



# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

**Reflection: "The one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals." Matthew 3:1-12**

During the second week of Advent, John the Baptist calls us to wake up and repent from our sins. To know that we need a Saviour, and to also recognise Him when we are face to face with Him. People at the time couldn't see who Jesus was: their Redeemer; even when He was physically present with them. How ignorant can we be of the Lord's presence? Do we deny that we need Jesus? Do we deny that He is with us always? This Gospel is pointing towards Jesus' coming to baptise in the name of the Holy Spirit, and gather the chosen into His Kingdom.

**Lord Jesus, make us into a chosen people. Make us expectant and hopeful for Your second coming this Advent. Amen.**

### **GCSE Mock Examinations**

Mock examinations for pupils in Year 11 started on Monday this week and will continue into next week. The [mock examination timetable](#) can be viewed on our website. Mock examination results will be published on Thursday 12 January and will be available for parents and pupils to collect at parents' evening, which will take place on that day from 4.00 to 6.30pm.

### **Attendance Rewards Trips**

Pupils with attendance of 97% and above have been offered a place on our rewards trip, which takes place on Tuesday 13 December. Years 7 and 8 will be going to the cinema to watch the latest 'Matilda the Musical' film. They must wear school uniform and will be back in school for period 5. Years 9, 10 and 11 will be going to the Trafford Centre and may wear their own clothes. Expectations for suitable clothing and for their behaviour and conduct, have been provided during form time.

### **Admissions Policy 2024/25**

Our governors have proposed a 2024/ 2025 admissions policy and are in a period of consultation. The proposed policy is on our website [here](#). If you have any comments regarding this policy, please email Mrs Laird at [klaird@ccc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:klaird@ccc.lancs.sch.uk). The consultation period will end on Tuesday 17 January.

### **Advent Appeal**

Our fundraising activities continued this week for 'Storybook Dads', a charity that enables children to keep in touch with their parents in prison. This week, pupils have been busy again holding various market stalls and raffles. The fundraising ideas this year have been imaginative and varied; guess the name of the teddy bear, photographs with Buddy, times tables competition, play your cards right, guess the footballer from their baby photographs, guess the circumference of a hoop, a festive photo booth

and many more. We have also seen many after-school activities; a very popular 6-a side football tournament, a Christmas movie night and on Tuesday we also welcomed American Catholic writer and speaker, Meg Hunter-Kilmer who gave a talk about the Saints and Advent. The current amount raised during this year's advent appeal stands at over £1,000 and the final total will be published in next week's newsletter. Thank you again for your generosity.



### **'Life on Mars' UCLan workshop**

On Wednesday this week, 25 pupils from Year 10 visited our local UCLan campus to participate in the university's 'School Unity Network' to specifically empower young people with knowledge and opportunities to succeed and progress in Higher Education in the future. A very interestingly named 'Life on Mars' workshop about how scientists are investigating whether Mars could support, or has supported life was presented to pupils. Distances and times involved in communicating with objects sent to Mars were also explored. Pupils spent the rest of the morning learning how to control their 'Mars Rover'. Each group had a task to program their Rover to move around a Martian landscape and drill in a specific location. During the afternoon pupils analysed soil samples their Rover had collected, using a variety of chemical techniques. Our pupils were a credit to our school as UCLan staff mentioned how impressed they were with our pupils engagement and behaviour during the day's activities. We would like to thank UCLan again for providing a highly interactive workshop with hands-on practical science experience.



### **Amazing Graze Charity**

At the end of term we often have food left over and instead of it going to waste, our catering team in Il Cenacolo donate it to a worthwhile cause. The charity we donate to is called 'Amazing Graze', which aims to help the homeless and those in need in Blackpool. They have converted a double decker bus into a shelter, giving those who have found themselves with nowhere to stay for the evening somewhere safe and warm to sleep. We have also donated equipment such as a coffee machine, enabling volunteers to quickly dispatch hot drinks. The charity has been featured in a BBC article [here](#).

### **Runshaw College Performance**

On Monday this week, all pupils in Years 9 and 10 enjoyed an excellent performance delivered by Runshaw College students. The play, titled 'The Taming of the Chav', was a modern-day adaptation of William Shakespeare's 'The Taming of the Shrew'. Pupils found the play humorous and easy to relate

to, as it conveyed the story in a much more contemporary way. Thank you to Runshaw College for sharing their performance with our pupils.

### **Christmas Parcels**

We are still collecting parcels for senior citizens in local care homes. Some donation ideas include socks, scarves, chocolates, toiletries or drinks. For those who wish to donate, please give your gifts to Ruth, Joe or Mr Fetherston before Tuesday 13 December. We will dispatch your parcels to various care homes in the local area on Wednesday next week. Thank you to everyone in advance for your support with this special appeal.

### **Learner of the Week**

Nisha Singh (Year 11) for giving excellent effort leading to a significant improvement in English and English Literature since the start of the year; Ehsanullah Wadan (Year 10) for producing a truly outstanding piece of homework, which clearly demonstrated knowledge of the 'Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come'. Given that he has only been in the UK for a short time, having such a good level of understanding of a 19th century text is an excellent achievement; Eleanor Mcadam (Year 9) for a consistently conscientious and enthusiastic approach to all aspects of her German studies, resulting in her making impressive progress; Jack Bolan (Year 8) for excellent verbal contributions to discussions in geography and showing detailed knowledge in his answers; Harry Storey (Year 7) for outstanding progress and effort in RE demonstrated by his key word knowledge and attendance at after school RE club.

### **Sports News**

Netball: On Tuesday 6 December, our Year 9 and 10 teams played in their final netball game of the league. Our Year 10 girls played extremely well, beating a good Christ the King side 10-2, with the Player of the Match going to Kiyah Morlese. Our Year 9 side continued their winning streak by gaining another win, beating Christ the King 8-1, with the Player of the Match awarded to Isha Hoolash. Congratulations to our Year 9 team, who remain unbeaten.

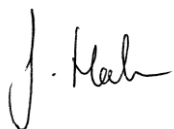
### **Corpus Christi News**

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**

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| Monday 12 December    | Year 11 Mock Examinations               |              |
| Tuesday 13 December   | Attendance Rewards Trips                | 8.30- 2.30pm |
| Wednesday 14 December | School Christmas Dinner                 |              |
| Friday 16 December    | End of Term                             | 1.30pm       |
| Tuesday 3 January     | Return to school                        | 8.30am       |
| Thursday 12 January   | Year 11 Mock Results & Parents' Evening | 4.00- 6.30pm |

Yours sincerely



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**Headteacher**