

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

23rd February, 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As always, our students have been involved in a plethora of enrichment activities in the past week, ranging from cross-country (in monsoon conditions!) to educational visits to the mainland. This Newsletter contains information and photographs which highlight these events, which we feel add a unique dimension to the opportunities your children receive here at Christ the King.

Thank you to those of you who attended our Year 11 core subject revision evening earlier this week; a strong partnership between home and school is a highly significant factor in helping students to make the most of the next few months before their exams, and to maximise their grades. For those that were unable to attend please find these links to the [English handout](#) and the [slideshow](#) presented at this evening. Please do contact staff if there is anything at all you need support or advice on regarding specific subjects and revision. Likewise, our Year 13 students are very close to their final exams before they leave for pastures new – don't hesitate to speak to us if you have any queries or concerns.

Whilst we are a large community here at Christ the King, we are also a close community which values every young person as a unique individual. Our values of inclusiveness and respect permeate everything we do and how we treat each other. We are blessed with a vibrant, dynamic and diverse group of young people who – almost without exception – reflect and live out our values on a daily basis. When students fall below our expectations and standards, we have clear and consistent systems in place to support them and re-engage them. Thank you to all of you for supporting our systems and working with us to ensure we live out our 'every child matters' philosophy.

Our staff are simply amazing also! I can assure you that your children receive the very best of education in a stimulating and engaging environment. Two of our staff will sadly be leaving us at Easter – Ms Ward (Year Head and teacher of RE & Sociology), and Mrs Brooman (Pastoral Manager). These two ladies have been a main-stay of Christ the King for many years, and they will be sorely missed. More details to follow, but I wanted to let you know in advance, ahead of students being informed.

As a joint-faith community, we celebrated Ash Wednesday earlier this week (albeit a week late!) by having a Service for every Year group in school. The students were respectful, engaged and responsive. Thank you to our friends from the local Catholic and Anglican clergy who supported this important event in the liturgical calendar.

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Finally, this quote made me smile.....I have found myself saying 'The Island' to friends and relatives on the mainland a lot over the past year or so; it's now a default phrase I use!



God Bless you and your families,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Montrose".

**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.*

1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 9 – Teen Booster Immunisation
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8 Parents Evening (remote)
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 Mock Exams



Thank you for your continued support in our drive to improve attendance.

Please can we ask that ensure you inform the school by 9am if your child will be absent from school - either by calling us on 537070 or via the Edulink app. You should call each day of their absence. We are seeing a worrying number of unauthorised absences due to the school not receiving communication from parents in a timely manner.

If your child has 5 or more days of unauthorised absence, we may need to refer them to the Education and Inclusion service for further support which could lead to a fine.

## 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.

## Year 9 Vaccinations

You will be aware that the school nurse team will be in College on the 1st March for a vaccination session for the teenage booster. The Teenage Booster vaccinations protect children from [Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio \(Td/IPV\)](#) and [Meningitis ACWY](#)

In this [letter](#) is a link to the consent form which must be completed by 27th February for your child to have the vaccine at the school session. If you miss this date, catch up opportunities are available either in school or at Community Clinics. Please do not contact your GP.

If you require further details please contact the school immunisation team directly via Email: [IOW.SAI@solent.nhs.uk](mailto:IOW.SAI@solent.nhs.uk) or Telephone: 0300 123 5074

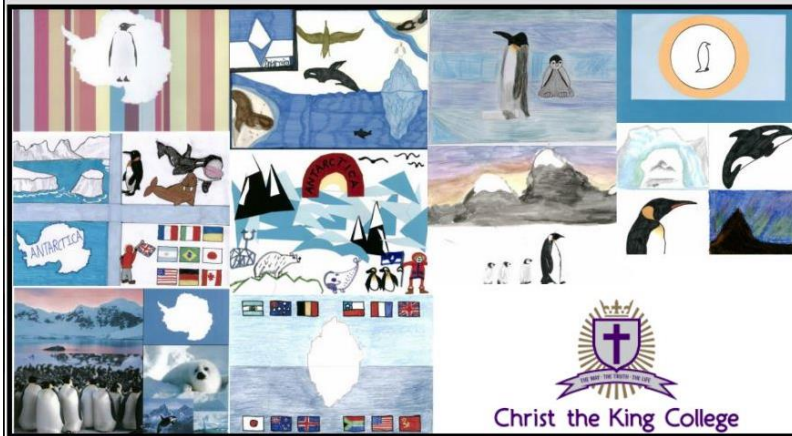
## Good News

### **EARA Group**

On Wednesday 21st February students from our EARA (Equality and Rights Advocates) group went to an LGBTQ+ art exhibition at Monkton Arts in Ryde. The exhibition is open during February for LGBTQ+ history month. Students saw a variety of artwork, learnt about LGBTQ+ history on the island and had a chance to contribute to a quilt that will go on display at Carisbrooke Castle.



## Antartica Day Flag



For the second year, Christ the King has taken part in the Antarctica Day flag competition run by the UK Polar Network. All of Year 7 were invited to take part as an independent learning task, the Geography department then had the difficult task of selecting our winners to form the CTK flag entry for 2023/2024.

Our flag travelled to Antarctica with Derren Fox, a zoological field assistant at Signy Research Station, Signy Island. The photographs were taken on Signy Island, in the background are some Chinstrap Penguins and their chicks! Derren is very lucky to work so closely with the penguins as part of his job.

Signy Research Station is one of Britain's smallest stations and it is only occupied in the Antarctic Summer. Research at Signy focuses on the bird populations and terrestrial ecology. Signy Island is one of the remote South Orkney Islands, 1300km from the Falkland Islands and 600km from the Antarctic Peninsula.

It's wonderful to see work produced by students travel so far. Congratulations to all students who took part.

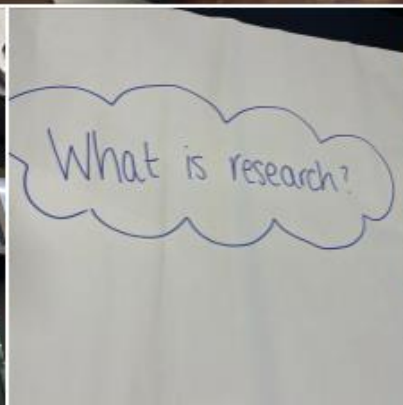
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## 'Learn With Us'

Some of our Year 10 students were offered a fantastic careers opportunity yesterday through 'Learn with Us' at Southampton University. Students travelled across the water to take part in a research challenge where they were in competition against other schools from across Hampshire. It was an interactive session where students met university undergraduates, listened to a thesis speaker, took part in a research skills carousel and worked alongside students from other schools. This was before they prepared and then delivered their group project and presentation. Schools voted for the presentation they thought was the most relevant to them. Christ the King were voted 4th place for their presentation titled "School holidays - are they long enough?"

The aim of the day was to provide opportunities for students to develop their research skills and you can see from the photos that our students rose to the challenge. Well done to our students!



## Isle of Wight Schools Cross Country

On Tuesday 28 Year 7 and 8 students braved the horrendous weather conditions which included torrential rain and mud baths to take part in the Isle of Wight Schools Cross Country. Their resilience and positivity shone through and they all did exceptionally well considering the circumstances. Well done to those students who finished in the Top 10 for their races, Nicola.S and Lexi M they will go through to the next round.

A huge thanks to Mr Clark for organising and running the day. Secondly, a big thank you goes to our sixth form helpers who braved the conditions all afternoon and were so supportive of all the students from all the other schools. A true representation of the CTK way.



# INTER-SCHOOL TEAM DRESSAGE

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Little Kennerley Farm, Godshill

By kind permission of Dawn and Hayley Webster



**Secondary Schools**  
**BD Prelim Test 13 or BD Novice Test 24**

If you are interested in representing Christ the King College in this event please make yourself known to **Ms Inglis (1.37)**, who will give you the forms etc.

You need access to a horse / pony and an adult who needs to accompany you and remain with you throughout the day.

The entry fee is £8 per rider. Entries need to be sent to Karen Begley at Carisbrooke College. Payment by cheque, cash or bacs . Payment by cheque, cash or Bacs. Bacs payments to Account name: School Equestrian Competition, Number: 21359423, Sort code:54-10-34

It is open to teams of 4 (with best three scores counting) and individuals.

If you require any further information please contact Karen Begley at Carisbrooke College 524651 or karen.begley@iwef.org.uk

## **FREE Training for Parents and Carers living on and/or visiting The Isle of Wight 'EYES-WIDE' Increasing your Awareness of Gangs, Youth Violence & Criminal Exploitation**

**When?**  
**Monday 4th March 2024**  
**Doors open 6.15pm.**  
**6.30 pm - 8pm**  
**Please arrive promptly for start of session**

This training will increase your awareness of street crime, including signs and symptoms of gang involvement and youth violence.

Do you want to find out more about County Lines, Child Criminal Exploitation and knife crime?

Then come along to this informative, proactive session.

**Where?**  
**Bay CE Secondary School site, The Fairway, Sandown, PO36 9JH**

**Please enter via main entrance.**  
**Free parking on site**

There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to ask questions at the end of the main information session.

