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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Reflection: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." – Matthew 3:17**

The Baptism of Jesus reminds us how God truly feels about us. At this point in Jesus' life, He hadn't begun his active ministry: He'd performed no miracles, healed no one, He'd not calmed the storm or walked on water. And yet still, the voice of God spoke saying He was "well pleased" with His "beloved". It's the same with us. We are all beloved sons and daughters of God, and we don't need to do anything to earn His favour. He is overjoyed with us, just the way we are. He created us because He loves us.

**Lord Jesus, help us to feel enough as we are and to recognise and accept the Love of the Father every day. Amen.**

## **GCSE Poetry Live**

A trip to attend the GCSE Poetry Live conference has been organised for Year 11 pupils on Monday 27th February 2023. This will provide them with the opportunity to further develop their understanding of how to achieve excellent marks in the poetry components of the GCSE English Literature paper. The trip is a mandatory part of their English curriculum. The event includes presentations from Simon Armitage (the current Poet Laureate), John Agard, Carol Ann Duffy, Imtiaz Dharker, Daljit Nagra and Owen Sheers, whose works are included in the AQA poetry anthology that Year 11 have studied as part of their GCSE English Literature course. It also includes examiner sessions, in which Chief Examiners from AQA will deliver presentations on how to write effective responses for the best possible results in both the poetry comparison and unseen poetry sections on the paper, which are worth 40% of their overall grade.

## **Author Visit**

As part of our drive to promote literacy and a love of reading across our school, we have arranged an author visit on Thursday 26 January 2023 for Year 7 pupils during our Extended Learning Day. The session will introduce pupils to some of the fundamental elements involved in crime fiction in a fun, practical way. The author, Chris Martin, will explain a little about himself and his work and also deliver a 'read-a-long' performance of one of his dramatic plays. Afterwards, there will be an opportunity to purchase a signed copy of one of his books at a discounted price of £7. Your child will need to bring in £7 cash on the day to buy the book.

## **Epiphany Mass**

On Friday morning last week, all pupils and staff attended our Mass of Epiphany in the school sports hall, celebrated with Fr. Pedley. There were two services which began with the hymn 'Here I am to worship'. Pupils participated in the service by giving readings, bidding prayers and singing in the choir.

Maisie Aylesbury sang beautifully during her excellent solo performance. All pupils came forward at communion to receive the Eucharist, a blessing or a "peace be with you" depending on their faith background. 'We three kings' was the final hymn to end the service. All our pupils are to be commended for their impeccable behaviour and respectful participation in the celebration of Mass.



### Health and Medicine at UCLan

On Wednesday this week, 30 Year 9 pupils visited the UCLan campus to participate in the university's 'Health and Medicine' workshops. Pupils had the chance to explore nursing and Pharmaceutical Sciences with hands-on activities. The workshops in the morning were held in a laboratory in the Foster building, hosted by Dr Jim Gillies and Dr David Wareing. Pupils were hypothetically working as a community pharmacist, preparing a paracetamol suspension for a patient. They were also testing their microbiology skills to diagnose a patient's condition, looking at microbes under a microscope to diagnose the cause of illness. In the afternoon they practiced resuscitation using CPR, applied bandages, refined their handwashing skills to be 'theatre ready' and used stethoscopes. This all took place in an impressive replica hospital ward, with patients such as Juno, a high-tech practice mannequin doll. He speaks, breathes, has a heartbeat, blinks and is programmed to display symptoms of medical conditions for the students to diagnose. Pupils relished the unique learning opportunity provided and were pro-active in all sessions. The three nurses commented that they always look forward to seeing our pupils and how impeccably well behaved and engaged our pupils were during the activities.



### **Year 7 pupil achieves fundraising goal**

Congratulations to our Year 7 pupil, Faye Keeney. She has raised an impressive £600.00 for the Rosemere Cancer Foundation. Faye, a loyal PNE fan, decided to raffle off a signed Preston North End football shirt to raise funds for the charity after her grandparents were treated at the Rosemere Cancer Centre. Faye has been recognised in the [Lancashire Post](#) for her outstanding efforts.



### **Historical Fiction Club**

We have been selected to participate in the 2023 Young Quills 'Historical Fiction Awards'. Pupils in Year 7 and 8 have been invited to join the Historical Fiction Club which begins on Wednesday 18 January at 2.30pm. Pupils will have the opportunity to read some excellent historical fiction books. Our pupils will help to choose the Young Quills Historical Fiction Winners of 2023 and pupils who participate will be able to keep the books. The first book they will explore is 'Dick, Kerr Girls'. This book is adapted from the story of Dick, Kerr Ladies which was one of the world's first women's football teams, founded at Preston's Dick, Kerr & Co. munitions factory in 1917 to raise money for wounded soldiers. If your child would like to take part, they will need to register with Mr Chester by Tuesday 17 January, places are limited.

### **Apprenticeship Opportunities**

Applications for Leyland Trucks apprenticeships are now open for Year 11 pupils. Apprenticeships at Leyland trucks are available in design engineering, automotive engineering, fabrication and welding, supply chain, business, mechanical and electrical maintenance. Apprenticeships provide an entry route into the business which allows you to combine both educational studies with practical hands-on experience, whilst earning a salary. Apprentices follow a standard development framework which incorporates practical, evidence-based knowledge with academic skills gained within an educational setting. You can learn more about the opportunities and apply [here](#).

### **Mock Results Day**

Pupils in Year 11 received their mock examination results during parents' evening on Thursday 20 January. Mock results provide an important opportunity for pupils to reflect on the progress that they are making towards their targets and make any changes that need to be made in order to achieve success.

### Learner of the Week

Macie Smith (Year 11) for excellent effort and progress in her child development studies, producing high quality assessments and an excellent mock exam result; Muhammad Majeed (Year 10) for working at a consistently high level in graphics and applying himself well to all tasks that he is set; Madison Muir (Year 9) for contributing well thought-out and well explained verbal responses every lesson. The written work in her book is consistently of a high standard; Lexi Smith (Year 8) for an increasingly resilient attitude to learning and an outstanding result in her end of term assessment; Johni Gray (Year 7) for his great recall of prior learning in our first lesson back. Johni could remember, explain and give examples of technical religious language such as Cardinal Virtues, aims and forms of prayer.

### Vacancies

We are currently looking to recruit a School Business Manager, Teacher of Mathematics and a Teacher of Religious Education. If you or someone you know may be interested in joining our team, please see details of these jobs on our [vacancies page](#) or contact Mrs Wallace for more information.

### 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.

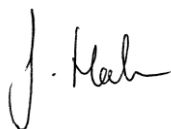
### Corpus Christi News

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

16- 18 January / 18- 20 January	Year 8 Castlerigg Retreat	
Monday 23 January	Nasal Flu vaccinations for Year 7,8 and 9	9.00am to 2.00pm
Friday 10 February	Half Term- School closes	2.30pm
Monday 20 February	All pupils return to school	8.30am
Tuesday 28 February	Revision Plan Parents' Evening	6.00- 7.00pm

Yours sincerely



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