

## SIXTH FORM NEWS

Week 1 October 2024

### Message from the Head of Sixth Form

Welcome back to the new academic year in the Sixth Form at Christ the King College. We are a Sixth Form with heart and by no means data driven, but I feel we might be doing our ex-Year 13 students an injustice if we didn't mention just how fabulously well they did in the summer. A-A\* grades were up by 6% to 22% overall. The average attainment on A level porgrammes was a C+ grade and on BTECs a Distinction +. Progress levels in Physics and Classics were inline with the top 10% in the country. The vast majority of pupils secured a place at their first choice university. These are some of the highlights and we are hugely proud of them. The link between regular and effective independent learning and outcomes continues to be undeniable, so this will be a focus for us this year.

Mrs. Conway-Hughes

### Dates for your diaries

- ⇒ 17th October, UCAS Information evening for Parents 5:15-6:15 pm, please register via the Compass portal
- ⇒ 18th October, Year 13 Data Reports sent home
- ⇒ 4th November, GCSE resits begin
- ⇒ 7th November, Sixth Form Open Evening 5:30-7:30 pm
- ⇒ 12th December, Year 13 face to face Parents' Evening



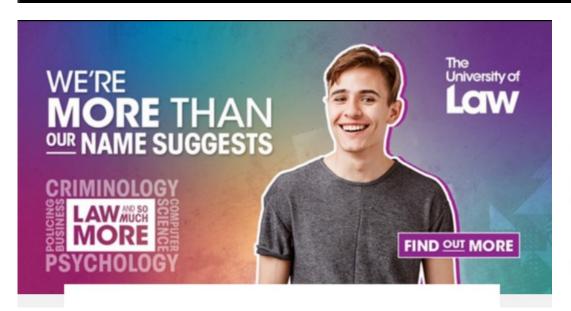
Holy Spirit, send
Your wisdom into my
heart so that I too
can be the Body of
Christ in my small,
little corner of the
world. Guide me to
know what my
inconvenient friend
truly needs and help
me minister
accordingly.

### In This Issue

- Dates for your diary
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Thursday 7th Nov 2024 5.30-7.30pm Tel: 537070 Email: admissions@christthekingcollege.co.uk







### study

### **UNDERGRADUATE**

Our undergraduate courses in law, business, criminology, policing, psychology and computer science have been specially designed to give you an exciting, practical academic experience, teaching you real-world skills so that you can achieve your ambitions.

Student Life →

Resources and Facilities →

Fees and Funding →

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#### **Our Student Leaders**

#### **Head Students**

Evangeline Wells

Faith Wagstaff

### **Deputy Head Student**

Guilianne Ponferrada

**HouseCouncil** 

(Youth Council)

Olivia Valvona

**Head of EARA/Pastoral** 

Jasmine Latif

#### **Transitions Team**

Sam Willis

**Events & Fundraising Team** 

Kato Paul

Abigail Gilliam

**World Future Alliance** 

Caleb Palmer



### **Highly Commended**

The following students have put themselves forward to be mentors, whether that be reading, numeracy or pastoral.

Boris Hare, Ebose Abhulimhen-Iyoha, Eric Williams, George Parkmand, Greta Dooley, Imogen Rayner, Kai Doidge, Lewis Edgerton, Theodore Iordache, Lilly-Jane Hopkins, Pepper Bohol, Sheridon Fox, Kato Paul, Danny Spooner, Elena Hessey, Emily Monks, India Sulley, Inole Maysulley, Jaliyah Untiveros, Jessica Henderson, Kitty Wilson-Hirst, Maria Ann Kannampuzha, Sherin Shibu, Sophia McKenna, Theo Pelosi & William Clark.

Huge thanks to the following students who volunteers their support for the Year 6 Open Evening this term: Emily Monks, Elena Hessey, Harlene Fernando, Charlotte Evans, Logan Haywood, Abigail Gilliam, Tagen Wingate, Amélie Reddecliff, Olivia Valvona, Kato Paul, Maddison Hole, Grace Lavell, Hari Balir, Sophia McKenna, Biris Hare, Ebosetale Joseph Abhulimhen-lyoha, Lewis Edgerton, George Parkman and others who possibly evaded my list keeping! Apologies

Special thanks to our student speakers: **Faith Wagstaff and Evangeline Wells and to Sam Willis** for recruiting such an amazing team!

Congratulations to Lewis, **Ebostale and Boris** for securing work experience with Yokogawa Electric.

Congratulations to **Korinna and Reuben** for securing work experience with the NHS

## 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)

Mrs Foster



## **Opportunities**

### **CGFX**



### Wednesday 13 November

Get insights from industry leaders and Solent alumni working in games, VFX, CGI, animation, film, and TV. Learn about the exciting opportunities and career paths in these booming sectors.

### Sport and health



Tuesday 14 and Thursday 16 January 2025 Tuesday 6 and Thursday 8 May 2025 Tuesday 10 and Thursday 12 June 2025

Gain access to our innovative sports complex with an exclusive learning experience with Solent's elite athletes.

### Register your interest

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### Upcoming open days



### Undergraduate open days

- Saturday 28 September (on campus)
- Saturday 19 October (on campus)
- Saturday 2 November (virtual)

### Maritime open days

- Saturday 5 October (on campus)
- Saturday 16 November (virtual)

### Apprenticeships open days

Saturday 30 November (on campus)

## **NHS Work Experience**

After the success of our recent NHS National AHP Work Experience session, I am delighted to extend an invitation to your students in years 10-13 or S3-S6 year groups for our upcoming session on Sunday 6th October, 8:30am - 5pm, focusing on Communications & Fractures.

Register here: https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/

The NHS Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience offers a unique opportunity for aspiring healthcare professionals. It's a rare occasion for students to hear from our exceptional guest speaker, Lucie Rochfort, a seasoned Speech and Language Therapist, with a wealth of knowledge and insights to share.

Lucie will provide invaluable guidance to help these future professionals embark on their dream healthcare careers. Following Lucie's talk, students will gain an intimate look at the healthcare industry in the LIVE virtual work experience, delving into diverse roles within allied healthcare and taking a closer look at patient care by following the journeys of two patients from incident through to treatment.

The NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience is the largest programme for aspiring healthcare professionals, having successfully invited over 12,000 students to participate in its programme last academic year - many of which have gone on to study:

Nursing

Midwifery

Paramedicine

Physiotherapy

Occupational Therapy

**Dietetics** 

Radiography

**Prosthetics and Orthotics** 

Speech and Language Therapy

Pharmacy

Registration Link: https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/

Once registered, students will receive access to their virtual work experience portals. Better yet, every complete session comes with a Work Experience Certificate, and for those who complete the full 6-month programme, there's a Highly Commended Reference – a golden ticket for their apprenticeship and UCAS applications.

Registration will start at 8:30am, with guest speaker Shelley from 9-10am, then the live work experience session starts at 10am, with an end at 5pm. Plenty of breaks are scheduled throughout.

Students can register at any time throughout the 6-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible.

Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs, or £50 for the full 6 months: <a href="https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/">https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/</a>

## **NHS** Conference

Our next Get Into Medicine Conferences are:

- - Saturday 5th October, 9:30am 3:30pm
- Sunday 6th October, 9:30am 3:30pm

Register here: <a href="https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjv0">https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjv0</a>

Our next Get Into Dentistry Conference is:

- - Sunday 10th November, 9:30am - 3:30pm

https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBAcC19kE

The Get into Medicine or Get Into Dentistry Conference is a complete guide to the medical or dental application journey. Students get essential insights into the medical/dental UCAS application process (such as the NEW personal statement structure), connect with professionals, fellow students, and gain a deeper understanding of a future career in medicine or dentistry.

Our conferences will provide tailored advice, covering essential topics such as:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Medical/Dental Schools
- CV Building
- Personal Statements New format from 2026
- Medical/Dental School Interviews
- UCAT Entrance Exams to Medical/Dental School
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience
- Accessing Scholarships

Students will be awarded a certificate of attendance, which can be listed on their UCAS applications for 'activities that support higher education'.

Students and parents can register for FREE here:

Medicine: https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvODentistry: https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBAcC19kE

Please ensure you have a functioning camera and microphone for the session. It's also important that you have a parent or guardian present at these conferences, not only for safeguarding but also to gain insight and guidance to support you effectively.

Our doctors, dentists and medical/dental students look forward to welcoming your students at the conference and they will join our network of successful students who attended these programmes over the last ten years: <a href="https://medicmentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/">https://medicmentor.org/successful-student-journeys-reviews/</a>

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to drop me an email <u>education@medicmentorfamily.org</u> or call our team on 01530 417299. Thank you for working with us to make a difference to your students.

## **UCAT: Medic mentor**

You can access the same support by joining an upcoming Get Into Conference.

Our upcoming Get Into Medicine conferences are:

- Saturday 26th October from 9:30am 3:30pm
- Sunday 27th October from 9:30am 3:30pm

Register here: https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO

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- Sunday 10th November from 9:30am - 3:30pm

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During this conference, Dr Kennedy, Dr Safiyyah and I will guide students through essential topics such as:

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## **Personal Statement Support**

Reading University have created a 3-part video series on Personal Statements, which can be easily incorporated into tutor time. These short sessions are designed to help students as they start preparing their UCAS applications, and I thought it might be especially useful for form teachers.

You can choose to use all three videos over a week, or spread them out, depending on your students' progress. If your students are already quite far along, you might find Part 3 particularly helpful as a reminder of good structure.

- Part 1 What is a personal statement and what is the focus?
- Part 2 What is best for me and what should I write about?
- Part 3 Writing with good structure.

Each video is under 10 minutes and includes reflection activities (no extra resources required). Just have students ready with a pen and paper for note-taking.

University Open Days:

It's that time of year again—Autumn Open Days! The University of Reading will be hosting our final Open Days before the UCAS deadline on 12th and 19th October. These are great opportunities for students to explore our campus and get a feel for university life Open Days webpage to register.



What's On

Endless Stories: Manuscripts, knowledge and translation in the 17th century

## ENDLESS STORIES

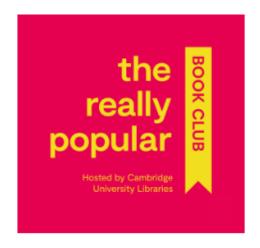
Manuscripts, knowledge and translation in the 17th century



### 28 SEPT 2024 - 22 FEB 2025

In 1632, Cambridge University Library was transformed by an extraordinary collection of manuscripts in a dazzling array of languages, including Arabic, Hebrew, Persian and Malay. Collected by a visionary thinker, Thomas Van Erpe, and on display for the first time, these unique items and the stories they tell shine a light on a 400-year-old quest for knowledge through the languages of the world.

Find out more and book your free ticket



# The Really Popular Book Club: Mr Loverman by Bernadine Evaristo

29 October, 7pm

Cambridge University Library is celebrating Black History Month and discussing this multi-award winning novel with special guest Yvonne Battle Felton, Academic Director of Creative Writing at the Cambridge University Institute of Continuing Education.

Find out more



## Adventures with black holes: past, present and future

29 October, 5pm

This lecture by Professor
Andrew Strominger will look at
the history of black holes, what
they can tell us about the
universe and future prospects
for studying these mysterious
objects.

Find out more



## In Your Own Words Storytelling Open Mic

**30 October, 7.30pm** 

Join us for In Your Own Words, a monthly storytelling open mic hosted by the Creative Writing Centre at Cambridge University Institute of Continuing Education. Each month, readers have 3-5 minutes to read their piece.

Find out more



What's On



New year university resources from UniTasterDaysThis academic year special includes new resources for parents, led by the Parents' Guide 2025, resources for students, featuring the new open day discounts platform, and of course, new resources for school staff, including updates for your display screens and the refreshed regional contact platform, which has been nominated for best school resource at the Careers in Careers festival!

Event discount platform: Explore a new searchable database of universities offering financial support for attending events like open days. Find travel bursaries, hotel deals, free parking, and more HERE.

The Uni Guide Podcast: UCAS applications for 2025 entry are now open. It might seem early, but we're celebrating with a new podcast featuring Unifrog, offering top tips for students applying for 2025 entry. Listen on all leading streaming platforms or <u>HERE</u>.

Subject guide webinars: Share impartial video guides on studying various subjects at university. The latest release is a guide to studying illustration. Watch this and hundreds more <u>HERE</u>.

Events: Search hundreds of events using the event search tool. Featured events include Northeastern University London's virtual taster lectures and the upcoming Animation, Games, VFX, Concept Art, and Motion Graphics Taster at Escape Studios.

Visit UniTasterDays







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Students can apply for apprenticeships directly through our website - by signing up they will receive an email when employers of their interest are recruiting!

Sign up Now!



### **Event Highlights:**

 Introduction to Deutsche Bank: Students will gain an understanding on Deutsche Bank's position as a global financial leader and how its operations in London drive international business.

insight into Tech Roles at Deutsche Bank: Explore the diverse technology roles available within the bank and how these opportunities can shape careers.

Mear from Apprentices: Listen to current apprentices as they share their experiences working in tech at Deutsche Bank, offering first-hand insights into life at the bank.

? Interactive Q&A Session: Students' can ask questions by Deutsche Bank professionals and apprentices to help them learn more about the company and its tech career paths.

Push your students to secure their spots ASAP!

Register here!





### Space 4 U

Out-of-hours drop-in and one-to-one support for young people aged 11-17\* living on the Isle of Wight, and experiencing crisis and difficulties with their mental health.

\*Up to age 18 with additional needs

We offer face-to-face, online, telephone and open-access drop-in sessions for you to talk to someone in confidence about anything you may be going through.



- Access support face-to-face, online or over the phone phone
- Signposting and referring you to other sources of support, to enable you to reduce the crisis in your life
- Emotional and practical support in a safe space Help to explore your current situation
- Learn self-management techniques



### How to access Space 4 U

### Monday's

Drop-in session 5-6pm one-to-one sessions 6-7.30pm (by appointment only)

East Newport Family Centre Furrlongs Newport PO30 2AX

### Tuesday's

Drop-in session 4-5pm One-to-One sessions 5-6.30pmpm (by appointment only)

Sandown Family Centre 98 The Fairway Sandown PO36 9EQ

### **Further Support**



Scan here to find out more about Safe Haven



Scan here to find out more about our Advice Centre



@nolimitshelp nolimitshelp.org.uk 02380 224 224 | 07741 665 182

### **UK University & Apprenticeship Search Events**

**Brighton Amex Stadium** - 24th Oct 2024 - <u>See details here</u> - email <u>heather@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk</u>

**Essex/Chelmsford City Racecourse** - 15th Nov 2024 - <u>See details here</u> - email heather@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk

**University of Surrey** - 4th March 2025 - <u>See details here</u> - email <u>max@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk</u>

**Brighton Amex Stadium** - 26th March 2025 - <u>See details here</u> - email <u>emma@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk</u>

**University of Kent** - 30th April 2025 - <u>See details here</u> - email <u>max@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk</u>

Oxford Brookes University - 18th June 2025 - <u>See details here</u> - email <u>heather@ukuniversitysearch.co.uk</u>





17-25 year olds

When? Thursdays 6 - 7.30pm 7th November for 6 weeks

Where? Youth Trust House 114 Pyle Street, Newport

\*Learned ways to be kind to myself as well as others."

"Noticed what really matters to we."

"Helped me to overcome a difficult situation."

### **Booking Essential**

This programme will provide you with a range of tools to help you recognise and manage any challenges you are facing, and most importantly how to treat yourself with kindness and compassion.

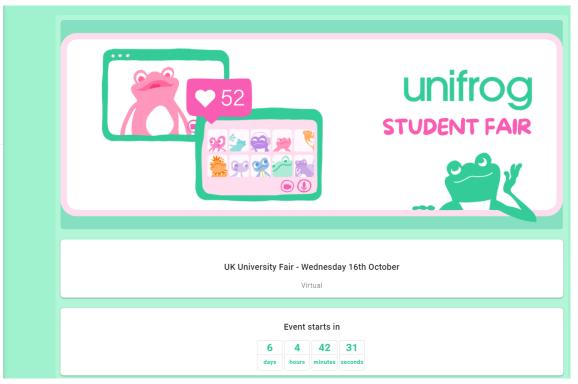
Practicing mindful self-compassion is a great way to build your emotional resilience, and is an effective way to reduce feelings of anxiety, low mood and stress.

This course includes information, meditation, creative, kind words, music videos, safe space, somatic body work and visualization. Although not therapy it can be therapeutic.

For more information or to book your place call: 01983 529569

email: info@iowyouthtrust.co.uk





4:05 PM 4:10 PM Welcome to the UK university fair!

Welcome Session

Find out what to expect from the fair today from a member of the Unifrog team.

4:30 PM

4:50 PM

Student finance

Being independent is freeing, but can be expensive! Make sure you are on top of your finances by attending this session covering all things student finance, including how to apply and how to access scholarships and bursaries.

4:30 PM

Student life

4:40 PM

affordably whilst at university.

Life At University

4:30 PM 4:50 PM Acing your personal statement

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Your personal statement is an opportunity to demonstrate your passion and secure that spot on your dream university course. Join this session to get practical tips for a perfect personal statement, what to do and what not to do, and what to make sure you include.

Want to know what studying at university is really like? Find out about the sports and societies you can join, and how to budget and live

### THE ISLAND SPORTS ALLIANCE

### **Angling Education IOW**





Interested in Angling 🥗



Enjoy working with children



Interested in a level 1 or 2 Angling Qualification



Paid opportunities available



For More Information Email: neil.wylie@anglingtrust.net Ref: The Island Sports Alliance

## What matters <u>most</u> to employers when recruiting graduates?

1.

### Enthusiasm for the role

One of the three most important factors for 68% of employers.



2.

Transferable skills (e.g. communication skills)
One of the three most important factors for 55% of employers.



3.

Relevance of subject studied One of the three most important factors for 52% of employers.



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**Vocational experience** (e.g. work placements or projects set by employers)

One of the three most important factors



What matters <u>least</u> to employers when hiring graduates?:

for 42% of employers.

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Specific projects completed during degree

One of the three most important factors for 4% of employers.



2.

Which university graduates studied at

One of the three most important factors for 8% of employers.



85%

Of employers believe vocational experience improves graduate performance at interview\*.

27%

Of employers contribute to university course content, material and delivery.

\*vocational experience was defined as 'an umbrella term, including internships, placement years, practical or employer-informed projects and other work experience.'



## Support RREF's Research Appeal



### PATHWAYS TO PROPERTY

Inspire your students to pursue an exciting career in property

### **Insight Days**

We hold a series of Insight Days around the country each in the Spring and Autumn term. Our next Insight Days will be held on the following days for Yr12 students:

13th November - Leeds

19th November - Manchester

28th November - London - This is now full

Applications open on 1st August and will close on 20th October.

Please click here to apply.