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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Reflection: "He breathed on them and said 'Receive the Holy Spirit'." John 20:19-23**

Pentecost marks 50 days since Easter, when the disciples were gathered in the Upper Room, waiting and praying as Jesus had told them to do during His forty days on earth before the Ascension. This time of waiting was crucial; ten days that created a thirst that only God in the Holy Spirit could quench. Without Jesus physically present, the disciples had to recognise their reliance on God. But when the Spirit came, He came in power! Like a rushing wind, in tongues of fire and in supernatural gifts that the disciples did not ordinarily have. And the Holy Spirit dwells in us, too! We are temples of the Holy Spirit, who gives us access to all of those amazing gifts.

**Come Holy Spirit, fall afresh on us and reignite our desire to know You, Lord. Amen.**

## **Year 11 Leavers' Mass**

Year 11 pupils celebrated their Leavers' Mass with celebrant Fr Stephen Talbutt on Tuesday morning. It was the final time for our Year 11 pupils to celebrate Mass as members of our school community. They had the opportunity to give thanks to God, reflect on the last five years and to pray for each other. Pupils contributed in the choir, with readings and bidding prayers. Thank you to parents and former staff members for attending and sharing this special occasion with us.



## **Summer Production- SIX SKIVES**

Rehearsals are underway for The Performing Art Club's production of their play 'SIX SKIVES'. Over 50 pupils in Years 7 to 10 are involved in the production written by our music and drama department. Mrs Culkin commented that she is 'very impressed with pupils' commitment, dedication and hard work'. Rehearsals are held after school every Friday 2.30 - 5pm, and there will be additional rehearsals held in school on Sunday 25 June and Sunday 2 July. The curtains will be raised on Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 July. Tickets are available to buy on ParentPay after half term. A brief synopsis of the show is below:

*The Performing Art's Club "SIX SKIVES" is about 6 typical school truants who find themselves on a park bench in Winckley Square, Preston. Their dream is to be famous and start a girl band; dreaming of a life far, far away from the restrictions of school. The story that follows takes an interesting turn when each of the six are faced with ghosts from Preston's past; all of which help the skivers understand that they are missing opportunities; ones which will help them achieve their dreams. Be ready to turn back the clock and discover that "opportunities are like sunrises. If you wait too long, you will miss them."*



### **Berlin trip**

Early in the morning of Thursday 25 May, our intrepid party of 70 pupils and 7 staff left school to head on the first trip to Berlin for four years. During their time in the German capital, they will visit the Reichstag, various museums and memorials, the Olympic Stadium and Sachsenhausen concentration camp, as well as having time for sightseeing, shopping and practising their language skills. If you wish to follow the trip as it progresses, the group are regularly posting on their own Twitter account [@CCHSBerlin](https://twitter.com/CCHSBerlin).

### **Smart Watches**

A reminder to parents that pupils are not allowed to wear smart watches in school. If a pupil is wearing a smart watch, it will be confiscated and treated in the same way as having a mobile telephone switched on in the building.

### **Ceramics Lesson for St Clare's**

On Thursday last week 36 Year 5 pupils from St Clare's Primary School spent the morning in our art department for an introduction to ceramics. The brief, set by Mrs Watson, was to produce clay pinch pots based on the theme: *The Amazon*. Pupils drew how they envisaged their pots to look, before working with clay to create their pots. Mrs Watson was extremely impressed with pupil's enthusiasm, creativity and attention to detail. Their clay pots have been fired and we look forward to welcoming the pupils back to decorate their pots in the coming weeks.



## GCSE Examinations

GCSE examinations will continue throughout the next few weeks, finishing on Wednesday 28 June. It is vitally important that all our Year 11 pupils continue to work hard in preparation for all examinations. Year 11 pupils have been provided with a timetable showing when warm up and extra revision lessons are taking place. Sessions taking place next week during half-term are:

Date	Time	Subject	Who can attend
Tuesday 30 May	9:00am - 11:00am	Biology: Separate Science <i>(Mrs Matthews)</i>	Anyone who studies separate science
Wednesday 31 May	9.30am - 12.30pm	Mathematics <i>(Mrs Vescovi/ Mr Hankin/ Mr Slater)</i>	1A: Invitation only 1B/ 1C: Open to all pupils
Thursday 1 June	10:00 - 12:00pm	History <i>(Mr Veevers)</i>	Anyone who studies history

You can see the examinations timetable on our [website](#). GCSE Results Day is on Thursday 24 August.

## Summer Examinations

Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will continue their summer examinations when they return after the half-term break. You can see the examination timetable for all year groups [here](#). All parents are asked to check that their child is keeping up with revision homework in preparation for these important examinations. 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 child takes the summer examinations seriously.

## Learner of the week

Caitlin Ramsay (Year 11) for continued dedication to her chemistry studies despite the rigours of starting GCSE examinations. Caitlin has been proactive in seeking help and is consistently improving; Andrii Zelenyi (Year 10) for displaying superb understanding of quantitative chemistry. He has consistently been the first to complete the tasks set and every calculation has been correct; Ayaan Malji (Year 9) for demonstrating excellent knowledge of drama practitioners in his verbal responses. Ayaan was able to compare practitioners and their theories eloquently as well as linking to prior learning; Eeshal Mirza (Year 8) for an outstanding argument addressing the issue of apologising, and offering compensation, for Britain's historical involvement in the Transatlantic slave trade, during a whole class debate. She spoke with passion, conviction and showed very strong historical knowledge; Mohammed Bodi (Year 7) for excellent focus and application in PE, and improving his cricket skills.

## WHAY: What's Happening Around You



A new mobile phone application to help young people access support around mental health, involvement in crime and relationship advice has been created following feedback from Lancashire's young people. Created by Lancashire Violence Reduction Network (LVRN) and UCLan, the application is a safe and reliable source of information for young people. It is an anonymous way for pupils to access resources and find support in their local area. It also contains details of events and community groups in Preston that may be of interest to our pupils. More information regarding the app can be found [here](#).

## Online Safety Newsletter

The May edition of our online safety newsletter can be seen on our website [here](#).



### Football Success

Congratulations to our Year 7 pupil Ben Baxter and his team-mates who represent South Shore U12 football team. They won the Coulton Cup final and were crowned champions of the PDPL League 2. They are the first team in South Shore's history to win the double; a fantastic achievement. Ben also plays for Myerscough Blacks U12, who came runners-up in their league. Well done to Ben on his successful season.



### Success out of School

We are always keen to celebrate the success of pupils in school but we are also aware that there are pupils who are consistently achieving outside of school too. If there are any achievements you would like us to mention in our newsletter, then please do make us aware by sending an email to Mrs Edwards on [redw@ccc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:redw@ccc.lancs.sch.uk).

### Vacancies

We are currently looking to recruit a Senior ICT Technician. If you or someone you know may be interested in joining our team, please see details on our [vacancies page](#) or contact our school reception for more information.

### Corpus Christi News

Further information, news and photography covering recent events at the school can be viewed on our website at [www.ccc.lancs.co.uk](http://www.ccc.lancs.co.uk)

### Important Dates

Thursday 25 to Tuesday 30 May	Year 9 & 10 Berlin Trip	
Friday 26 May	Half Term, school closes	2.30pm
Monday 5 June	All pupils return to school	8.30am
Monday 5 to Friday 9 June	Year 10 Castlerigg Retreat	
Monday 19 to Friday 23 June	Year 10 Work Experience	
Wednesday 28 June	Year 11 Prom at Ferraris, Longridge	
Sunday 25 June & Sunday 2 July	Rehearsals for the Summer Production	
Tuesday 4 & Wednesday 5 July	Summer Production: <i>SIX SKIVES</i>	

Yours sincerely



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