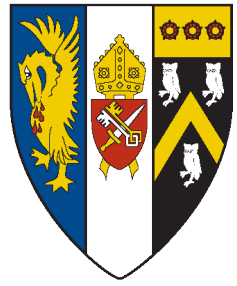




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Introduction

Outreach at Corpus Christi College



School students visiting from Abraham Moss Community School on top of the Handa Terrace

In October 2023, we welcomed Edith Richardson as our new Assistant Outreach Officer. Edith is a graduate of St Anne’s College, Oxford, graduating with an MSc in Education (Higher Education). Prior to starting at Corpus, she worked at both St John’s College and St Peter’s College, Oxford, within Access and Outreach.

Right: Edith Richardson talks to students at a careers fair, October 2023

The Outreach Team have enjoyed a jam-packed year, filled with a variety of events. These included school visits, tours, career and HE fairs, residentials, and developing new projects to deliver to students in Greater Manchester and the North West.

For the academic year 2022 to 2023, we delivered 111 events and activities either at Corpus Christi or in the North West (predominantly in Greater Manchester). In total, we interacted with over 2,500 state school students, welcomed 27 different state schools to Corpus Christi for day visits and visited 16 state schools on outbound visits to Manchester. Our larger outreach projects (North West Science Network and Law Outreach) were all back with a full in-person programme, with online provisions offered to enhance students’ experiences and to reach a wider audience.



Outreach at Corpus Christi College: Aims and strategies

The Outreach Team is currently made up of:

- Professor Robin Murphy, Tutor for Access and Outreach
- Miss Emma Gregory, Senior Outreach and Admissions Officer
- Miss Edith Richardson, Assistant Outreach Officer

Together, we work to fulfill the College's outreach policy of engaging in a variety of outreach activities and initiatives for both pre-16 and post-16 students and their schools and colleges. Corpus Christi focusses on offering these activities to schools in our link area (Manchester, Oldham, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, and Trafford, and the North West) and to school students in Years 9 to 13. During term time, we offer school visits to Corpus as well as offering visits to Greater Manchester. Outside of school visits, we work on the following subject projects:

- North West Science Network

The Network runs science events throughout the year, including a Spring Maths workshop, and a Summer residential, aiming to engage young people with science.

- Law Outreach

For those looking for insights into Law, the Law Residential and Peter Cane Legal Reasoning Prize are a perfect way to start exploring. The Law Residential coincides with the Law Faculty Taster Day and participants attend both events.

- English Literature Outreach

Launched this year, our new Book Club is a chance for students in Years 10 and 11 to read and discuss a text with one of our academics.

- Subject General North West Outreach (collaboration with other Oxford universities)

We continued to work with our colleagues in the North West Consortia, to deliver online events to those in the North West with great success. We hosted an online Offer Holders' Day for those based in the North West, as well as an information evening with a session for potential applicants and a session for parents and carers.

- Open Days

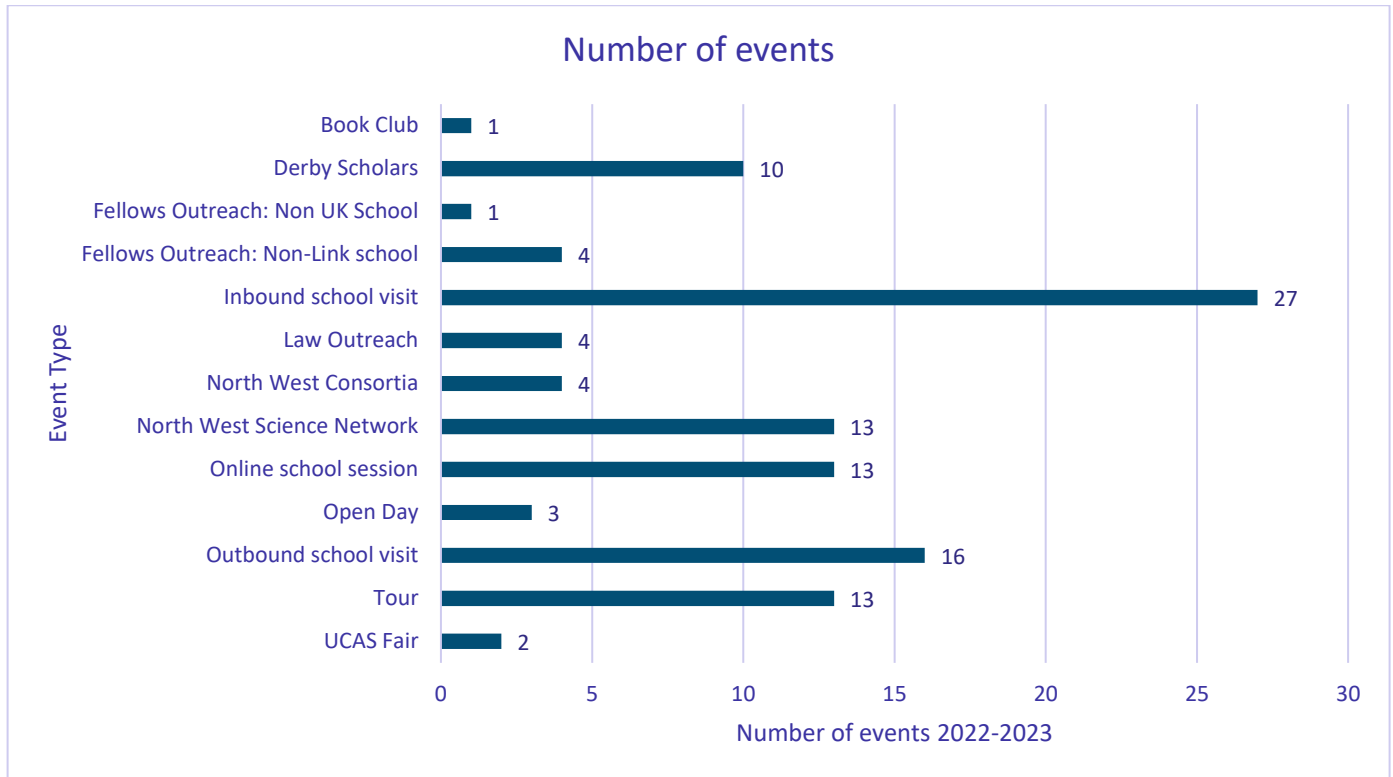
We finished the academic year with our University-wide Open Days in June and September, and we were delighted to welcome so many people to Corpus Christi College.



Edith (left) and Emma (right) at a careers fair

Outreach Data

In the academic year 2022/23, the Corpus Christi College outreach team delivered 111 events, interacting with students from over 45 different states schools. The table below shows the types of events that we took part in during this period:

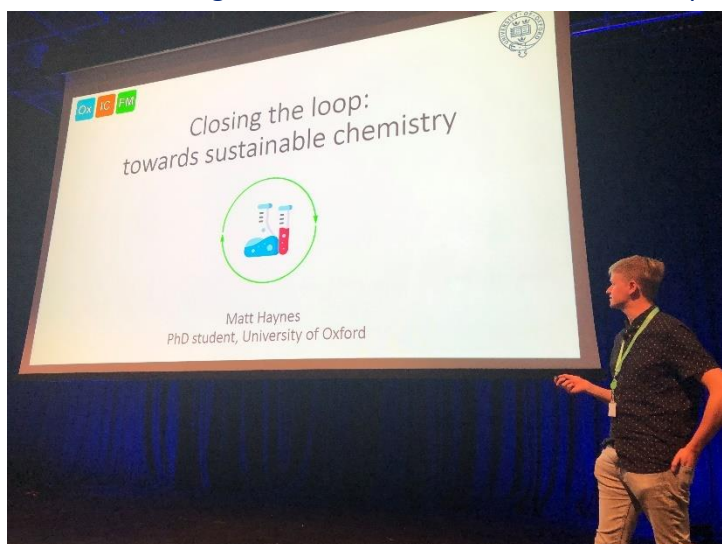


Left: Helena Cotterill from the Materials Department delivers a talk to Year 12 students at Corpus Christi

Outreach Programmes at Corpus

North West Science Network

In 2022, the North West Science Network expanded its hubs. We were pleased to welcome Blackburn College as our third hub college in the North West, alongside Xaverian College in Manchester and Cheshire College, South and West (CCSW), in Crewe. In October 2022, we had our launch event at CCSW where Prof Peter Nellist, Matt Haynes (University of Oxford), Jen Hewitt and Miles Ellis (University of Bangor) each delivered a presentation about their research and their routes into higher education. Following this, there was a STEMM Fair to inspire students with demonstrations of research in action.



Matt Haynes (left) and Jen Hewitt (right) deliver their presentations at the NWSN Launch, October 2023

With the three hub colleges, the Twilight talk series was run again. Talks were delivered in person with attendees offered the opportunity to watch live online. Blackburn College ran two sessions and CCSW ran one session. Due to staffing changes, Xaverian College were unable to host a session this year.

Summer School

28 students attended the June 2023 summer school, based at Corpus Christi College, which included tutorials, a range of lectures, workshops, and practical work from a varied range of the different Science subjects. Throughout the week, attendees worked in groups to research and create science posters, which they presented to the rest of the group, as well as to academic members of the College. Included in the summer school was an afternoon trip out to Culham Centre for Nuclear Fusion.

Derby Scholars

July 2023 saw the Derby Scholars project being brought to a close. The project, which was a collaboration between Corpus and the University of Derby, has been taken over by St Edmund Hall. This is due to changes with the College's geographical link areas.

This year's Derby Scholars included an online launch, a series of homework clubs, academic skills sessions, online subject discussions, and in-person visits to Corpus Christi College. After working with Derby for four years, we wish both the University of Derby and St Edmund Hall the best for the next steps with the programme.

Law Outreach



The Peter Cane Prize and the Law Residential were as popular as ever this year, with 116 and 271 applications received respectively. Taking place in March, the two Law Outreach events coincided with the Law Subject Taster Day at the Law Faculty.

The Law Residential began on Monday 13th March, with the Outreach Team and Corpus' three Law ambassadors, Theo, Tilly, and Kian, welcoming the 30 attendees to Corpus Christi. The first day of the residential consisted of three different Law workshops, an Oxford admission talk, tour of the College, visit to Oxford, and a Q&A with the Law ambassadors. The following day, the attendees attended a final Law session before heading over to the Law Faculty for their Taster Day, which included more workshops, visiting other colleges, and spending time with other students interested in Law.

Above: Prof Matt Dyson leads the attendees on the 'Defining Crime' workshop at the Law Residential



Law Tutors, Matt Dyson, Liz Fisher, Lisa Hsin, and Sonam Gordhan with the Peter Cane Legal Reasoning Prize 2023 attendees

The Peter Cane Legal Reasoning Prize was attended by the top 16 prize entries on Tuesday 14th March, which included the two runner ups, Harry Fairfield and Joana Shishkova, and the winner, Gavin Wong.

North West Consortia

The North West Consortia is made up of four different Oxford Colleges who all work in the North West:

- Corpus Christi – Manchester, Oldham, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford
- Pembroke – Bolton, Bury, Cheshire, Halton, Rochdale, Warrington, Wigan
- The Queen’s College – Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool, Cumbria, Lancashire
- St Peter’s – Isle of Man, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens, Wirral

The four colleges work together to run different outreach initiatives specifically for prospective students from the North West.

The Consortia started the year with an in-person Fresher’s drinks at St Peter’s College, inviting all new students from the North West to meet. This was also used as an opportunity to recruit ambassadors for the upcoming year. Following this, there were three online events; an Offer Holders session, one online session for parents and carers, and one online session for prospective applicants. The sessions were attended by over 100 people each, and were attended by student ambassadors across the Colleges of the Consortia who were from the North West.

Open Days

Despite the gloomy weather, the June Open Days were a great success! Hosted over two days, the college welcomed over 1,900 visitors. Our subject ambassadors were available from 10am to 5pm, offering tours to visitors. A buffet sandwich lunch was provided, followed by two mock interviews on both days (one in the sciences and one in humanities), and a “meet the tutors” session held in the garden.



***Corpus’ Subject Ambassadors from left to right:
Tom, Jacob, Chris, Archie, Sam, Warin, Iris, Olivia, Alice, Adam, Jan, and Georgia***

Accommodation was available for schools from Greater Manchester, with priority given to state schools. Over the two nights, a total of 109 students and teachers stayed overnight.

We had our final Open Day in September, where we welcomed around 700 visitors to the College.

Right: Subject Ambassador Iris gives a tour during the June Open Days



The Junior Common Room

The members of the Junior Common Room play an integral part to the outreach work that is carried out at the college as they provide first hand insights into life at Corpus. Several undergraduate Corpus students volunteer every term to talk to school groups on inbound visits. This usually involves taking the school group to lunch, taking them for a tour around college, and answering questions about what

it's like to live and study here. Current students can also be involved with Outreach through the Subject Ambassador programme. The Subject Ambassadors are the first point of contact for prospective students via the ambassador email addresses, they work during the Open Days, and they assist during the interview period. We currently have 13 subject ambassadors with their biographies and individual photos available on the College website, along with their subject ambassador email addresses. Many prospective students and offer holders contact our ambassadors to find out more about their subject of interest and to ask questions about their experiences at Corpus and Oxford.



Above: Corpus' subject ambassadors during the Open Days in June 2023

Note of thanks

The Outreach work that is carried out at Corpus Christi College would not be possible without the generous donations from alumni. We are extremely grateful to have a very supportive community which helps us to work with and support disadvantaged schools and students from Greater Manchester and the North West.

We would like to thank the wide range of contributors, partners, and supporters who worked with us this academic year. Without their hard work, the outreach and access work at Corpus Christi would not be possible. We are very grateful for their time and dedication to outreach and access. We would also like to thank the dedication of Corpus Christi College staff and students for their continued support with the outreach and access work at Corpus Christi.

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