CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

"A prophet is only despised in his own country." Mark 6:1-6a

When Jesus tries to teach in the synagogue in his home town, he is rejected by people who were too blind to see what was right in front of them. These people could not see past Jesus' childhood and heritage. They could not see beyond what they already thought to be true, and would not believe that Jesus' wisdom was from God, because Jesus was God. They even struggled to accept miracles that were happening right in front of them. How often do we harden our hearts to the working of God? Are we too blind to see the Lord in our own lives? Do we accredit the blessings He has given us to our own hard work? Or to a different power or authority? If we say 'yes', and open ourselves up to His plan, we will start to see the miracles that He is working for us.

Lord, we thank You that You are present in our lives. Open our eyes to see Your ways here on Earth, and give us the courage to surrender to the wisdom in Your plan. Amen.

Attendance Reward Trip

Pupils who have an attendance of 97% and above have been invited to attend the Attendance Rewards trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach on Monday 15 July. Pupils attending the trip have been given clear expectations regarding behaviour and appropriate dress code.

Buses on Monday 15 July

Please note that there will be no school buses at 2:30pm on 15 July due to the Blackpool Rewards Trip. All school buses will be at 3:30pm on that day.

Sports Day

Despite the poor weather last week, we managed to hold our annual Sports Day. The field events and long-distance running events had already taken place, so only the sprint and middle-distance races were contested. There were some phenomenal performances and some closely-fought battles, with some races only being decided on the line. Throughout the event, pupils from all houses supported not only their own athletes, but their friends and classmates.

The final events were the year group relays and finally a new event, the House Relay, which saw pupils from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 taking one leg each, and for this race double points were awarded. When all the scores were totalled up, it was Arrowsmith who ended up victorious. Mr Chester's house reclaimed the Sports Day Cup for the first time since 2021 with an excellent total of 563 points.

We would like to thank one of our parents, Mr Patel, who generously provided drinks for all competitors and spectators.







Lancashire Book of the Year

Year 9 pupils have been involved in the voting process to determine the winner of Lancashire Book of the Year 2024 by reading one or more titles over the last few months, from which they then voted for their favourites. Last week, the pupils attended a 'Meet the Author' event at UCLAN where they heard directly from the authors involved. Two of our pupils, Namrah Butt and Lucy Keating, gave a presentation on their experience of judging the books in front of the authors and other schools in attendance. They were both given a signed book to thank them for what was a very professional presentation. All pupils had an excellent time and were a credit to the school.

Year 11 Prom

Our Year 11 pupils celebrated their Prom on Thursday 27 June by arriving in style in all forms of transport to start their special evening. The Prom, held this year at Barton Manor Hotel, is always a wonderful celebration of our pupils' five years at Corpus Christi and a very special occasion for staff to celebrate with pupils. Congratulations to Joshua Muir and Bayla Smart for winning the accolade of Prom King and Queen respectively after everyone at the event submitted their votes. A preview of the photographs is on the website here. We will see our Year 11 pupils return to school for GCSE Results Day on Thursday 22 August; examination results will be available for collection between 9am and 11am.

PE Kit from September 2024

A polite reminder that all pupils are to be in the new PE kit from September 2024. The new kit is available to purchase from Corpus Christi Catholic High School - Shop (officialkit.co.uk) . We kindly ask that any old PE kit which is no longer used to be donated to the PE department for our spare kit stock.

From September 2024, boys will also be required to bring a pair of shin pads for every PE lesson in order to adhere to health and safety regulations set by the governing bodies of sports we cover in lessons.

School Bus Prices

Preston Bus have informed us that, from September the bus prices will increase as follows:

Product	23/24 Price	24/25 Price
Week	£22.50	£23.80
Day	£5.00	£5.30
Single	£2.70	£2.80

Meal Deal

As you will be aware food prices have increased significantly over the past 12 months and continue to do so. As a result of this we have found it impossible to provide a meal deal for £2.50 and unfortunately, we will have to increase the price of a meal deal to £2.70 from 1 September 2024. We still feel the meal deal offers good value for money. This will not affect children in receipt of free school meals.

Learner of the Week

Olivia Kalita (Year 10) for hard work and focus throughout the year in history. Olivia has worked diligently in all tasks, discussing and writing with fluency and showing excellent recall; Aaron Crooks (Year 9) for excellent verbal contributions in an investigation of the structure of the major scale in music theory; Vanessa Grodek (Year 8) for impressive work in German, underpinned by an excellent attitude to learning leading to strong progress throughout the year; Rosa Hunt Flynn (Year 7) for an outstanding end-of-year exam specifically the detail of her extended answers. She showed excellent prudence with revision and asking for support to clarify her understanding.

Extra-Curricular Timetable

Pupils have the choice of a wide range of activities with enrichment being offered by every department until 3:30pm. There is also the opportunity for pupils to stay behind and complete homework in the Library. For all activities, with the exception of Homework Club, pupils are awarded 3 House Points every time they attend an activity and therefore can earn a maximum of 15 House Points a week. If pupils are interested in attending an activity, they should speak to their teacher from the respective department for further information. Please encourage your children to make the most of every opportunity our school has to offer by attending as many clubs as possible. The timetable can be viewed here.

Vacancies

We are currently looking to recruit a cleaner. If you or someone you know may be interested in joining our team, please see details on our vacancies page or contact Miss Wignall for more information.

Water Safety

As the summer approaches, please see the information below relating to water safety from the Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service.



Online Safety Newsletter

Our July edition of our online safety newsletter can be seen on our website here.

Corpus Christi News

Further information, news and photography covering recent events at the school can be viewed on our website at www.ccc.lancs.sch.uk

Important Dates

Monday 15 July 2024	Attendance Rewards Trip to Blackpool
Wednesday 17 July 2024	Whole School Mass
Friday 19 July 2024	School closes at 1:30pm

Yours sincerely

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