



2018 Edition

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Message from the Acting Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

I write to you for the penultimate time as Acting Headteacher. As you will be aware, Mr Patrick Brunnock will be taking up the post of Headteacher in September. Mr Brunnock has written to introduce himself to you in this half-termly newsletter.

I can scarcely believe that we only have just half a term left of this academic year. Our Year 11 pupils are on the home stretch now in terms of their GCSE examinations. They need to keep the momentum going for just a few weeks more. On that note, they need to be mindful of any revision sessions they should be attending during the half-term break. We will be celebrating their time at Corpus Christi with a Leavers' Mass on the **20 June @ 7pm** and with their Prom on the **29 June**.

This has been an exciting half-term with so much going on. I know you will be as proud as we are of the sporting prowess and achievements of so many pupils, in particular our Year 8 rugby squad and our incredibly talented gymnastics team.

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

A group of some 40 pupils from the choir and orchestra were invited to the Slovakian Embassy two weeks ago there they performed for the Ambassador, his wife and their staff. What a privilege it was to accompany such a wonderful group of young people who were such ambassadors themselves for their school and their families. The visit was followed by a theatre trip to see 'Wicked' and the obligatory trip to McDonald's to round off the day.

I do hope that many of you will be able to join us for our Year 7 and 8 production of 'Mary Poppins' on the 26th and 27th June. The children have been preparing very hard, perfecting their singing, acting and dancing skills. We have another concert planned for the 3rd July with a whole array of musical performances to delight! Rehearsals are well underway for our Autumn term production of 'We Will Rock You'. It promises to be another blockbuster of a show!

On another note, our Year 7 classes have been out on Retreat days and Year 9 have been undertaking Geography Field Trips. The planning for the annual trip for Year 7 to Llangrannog is well underway and there will be news about further trips and activities in the next half term.

Finally, if parents need to speak to a member of staff concerning their child, please ring or email the school to arrange an appointment. If you turn up at school, the likelihood is that the teacher you want to speak to is teaching and may not be available to see you and this can be frustrating for parents, especially if they have had to leave work or have come a considerable distance. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

It remains only for me now to wish pupils and staff a well-earned break.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Pavlovic', written on a white rectangular background.

P Pavlovic



YEAR 11 LEAVERS' MASS CHANGE OF DATE

Please note that the date of the Leavers' Mass has been changed to avoid a clash with the vigil Mass of Sts Peter and Paul.

The new date is **Wednesday 20 June @ 7.00pm** here at the school.

We would really urge you to come along to the Mass as it is the most fitting way to celebrate your child's time here at school. Five years ago we welcomed them into the Catholic community of Corpus Christi with a Welcome Mass and now it is time to let them go with our blessing and with our prayers through the celebration of the Eucharist.

Of course we will then celebrate in another way on the 29 June with our Prom, which is always a truly magnificent and exciting evening when we see all of our wonderful young people in their finery and, although we will be saying farewell, we will, of course, be seeing them again on the 23 August for their examination results.

Letter from incoming Headteacher, Mr Patrick Brunnock



Dear Parents and Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you in my role as the incoming Headteacher. From my first visit to Corpus Christi, it was clear to me that this is a school which is indeed a very special community; one where children experience real care and support and that this ethos is at the core of the school, *"Together we are the body of Christ"*. I feel extremely honoured to have been chosen to continue to build upon the successes the school has already achieved under the guidance of the Governing Body and the school's Leadership Team. Corpus Christi High School is, undoubtedly, a welcoming and nurturing school with amazing children and dedicated staff. I feel both humbled and privileged to be appointed to lead such a school.

Having had many years teaching experience and being a parent myself, I fully appreciate how important each and every day of a child's school life is in terms of preparing and equipping them for their adult lives. I am passionate about teaching and learning and I have the highest expectations of all children, regardless of their backgrounds, abilities and their starting points, and I will strive to ensure that our school continues to support your children in becoming happy and fulfilled. I strongly believe that education is the opportunity for children to discover, unlock and develop their God given talents in a stimulating and nurturing environment. Every child has the potential to achieve their very best and it is the role of the school to support you, the parents and carers, by facilitating a broad raft of opportunities, both academic and non-academic, for your child to engage with and in.

I have worked in secondary education for some 15 years and during that time I have built strong relationships with children, staff, parents and carers, and governors. I understand what is needed to take the school forward in this new era of Catholic Secondary Education and I am very much looking forward to working in partnership with you to achieve the very best for the whole community. As a Catholic community, we endeavour to celebrate the successes of our children in all areas of school life. We recognise that our children need opportunities to develop spiritually and emotionally, as well as academically in order that they leave Corpus Christi as well-rounded, confident, competent, responsible young adults who are more than ready for their post 16 journey.

You will find me committed to our school and, in partnership with parents, staff, the Governing Body, our parishes and our Archdiocese, my aim is to lead our school into the future. I am very happy to be part of the community and I look forward to continuing the success of the school into 2018 and beyond. I am very much looking forward to working with you, as the parents and carers of your children over the coming years. I look forward to watching your children grow in confidence, knowledge and spirituality during their time at Corpus Christi and I thank you in advance for the support I know you will give me and all members of our school community in the years to come.

Yours sincerely

Mr Patrick Brunnock
HEADTEACHER

ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance total is currently running at 95.40%, 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:

(18.05.18)

YEAR 7	97.10%
YEAR 8	95.50%
YEAR 9	94.80%
YEAR 10	94.90%
YEAR 11	94.40%

- 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**.



GIVE YOUR CHILD A BETTER FUTURE

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

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

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PUNCTUALITY – OUR EXPECTATIONS

Pupils are on site at 8.45am.

Any pupil arriving after school begins will be marked late, 'L'.

Two late marks in one week will receive a lunchtime detention.

Three late marks in one week will receive an after school detention.

Pupils who are persistently late will be referred to their Head of Year.

Pupils who arrive after registers close will be marked 'U'. This will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Persistent lateness could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice fine being issued.

All pupils must sign in at Enquiries when arriving after Registration.

Late pupils interrupt the lesson and miss important instructions for that lesson.

SCHOOL LEAVING AGE

Your school leaving age depends on where you live.

ENGLAND

You can leave school on the last Friday in June if you will be 16 by the end of the summer holidays.

You must then do one of the following until you are 18:

Stay in full-time education, for example at a college.

Start an apprenticeship or traineeship.

Spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering, while in part-time education or training.

SCOTLAND

If you turn 16 between 1 March and 30 September you can leave school after 31 May of that year.

WALES

You can leave school on the last Friday in June, as long as you will be 16 by the end of that school year's summer holidays.

NORTHERN IRELAND

If you turn 16 during the school year (between 1 September and 1 July) you can leave school after 30 June.

If you turn 16 between 2 July and 31 August you cannot leave school until 30 June the following year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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Please check the



school website for
letters and news-
letters.

[http://
www.corpuschris
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Mon 28th May—Fri 1st Jun
Tue 29th May—Sat 2nd Jun
Mon 4th Jun—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—Thu 19th Jul
Mon 16th Jul—Tue 24th Jul

Thu 19th Jul
Fri 20th Jul

WHITSUN HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

Year 8 Trip to Madrid
Year 7 Geography Field Trips
Sports Day
Reserve Sports Day
Year 11 Leavers' Mass
GCSE Exams finish
Year 6 Music & Welcome Evening
Mary Poppins Lower School
Production
Year 6 visits (St Bernadette's, St
Philip Evans, St Joseph's)
Year 6 visits (Holy Family, Christ
the King, St Peter's)
Year 9 reports to parents

Year 10 English Individual Controlled
Assessments
Year 11 Prom

Music Dept Summer Concert
Sports Presentation Evening

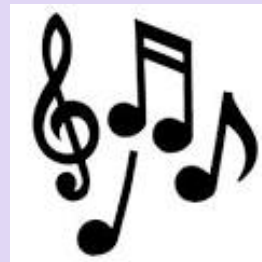
Year 7 Trip to Llangrannog
Year 10 Geography Field Trip
Music Trip to Italy

Activities Day
Year 7 reports to parents
End of Term - School finishes
1.30pm

Please check your child's Diary
regularly and sign weekly

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!



YEAR 11 LEAVERS MASS

20th 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!

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-27th June

Rehearsals are well underway for our Year 7 and 8 show which will take place 26th & 27th June. There will be evening performances at 7pm open to the public and matinee performances for Year 6 visits AND Year 7 and 8. Tickets for the evening performances will be available on the night at £5.00 each. Doors open at 6.30pm.



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 know we have a fantastic cast to do a fabulous job of this show.

Mrs N Evans
Head of Music

[Twitter: Music@Corpus](#)



Music Department Trip to the Slovakian Embassy, London

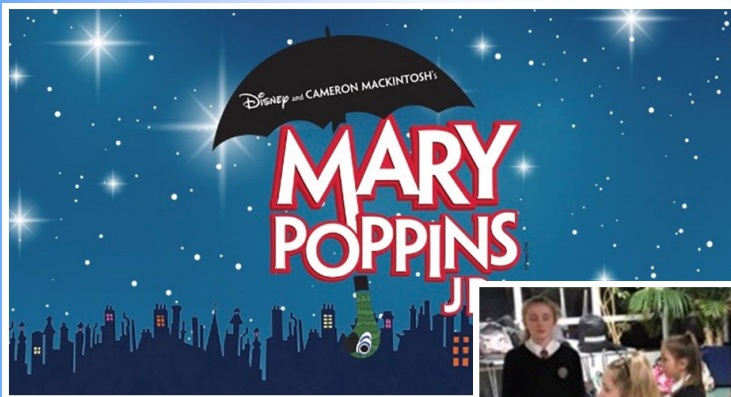




DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Performance news:

Rehearsals for Mary Poppins Jnr 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 at 7pm and will last approximately an hour. Tickets at £5.00 each will be sold on the door. Doors open at 6.30pm.



YEAR 11:

School Prom 29th June

Prom tickets are now available from Miss King for those pupils who have paid in full. Any dietary requirements should be emailed to Miss King (Head of Year 11) on BKing@CorpusChristihs.co.uk

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

Home Economics



Mrs Gunningham's Year 10 Catering Class held a bake off to create the perfect Victoria sandwich.

£5 prize was given to winner Joe Greenway-Parry with runners up Giovanna Coppola 2nd and Dionne Law 3rd place

There were some excellent results and it was very hard to choose !





School Garden

So far this year the school garden has produced some great produce!

Purple sprouting broccoli has been used by Year 8 in their healthy canteen snack pasta salads and year 10 will be using these amazing leeks to make leek and potato soup next week!

Keep an eye out on the school twitter feed and website to see the results!



ICT

CODING CLUB

We've had a delivery of equipment for our Coding Club. This includes programmable robot kits to be used for our upcoming 'robot wars' with local primary schools.

Year 7 and 8, boys and girls are welcome to attend. Tuesday week A, Friday week B.



Coding club for GIRLS!

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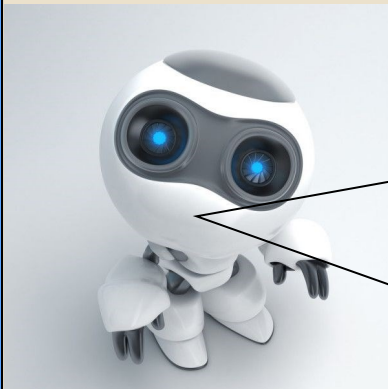


GAMES



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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

Year 7 Retreats

As part of the Year 7 R.E. curriculum, students took part in retreat days during this month of May. This year each class group, along with JR (School Chaplain) and their R.E. teacher, spent the whole day at St Philip Evans, Catholic Church, Llanedeyrn. The main retreat took place in the parish hall and activities involved games, music, prayer and drama. This year's theme was the Parable of the Prodigal Son and the students had an opportunity to display their acting abilities as they re-enacted this parable through dramatization. The students also had an opportunity to visit the church for some question and answer time.

A big thank you to the R.E. teachers and additional staff who helped in the day. Thank you also for all the year 7 students that made the day a great time away. A very special thank you to Fr Gareth Leyshon and St Philip Evans Catholic Church who allowed our school to use their facilities.



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





CORPUS CHRISTI
HIGH SCHOOL

11th – 15th June

Corpus Christi will be taking part in the British Nutrition Healthy eating week. Keep an eye out for some exiting ways to lead a healthier, fitter life! During the week we will be concentrating on the following things:

Monday- Have Breakfast

Tuesday- Have 5 A Day

Wednesday-Drink Plenty

Thursday- Get Active

Friday- Make a change for life

Look out for tasty freebies and a Yoga class too!



Grand Council Event - VocalEyes

On 27th April, three of our Digital Leaders; Kenzie Hollingsworth, Rowan Fahy and Joe Fairs attended a Grand Council Event at Cardiff City Hall. The event was arranged to launch the new digital platform VocalEyes to all Cardiff Schools.

VocalEyes, allows organisations eg. schools to find out the views and opinions of their stakeholders (pupils). It also gives people the chance to raise concerns and find out what other people feel about the issues raised.

Kenzie, Rowan and Joe enjoyed learning about how the platform is structured and how to use it. They have already started training other Digital Leaders and they are planning a strategy for training the School Council members as soon as possible. The aim is to get all pupils across the school trained so that we can start using the platform in the next academic year.

Kenzie's View:

"I like the VocalEyes website because it is easy to use and it's a quick way to raise ideas and rate other people's ideas. This way, ideas can be heard and put into action. I believe this will help us all in the future".



Maths Department

All More Able and Talented Mathematics students recently took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge, competing against similar aged students from around the UK . Huge congratulations to the following pupils who achieved very highly in this prestigious competition:

Year 7

Best in Year and Best in School

Gold Certificate Winner

Eliot Golding

Silver Certificate Winners

Ivan Cherednichenko

Ellis Hopkins

Jacek Klosowski

Bronze Certificate Winners

Emily Beal

Daniel Beal

John Baldwin

Dale Amarga

Year 8

Best in Year

Gold Certificate Winner

Cai Thomas

Silver Certificate Winners

Jessica Dooley

Rowan Fahy

Niamh Spain

Luka Appanna

Grace Wright

Al-Monder Rizek

Bronze Certificate Winners

Ellie Davies

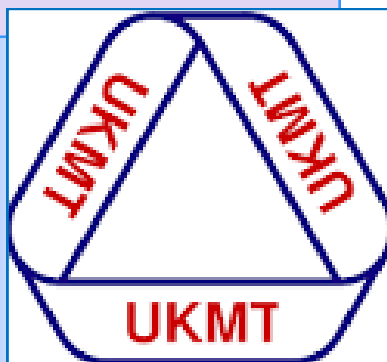
Lowell Tobes

Catrin Goddard

Marek Rokicki

Leonard Jesuthasan

Prajan Pokharel



P.E.

YEAR 8 RUGBY



Congratulations to the boys who were a part of the Year 8 rugby squad.

They had an outstanding season, losing once, but winning over many admirers during the season. It was a shame that the solitary loss came in the Welsh Schools U13 Cup Final, which was held at the Principality Stadium.

The boys played superbly but lost out to Whitchurch High School 24pts – 17pts. They were indeed the better side on the day.

The boys were supported vigorously by their peers from Year 8, along with parents, relatives and staff. The whole day was a fantastic experience which will surely be remembered fondly for a very long time.



YEAR 8 RUGBY cont.



The season, however, did not end there. Some three days later, the same two sides met in the final of the Cardiff Schools U13's Cup. The match was staged at the Cardiff Arms Park.

The U13 Cup Final was played out in front of the largest crowd of the day, in what was the annual day of Cup Finals held by Cardiff Schools. The Year 8 squad performed brilliantly and comprehensively turned the tables on the newly crowned Welsh Schools Champions, winning 22pts – 0pts.

The whole squad have performed with immense pride, commitment and enjoyment throughout the season. From everyone associated with Corpus Christi High School, many thanks for the huge smiles and pride you have given us this year. Congratulations and well done!



Corpus Are Fantastic in the British Floor



On Sunday 6th May, Corpus Christi Gymnastics Team, travelled up to Stoke to represent Wales and compete in the British School U19 Floor and Vault competition.

The girls involved were Abbie Pattision (Yr10), Olivia Gillard, Emily Backhouse (Yr9), Katie Connolly (Yr8) and Jea Maracha (Yr7).

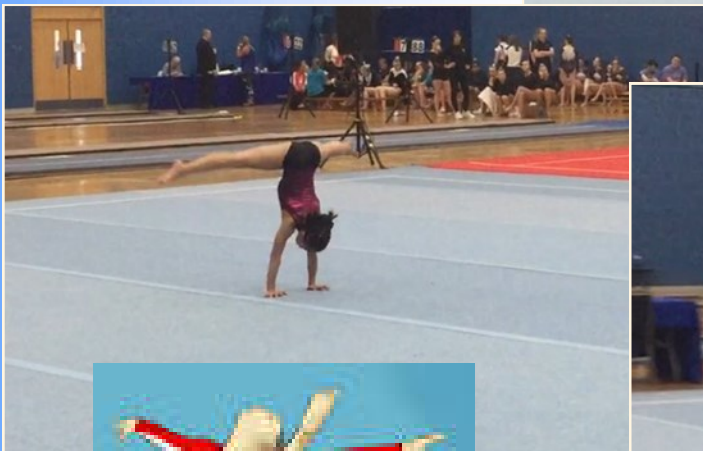
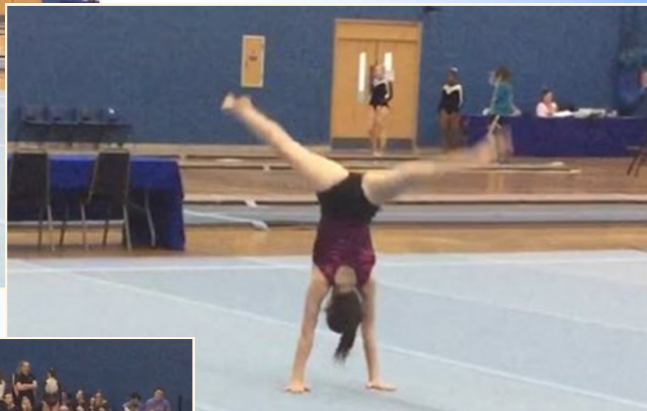
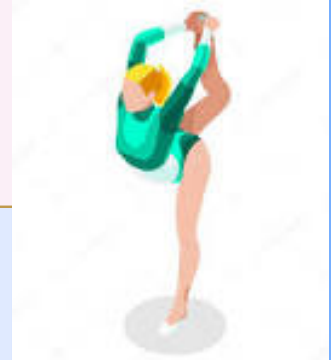
Each girl in the team had to complete two vaults and an individual floor sequence. Lots of hard work and preparation had gone into practicing and perfecting their sequences and vaults. All the girls had given up their time in the Easter holidays and after school.

All the girls performed exceptionally in their vaults, sticking their landings and demonstrating exceptional flight on and off the vault to achieve some really high scores. With strong vault scores, and with

Katie Connolly's vault score the 5th highest of the whole U19 competition, we headed into the floor.



The floor is always a nerve-wracking piece, but all the girls performed their sequences brilliantly. Each 1 minute sequence needs to have 6 gymnastics elements, demonstrating their ability through the difficulty of their moves; combined with dance elements covering as much as the floor space as possible. All of the girls performed their sequences superbly and achieved some terrific scores.

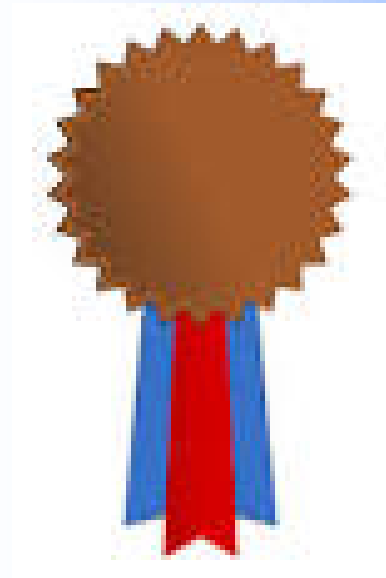


The girls performed magnificently, achieving a 7th place finish in the U19 age group. Considering four out of the five gymnasts are still in the U14 age group, this is a tremendous achievement. The British Schools Finals is an incredibly tough competition, having to compete with schools throughout the UK with amazing facilities. Abbie, Olivia, Emily, Katie and Jea performed exceptionally to finish 7th, representing Welsh Schools and Corpus Christi fabulously and making us immensely proud of them-well done!! We are already looking forward to next year.....





Jea's Terrific Tumbling Success at the British Schools Tumbling Finals!!



A huge congratulations to Jea Maracha in Year 7 who won a Bronze medal in the British Schools U14 Tumbling Competition in Stoke on Saturday 5th May. This is an outstanding achievement as she was representing Wales and it is the first time ever, a gymnast from Corpus Christi has reached the podium and won a medal in the British Finals. She was competing against other girls in Year 7, 8 and 9 and to win a Bronze medal is a remarkable achievement. Jea had to complete 3 different tumbles, all of which included backflips, somersaults and twists. We are so proud of you Jea and everything you have achieved, especially placing third in British Schools and winning Corpus Christi's first ever medal in such a prestigious competition.

Well done on such a fantastic result!!

Year 7&8 PGL Netball Trip

The PGL weekend was another great success for the Year 7 and 8 netball teams!! All the girls who went were incredibly well behaved and all had an amazing time!

We left school at lunchtime on Friday and with great excitement and interpretation headed to Devon. The brief rain shower on the way didn't dampen our spirits and we arrived full of energy, ready to have a weekend of fun. The Friday evening started with some team building activities and the girls had lots of fun taking part in the different games. The Saturday morning started early with the Year 7 Teams starting on the courts at 9:00am! Both Year 7A and Year 7B played brilliantly with Year 7A only losing one game and winning three, and Year 7B winning two out of their four matches. The Year 7 tournament had finished for the day by lunch time and the girls then had a chance to try all the PGL activities on offer. These included, the big swing, zip wire, abseiling, trapeze and aeroball. It was lovely to see all the girls having so much fun and enjoying themselves on the activities after a tough morning of netball.

The Year 8 teams started their tournament with similar success. Year 8B team played some fantastic netball against some of the other schools' A teams and managed to win one of their games. The A team were unbeaten, including a fantastic 9-6 win of Ysgol Bae Baglan. This is the first time they have ever beaten this really strong school from Port Talbot.

After a good night's sleep, Sunday morning proved to be just as successful for both Year 7B and Year 8B. Both teams played really well and won one games and drew the other. The Year 7A team were unbeaten Sunday morning and progressed through to the semi-final where they had to play St Johns School whom they had lost to yesterday. Their calm and measure approach saw them beat St Johns and advance through to the final where they had to play Ysgol Bae Baglan. It was a close game and the Year 7 girls never gave up, but they lost 13-8. Finishing with a silver medal was a great achievement.

The Year 8A team had also not lost a game on Sunday morning and eased passed IvyBridge in the semi-final to set up another nail biting final against Ysgol Bae Baglan. It was a tense and close match, with the scores being tied at half time. Ysgol Bae Baglan were slight too strong for Corpus in the second half and the final score was 12-9 to them. This was the only game that the Year 8A team had lost all weekend so a silver medal was something to be proud off.

The best achievement of the weekend was that all the umpires and the PGL staff had voted Corpus Christi High School as the School of the Tournament. This was for their sportsmanship conduct, their positive and hardworking attitude on court and behaviour throughout the course of the weekend. This is something we are extremely proud of them for. This was once again a fabulous weekend for all the girls who went on the trip, they played netball brilliantly and had a great time taking part in all the PGL activities. We are already looking forward to next year!!



TEAM 7A



TEAM 7B

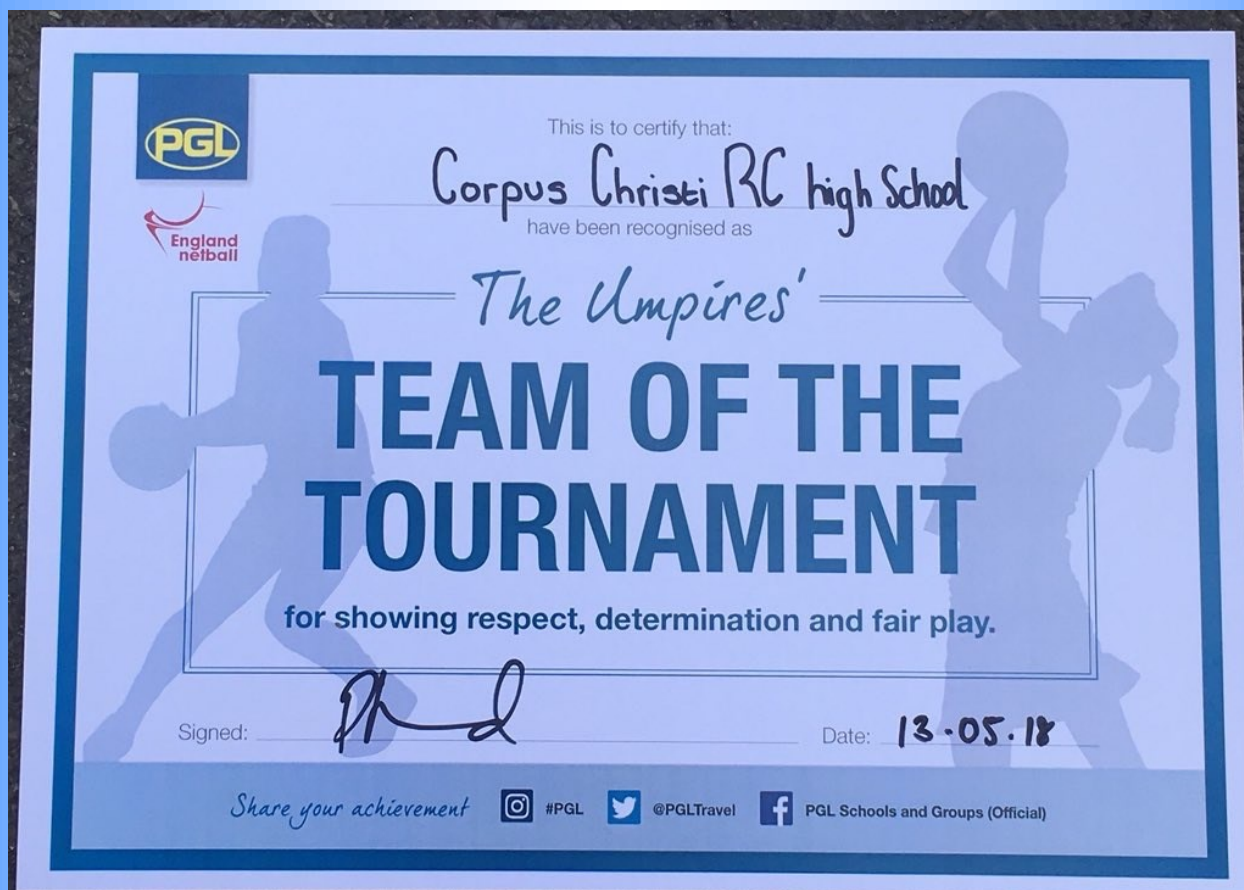


TEAM 8A



TEAM 8B





Year 9 Geography Field Trips

The week beginning May 21st all of Year 9 did some Geography field work at Dunraven Bay, Southerndown. Here, pupils collected data on coastal erosion. This included; an environmental survey, questionnaire, wave count, pebble characteristics, gradient and a footpath erosion study. We were lucky to have bright, clear weather for the most part, and took every opportunity to make the most of it in the great outdoors. We received compliments from members of the public, on how polite and well behaved our pupils were. Pupils will now use the primary data they collected, along with secondary data, in class, to complete the enquiry process. This includes creating hypotheses linked to the key





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**



English Department

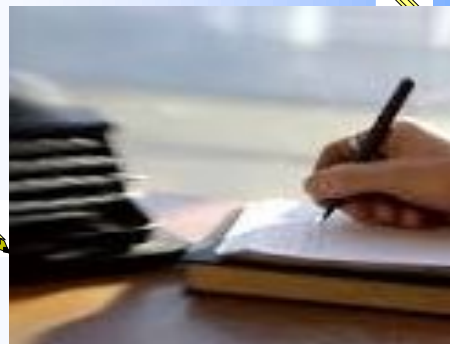
Is the next J.K. Rowling at Corpus Christi High School? Possibly so...

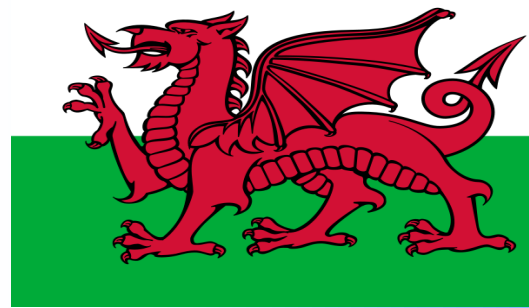
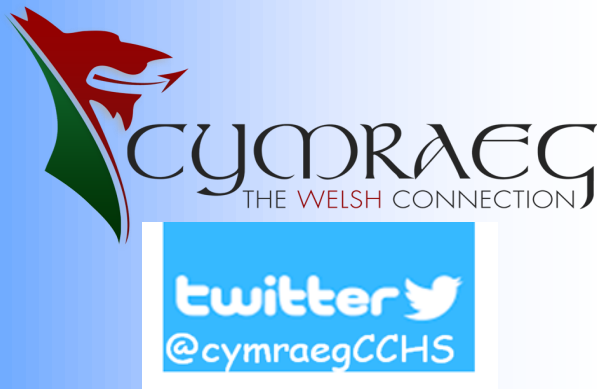
The pupils of Year 8 recently entered a national writing competition with great success. We have a clutch of budding authors as almost 30 pupils have attained the Holy Grail and managed to become published authors!

If you wish to read the work of these talented pupils, the book is entitled 'The Stranger Sagas' and can be obtained from the school or local library and is also available to purchase.

A huge congratulations to all of those who took part!

Llong y farchiadau!





A reminder of the payment schedule for the Year 7 trip to Llangrannog

£40 due - 27/4/18

£50 due - 25/5/18

£40 due - 29/6/18

Please ensure that you send the yellow payment card with your child when paying each instalment. A letter will be coming home with your child with relevant details on what they need to bring in due course. However, I have included the Llangrannog general information leaflet below for your perusal.

If you have any problems or questions please do not hesitate to email me on slove@corpuschristihs.co.uk

Mrs S. Love

Ail yn yr Adran Gymraeg



GWERSYLL YR URDD LLANGRANNOG INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Dear Parent / Guardian,

We look forward to welcoming your child to the Urdd Centre at Llangrannog. This leaflet gives information on what will be needed for your child's stay at the Centre.

A CHILD SHOULD BRING: you should ensure that a name is shown on each item of clothing

1. Sleeping bag
2. Night clothes and toiletries
3. Spare clothes (not the best) including long sleeved tops and trousers
4. A warm jumper and anorak or raincoat
5. Sports clothes, swimming costume and towels
6. Trainers or suitable shoes for walking, and an old pair of shoes or wellingtons for the horse-riding and quad bikes
7. Suitable clothing for skiing and tobogganing i.e. old gloves and an old tracksuit or jeans
8. Pencil and notebook (for courses only)
9. VERY OLD CLOTHES FOR OUR MUDDY ADVENTURE COURSE (April – October). Very old clothes, shoes and towel should be sent for this activity – clothes you don't mind getting very dirty or even thrown away after the activity or on returning home as this activity is very muddy – but a great deal of FUN. A bag is provided for the dirty clothes after the activity.

IMPORTANT: You should ensure that a name is shown on each piece of clothing (especially swim wear) - a large number of untagged items are left every week!

WHAT IS NOT NEEDED

Please don't allow your child to bring a radio or personal music player (e.g. iPod), video games or expensive toys, torch or **mobile phones** (there is no reception in the area) to the Centre, and due to Health and Safety regulations, a pocket knife, aerosol sprays (please bring roll-on deodorant), portable electric equipment e.g. hair dryers, straighteners and travel irons are not permitted. If children do bring these personal items then they will be collected at the beginning of the course and returned at the end. Any other valuables may be left at Reception for safekeeping e.g. cameras.

WE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE TO THE ABOVE ITEMS IF BROUGHT TO THE CENTRE

SHOP

The Centre has a shop that sells sweets, drinks, souvenirs and presents. The shop is usually opened by accompanying staff at a convenient time to the timetable.

THE BEDROOMS

All children sleep in centrally heated bedrooms. The children are responsible for making their beds and keeping the rooms tidy. We ensure that each child knows where to find help during the night from staff who are close at hand. Corridor lights are on throughout the night. Foam pillows are provided.

MEALS

Up to four meals a day are provided: breakfast, dinner, tea and supper - with a variety of Healthy Eating menus to suit all tastes. The Centre has been awarded a Food Hygiene Rating of 5 (see <http://ratings.food.gov.uk/Welcome.aspx>) under the Food Standards Agency's Food Hygiene Rating Scheme. If your child has an allergy or has special dietary requirements e.g. nut allergy, gluten free, diabetic or follows a specific diet for religious reasons - **please inform us a week in advance so that the necessary arrangements can be made.** Please remember to include this information on the Health Certificate as well. Vegetarian meals are available at all mealtimes. Cold drinks are provided free of charge at all times. Hot drinks can be purchased outside of meal times.

THE TELEPHONE

Please do not arrange for your child to phone home at the beginning of the course. If you do not hear from us you can be sure that your child is safe and well. We will contact you immediately there is a problem with health or homesickness. If you have a message for your child you are welcome to contact Reception (01239 652140) or email (llangrannog@urdd.org) we will be happy to ensure that the message is passed on.

THE PROGRAMME

The programme will be designed in conjunction with the course leader and Centre staff. A full programme is provided in line with the course leaders requests, with a range of activities - Skiing, Tobogganing, Go-karting, Archery, High Ropes Course, Climbing Wall, Team games, Ropes Challenge Course, Nature Walk, Quad Biking, Muddy Adventure Course (April – October), Swimming, Bushcraft, Trampoline, Horse Riding, Shelter Building, Orienteering, heritage lessons in the Caer Chwedlau Heritage Centre. There is also a multi-purpose sports hall, outdoor playing fields, and an all weather playing area. During the evenings there is an array of activities on offer from, night walk, folk dancing, bingo, quiz, talent show, games, disco and much more.

CARE

The course/group leader will arrange the course in conjunction with the Centre's management and specialist activity staff. The children are closely supervised on all activities, and all equipment is regularly inspected to ensure that it is safe and suitable for use.

Arrangements at the Centre have been developed over 80 years to provide a safe and caring environment for children at the Centre, and on activities. We have Risk Assessments and strict staff guidelines for every aspect of the Centre's work as well as for any problems that might arise. If you would like to see a copy of these guidelines, please contact us. We ensure that children know what to do in an emergency. There is someone available at all times, day and night. On average there is a staffing ratio of 1 to 10 (primary) or 1 to 15 (secondary). There is a night porter on duty throughout the night. There are also CCTV cameras strategically placed around the Centre. All Centre staff have been scrutinised by the Disclosure and Barring Service (enhanced system). The accommodation blocks and main gate are locked during the night.

SAFETY

We operate our activities to the highest safety standards. Each activity is carefully monitored on a regular basis to ensure safety and suitability. Our Activity Safety Management Systems and Policies have been independently inspected and verified. The Centre has also achieved the bronze standard of the Investors in People award and the Green Dragon level 2 standard.

ACCIDENTS AND ILLNESSES

Minor accidents or illnesses will be treated as soon as is possible by our local doctor, dentist or local hospital e.g. stitches for a minor cut, precautionary X Rays, provision of antibiotics for infection etc. Parents will be contacted before treatment is administered should the treatment involve a stay at the hospital or anaesthetic (see Health Certificate). Parents of children who are taken to hospital or the Doctor's Surgery for any other reason will be contacted immediately the child returns to the Centre. Should parents wish their child to return home for medical reasons we will normally assist with the arrangements. There is a fully qualified First Aider on duty 24 hours a day.

DISCIPLINE

To ensure the smooth running of the Centre a number of simple sensible rules are obviously necessary. These are made known to children on arrival and our policy is to administer them in a fair and sympathetic spirit. Our aim is to ensure a happy time for all at the Centre.

PROBLEMS

We encourage every child to visit the main reception at the Centre should any problems arise so that the matter can be dealt with immediately.

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

It is important that each child brings the **HEALTH CERTIFICATE** to the Centre with details of any illness or problem that the child may have, and a telephone number should we need to contact the parents or family.

PAYMENTS AND REFUNDS

Usually, each group is required to pay a deposit of 25% per head of the cost of the course at least 12 weeks prior to staying at the Centre. The deposit is non-refundable except in exceptional circumstances whereby non attendance due to illness is supported by a medical certificate. Should a child leave the Centre due to medical reasons no refund of the deposit is made but a proportion of the final payment will be refunded on a daily basis.

FIRE DRILL

A fire drill is held on the first evening of each course to ensure that each child knows exactly where the exits are and where to go in emergencies.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO CLIPS

Photographs and video clips of activities may be shown on our website, social media, advertising materials and occasionally television programmes. If you do not want your child to be included in these pictures please inform us on the Health Certificate.

INSURANCE

The Urdd has third party public liability insurance for £20 million in case of any negligence in our arrangements. No Personal Insurance is included in the price. Should parents wish insurance for personal accidents, illness, lost property etc., they should make their own arrangements.

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Some of the activities can be affected by adverse weather conditions e.g. Quad bikes. The decision to cancel activities is done for safety reasons. Alternative indoor activities will be arranged.

COMPLAINTS

If you have any enquiries regarding the Centre's arrangements, or any problem arising from your child's stay at Llangrannog, please contact us immediately.

We look forward to welcoming your child to Llangrannog. Over 20,000 children visit us each year; we are proud of our record for care and safety and are sure that your child will benefit from and enjoy the residential experience. We would be most happy to answer any enquiries you may have.

Yours sincerely

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