastically well for Cardiff and Vale and also represented Corpus Christi superbly. In the U19 competition, Isabella Lloyd finished 3rd overall and the Cardiff and Vale Team placed 2nd. In the U14 age group, Cardiff and the Vale Team finished 3rd with Katie Connolly finishing 9th and Jea Maracha placed 2nd overall. Jea will now go on to represent Welsh Schools in the British Tumbling Finals in Stoke in May, where we wish her every success. Well done to Emily, Katie, Isabella and Jea who performed exceptionally in the Welsh Finals, we are very proud of them.



Corpus Christi Gymnasts
representing Cardiff and Vale

U14 Cardiff and Vale Team



U19 Cardiff and Vale Team



Jea Maracha-2nd place



Isabella Lloyd-2nd place

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Congratulations to Rose Prendergast who represented Cardiff and the Vale Cross Country Team in the Welsh Schools National XC Championships in Brecon, on a very cold but sunny day! She came 21st individually out of 78 and her team was placed 2nd.



SKI TRIP SLOVENIA 2018



Please follow us on Twitter
[@ski_CCHS](#) for information on
our School Ski Trips

On February 17th we left bright and early at 4:30am. We had a chaotic start with our bus breaking down; however all was good in the end as we rushed through Stanstead security. It was short a journey from Ljubljana airport to our hotel, in which we passed through beautiful mountainous regions. Later on we went to the ski hire shop where we gathered our equipment for the week ahead. Then we ate our meal and winded down before an “early night”.

The next day we woke up, had our breakfast and collect our ski equipment from the basement lockers in the hotel. Once we got to the slopes, which were around 40 steps away from the hotel, we began getting used to our boots and skis by doing team exercises with our instructors. We then split into groups based on experience and began our skiing course! At the end of the afternoon we were all lethargic from our first four hours on the slopes. We soon recovered, and were able to enjoy a swim in the pool. In the following nights we enjoyed a quiz night, torch lit walk around the village, and a movie night.

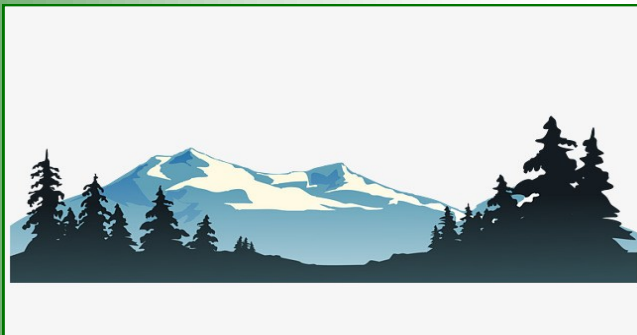
There were many laughs throughout the trip and memories that we won't forget and new friendships were made. Throughout the trip people were awarded “dope on slope” and “ski hazard” for their funny moments, consequently they were made to wear a fluorescent tutu, high Vis jacket and neon garland the next day.

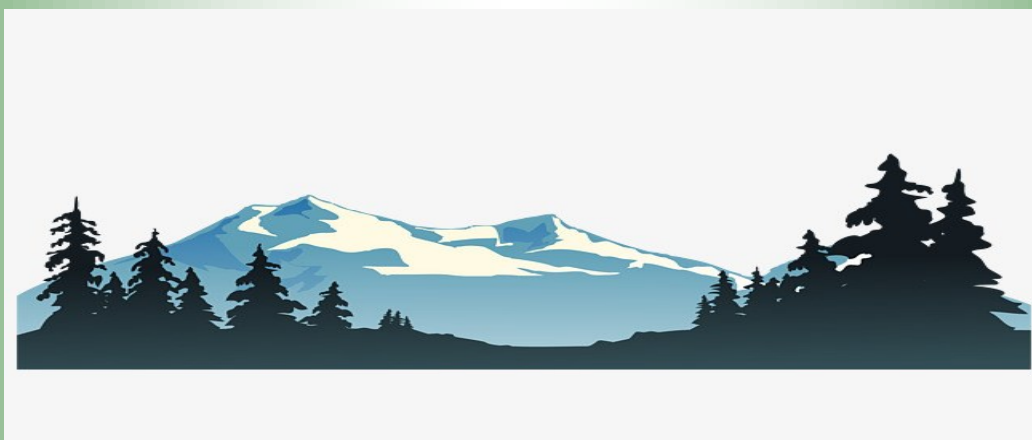
At the end of the trip, people were awarded certificates for their achievements and we all received diplomas for completing our course. When we began skiing, we were a mixed group of some who had skied once or twice before and some who had never experienced skiing before. However, by the end the week we were all on the red and black slopes! This was an incredible achievement, thanks to our amazing coaches. The trip to Slovenia was a wonderful experience that we will never forget!

Ellen McLaughlin, Gabrielle O’Sullivan and Katie Woodward, Year 9







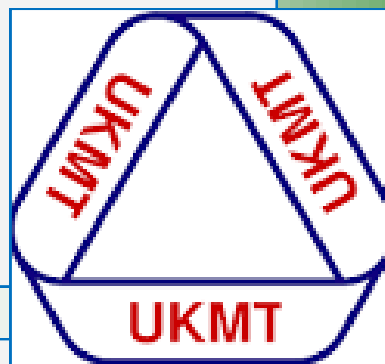


Maths Department

UKMT Intermediate Challenge

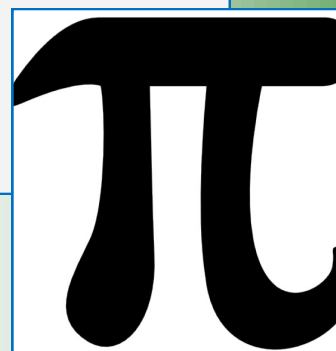
All Maths Set 1 pupils in Years 9 and 10 recently took part on the UKMT (United Kingdom Mathematics Trust) Challenge, competing against pupils from 3000 schools across the UK. Silver and Bronze awards were won by 11 of students, based on their excellent performances.

A prestigious Gold award was won by Joseph Conolly in Year 9. His outstanding performance allowed him to be entered into to the next round of the competition, the 'Grey Kangaroo' Challenge. The Maths Department look forward to receiving the results. Well done to Joseph Conolly and the other pupils who took part!



Pi Day

On Wednesday 14th March the Maths Department celebrated World Pi Day. Pupils in Key Stage 3 took part in games, challenges and competitions to learn about the significance of Pi and the circle in our everyday lives. The day would not have been complete without the consumption of a few PIES too!



RULES FOR SCHOOL BUSES

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- **DO NOT DISTRACT THE DRIVER**
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Careers News

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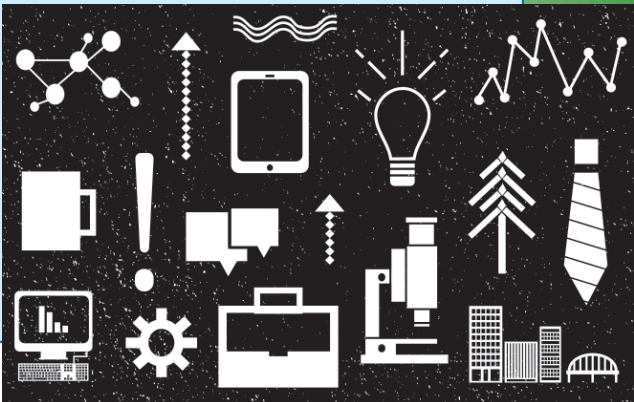
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Sir Robert McAlpine

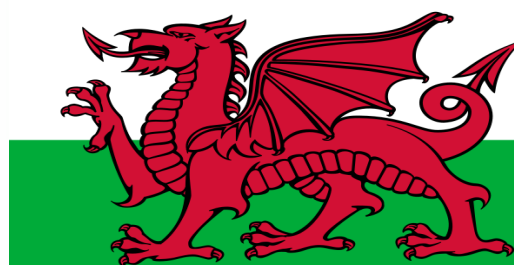
Year 9 pupils who may study Design Technology were allowed the exciting opportunity to visit the new HMRC site in Cardiff. Pupils were able to see the use of CAD and 3D modelling within the work place as well as gaining hands on construction experience. Corpus Christi would like to thank staff Sir Robert McAlpine and Adrian Cole from Careers Wales for providing the opportunity for such a valuable experience.

Keeping it Equal

Thirty Year 7 pupils were invited to attend the Keeping it Equal event at Cardiff City Stadium. The events aim was to challenge gender stereotypes in the world of work by allowing girls to meet successful female role models already working in stereotypically/ traditionally male roles. Pupils were able to listen to inspirational speakers and get involved in many hands on activities of their choice. The girls were said to “disappear and get stuck right in” to the activities available.

Raising Awareness

At the beginning of March all Year 9 pupils were able to experience workshops from Show Racism the Red Card. The aim of the workshops was to challenge pupils ideas about racism.



Canlyniadau Eisteddfod 2018

Here are the results of the off stage competitions of this years Eisteddfod.

Outstanding quality from every pupil! Da iawn.

Certificates to follow!

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter for all Welsh Department updates
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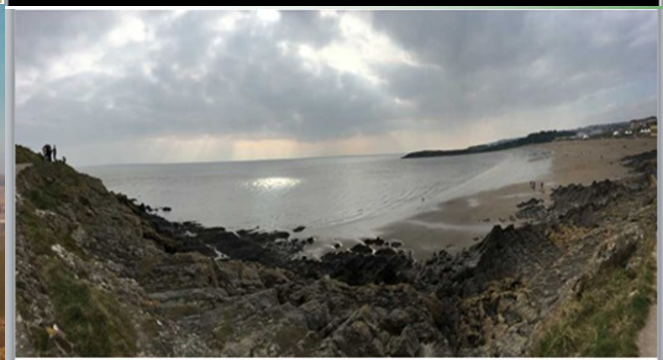
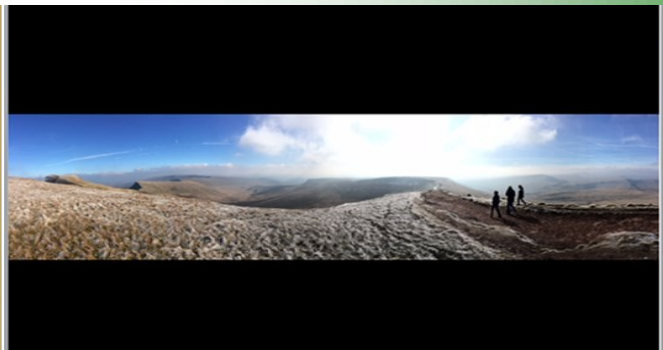
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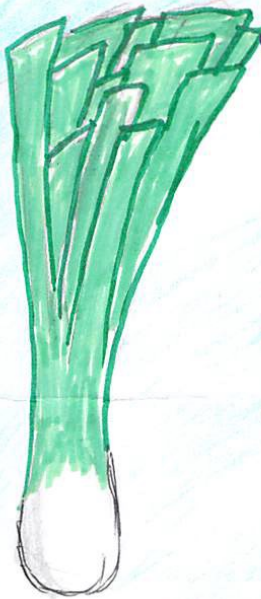
Our Amazing Welsh Themed Cakes





Our ancestor's country was built
up for thee.

The songs, all the artists, the fields
tapestries.



We fought for this land.
Our language so grand.
The place worn so much.
This is Wales.



SING , SING
Sing for our country is free.
The sheep graze the grass
This country will last.
The land we adore
This is WALES.



Hedagwi Gwom
Illtyd



Eisteddfod 2018

On Tuesday 6th March we were lucky enough to have the opportunity to partake in the Eisteddfod missing 3 lessons for the day. We all entered into the hall and were seated in our houses, St Patrick, Illtyd, Cadoc, Teilo. Mrs Love was the leader and we got cracking on.

At first they gave the offstage results from sports day and all the classroom events. Cadoc were leading. Year 8 had to re-write the National Anthem and the winner had to ~~lead~~^{have} their anthem sang by Catlin Lever, last years singer of the year. Hedagwi Girkom won from Illtyd and they were the best at singing house so it was 800 points.

Afterwards, some of the offstage classroom results we had our singing competition with boys singing Sosban Bach and the girls sang Calon Lan. Then it was lunch time. They sold candy cones and raffles along with face painting.

After lunch, we did the mexican wave starting from St Patrick to St Teilo. Then we had our music competition. After a while we had more offstage results and during all that time houses lost points for chatting apart from St Illtyd. St Teilo was talking too much.

Then we had our onstage gymnastics competition. Their skill and talent was displayed perfectly and they did try their best. We had trivia questions during this time and one of them was worth 1000 points. It was how many welsh cake entries Mrs Love had eaten. Harry William Jones got the closest and won 1000 points for Illtyd.

I thought my experience of the Eisteddfod was

inexplicable and a great big thank you to Mrs Love for preparing it.
I would wish that they could make more competitions
on stage like a guess what Welsh object it is behind a
cloth.

EISTEDDOD 2018

SCHOOL REPORT!!!

On Tuesday 6th March, we celebrated our annual school Eisteddfod for years 7 and 8!!! All of the staff and pupils who took part in it all seemed to be in good spirits at the end of the event.

One of our guest activities was Trivia, a member from each team was picked and they had to answer a Welsh themed questions! The closest guess received 500 points to their house!

points for their house! Even though disgusting the chosen repers intatively mainly managed to get the welsh cake!

OFF-STAGE!!!

As well as live competitions on the day, pupils also take part in competitions during class, these competitions included: science, welsh, english, D.T, maths and spanish. winners from these competitions also received points to their house

RIVALRIES!

As usual, the Eisteddfod began by our pupils comparing house colours. (St Tilio, Cadocs, Patrick and Hltyds.) Due to the fact that pupils wore corresponding colours to their house; it was easy to see that our pupils try hard to represent their teams!

WELSH CAKES!

One of everyone's favourite activities is the welsh cake tarting competitions. In this, a member from each team is chosen and they have to try to eat an array of welsh cakes that could be flavoured with anything from bacon to blue to cheese! The person most successful in this, receives

FINALLY!!!

This year, Cadoc took the crown however everyone was pleased and it was a great day!

TRIVIA!!!

Megan Roberts

EISTEDDFOD



On Tuesday the 6th of March our Eisteddfod took place in the hall. At break before the Eisteddfod started sweet ones, biscuit cups and raffle tickets were sold, you were also able to have your face painted. I bought a biscuit cup as well as three strips of raffle tickets. The ~~biscuit~~ biscuit cup was delicious and I enjoyed eating it. At the start we were told to sit with our houses, as I am in St Patrick I sat on the right hand side, next was St Wylid then St Caddoc and on the left was St Teilo.



First we were told about the rules and then the boys sang Sapan Fach Before this the year 8 national anthem was judged and every house sang it to try and win five hundred points. Finally the girls sang Celyn Llan and Natasha from St Patricks won. Afterwards a few people played the drums and Leonardo from St Patricks won. Trivia questions were asked throughout the Eisteddfod and there was a Welsh cake round. A competitor from each house volunteered to eat some disgusting Welsh cakes. The flavours were onion, smoky bacon, chili and blue cheese. St Patrick did very well in that competition.



Winners of off stage events were announced and I came third place in the maths, which was making ~~an~~ a maths alphabet and I came third place in RE which was designing a Celtic cross. After two hours it was lunch time so we all left the hall to enjoy our lunch and the gymnasts stayed to practise their gym sequences and balances. The chairs were all over the place when we came back in as people had been moving around alot.



After lunch the gymnasts performed, they performed one or two at a time and did a balance at the end. Then there were a few instrument competitions. More off stage winners were announced and a few people were chosen for the Welsh wargrai T-shirts and I was one of them. All baking competition winners were then announced. Then the singer of the year competition winners were chosen for year 7 and 8. Right at the end the winner was announced, St Caddoc won the competition.



Everyone sang the National Anthem!

The Eisteddfod

On the Tuesday 6th of March we had a wonderful day in the hall. It was the Eisteddfod and we all were very excited. I was in the house St. Teilo. I had to sign the national anthem that somebody had wrote.

It is such a better Eisteddfod than primary school. We had a Welsh day cake competition. Mrs. Love had done a fantastic job at organising the whole event and we are all very thankful for her. Anyway the Welsh cake competition. 4 people went up for the houses. They had 4 Welsh cakes. They all had to pick one Welsh cake there were three bad ones and one good one. They had to pick one and then some people would have some disgusting ones but they would have to eat it to try and get some points for our house. Pat St. Patrick won the competition.

There were so many events it was so good though. There was a gymnastics competition. Some of the girls are just so good at. Sea was so good at gym but they all done so well.

Last of all I would like to thank Mrs. Love so so much for putting on such a great day and I can not wait to for next year.

Disneyland Paris St David's Festival



The Disneyland Paris trip was incredible. It was the best trip I ever went on. I had so much fun even though the "brand new" bus broke down on the way there. In some ways that was a positive as we could have a nap. The accommodation was so cool, it was Toy Story themed. All the staff were dressed up as cowboys and cowgirls. The queues for the rides were massive and about a 2 hour wait but it was so worth it. It was amazing to see the Welsh choirs singing too and Minnie Mouse in her Welsh Lady outfit!!

Trip blwyddyn 7 i Langrannog



The final date for deposits and consent forms has now passed. Any pupil who has been allocated a place on the trip will receive a payment card at the start of next term.

ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE GIVEN TO MRS LOVE

The payment schedule is as follows

£40 –by Friday 27th April
£50 –by Friday 25th May
£40 –by Friday 29th June

Any queries please email slove@corpuschristihs.co.uk