CORPUS CHRISTI
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Together in One Body
Welcome from
The Headteacher

Our vision for Corpus Christi Catholic High School is a vision of Catholic education at its best: an education of the highest quality that enables all children to thrive. We have a very strong Catholic ethos and a strong belief in the unique dignity and unique God-given potential of each individual child; not just the potential to achieve academic success, but the potential to flourish and grow in every way possible.

At Corpus Christi we promise to get to know you and your child exceptionally well and to do everything necessary to ensure that your child fulfils their potential. We want you to be able to say at the end of five years that you could not have chosen a better school for your child: because they attained the best possible examination results; because they grew in self-confidence; because they grew fully as a person and developed a profound respect for the dignity of other people; and because they grew in their faith.

We have exceptionally high expectations of our pupils in every aspect of their development. We insist on the highest standards of appearance and we expect our pupils to behave impeccably. Visitors to our school frequently comment on the warmth of the welcome that they receive from our pupils who have a well-deserved reputation for being extremely well mannered.

Our school motto ‘Unum in Corpore Uno’ or ‘Together in One Body’ reflects the importance that we attach to our school community: a community that provides the love, support, encouragement and advantage that children need in order to become the best that they can be. We are proud of our pupils and proud of our school. The best way to appreciate our thriving school is to visit us during a normal school day. If you would like to arrange a visit please contact me at school.

David Hubbard
Headteacher

"The headteacher has made a very positive impact on staff and students. His clarity of vision, high expectations and drive to improve the school are tangible"

Ofsted 2013
Excellence in Learning

We believe that each individual child is most likely to achieve outstanding success when great things are expected of them and when they are thoroughly enjoying the experience of learning. At the beginning of each academic year we set ambitious individual attainment targets and we monitor progress closely ensuring that both pupils and parents are always clear about the next steps that need to be taken in order to improve. Attainment is assessed and reported to parents each term alongside grades for progress, homework, behaviour and effort.

We recognise that learning how to learn is as important as ensuring that children experience a high level of challenge and enjoyment. With this in mind we focus strongly on developing effective learning skills to ensure that all our pupils develop the resilience that is necessary in order to make outstanding progress.

Teachers use a range of stimulating and engaging approaches to delivering the curriculum and use homework to extend learning beyond the classroom. We provide regular written feedback to ensure that pupils always understand what they need to do in order to make further gains in their learning.

We have completely re-designed our curriculum both at Key Stages 3 and 4 placing a strong emphasis on providing pupils with a wide range of exciting and challenging opportunities to learn. We offer a wide range of traditional academic subjects as well as an impressive variety of vocational options at Key Stage 4. A significant number of our pupils study three separate sciences at Key Stage 4 and our most able linguists are able to choose from up to three languages.

“My first few weeks in Corpus Christi have been outstanding. All the new teachers I have met are amazing.”

Year 7 pupil
Growing in Faith

Our Catholic faith is at the heart of our school community and the values proclaimed by Jesus in the Gospels are central to everything that we do. We pray together at the start and end of each day and every assembly includes a collective act of worship.

We gather together to celebrate Mass in our Chapel each week and at key points throughout the school year. At the end of each academic year we celebrate a whole school Mass of thanksgiving in our Sports Hall. We also have regular devotions to Our Lady as well as services at Christmas and Easter.

We attach a high priority to the development of faith for all children including those of other faiths and we encourage all our pupils to develop a deep respect for each other and for each other’s beliefs.

Our Chaplain organises a range of enriching opportunities for pupils to deepen their faith and he is always on hand to support pupils as they make their journey of faith. There are retreats to Castlerigg, visits to Ladyewell and pilgrimages to Lourdes and Rome as well as many opportunities for pupils to be actively involved in living out their faith through charitable works and fundraising.

“Thank you for inviting me to your Jubilee Mass. The pupils’ behaviour was impeccable and the organisation superb.”

Governor
Caring deeply for each individual child is a fundamental part of our Corpus Christi way of life. Our school community is like a family providing love, support, encouragement and people who know each other well. We place a strong emphasis on building positive relationships and our pupils have a well-deserved reputation for the courtesy that they show towards our visitors as well as towards each other.

We provide a wide range of support to enable each child to flourish and become the best that they can be. Form tutors stay with their forms from Year 7 to Year 11 and will get to know you and your child exceptionally well. The form tutor will see pupils each day at morning registration and will meet with them on a regular basis to discuss progress and ensure that effective additional support and help are provided where they are needed.

As well as the form tutor, each year group is also guided and supported by a Head of Year, Assistant Head of Year and a Pastoral Support Officer. This means that when parents have a concern there is always someone available to provide help and support.

“I have had the best five years of my life in this school.”

Year 11 Leaver
Learning Outside the Classroom

We are extremely proud of the quality and variety of extra-curricular opportunities available to our pupils. We recognise that learning outside the classroom can have a major impact on a child’s experience of school life providing additional challenge and enjoyment.

Pupils regularly perform in our school productions such as ‘We Will Rock You’ and ‘Grease’ and our musicians are regularly asked to perform at the Guild Hall Music Festival as well as other events locally. Pupils who wish to have peripatetic music lessons are able to choose from a range of string, brass and percussion instruments.

We have an excellent reputation for our strength in team sports and we also provide opportunities for our pupils to try alternative sports including rock climbing, outdoor pursuits and free running. We have outstanding sports facilities including a fully equipped fitness suite and a Sports Hall capable of hosting a number of activities including Cricket, Badminton, 5-a-side Football, Basketball, Tennis and Netball.

An excellent range of residential trips takes place each year, including excursions to Paris, Berlin and pilgrimages to Rome. As well as this there are numerous opportunities for pupils to take part in visits to places of special interest such as museums, art galleries and theatres and at the end of each term pupils are able to take part in our rewards trips to Blackpool Pleasure Beach; Alton Towers; Bowling; the Cinema; and the Trafford Centre.

“As a parent and a governor I am confident that the vast improvements in all aspects of school life will be seen by everyone.”

Parent
“My experience in Corpus Christi has been fantastic and spectacular and without a doubt I chose the right high school.”

Year 7 pupil