



# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Newsletter 1

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Reflection:

### **Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple – Luke 14:25-33**

At the start of our Gospel passage this week it is clear how popular Jesus has become. We are told that great crowds were following him. Having seen the miracles and heard his message of hope, we can imagine how excited people were about this new thing and wanted to be part of the action. However, as is often the case with big crowds, most people were there to see what they could get out of it, or perhaps not even really sure what was going on but not wanting to miss out. So, Jesus gives them this message: you cannot be a disciple unless you are willing to make a sacrifice. This isn't an ultimatum; it is just a statement of fact. To be a disciple is to sit and listen, to learn and to imitate the master. God's love and mercy are completely free gifts for us all to receive but there is naturally a cost to being a disciple. Once we have let go, and have open hands, we can receive everything He has in store for us!

**Lord Jesus, as we start this new academic year, give us the fortitude to take up the cross of following You in our every decision and action, recognising that the cross is the only way to heaven. Amen**

## Thank you

I would like to thank parents and carers for ensuring that pupils returned to school this week ready to start the new school year. When parents and carers ensure that their child adheres to our uniform policy, has excellent attendance, strong homework routines; and that they attend meetings, it provides the strong relationship needed between home and school for our pupils to thrive. I would like to thank you for your support to date and in anticipation of your continued support.

## Return to School

We were very pleased to welcome our new Year 7 pupils last Friday morning. On Monday, we welcomed our remaining pupils from Years 8, 9, 10 and 11. In our first assembly, I discussed the importance of making a strong start to the year and that hard work and effort will dictate how successful this year will be for all pupils.

## Uniform

I am pleased to say that the vast majority of pupils have returned to school looking very smart in their uniforms. A reminder that the school skirt **must** be worn below the knee and that outdoor uniform includes plain black, navy or dark grey jackets or coats only. Where an item of uniform does not conform to our published [Uniform](#) list, which is given to all parents prior to their child's admission, we will ask you to resolve this issue.

## **Mobile Phones**

A reminder that mobile phones are not allowed to be used in the school building. If your child brings a mobile phone to school, it must be switched off and kept in their bags. If a pupil uses their mobile phone in the building or fails to keep it turned off and in their bags, it will be confiscated and kept safely in school overnight. At break and lunchtime, pupils are allowed to use their mobile phone outside the building. However, they are not allowed to take photographs or record using their mobile phone. This will also result in their mobile phone being confiscated.

## **GCSE Results Day**

I am pleased to say that the hard work given by our former Year 11 was recognised on GCSE results day, when pupils received the best results, our school has ever seen. The outstanding results, after what has been a challenging few years, demonstrates what can be achieved through hard work. They are now in a strong position to begin the next phase of their lives. We would like to wish them every success for the future.

## **Attendance**

Whether or not your child is in school to learn will have a huge impact on their life chances when they leave school. There is no doubt about this at all. Pupils who have the best attendance have the best outcomes at the end of Year 11. Your child's attendance is critical and it is important that all pupils aim for 100% attendance. If your child's attendance falls below our threshold, they will be removed from their normal form and allocated a place in our 'St. Benedict's Form'. This will allow us to ensure that they catch up on missing work and that attendance improves.

## **Punctuality**

Our school day begins for all pupils at 8.30am. If a child arrives on site **after the 8.30am bell**, they are late to school and will serve a detention at lunchtime the same day. As with attendance, we will monitor punctuality and take action to ensure improvement for any pupil where this is needed.

## **Extra-Curricular Timetable**

Next week, our Extra-Curricular provision will start for the new school year, and the timetable is attached to this newsletter. 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.

## **Admissions for September 2023**

If you wish to secure a place for your child for admission in September 2023, please be aware that our new Year 7 was heavily oversubscribed this year. We currently have an extensive waiting list for admission into this year group.

## **Learner of the Week**

Our school will again be continuing 'Learner of the Week' throughout the new academic year, in which staff nominate a pupil who has demonstrated an outstanding approach to learning. These prestigious awards are celebrated in our 'Learning to Learn' weekly display, with a picture of the winning pupil from each year group and the reason for their nomination. The aim is to raise the profile of learning and acknowledge the positive attitude that is vital for success.

## Coloured Stripe

Please note that all pupils must have their coloured stripe indicating their year group (green for our new Year 7), sewn on to their jumper by no later than Monday 12 September.

## Young Catholic Writers Award 2022

Last year Krish Charan Amaresan and Eshal Malik entered the national "young Catholic writers award 2022". In this essay competition, participants were required to read selected writings of St Pope John Paul II and Church documents on the theme of the 'importance of the Eucharist'. The essays were judged by Joanna Bogle, a British Roman Catholic writer and broadcaster, and a panel of published Catholic authors. They commented how impressed they were with the high quality of the submitted essays. Both pupils were national runners up and were awarded a compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Congratulations to both pupils.

## Open Evening

We are very pleased to again be able to hold our annual Open Evening this year on **Tuesday 20 September from 6.00 to 8.30pm**. Please note that school will close on that day at 1.30pm and pupils who are taking part in Open Evening must wear full school uniform.

## New Staff

We have welcomed the following new members of staff to school this week:

Miss Shaw	Teacher of DT
Miss Philipson	Teacher of RE
Miss Morris	Pastoral Support Officer
Mrs Stevenson	Pastoral Support Officer
Mrs Higson	Catering Manager
Miss Walker	Assistant Chef

Other staff have progressed the following roles:

Miss Mayo	Head of Year (8)
Mrs Wright	Head of PE
Mrs Watson	Head of Art
Mr Fetherston	Associate Assistant Headteacher
Mrs Vescovi	Associate Assistant Headteacher
Mrs Tanner	Pastoral Support Officer

## College Open Days

Open Days are a great chance for our Year 10 and Year 11 pupils to visit local colleges with friends and/or family to meet college staff and students. The days provide opportunities to look around the many fantastic state-of-the-art facilities and find out more about the wealth of options that await them if they choose to continue studying at college. The days also provide the chance to find out information that they need to know about the application process, entry criteria, transport to the colleges and much more by talking to their admissions teams. [Cardinal Newman College](#): All Saturday from 10.00am –to 1.00pm on 15 October 2022, 12 November 2022 and 4 February 2023. [Preston's College](#): Wednesday 5 October 2022 from 4.00pm to 7.00pm, Saturday 12 November 2022 from 10.00am to 2.00pm and Wednesday 8 March 2023 from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. [Runshaw College](#) is on Saturday 24 September from 10.00am to 2.00pm. [Myerscough College](#): Saturday 15 October 10.00am to 12.30pm.

## 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](http://www.ccc.lancs.sch.uk)

### Important Dates

Tuesday 20 September	Open Evening	6.00pm – 8.30pm
Thursday 22 September	Year 7 Welcome Mass	8.55am
Friday 23 September	INSET Day – pupils at home	
Monday 26 September	INSET Day – pupils at home	
Friday 21 October	School closes for Half Term	2.30pm
Monday 31 October	School reopens after Half Term holiday	8.30am

Yours sincerely



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**Headteacher**