

"The Way, the Truth and the Life" Christian Secondary School on the Isle of Wight

Headteacher: Mr A R Montrose

5th January, 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Week 1 of 2024 is almost over. I have said several times in previous messages to you that 'time flies'; and it really does! That said, I came across some wise words a few days ago - *The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot*. With this in mind, I have spoken to all students this week about the importance of taking opportunities they have in the time they have with us here. I also challenged them to continue to actively demonstrate one of our core values here at Christ the King - Respect; respect for ourselves, each other and the environment.

In a few weeks time, we will be having a Lockdown Drill here at College. Staff have had training on this, and students will be taken through procedures next week during Form time. Please see this link for more information about what the rationale for a Lockdown Drill, and what it entails <u>Lockdown letter</u>

For the first few days of this Spring term, we have been a little more lenient than usual regarding any uniform issues students have had; from next Monday, we will be reinstating the sanction of a same-day after school detention for students who fail to adhere to our expectations. One specific item of uniform I would like to mention is trousers - our policy states that these should be formal; several of our young people (mainly girls) are wearing tight trousers which are leggings. These are not allowed. May I thank you once again for your support in our 'Dress for Success' focus.

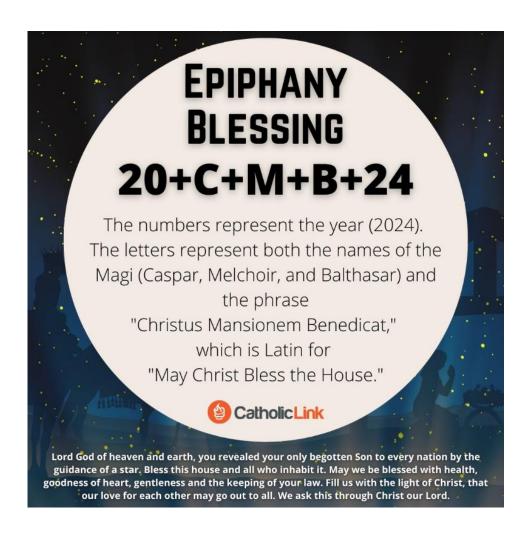
A small handful of our students are sadly letting themselves down regarding their use/abuse of our facilities. Our toilets areas have five cubicles in each section. Despite multiple warnings, more than one student have been caught occupying one cubicle. This is a potential safeguarding and safety issue, and we cannot allow it to happen. With this in mind, if any students are seen in a cubicle with any other student, they will be sanctioned accordingly.

There are several Parents' Evening in the calendar over the next few weeks (see information below). In terms of these events this year, we have decided on a hybrid of face-to-face meetings and online meetings. This decision was taken after the feedback we received from yourselves in a survey which was sent out at the start of the year. There are clearly many pros and cons for both types of Parents' Evenings - and I am aware that some of you prefer one type but not the other, and *vice versa*. We will continue to canvass you regarding these events to plan for the next academic year.

On the subject of time flying - it has been one year since I arrived as Headteacher. It has been a busy whirl-wind of a year, but I have enjoyed it immensely. I am very much looking forward to leading our wonderful community into 2024 and beyond. As I am often heard saying - Onwards and upwards!

Have a lovely weekend, and (a day or so early) - Happy Epiphany! The blessing below is a traditional blessing for homes which is sometimes chalked above a doorway.

Mr Montrose



Diary Dates All Diary Dates can be found on our website homepage If you click this on the bottom right of that calendar, it can add this calendar to your mobile device or computer.

W/C 8 th Jan	Year 11 Mock Exams
11 th Jan	Year 9 Options Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
W/C 15 th Jan	Year 13 Mock Exams
18 th Jan	Year 9 Parents Evening (Remote) 4.00pm – 7.15pm
25 th January	Year 11 Parents Evening (Face to Face) 3.45pm – 7.00pm
26 th January	Year 9 Options deadline

Parents' Evenings

Appointments for the Year 9 (remote) and Year 11 (face to face) parents evenings open **today** at **4.00pm**.

Appointments can be made at https://christtheking.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/. Parents who are unable to make appointments online, please feel free to email caroline.curliss@christthekingcollege.co.uk

To attend online appointments you will need to log in to the parents evening system and access the Year 9 consultation event on Thursday, Full instructions on how to attend your video calls can be found at https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call. We encourage parents to read this in advance of appointments so that any questions or problems you may have can be addressed prior to the event.

Year 11 appointments will be held in College, core subjects in the auditroirum and option subjects in the canteen area. This evening takes place from 3.45pm-7.00pm.

Carisbrooke Road - Road Works

We have been advised today that the scheduled roadworks due to start on Monday, 8th January have been delayed until Thursday, 11th January.

Public Consultation

We have been asked to share the following information on proposed changes to acute hospital services.

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Online safety is a vital component to protect children and as a school, we incorporate this in our curriculum. However, there are times we as a school are made aware of issues that need to be passed onto you so that you can check and monitor at home.

Online games and social media have privacy settings that need to be at the highest level to protect the identification and also location of the user. We have been made aware that some online games and media that children access, if not set correctly, will identify and pinpoint the location or home address of the user. This then opens up the potential for online grooming, abuse, and other concerning behaviours. Roblox is one of these that has been highlighted to us that needs to have the location blocked.

Please check your child's privacy settings so that they are protected.

To view this poster, use this link Setting up parental controls on new devices

