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Dear Parents/Carers

Reflection: "My Lord and my God" - John 20:19-31

Many of us will be familiar with the phrase 'doubting Thomas' for anyone who is sceptical, and it is from last Sunday's Gospel passage that this name arises. However, it could be perceived as unfair on Thomas that he is forever known for doubting. Jesus was definitely dead several days before. A lance had been driven into his side to make sure, and the separation of the 'water and blood' (actually plasma and red cells) proved that his heart had stopped beating some time before. He was sealed in a tomb behind a huge stone and yet the disciples say they saw Jesus, alive and well. Would you doubt? When Jesus appears again and Thomas is there, he is invited to touch Jesus, to see that He is physically present. He is not just a ghost, or a figment of their collective imagination, but He is truly there in bodily form. His resurrected, heavenly body is no longer bound by the laws of nature (He passes through locked doors!) but he spends 40 days appearing to over 500 people, eating and drinking with them, hugging and having physical contact so that there can be no doubt that He is truly alive and has opened the gates of eternal life for us all. We are called to join our voice to that of 'believing Thomas' in declaring Jesus as 'my Lord and my God'.

Jesus, You are Lord because you defeated death and now all things are under your authority. Help us to truly believe in your resurrection and allow Your power to work in our lives. Alleluia!

GCSE Examinations Countdown

A reminder that there are now just two weeks remaining before GCSE examinations start on Monday 16 May. During this important time of preparation, revision must be the absolute priority for all our Year 11 pupils and should involve completing all of the revision work set out in the revision plan. Year 11's final day at school will be on the day of their final examination. Their last day following their full timetable will be Friday 10 June, although there may still be revision lessons they will need to attend in school after this date. You can see the examinations timetable [here](#). GCSE Results Day is on Thursday 25 August.

Summer Examinations

Summer examinations for pupils in Year 10 will begin on Monday 9 May. All Year 10 pupils are receiving targeted homework to prepare them for the examinations and be 'assessment ready'. Revision work has been set in line with the homework timetable. All parents are asked to check that their child is keeping up with revision homework in preparation for these important examinations. Year 7 and Year 8 examinations will begin on 23 May and Year 9 examinations will take place from 23 to 27 May. At the end of the examination period, we will carry out a full review of the setting for all pupils in Years 7 to 10 and it is therefore vital that your son/daughter takes the summer examinations seriously.

Rewards Assemblies

On the last week of term, we held our customary rewards assemblies for all year groups. There were a large number of pupils who received a range of different awards in recognition of excellent attendance, homework and improvements made, together with special 'Form', 'Head of Year' and 'Headteacher's' awards. Mr Warham shared the encouraging house point statistics, showing that the total amount of house points given so far this year, surpasses the total house points achieved in any previous academic year. The assemblies were appreciated by both pupils and staff, with the awards demonstrating again how hard working and determined so many of our pupils have been throughout the term.

Extended Learning Day

On Tuesday this week, all pupils in school participated in an 'Extended Learning Day', the fourth and penultimate of our present academic year.

Year 7 participated in a number of different activities arranged by the Physical Education department, competing against each other to earn points for their houses. The inter-house competitions involved working together in small teams and individually. Activities included relays, handball, frisbee, archery, orienteering and 'escape rooms'. Pupils enjoyed the activities, aimed at building teamwork, problem solving and giving them the opportunity to get an experience of sports and activities they had not tried before.

Year 8 undertook a variety of learning activities about Brazil with an emphasis on population, the Amazon basin, deforestation, environment and the specific animal and plant adaptations of the rainforest. One of the workshops involved pupils taking a virtual school trip to Brazil with the aid of Google Earth. They explored the area and completed diary entries recording what they found. Another workshop encouraged pupils to express their creativity in art, taking Brazilian artist Beatriz Milhazes' colourful work as inspiration and then creating their own collage and oil pastel. External provider 'Zoolab' gave pupils the opportunity to meet and learn about native animals to Brazil as well as a few other unique creatures from around the world. Pupils held stick insects, a giant African millipede and got to meet arachnids such as Anthea the tarantula.

Year 9 enjoyed a day of workshops arranged by the Religious Education and drama departments. The day's activities were aimed to be thought provoking, with pupils listening to some life-changing stories. Pupils used their acting skills to put themselves in various scenarios and looked at the consequences of their decisions. They developed their questioning skills and empathy whilst exploring stories surrounding mental health. Police officers held a workshop, discussing the effects of drugs and crime. 'We are with you' and 'Lancaster Vocations' were on hand to guide students in developing their new skills.

Year 10 had a varied day with workshops aimed at building teamwork, problem solving and learning valuable skills. They looked at global issues in an ecology workshop, learning about global warming and how becoming 'net zero' could be achieved. 'The Eric Wright Foundation' ran workshops giving pupils the opportunity to develop their teamwork, organisation and planning skills. The task required pupils to work together to build individual tetrahedrons using limited resources, with the aim of putting them together to create a giant tetrahedron construction. Another workshop led by 'Future U' saw pupils gain valuable skills which will aid them in their upcoming exams.

Year 11 took part in a 'Science Revision Day' that involved them sitting a mock science paper. There were also targeted revision lessons before the examination, which provided opportunities for pupils to strengthen their learning and understanding prior to their imminent GCSEs exams starting 16 May.

Easter Mass

On Thursday, pupils, staff and governors gathered for our Easter Mass in the sports hall, led by celebrant Fr. Mario. Fr. Mario praised the choir saying he was 'thankful and proud' of their beautiful singing, and was also impressed by the pupils who read and thanked the altar servers. All our pupils are to be commended for their excellent behaviour and their respectful participation at our Easter Mass.

Runshaw College T Levels Showcase

Runshaw College are running a 'T-Levels Showcase' event at their Leyland campus on Thursday 12 May between 5-7pm. The evening will help those wishing to learn more about the T-Level qualification, and where it can lead. You can see more details of how to sign up to attend [here](#).

Expectations Assemblies

This week, all year groups attended assemblies reminding them of our expectations for impeccable behaviour and attendance. Pupils were made aware of the procedure when it comes to the summer uniform code. Pupils must arrive in school in full uniform and when the temperature increases, we will inform pupils that they can remove their jumper. Shirts must remain tucked in and boys will remove their ties and undo their top button.

Sports News

Football: On Thursday evening this week our Year 7 boys played at home against Moor Park and won 3-1, with goals scored by Kieran Humphreys, Atawullah Ehsani and Amandio Moreira. Reece Kay had an outstanding game and was named 'man of the match' for working hard on the right wing. This fantastic win secures the Year 7 team a place in the final of the Mick Baxter Cup held at Preston North End's stadium in Deepdale on Sunday 8 May. Kick off will be at 10:50am. A huge well done to all involved and good luck in the final!

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 2 May	School closed for Bank Holiday	
Monday 16 May	GCSE Examinations begin	
Monday 23 to Friday 27 May	Year 10 Work Experience	
Friday 27 May	Half Term, school closes	2.30pm
Monday 6 June	All pupils return to school	8.30am

Yours sincerely



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