

Christ the King College
"The Way, the Truth and the Life"
Christian Secondary School on the Isle of Wight
Headteacher: Mr A R Montrose

15th December, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have finally arrived at the end of a very long and busy term for us all. Our community here at Christ the King is blessed with so many wonderful students who do so much for each other and for the wider community on the Island. I have just returned from a rewards event in our auditorium, where students from all Year groups were enjoying a Christmas film and snacks; young people who have embodied and reflected our College Values in what they have done this term through their generosity, compassion and attitude.

Earlier this week I attended a Christingle Service at St. Mary's Church, where ALL of our Year 7 students took their Christingle creations and joined in a celebration of Christmas and our place as Christians in the local and global community. This was another highlight of the year for me; our young people were respectful and reverent, and sang 'Shine Jesus Shine' collectively and energetically!

Please do have a scan through the contents of this Newsletter to get a flavour of everything we do here at College. One of our primary aims here is, of course, to maximise academic progress; but we are also very keen to maximise experiences outside the classroom, and to expose our young people to the wider world in which we live by inviting visitors into school on a regular basis. Allied with spiritual opportunities and events within and outside College, our vision is to support and develop our students to become well-rounded individuals who have high standards and aspirations.

On behalf of everyone here at CtK, may I wish you and your families a very happy and holy Christmas. All students will return to school on Tuesday 2nd January, re-energised, recharged and raring to go!

This weekend sees the beginning of the third week of Advent, whose theme is Joy. We look forward to the arrival of Jesus, our King, and pray for joy and happiness to be widespread this Christmas, particularly in war-torn parts of the world:

Heavenly Father,

This third week of Advent, let us remember that the good news of Jesus' birth brings us great joy this Christmas season. Our joy isn't dependent on what is going on in our lives, in our world, or the people that we are with. It doesn't depend on the gifts we give or the gifts we find under the tree. No earthly thing can ever give us complete joy. Our joy comes from you. That joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven, and Mary and Joseph is the joy that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing.

Amen.



Mr Montrose

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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.

Friday 15 th December	Last Day of Term (Full school day no early finish)
Tuesday, 2 nd Jan	Return to school
Thursday, 4 th Jan	Year 13 Parents Evening (face to face) 3.45pm-7pm Appointment bookings open Friday, 15 th Dec at 16.30 and close on the 3 rd Jan at 10.00am https://christtheking.schoolcloud.co.uk/
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
25 th January	Year 11 Parents Evening (Face to Face)
26 th January	Year 9 Options deadline

Website

We have revamped our web-site! Please take a look at our new website and updated prospectus which will be live today. We are really excited about the new look and the face-lift!



December Highlights

Helping the Community at Christmas

Once again we are proud and humbled by the generosity shown by our students and their families.

Last week our community at Christ the King College have been able to give a large selection of toys to the Isle of Wight Radio toy appeal, along with a donation of £65. Then we visited the Isle of Wight foodbank to drop off a jaw dropping amount of food, along with a donation of £65. Thanks to you we have been able to help so many local families that need our help this Christmas.



Student School Dinner

Students enjoyed their Christmas lunch. Thank you to our amazing catering team and the Pastoral and Admin staff who helped serve the students.



Christmas Movie

Selected students who had contributed over and above in our school community this term were invited to watch Home Alone with popcorn and treats this week.

As part of our rewards system, we look at planning further celebration events over the next term for students we recognise are going above and beyond in many different ways.



Christmas Tree Decoration Competition

Students were invited to produce a handmade Christmas Tree decoration for the chance to win house points and an Amazon voucher.

There were some really good creations and it was very hard for Mr Montrose to choose the winners. After much deliberation the winners were Oliver Downer, Jasmine Peniche, Bethe Wells, Rosie Wright, Cameron Evans



Christingle

In what has become something of a tradition at Christ the King, we held our Year 7 Christingle Workshop and Worship on Tuesday 12th December. The students were beautifully behaved and a credit to the school. They helped and supported each other during the making of the Christingles supported by our superb Sixth Form Philosophy and Ethics students and others, walked to the church excitedly yet sensibly. They listened attentively to Mr Brenchley and Reverend Emma explaining the significance of the Christingle and sung their hearts out to Shine Jesus Shine and My Lighthouse. A stripped back acoustic worship band led the singing in the loveliest way. Every student took their responsibility for having a lit candle for a few minutes seriously and the RE department and the other members of staff who came along to support were all extremely proud of their behaviour. It really was a wonderful afternoon and hopefully something that our Year 7 students will remember in years to come.



Thank you to all the parents who helped by providing the oranges, especially at such a busy time.

Ms Evans
Assistant Head of RE

Young Enterprise

Our Young Enterprise students attended the Young Enterprise Christmas fair at Yelfs to raise funds for their clothing line business leroisclothing.teemill.com by selling festive bakes, teddy tombola and name the bear.

Students made a profit of £67.00, adding their investment capital of £50 from the Dragons to grow their ethical clothing brand.



League Winners

Well done to the Year 10 Football team who beat their local rivals, Carisbrooke in the league final tonight. The boys were immense and won every fifty fifty throughout the whole game. The first half was a tight affair, with CTK taking the lead from a goal from Kian B.

At 1-0 at half time the next goal would be so important for both teams, with twenty minutes to go a well worked move ended in Luke S slotting the ball home. The game ended 2-0, worthy winners on the night.

A special Thank you to Mr Dye from Medina School for refereeing.

A brilliant performance.

Mr Haydon



Island 5-side Champions

Well done to our Year 7 Girls Football team who became the Island 5-side champions at the Indoor Football Tournament earlier this week. The girls faced teams from across the Isle of Wight. They won their games against The Bay, Cowes, Medina and Ryde School and drew against Carisbrooke and Ryde Academy. Remaining undefeated throughout meant they walked away with medals and the trophy. Not bad for their debut outing! Great performances from all of the girls. Well done! Miss Walker



We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

From all of the staff at Christ the King

