



Newsletter 39

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Dear Parents/Carers

“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey.” Mark 6:7-13

Jesus sends out the apostles in pairs, to cast out unclean spirits and preach repentance in His mighty Name. They go out unencumbered, with just sandals on their feet and the tunic they are wearing. No bread, no bags, no money. This spirit of simplicity that they carry with them is the Gospel: nothing overcomplicated, nothing weighing them down. The Gospel is freedom. Freedom to rely on the Lord wholeheartedly, with the promise that He will provide all that we need. This simplicity is attractive in our modern world, with all the busyness and complications of our lives. It is good to remind ourselves that even while the world seems to be constantly shifting and changing, God never changes. He is steady and reliable. Therefore, we can depend day by day on the richness of the perfect love He has for each one of us, allowing ourselves to “shake off the dust from under our feet” when the world does not treat us favorably and does not welcome us. We can be firm in the knowledge that God’s Kingdom always welcomes us, with peace and simplicity.

Lord Jesus, lift the burdens of our busy lives. Help us to relax and rest over the summer holidays and lead us deeper and deeper into the wonder of Your perfect love. Amen.

Extended Learning Day 5

On Tuesday last week all pupils took part in our fifth and final ‘Extended Learning Day’ of this academic year. ‘Extended Learning Days’ (ELDs) are organised throughout the academic year to enrich the curriculum and provide pupils with a greater variety of learning experiences. Please see the website [here](#) for further information and photographs of the day.

Mass of Thanksgiving

On Wednesday this week, pupils, staff and governors gathered for our End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving in the sports hall. The hall was adorned with giant painted fruit which contained messages of how each form have shown love this year. Mass was celebrated by our chaplain Fr Stephen. Our pupil choir sang a variety of hymns and all pupils joined in enthusiastically. The singing was probably the best we have ever heard in a school Mass, with hymns being sung with enthusiasm and volume. We send our thanks and very best wishes to Fr Stephen who is moving to a parish in Fleetwood.

Celebratory Barbecue

Following our very memorable Mass of Thanksgiving on Wednesday morning, pupils and staff were invited to a barbecue, provided by Il Cenacolo staff. The fine summer weather enabled us to hold the event outside, with music provided by our very own DJs Mr Addison-Jones and Mr Hill, helping to ensure that all our pupils joined in with the celebratory spirit. Photographs from both the Mass and Barbeque are available to view [here](#).

Blackpool Reward Trip

On Monday 15 July, over 440 pupils and staff went on our annual summer reward trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach. Pupils who met specific attendance criteria from the start of the summer term this year received an invitation to go on the trip. Pupils and staff enjoyed the Pleasure Beach, took time to socialise and ride the rollercoasters; 'The Big One', famous water-filled 'Valhalla', ultra-fast double launch rollercoaster 'Icon' or the looping roller coaster 'Infusion'. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

House Champions 2024

Throughout the year pupils earn House Points for a variety of different positive contributions to school. These include participation in extra-curricular activities, excellent homework, positive contributions to lessons and excellent attendance. They can also lose points for poor behaviour, missing homework and being late for school. Pupils also earn points for inter-house competitions which are organised by various departments.

This year, pupils have achieved an unprecedented number of house points, totalling just over 145,000 points, an increase of over 50,000 on the previous school year. Despite this, the competition between the three houses has been intense throughout the year – and in particular once again between Clitherow and Haydock. Last year, they were separated by less than 200 points, and this time it is even closer, with the winning house only 56 points ahead, meaning that the overall competition went to the final event of the year before the winners could be discovered.

For the third consecutive year, third place went to Arrowsmith. Mr Chester's house were victorious on Sports Day but were unable to overhaul the other two houses in the overall competition. Once again in second place this year is Clitherow, with Mr Walton's house, amassing an incredible 50,909 points. They could not however stop Haydock winning their fifth overall House Championship in six years and third in a row, with Miss Caton's house triumphing with a phenomenal 50,965 points.

The list of top House Point earners is available to see on our website with photos of their lunch with Mr Hankin [here](#).

Results Day

A reminder that school will be open to Year 11 pupils on Thursday 22 August to receive their GCSE results. Results will be available for collection between 9.00am and 11.00am.

End of Year Progress Reports

Please note that for all pupils in Years 7 to 10, the final Progress Report for this academic year will be sent home with pupils to parents and carers today (Friday 19 July). Thank you in advance to all our parents and carers for taking time to look through the report with your child. Some pupils will have received a letter with their report inviting them into school for a meeting to discuss their progress, together with their parents or carers on Tuesday 3 September. Parents or carers must attend these meetings with their child and pupils must wear full school uniform for the meeting. These meetings, if requested, are compulsory, and pupils will not continue into the next year group until this meeting has taken place.

Head Boy and Head Girl

After a very rigorous selection process involving an application and a formal interview, congratulations to the following pupils on their success in being appointed to these important senior roles:

Head Boy	Shay Egan-Cronin
Head Girl	Isha Hoolash
Deputy Head Boys	Bilal Sheikh & Jakub Spiewak
Deputy Head Girls	Danielle Giwa & Emily Masheter

Year 5 Experience Days

Over the last few weeks, we have welcomed Year 5 pupils from our five feeder schools - Blessed Sacrament, English Martyrs, St Clare's, St Gregory's and St Maria Goretti's, as well as Kennington and Queen's Drive, for experience days which are designed to give them a taste of what life at high school

will be like. They enjoyed lessons in art, German, drama, maths, music, RE and science, spent time in Il Cenacolo and our garden, and met our school dog, Buddy. All the pupils had an enjoyable time experiencing new subjects and lessons which they would not encounter in their own schools. We look forward to welcoming them to our Open Evening on Wednesday 18 September.

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 \(officialkit.co.uk\)](http://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.

Out of School Success

Congratulations to Meryem Yavuz in Year 9 who has been successfully volunteering at the Dialogue Society for some time. Some of the activities she has supported include:

- Women's Day in March
- Community Engagement Dinner in March
- Community Gathering event in April

The Dialogue Society is a registered charity, established in 1999, to advance social cohesion by connecting communities through dialogue. They achieve this by bringing people together through discussion forums, courses, capacity-building publications, and outreach.

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.

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

Thursday 22 August	GCSE Results Day	Results available for collection from 9:00am until 11:00am
Tuesday 3 September	Year 7 pupils return to school	8:30am – 1:00pm
Tuesday 3 September	Progress Meetings	Time specified on letter
Wednesday 4 September	All pupils return to school	8:30am – 2:30pm
Wednesday 18 September	Open Evening	6:00pm – 8:30pm

Thank you

As we reach the end of the academic year, we reflect on what has been a very successful year for our pupils. The vast majority have made excellent use of all that our school has to offer, and they are thriving as a result.

Our pupils are supported in school by an exceptionally dedicated team of staff. However, we acknowledge that it is the support from our parents and carers that makes the biggest difference. We thank you for your continued support. It is very much appreciated.

We wish you and your families a restful summer and we look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school in September.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher