



# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **“Take it, this is my body... This is my blood” Mark 14:12-16, 22-26**

Happy Feast of Corpus Christi. This feast day solidifies the importance of the Eucharist. This is a mystery of our faith: how can something that looks to you and I like bread and wine, be Jesus' physical presence on earth today? The good news is, many saints have also struggled with this confusing mystery, so we are not alone if we struggle with the concept of the Eucharist. However, if we look at the scriptures, Jesus said “this is my Body” and “this is my Blood”. He did not back down when people questioned this. He actually intensifies His statement and says “unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink of His Blood, you cannot have life in you.” This Sacrament is a gateway to eternal life with Christ, and the Eucharist gives us a glimpse of Heaven on Earth here and now.

**Lord Jesus, deepen our faith in the Eucharist. Thank You for this most precious gift. May it sustain and protect us. Amen.**

## **Corpus Christi Procession**

This Wednesday, we celebrated our school feast of Corpus Christi. Pupils took part in a Eucharistic Procession to bless the whole school site and each member of staff and pupil. The choir sang songs of praise and adoration as Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament was processed around the site, with pupils serving through carrying lanterns and ringing bells. The celebration continued through lunchtimes as everyone received a free ice cream. After school, we concluded the day with a celebration of the Mass from the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, with pupils proclaiming the Word, Altar Serving and singing.



## School Production

Our school production this year is Moana Jr and the performing arts pupils are working tirelessly in preparation. The Performing Arts Club now meets every Tuesday and Friday after school until 5pm. The final rehearsals are imminent and pupils are so excited to show all their hard work on the 2 and 3 July at 6pm. Tickets are now available via ParentPay, and we encourage you to get them sooner rather than later. This is an hour long show and doors will open at 5.30pm.



## PE Kit from September 2024

A polite reminder that all pupils are to be in the new PE kit from September 2024. The new kit is available to purchase from [Corpus Christi Catholic High School - Shop \(officialkit.co.uk\)](http://officialkit.co.uk). We kindly ask that any old PE kit which is no longer used to be donated to the PE department for our spare kit stock.

From September 2024, boys will also be required to bring a pair of shin pads for every PE lesson in order to adhere to health and safety regulations set by the governing bodies of sports we cover in lessons.

## School Bus Prices

Preston Bus have informed us that, from September the bus prices will increase as follows:

Product	23/24 Price	24/25 Price
Week	£22.50	£23.80
Day	£5.00	£5.30
Single	£2.70	£2.80

## Battlefields Trip

Late in the evening of Wednesday 22nd May, a group of 39 pupils from Year 8 and Year 9 embarked upon the five-day Battlefields experience to Belgium and Northern France. They visited the historic market town of Bruges before undertaking a three-day immersive experience which saw them discover the history of the Ypres Salient, arguably the most crucial location on the Western Front in the First World War.

They visited a number of graveyards, memorials and notable sites, including the church at Messines, the site of the infamous 1914 'Christmas Truce', the battlefields of the Somme and even marched down Passchendaele ridge as the troops would have done just over a century ago. The visit culminated with entry into the sacred city of Ypres, before paying their respects at the Menin Gate and later in our own, private ceremony.

During our time in the Ypres Salient, we were humbled to be able to reunite two of our pupils with two of their relatives who had lost their lives in the Great War, while another pupil's relative had their name written on the Menin Gate. This brought home to us all how the Great War and other conflicts affects the lives of so many. The group returned home on Monday, having learned a great deal.

Thank you to all the pupils who showed their respect for those who lost their lives while on this visit. We are also grateful to our staff – Mr Chester, Mrs Culkin, Miss Mayo and Mr Warham – for their efforts in organising the trip and accompanying the group, including in their own half-term holiday.

We were able to 'live tweet' what the group did on our designated 'X' account [@CCBattlefields](#) (login required) where you can relive the experience. These include live streams and videos of a number of the ceremonies and remembrances the group participated in.

### **GCSE Examinations**

GCSE examinations have started. We ask that you keep our Year 11 pupils in your thoughts and prayers during the examination season. GCSE Results Day is on Thursday 22 August.

### **Summer Examinations**

All parents are asked to check that their child is keeping up with revision homework for these important examinations. Year 7, 8 and 9 examinations began this week 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%.

### **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](#).

### **Success Out of School**

Congratulations to Theo Westwood in Year 9 who made it through to the England Basketball Talent Camp last week, and was selected to play for the England U14 boys first team.

Theo represented England last weekend in the Tri Nations Tournament in Manchester. England won all 3 games and he played extremely well. Theo has also been selected to play for England in the European Tournament in Copenhagen later this month.



### **Vacancies**

We are currently looking to recruit a Teacher of Physical Education (Boys)/Cover Supervisor, Attendance Assistant, Site Supervisor and a Cleaner. If you or someone you know may be interested in joining our team, please see details on our vacancies page or contact Miss Wignall for more information.

## Online Safety Newsletter

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

## 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

Monday 10 – Friday 14 June 2024	Year 10 Castlerigg Retreat
Monday 24 – Friday 28 June 2024	Year 10 Work Experience
Thursday 27 June 2024	Year 11 Prom
Friday 5 July 2024	Year 8 HPV Mop Up Vaccinations
Friday 19 July 2024	School closes at 1:30pm

Yours sincerely



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