

Mentoring FAQs

a. I'm an ex pupil, how do I become a part of Corpus Christi Alumni?

All past students and parents must apply to be part of the Corpus Christi mentoring scheme. If successful, you will then be invited to view the Alumni platform where you will find mentoring tips and advice and you will also be invited to attend our events during the year.

b. I'm an alumnus of Corpus Christi, how do I become a Mentor?

Corpus Christi alumni from all over the UK and Europe can be both mentors and mentees. You can apply right away through the alumni site

c. How do I activate my mentoring profile on the Corpus Christi Alumni page?

Only alumni and ex staff can be mentors. To be searchable to mentees as a mentor you will need to log into the **Corpus Alumni** site and click on the 'mentor' tab and click the green 'activate mentoring profile' button. See the screen shot below. We recommend filling out your profile as thoroughly as possible, or synching your profile to your LinkedIn profile for ease. Please be as explicit as you can about your experience and what you can offer to a mentee, as this is how mentees decide whether you would be a good mentor for them.

d. I don't live in the UK; can I still be a mentor?

Yes. The beauty of the Corpus alumni is that it allows transnational mentoring! If both mentor and mentee are happy to do so, you can conduct your mentoring relationship via email, phone and/or Skype. Some mentoring relationships may continue wholly outside of the UK.

e. How long should my mentoring relationship last?

It is entirely up to each pair. Some relationships last just a couple of months, whilst others continue for years. You should question whether it is time to end a mentoring relationship either when you have achieved the objectives you set, or if you feel that you are no longer a suitable pair.

f. Should my mentoring relationship end as soon as I have achieved my objectives?

Mentors and mentees should discuss this together referring to the objectives they set at the start of their relationship. If you feel that there is more to be gained from the mentoring relationship, then you can set new objectives. If you feel that you have achieved all you can from the relationship, or you feel it is just time to wrap up and move on then you can discuss what you have gained from the experience.

g. How can I end my mentoring relationship?

It is important to be honest with your mentor or mentee. If your circumstances change and you no longer want to continue in the mentoring relationship, please explain this to your mentor or mentee. As best practice, we recommend you state your reasons for wanting to move on; share what you think the highlights of the relationship have been; share what you have gained from the relationship and wish them luck for the future. This can either be in person, phone call, email or Skype. Remember to officially close the relationship on the Corpus Alumni site.

h. Do I get paid to be a mentor?

No. Being a mentor is an entirely voluntary role.

i. What can a mentor help me with?

Each mentor will be able to offer different services and advice based upon their experience. We encourage mentors to select which services they can offer in their mentor profile. This could range from CV checking and interview practice to work experience and networking opportunities. Try to be very clear from the first point of contact with what you hope to gain from the mentoring relationship, this way a mentor will be able to tell you if that is something they can help you with or not. For example, if you are looking to gain access to a certain industry and you hope your mentor will be able to provide this, then it is best to state this intention upfront to avoid any disappointment or confusion.

j. Will there be an opportunity to meet mentors/mentees at events?

If you have joined Corpus Alumni you will receive our monthly email update with notifications of any upcoming events.

k. Who can I turn to for further advice/information about mentoring?

Please email alumni@corpuschristi.com if you still have a question unanswered.

l. How can I find a mentor?

First and foremost, join Corpus alumni – see questions a, b or c for instructions on how to do this. Once you have been accepted into the platform you are then free to search for mentors based on the location, profession and industry that you are interested in. You can then read through profiles of mentors and select who to contact. In your initial message please outline why you think you may be a good match, and what you hope to gain from the mentoring relationship so that the mentor will have a good idea as to whether they think they fit what you are looking for.