



# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

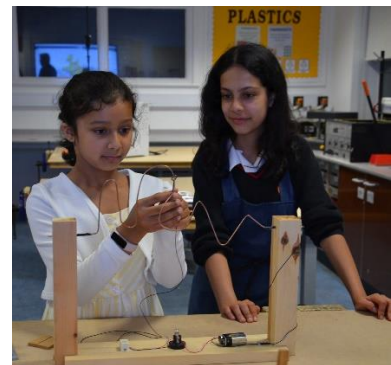
## **Reflection: "Not seven, but seventy-seven times." Matthew 18:21-35**

Forgiveness is one of the things that makes the Christian life so unique. Many other faiths believe in retribution: you get what you give, or 'karma'. Jesus turns these thoughts on their head. The human condition makes holding grudges so much easier than letting things go. He is Forgiveness. Only through Him can we forgive, because we are forgiven by Him. In this Sunday's gospel, the ungrateful servant, though forgiven by his master, refuses to forgive a fellow servant. Let's pass on the Father's never ending forgiveness by being forgiving to people who "trespass against us".

**Father, help us to pass on the forgiveness we have freely received through Your son Jesus. Let us let things go and not hold on to past hurts. Amen.**

## **School Open Evening**

We held our annual open evening on Wednesday where we welcomed prospective pupils and their parents. Open Evening provides the opportunity for visitors to get a sense of what is so special about our school. The evening was exceptionally well attended and we are grateful to the parents/carers and Year 5 and 6 primary pupils who enthusiastically took part in a variety of activities. We have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from those who came to Open Evening. Visitors again commented in particular on the excellent attitude and good manners of our pupils who were guides and assisted in many of the activities; they were a credit to our school and to their parents. Prospective parents who would like to see how our school runs on a normal school day are welcome to contact our reception and we will arrange an appointment to tour the school.



## **Year 7 Welcome Mass**

We celebrated our Year 7 'Welcome Mass' on Wednesday this week. Fr Stephen Talbutt was the celebrant for the Mass which formally welcomes our new pupils to Corpus Christi. Pupil engagement in this celebration was exceptional and we thank parents and carers for joining us.

### **Learner of the Week**

Ayesha Khokhar (Year 11) for attending an afterschool Chemistry session where she explained the process of electrolysis to her classmates, resulting in them having a deeper understanding of this difficult concept; Rachel Geyi (Year 10) for an exceptional start made to GCSE computer science showing an outstanding attitude and commitment in her exercise book work, discussion and verbal response during each lesson so far; Summer-Mae Majury (Year 9) for making an excellent start in her history studies. Summer has shown great enthusiasm and thinking in paired and class discussions; Hudaa Patel (Year 8) for a greatly improved effort in class, participating in the lesson and taking pride in her German work; Tyler Smith (Year 7) for an excellent written conversation in German and then performing it to the rest of the class in a very impressive German accent.

### **School Houses**

All our pupils are allocated into one of our three school houses; Arrowsmith, Clitherow and Haydock. Throughout the year pupils accumulate points for their house in an attempt to achieve 'School House Champions' status at the end of the year. Points are collected by participating in volunteering, competitions, displaying excellent behaviour, strong attendance and submitting outstanding homework. Pupils are always encouraged to achieve as many house points for their house as possible. The current overall standings show that Clitherow has made an impressive start to the year, leading with 2478 house points, followed closely behind by Haydock on 2203 and Arrowsmith scoring 1916. The current house competitions, launched this week during house assemblies, include: a book swap, a prayer writing competition, a library label design competition, inter-house football and netball tournaments and many more. More details about each house competition is on our [website](#).

### **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](#).

### **Extra-Curricular Timetable**

Eco Club will now be held on a Thursday Evening. The new extra- curricular timetable is [attached to this newsletter](#).

### **Parent Governor Election**

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor and we are inviting parents or carers who may be interested in joining our governing body, to consider supporting our school by putting themselves forward for this important role. Please complete the [nomination form](#) and [notice of election form](#) for all applications which must be returned by 12 noon Tuesday 26 September 2023. If you would like further information about the role of a parent governor, please do not hesitate to contact school.

### **INSET Day**

A reminder that Friday 22 September is an INSET day and that pupils are not in school.

### **Vacancy**

We are currently looking to recruit a School Business Support Officer. If you or someone you know may be interested in joining our team, please see details on our [vacancies page](#) for more information.

### Online Safety Newsletter

Our monthly online safety newsletters offer guidance and support to parents regarding online apps, games and websites to be aware of. The September edition is on our [website](#).

### 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).

### 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

Friday 22 September	INSET Day – pupils at home	
Thursday 5 October	Year 7 Geography Trip- Forms 7C, 7O & 7R	
Wednesday 11 October	Extended Learning Day	
Thursday 12 October	Year 7 Geography Trip- Forms 7P, 7U & 7S	
Friday 20 October	School closes for Half Term	2.30pm
Monday 30 October	School reopens after Half Term holiday	8.30am

Yours sincerely



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