

PARENT NEWSLETTER



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have arrived at the end of a long half-term. For staff and students, the two-week break will be a time to rest and to recharge batteries. Thank you for your support and contributions which have helped to make Christ the King such a thriving and dynamic community which really looks after and develops your children. Can I remind you that the next half-term begins for ALL students on Monday 4th November.

As well as this bumper edition of the weekly Newsletter, (which includes information about some events linked to our anti-bullying week, as well as many articles which highlight how wonderfully gifted and creative our students are), please see below for some extra links and messages which I hope you find useful and informative:

- Year 11 students have had an assembly regarding the Sixth Form Open Evening (7th Nov 17:30-19:30) this week. We are encouraging them to schedule the subject talks they'd like to participate in in advance. We are sending out [this Google Form](#) to them for completion over half term. Please

- encourage the students to come along on the 7th November, and to plan their evening in advance.
- Year 12 Activities Week has just been launched. The students will be given [this leaflet](#); they need to choose which activity they'd like to participate in over half term to confirm their choice with us when they return. Some will require deposit payments – please take a look at the leaflet yourself to see what's being offered.
 - **Could you share with our students an insight into your career?** We run many qualifications and would like the opportunity to give our students 'real world' insights into careers and skills required in business and industry across a wide range of areas. If there are members of our wider community, friends and family, who would be happy to visit the College and speak to classes/small groups, then please complete this form <https://forms.gle/nYuWqSPqgnVPcm139> This will act as an expression of interest and a member of staff may contact you.
 - Congratulations to our group of 6 Year 8 students who represented CtK in the Faraday Challenge event held here at school this week – more details to follow.
 - You and your family and friends are cordially invited to a Catholic Mass to be held here at school to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday 24th November – 11.00 am start. This is an exciting event, which will bring together all the Parish communities on the Island for this special celebration.
 - [Sixth Form Newsletter](#)

Enjoy the extended Newsletter, and if you're lucky enough to be travelling anywhere over the half-term - *bon voyage*. I will finish with a short prayer for all our families and children as we start our half-term holiday:

Lord, we put ourselves into Your hands, and pray that You will bless us and our families during this coming half-term. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime.

Amen.

We look forward to seeing everyone back safe and sound on Monday 4th November.

Regards,

Mr Montrose

Diary Dates

All Diary Dates can be found on the Parent Calendar - <https://www.christthekingcollege.co.uk/parent-calendar>



If you click this on the bottom right of that calendar, it can add this calendar to your mobile device or computer.

Monday, 4th November	All students return to school
Tuesday, 5th November	Rapid Revision Workshops Year 11
Thursday, 7th November	Sixth Form Open Evening
W/C 18th November	Year 11 Mock Exams
Friday, 28th November	Nasal Flu Vaccination Year 7-11 (those who have given consent)
Thursday, 12th December	Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day Year 8 Arson Awareness Workshop
Friday, 18th December	Last day term - students finish at 1pm

Lost Property

We currently have a large collection of water bottles, coats, hats, a full PE kit in a rucksack, even a scooter in Student Support. These items are not named and have not been collected for sometime. We urge any students who have lost items to come and have a look at our collection. We also want to remind parents to ensure that items are named so that we can return lost items to their owners.

Second-hand Uniform

We would like to remind parents that we do have a supply of second hand uniform items available for a donation. If items are of interest to you please complete this [form](#) confirming the items and sizes required and we will come back to you with items available. Also if you have good quality items that your child has outgrown or no longer require, donations are always greatly received so we are able to help other families in our school community.

Extra Curricular Activities

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Autumn 2024



Type of Activity/Name of Club	Year Group/s	Location	Start-Finish
MONDAY			
TUESDAY			
CLASSICS REVISION (A LEVEL)	13	2.09	15.15-16.00
GIRLS FOOTBALL	ALL	FIELD	15.15-16.00
GCSE BADMINTON	10 & 11	SPORTSHALL	15.15-16.00
KS4 & GCSE TABLE TENNIS	10 & 11	ACTIVITY STUDIO	15.15-16.00
KS3 GUITAR CLUB	7,8,9	0.63	15.15-16.15
GCSE BUSINESS REVISION	11	2.14	15.15-15.45
WEDNESDAY			
TABLETOP GAMING CLUB	ALL YEARS	2	15.15-16.15
ANTI BULLYING GROUP MEETING	ALL YEARS	1.24	15.15-16.00
GEOGRAPHY REVISION (GCSE)	11	2.47, 2.03	15.15-16.00
NETBALL	ALL	SPORTSHALL	15.15-16.15
SCHOOL PLAY	ALL	AUDITORIUM	15.15-16.30
YEAR 7 FOOTBALL	YEAR 7	FIELD	15.15-16.15
YEAR 8 BOYS FOOTBALL	8	PITCHES	15.15-16.15
KS3 ART CLUB	7,8,9	1.27	15.15-16.15
THURSDAY			
DT JEWELLERY CLUB	7-9	0.5	15.15-16.15
DT CATCH UP CLUB	Y 10 +11	48	15.15-16.15
DANCE LIVE	ALL	SPORTSHALL	15.15-16.30
CLASSICS REVISION (GCSE)	11	2.09	15.15-16.00
HISTORY (GCSE)	11	F	15.15-16.00
DRAMA CLUB	ALL	DRAMA STUDIO	15.15-16.15
MUSIC CLUB	ALL	0.63	15.15-16.15
YEAR 10 FOOTBALL	YEAR 10	FIELD	15.15-16.15
GCSE ART CATCH UP	YEAR 10 & 11	1.24	15.15-16.15
DT FOOD CATCH UP	YEAR 11	40	15.15-16.15
GCSE LATIN REVISION	11	2.04	15.15-16.15
FRIDAY			
HISTORY REVISION (GCSE)	11	2.09	15.15-16.00
VOLLEYBALL	KS4 10 & 11	SPORTSHALL	15.15-16.15
STAFF VOLLEYBALL	STAFF		15.15-16.30
GCSE SPANISH REVISION	11	2.15	15.15-16.15
YEAR 9 LATIN CLUB	9	2.04	15.15-16.15

Unwanted Football Boots

Do you have any previously used/good quality football boots that you have outgrown?

If the answer to this is yes, please can we ask for them to be donated to our PE department. We have an increasing number of students without boots and this would assist us in being able to give your old boots a new home and will also assist with the reduction of boots that are needlessly sent to landfill.

Any donations should be given to Mr Haydon in the PE Office.

We thank you in advance for your assistance with this.



We were blessed to have lots of visitors from the **Christian Charity OM**. Most of the visitors had spent lots of time working on one of their ships, which sailed around the world providing anything from medical care, education and giving a message about what it is to have a relationship with Jesus.

During the year group collective worship time, students were able to listen to the work that OM do and the importance of it. Students from Years 7 - 11 had lessons from how to encourage one another, how to make a positive impact in the world and goal setting and looking at where in the world the church is being persecuted.

A great big thank you goes to Ian Peters from Youth For Christ for helping make this opportunity and OM for taking time to enhance our RE lessons.

Congratulations

Izzy Berners won the Healthy Living Competition in Basingstoke on 1st September and the Hampshire Classic Challenge on 8th September. She is through to regional finals in her category in November. She also got to meet Team GB gymnasts Alice Kinsella and Ruby Evans and Ellie Lewis in Bristol. What a month September has been!



I am pleased to say that **Issey Pragnell Y7** has got through to the **finals of South West Aerial Championship** doing Aerial silks with Jaydene Lee Arts.

Congratulations on your success so far!
The final is on the 9th November in Cornwall, so we will let you know the results!

3 of our Year 12 students have been offered work experience over the February Half Term at Yokogawa, a specialist software development company. And also 2 students have been offered work experience at St Mary's Hospital next term to support their application for medical school.



Harvest Service

This week marked the start of our Harvest Services with Year 7 and Year 8.

This was a really special occasion, where Reverend Emma from the Newport Church of England Churches led us a short time of reflection this time of harvest, which is historically celebrated in the church, followed by an opportunity for students to make offerings for the local food bank.

Afterwards, students spent time in forms, reflecting on the importance of helping those in poverty/need.



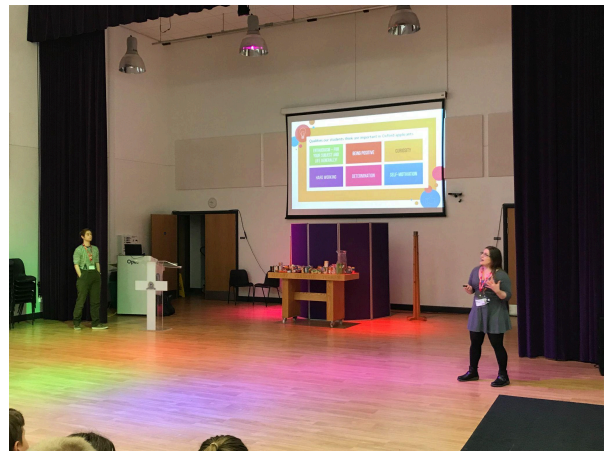
Thank you to all those parents and students who made the effort to contribute to the local Food Bank, and supporting one of our fundamental Christian values of charity.

Hub School event

Hannah Pack and Aarthee Parimelalaghan came to visit from Oxford University. They delivered an aspirational session to our Year 7 students - who asked some brilliant questions and were extremely attentive!

They delivered a session to KS4 students from CTKC and across the island, including those from The Bay, The Island Free School, as well as Carisbrooke and Medina Colleges. Finally, a more involved session regarding Oxbridge applications for KS5 students from our Sixth Form and across the Island including students from The Island IV Form.

It was brilliant to host another Hub School event and learn from the expertise of those from the University. Thank you to everyone who attended and special thanks to Mr Hare for coordinating this event.



Goodnight Mister Tom Production

Rehearsals for Goodnight Mister Tom have started, with over 50 students from all year groups involved in acting, singing and technical aspects of the production. In the picture are **Sam Willis** (Mister Tom) and **Phoebe Arnold** with Sammy the dog in rehearsal. Phoebe has taken to the puppeteering very quickly as you can see.

The production will run from **5th-7th February 2025**. We will let you know as soon as tickets are available.



Isle of Wight Your Future Event - October 30th 2024

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The Isle of Wight Council's "Your Future" event on Wednesday, 30th October 2024, from 11:00 AM to 3:00* PM (last entry at 2:00 PM), at The Isle of Wight College, Medina Way, Newport, Isle of Wight.

The "Your Future" event is aimed at 14-18 year-olds and their parents/guardians, providing information on various career pathways, from vocational courses to apprenticeships and higher education.

There will also be a section dedicated to SEND pathways and other support services, including information on personal development, wellbeing, and volunteering opportunities across on the Island.

Additionally, there will be a series of 'mini presentations' from 12.30pm to inform parents and young people of the different pathways available post 16 and post 18.

For more information and a full list of exhibitors, please visit the website at www.iow.gov.uk/islandfutures.

YOUR FUTURE

on Wednesday 30th October 2024
at The Isle of Wight College, Medina Way, Newport

OPEN FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE FROM 11AM TO 3PM

**"Helping students in Years 9-13
plan for their future."**

Apprenticeships

Colleges and Universities

A-Levels
T-Levels

Personal Development
and Advice

SEND
Options & Pathways

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Vikoma Visit

Peter Hoyle from Vikoma, an Island-based but internationally recognised firm in the oil clean-up industry, visited the Sixth Form. Peter presented an eye-opening talk on the nature of his work, the excitement and rewards of working in Small and Medium Enterprises, and the opportunities that await those willing to explore the option. The students were particularly impressed with the 'skimmer' he brought in, a piece of kit designed and made on the Isle of Wight to collect oil spills from the ocean.





CTKC ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

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NOVEMBER £4

BOOK NOW ON COMPASS

Isle of Wight Schools Literary Festival 2024 - visiting authors

Christ the King College was delighted to welcome two visiting authors into college today as part of the Isle of Wight Schools Literary Festival 2024. Author and editor, Lil Chase, delighted Year 8 students with extracts from her very funny book, *Boys for Beginners*, and shared her personal journey into the world of writing. She explained that the best way to come up with a story is to first develop a set of characters from which to base your narrative. She then worked with the students to put this into practice, with some very engaging ideas coming from the audience! She finished the session with a Question and Answer session, where Year 8 impressed with some really insightful and thought-provoking questions.



Year 9 were then treated to a talk by author, M. A. Bennett, whose S.T.A.G.S series has been picked up and is currently in the early stages of development by 20th Century Fox! She shared her inspiration for the original book, including her own experiences of feeling like an 'outsider' in several situations. Like Lil, Marina started writing at the tender age of just ten years old which I'm sure has inspired some of our students to start writing themselves. Questions answered included how to get your work published and what she thinks about the more contemporary ways of accessing reading such as audiobooks and eReaders. She also discussed her Young Gothic novel (which ties in nicely with what Year

9 students are studying in English at the moment!)

Both authors have a dedicated Amazon store from which their books can be purchased (or are available to purchase in-person or online at several other bookstores):

Lil Chase: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/stores/author/B00M6AFAZW>

M.A. Bennett: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/stores/author/B001K8MPG8>

Overall, it was a fantastic morning of celebrating the joy of reading!

On Monday this week, Year 7 were visited by children's author Peter J Murray (CTKC's Patron of Reading) who revealed his inspiration for writing his action and adventure book 'Dawn Demons'. Peter also revealed his tips for creating suspense and tension. A return visit the following day allowed Year 7 students to meet the author and have a book personalised. We are hoping the visit will inspire students to read for enjoyment and to try something new!



Maritime Careers fair

On September 26th 19 students took advantage of the Maritime Careers fair at the Royal Yacht Squadron in Cowes.

The event run by the RYS Foundation aims to show students all of the maritime-related careers on offer in the local area. There were almost 40 different providers in different career fields including sailing, boat building, naval services, boat servicing, photography, cruise lines and maritime engineering. The exhibitors were from small, medium and global companies, showing the variety of careers available on the island. They were so happy to see our students ask questions and talk about possible training and future jobs and careers.

Our students were engaged and came away with lots of ideas and literature to help them in their future decisions regarding education and possible career paths.



Young Enterprise

Year 12 A level business students attended the Young Enterprise launch conference at Island Riding centre today where they met with their business advisor Guy Wells from AJ Wells and Sons. The team will be setting up and running their own business over the course of the coming months and competing in the Company Programme alongside teams from other schools across the Island and nationally.

The programme is internationally recognised and gives students a chance to experience the highs and lows of running a business themselves with the support and guidance of a local business mentor.

They are now working on plans to raise start-up capital to fund production of prototype products, in time for their Dragon's Den presentation in November.

Keep your eyes peeled for more updates to come!



Students (L-R): Hari Blair, Andy Luo, Thomas Browning, Joseph Quinn, India Sulley, Kai Doidge, Josh Magura (front)

Football

Well done to the **Year 7** Football team who beat Carisbrooke tonight in very wet conditions. The boys missing some key players dug deep and at half time they were 3-0 up !! Early in the second half CTK missed a penalty and this seemed to put new life into the opposition. Two quick goals by them made for a nail biting finale . The boys held out in the end . They have lost their last 3 games so the victory was even more sweet !



Well done to the Year 7 boys who played a strong , physical Ryde Academy team tonight. The boys grew stronger as the game went on , however leaked a few goals late in the game The match finished 8-4 to Ryde.

A special well done to Ben SW for his hattrick.

The **Year 9** football team have now had 2 matches in their league, 1 at home and 1 away. The team has made a lot of progress over the 2 fixtures, with some of the team playing for the school for the first time. The team is developing a real togetherness and is on a steep learning curve in a competitive environment. Therefore after 2 defeats Mr Clark and Mr Gurney are hoping that they all stick together and persevere to achieve some positive outcomes.

Onwards and upwards lads!

Hand of Friendship

During the transition day the Yr 6 students were asked to complete a 'hand of friendship' highlighting what makes a good friend. These have now been collated and put up in the Year 7 base for them to see.

Great work Year 7.

