CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

"Look at my hands and my feet, see that it is I myself" Luke 24: 35-48

Happy Easter! This joyful season lasts for seven weeks, right up until Pentecost. The encounters of the disciples with the Resurrected Lord in the Gospels are very physical. The Gospel writers want us to know that this is real and tangible. Jesus did not return as a shadow, or a ghost. He eats with His disciples after the Resurrection. They touch and feel the wounds in His hands and side. In this Gospel, Jesus even tells the eleven that He isn't a ghost. The Resurrected Lord is real. His disciples hold on to Him, touch His wounds, eat with Him and listen to His commissioning: that He won't be there forever, so they must trust in the Father that the Holy Spirit is coming. In this Easter season, let us rejoice and be hopeful. Let us trust in the Resurrection of Jesus, reading the Gospels and allowing the physicality of these accounts to strengthen our faith, that He is risen, Alleluia!

We praise You, Lord, that You are our Resurrected King and Saviour. Amen, Alleluia!

Parent Feedback

As always, we asked all parents and carers to fill in the Ofsted questionnaire following the parents' evening appointments. The questionnaire was competed by nearly 600 parents and carers. The feedback was extremely positive, with 94% of parents agreeing or strongly agreeing with all statements. Most importantly, 99% of parents and carers who completed the questionnaire said that they would recommend our school to others. Thank you to parents and carers for their feedback, which can be found on our website.

GCSE Examinations

There are now just under three weeks remaining before the start of the 2024 GCSE examinations. During this important time of preparation, revision must be the absolute priority for all our Year 11 pupils. As a minimum, this should involve completing all of the revision work set out in the revision plan. The GCSE examinations begin on Thursday 9 May. GCSE Results Day is on Thursday 22 August.

Period 6 Timetable

Revision sessions for Year 11 will continue until the start of their GCSE examinations. Each session takes place from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. All pupils are expected to attend these important lessons, which are to be treated as a period 6 lesson in their school day. The revision schedule can be viewed on our <u>website</u>.

Summer Examinations

Summer examinations for pupils in Year 10 will begin on Tuesday 30 April. All Year 10 pupils are receiving targeted homework to prepare them for the examinations which have 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, 8 and 9 examinations will begin week commencing Monday 13 May and continue until 17 June. At the end of the examination period, we will carry out a full review of academic setting for all pupils in Years 7 to 10, and it is therefore vital that your child takes the summer examinations seriously.

Attendance Rewards Trips

Pupils with an attendance record of 97% and above for this term from 21 March 2024, will be eligible to attend our rewards trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach in the final week of the Summer Term. The evidence is very clear: pupils with attendance of 97% or higher achieve better results than those with attendance below 97%. A minority of pupils with attendance below 97% often tell us that they ask their parents for a day off when they know that they are well enough to be in school. If your child's attendance falls below 97%, there is a serious risk that your child will fail to achieve good results when they leave school and it is vital that steps are taken to improve attendance.

Extra-Curricular Timetable

Pupils have the choice of a wide range of activities with enrichment being offered by every department until 3:30pm. There is also the opportunity for pupils to stay behind and complete homework in the Library. For all activities, with the exception of Homework Club, pupils are awarded 3 House Points every time they attend an activity and therefore can earn a maximum of 15 House Points a week. If pupils are interested in attending an activity, they should speak to their teacher from the respective department for further information. Please encourage your children to make the most of every opportunity our school has to offer by attending as many clubs as possible. The timetable can be viewed here.

Online Safety Newsletter

Our February edition of our online safety newsletter can be seen on our website here.

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 Laird on klaird@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

Important Dates

Monday 6 May 2024	School closed for Bank Holiday
Thursday 9 May 2024	GCSE Examinations begin
Wednesday 22 – Tuesday 28 May 2024	Year 8 & 9 Battlefields Trip
Friday 24 May 2024	Half Term, school closes at 2:30pm
Monday 3 June 2024	All pupils return to school at 8:30am
Tuesday 4 June 2024	Year 8 HPV Immunisations

Yours sincerely

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