



# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

**Reflection: 'Rejoice! Because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found' – Luke 15:1-32**

Last Sunday we heard the whole of Chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel. Jesus is asked why he eats with tax collectors and sinners, and He answers with three parables about searching and finding what was lost. The longest, and probably best known, of these parables is the story of the Prodigal Son. There is so much rich imagery in this story but at the most basic level there are two sons to which we are invited to relate: the first who runs away from the father but then realises his mistake and asks for forgiveness, and the second who, whilst he never physically leaves the father's side and may appear to be doing the right things, clearly does not know the father and misunderstands the sort of relationship the father desires. At the end of the parable only one of them is enjoying the party (heaven) whilst we are left to wonder whether the elder son continues to stay out in the cold due to his own indignation. Which of these two sons do you most relate to? Whichever it is, the most important lesson from this parable is that this is how Jesus, the only One Who truly knows the Father, chooses to describe Him. It is a story of the love, mercy, forgiveness, relationship, rejoicing and celebration that is on offer to us if we choose to run to the Father.

**Loving Father, help us to recognise our need for You and to run into Your merciful embrace. May we never judge anyone to be unworthy of Your forgiveness and always celebrate reconciliation. Amen**

### **School 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 that pupils who are taking part in Open Evening must wear full school uniform.

### **Contact Information**

We kindly ask all parents/ carers to inform us immediately if there is any change to your contact details. It is of great importance that the information we hold is current and correct. Please contact the school office to make us aware of any changes to your phone number, address or email address.

### **Queen Elizabeth II Bank Holiday**

We were saddened to hear of the passing of her majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8 September. She has been in our thoughts and prayers this week and will continue to be throughout the national mourning period. School will be closed this Monday, 19 September to mark her majesty's funeral. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen

### **Mass of Welcome**

On Thursday 22 September, Year 7 will have their Mass of Welcome. Pupils have spent time with their forms preparing for the event, which will enable all pupils to engage positively during the celebration. Parents are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend, please contact the school office.

### **Learner of the Week**

Natasha Irvine (Year 11) for demonstrating strong recall of core knowledge in English, describing the plot and character details of A Christmas Carol; Abdul Azhar (Year 10) for making an excellent start to science in Year 10. He has been focused on his learning at all times and is producing verbal and written answers of a fantastic quality; Jayden Hopkins (Year 9) for making an outstanding start to the year in mathematics, applying himself well to all tasks set and showing good progress; Zachary Harvey (Year 8) for demonstrating an outstanding attitude to learning and producing exemplary work in English; Mariam Hamdard (Year 7) for making a positive start to her German studies by showing confidence in her vocabulary skills.

### **Synergy**

Synergy is our information and communication system. A reminder that parents/ carers must sign into Synergy as a matter of urgency as this is how we communicate important messages to you and keep you updated on all aspects of your child's progress. Year 7 pupils have been issued with reminders of how to log on from their form tutors. Please contact school immediately if you are struggling to sign in or use Synergy, and we will offer assistance. More information about Synergy can be found on our [website](#).

### **Instrumental Lessons**

We have over 60 pupils who will begin their instrumental lessons next week. Lancashire Music Service deliver the lessons, giving pupils the opportunity to learn a new skill. Playing a musical instrument is proven to support academic success as well as developing skills such as creativity, confidence, teamwork, resilience. Next week our pupils will be learning to play the guitar, cello, piano, flute, drums and refining their singing skills. Pupils are given the option to sign up each term so it is not too late for those wishing to join. If you would like more information about the lessons, please contact our Head of Music, [Miss Lofthouse](#).

### **Ready to Learn**

At the start of each day form tutors check that each pupil in their form has with them their planner and the equipment that they will need in order to be ready to learn. All pupils must have a pencil case with their pens and pencils and other basic equipment such as a ruler and pencil sharpener. If a pupil arrives to class without the right equipment, teachers will use stages to address this issue. Please help your child and support us by checking whether or not your child has a pencil case with basic equipment before they leave for school.

### **Coloured Stripe**

Thank you to parents/ carers for your support in ensuring that all pupils have their coloured stripe indicating their year group sewn on to their jumper.

### **Autumn Term Attendance Rewards Trip**

During information assemblies this week, it was emphasised to pupils the importance of avoiding gaps in learning and maintaining an excellent attendance record. Pupils were informed about this term's attendance rewards trips which will take place in December during the final week of term. All pupils with attendance of 97% or more from the start of this term to the end of this term will be invited to attend. Pupils with an attendance record of 100% will also be added into a prize draw at their rewards

assemblies held in October and December. More information about the attendance trips will be provided in future newsletters.

### **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**

Monday 19 September	Bank Holiday for HM Queen Elizabeth's funeral- school closed	
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**