



Christ the King College

SIXTH FORM NEWS

January 2024

January has been a high stakes and hardworking month particularly for Year 13 students. It started with our face to face parents' evening on the 4th of January. Can you believe that this is the first face to face parents' event we've hosted for four years. There have been two whole cohorts of Sixth Form students who never had a face to face parents' evening with their teachers. Quite incredible really, and my goodness, how we've missed it. The parents evening was hugely successful with 100% of parents who attended, and completed our survey reporting that the event was useful to them and their child. 100% also agreed that their child is making good progress towards their goals.

January has seen in another mock phase for Year 13, who are getting close to completing their qualifications now. There is much work to be done on NEA projects and preparing for final examinations. As I write this message we have completed, and sent, 78 UCAS applications with two pending completion today. That's 80 high quality UCAS applications in total. 12 students have already received all of their offers, one applicant has secured an offer from Cambridge University, 126 conditional offers made, several invitations to interview, one unconditional offer for Medicine, and a further 19 unconditional offers so far. It takes a fabulous team to support this process and I want to publically thank the amazing Year 13 Tutors and Mr. Hare, Mrs. Stuart, Mr. Andrews, and Mrs. Carroll as well as all of the subject specialists for their contributions to this process. This week we've also heard from GKN about the apprenticeships they can offer in advance of Apprenticeships week next week. We're all about positive destinations! Mrs. Conway-Hughes

Dates for your Diaries:

- ⇒ 6th February, Dance Live
- ⇒ 8th February, Year 12 Virtual Parents' Evening
- ⇒ 12th February, Half Term

Reflection

May you
shine the
light of
Christ in the
New Year

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HIGHLY COMMENDED

News

Congratulations to the students who participated in Talent Tap Interviews this month: **Ellie Attwell, George Riley, Abigail Caya, Holly Serjent, James McDonald, Tyler Littlejohn, Caitlin Morris, Sienna Hobbs.**

Laura Kernaghan from Talent Tap commenting, “We were so impressed by all of the candidates - they did so well!

It's a pleasure to work with Christ the King. I'll update you towards the end of next week on the outcome of the interviews!”

Very well done to Year 12 students **Ethan and Logan** who participated in the Resilience Challenge—see later editorial and subsequent Award!

Well done to **Guillianne Ponferrada & Evie Fuller** who have been nominated by staff for participation in an Oxford University Law Faculty Taster Day on: Tuesday 12 March 2024:

Ayres Punched Investment Impact: Peter Abbot, Sienna Hobbs, **Tabitha Rashley, Susanne Richardson and Syria Townsend**—for outstanding effort in researching and writing up their report about (un)sustainable corporate methods in South America. Hopefully this will have a big impact when we visit London next month!

Lianne Ponferrada has also entered an essay writing competition, the Fitzwilliam College 2023 Essay Competition—Good Luck Lianne!

Ready Steady Cook Champions—**Jasmine Latif and Makaita Moyo!**



Our Student Leaders

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Connor Garner

Jessica Curtis

Student Council & WFA Leaders

Eleanor Torrance

Peter Abbott

Head of EARA

Maeve Furnidge

Pastoral Team

Sienna Hobbs

Transitions Team

Olivia Wilkinson

Jake Garner

Events & Fundraising Team

Eirann McClumpha

Kade Elvers

Olivia Wilkinson

Student LEADERSHIP

News

The student leadership team have been busy with legacy planning and recruitment of the new team this term. Desk based applications have been completed, a group interview has taken place and after half term there will be individual interviews as well. We very much look forward to being able to reveal the new team and their roles to you in the next newsletter.



Christ the King College

Major Scotty Mills



“Commando Mindset” - Former Major Scotty Mills encourages sixth-formers at Christ the King College with motivational talk.

On Monday, 22nd January, Christ the King College was pleased to welcome Major Scotty Mills as a guest speaker for their sixth formers. Members of staff had previously listened to Scotty Mills speak. They were inspired by his words, inviting him to deliver a similar talk to students, as shared by Lisa Brinton, Senior Leadership Team member and organiser of his visitation.

Spending 32 years as an Officer in the Royal Marines, he’s been a Physical Training and Sports Specialist and Head of Performance for the 6,500 Royal Marine Green Berets before resigning in 2019. Currently, he works with teams to inspire them to achieve by developing a “Commando Mindset.” Most recently, he’s worked with the Lionesses from 2018 to 2023.

He shared personal stories including failure, discrimination and personal growth, encouraging “cheerfulness in the face of adversity.”

Hayley Conway-Hughes, Head of Christ the King Sixth Form, described his presence as a “once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” strongly encouraging students to attend his motivational talk, especially those aiming to work in the military or sports leadership.

Although, other students still benefited from the experience as Jasmine Latif (Year 12 student) expressed: “The talk was useful and motivating, especially since it was based on true events. I enjoyed listening to Scotty talk about his experiences as a person of colour. As an ethnic minority, it taught me to not fear judgement, or allow it to impact me.”

Guillianne Ponferrada

Scotty was really inspirational and engaging, especially for a sixth former looking to join the military - Scotty is an example of how anyone can achieve their impossible dreams from breaking a world record to bringing multiple world famous teams to success.

I found the session particularly useful as I had been struggling with motivation for a while and it showed me how to positively approach and tackle problems. I especially liked his story about his journey to become a marine and how it showed how perseverance is an essential skill to put into practice daily.

Very engaging. Talked to us like we actually mattered, and we felt respected. He wasn't condescending. He was really inspirational.

Resilience Challenge Competition



On Tuesday 23rd January a team of 6 students from years 9, 10 and 12 represented the school in a resilience challenge.

They were given a scenario for the island and had to come up with a response that would allow us to survive and be able to operate as normally as possible.

On this occasion, they were told that a bomb had been found in central Newport. while they were planning the response they were told the bomb had detonated. They spent the day talking to those in the council to get the right information and preparing a presentation for a panel of people from the council, Southern Water, the Police, NHS and others.

We returned on Wednesday to do the presentation and take part in some sustainable STEM activities.

Great fun was had, designing self-propelling gyroscopes for travel to school and sustainable restaurants while the other teams were doing their presentations.

As we prepared to present the nerves kicked in and all the students were on edge and getting excited to get their point across. They returned from the presentation room with big smiles and a very good feeling about how they did.

we then had to wait, it was a very tense time, however, the results were good and we took home the 'Thinking Outside of the Box' award.

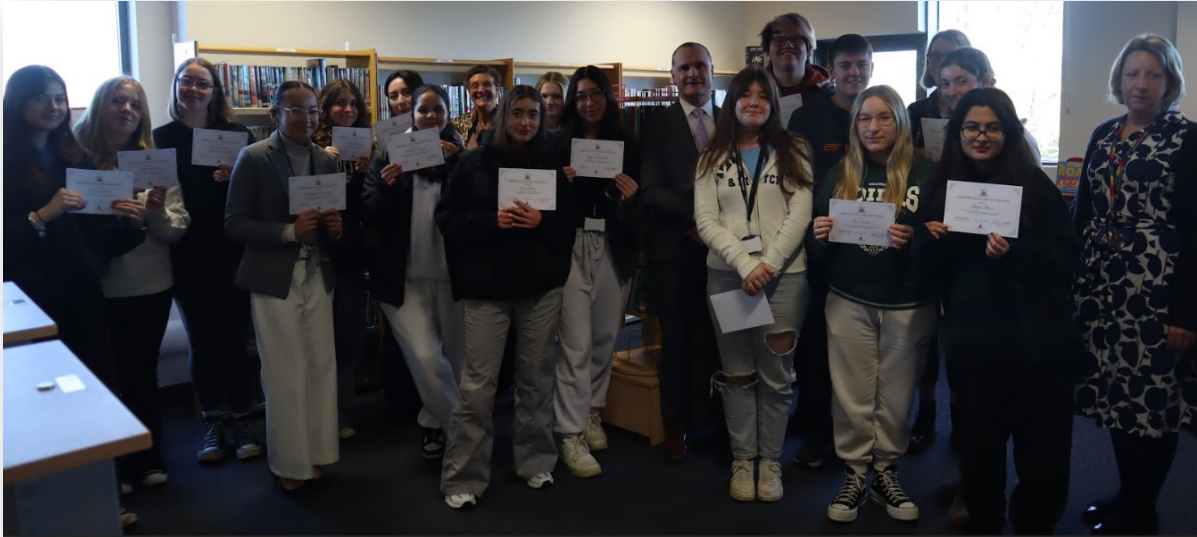
This was especially welcome when you compared our mixed team to the other schools, which sent teams made entirely of final-year students.

Judges were very impressed with the research and analysis of complex data throughout the first day. Most notably, Annabelle Acutt managed to endure and respond effectively to complicated questions about substations! Olivia Jones became an effective leader and communicated well with her team, making sure everyone was on track and had a job to do. What was best was how the team worked well together - even forming a group and finishing their presentation in the evening!

Mrs Fitzgerald and Mr Lindfield

Reading Mentors

Huge thanks to our Sixth Form Reading Mentors; Grace Lavell, Connor Garner, Arzoo Rizvi, Guillianne Ponferrada, Korinna Goddard, Maddison Hole, Amélie Reddecliff, Emily Davis, Maple Ann Holt, Samuel Willis, Seth Burton, Evie Fuller and Evangeline Wells



Who supported a committed group of Year 7 pupils who were invited to a celebration event with their 6th Form Mentor.

The event was also attended by members of SLT, Year Heads, the SENCO and the Literacy Co-ordinator. Year 7 students were recognised for their individual progress, perseverance in improving their reading fluency and developing comprehension skills. 6th Formers were in equal measure commended for their commitment and excellent support of their mentees. Certificates were awarded for their participation in the programme by our Head teacher. It was heart-warming to see the College's Christian ideals of 'valuing every individual and caring for the needs of others' in action through this programme.

Our thanks to Helen Lambert for running the programme and organising the celebration event.



Year 12 Enrichment Carousel Lifesaving Skills

While the Year 13s continue their carousel of bespoke Academic Skills provision, the Year 12s have been involved in learning lifesaving skills: CPR, First Aid and Self Defence.



A huge thank you to the staff involved who have volunteered their time and to all the students who have got so much out of this unique opportunity!

English Literature Trip



Year 13 Literature students enjoyed a great day out in Richmond, on Saturday 13th January, to watch a brilliant production of Oliver Goldsmith's Georgian 'Laughing Comedy', *She Stoops to Conquer*, at the Orange Tree Theatre. The play is one of the set texts for the final exam, and this production was incredibly useful for students to see how the directors had moved the play into a 1930s setting - it was also very, very funny!



Ayres Punchard Investment Impact

Students from Year 13 have volunteered their time researching the ethical impacts of a large corporation operating out of South America. Here are some of those involved busily working away on research and responding to feedback from Ayres Punchard, an ethical investment company.



Their goal is to create a report which they will present to fund managers in London next month, with the hope being that bringing this information to light will convince them to divest from this company because of its practices, or engage with it in order to improve how they operate.

This has involved a huge amount of time and effort at the very highest levels of academic research. Ayres Punchard are very impressed and we look forward to the trip to London.

Any Year 12s who want to be involved next year should contact Mr. Torrington as we hope to make this an annual event!

Ready Steady Cook

Year 12 form groups have been competing in cooking competitions over the past 5 weeks. During our PSHE sessions teams have been creating dishes out of a bag of unknown (and often very random) ingredients. We have had pastries, pasta, full breakfasts and very very strange desserts.

Our prestigious final was judged by the wonderful Mr Gale and the Times food critic Tom Eats @EaterWriter

The overall winners of our Year 12 Ready Steady Cook competition, and owner of the prestigious Christ the King College Pasta Trophy are: **Jasmine Latif and Makatit Ashe Moko** who cooked a lovely gnocchi, tomato sauce, vegetables and rice. (LOTS of carbs)

Thank you to everyone who took part for their engagement and thank you also to the form tutors for the out-of-hours shopping trips!

Mrs Stuart



Ready Steady Cook



Talent in the Sixth Form

Wight Strollers bringing panto Snow White to Medina Theatre

Directed by Elisa Jones, and with a cast of local talent, the story of Snow White is one of fun, friendship, courage, and true love.

It follows the beautiful Princess Snow, played by our very own Maddison Hole, as she faces the jealousy of her wicked stepmother, finds the man of her dreams, and has plenty of adventures with her friends along the way.

This year the chosen charities are the Isle of Wight Foodbank, The Way Forward Programme, the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary, the Isle of Wight Bus and Coach Museum, and MAD-Aid.

The Strollers will also be donating their 14th defibrillator to the Island.

The show promises plenty of laughs for all ages, and a wealth of singing, dancing and chances to boo and cheer from start to finish.

There are five performances across February 10, 11 and 17, and ticket prices have been frozen this year.

Tickets are available to book from Medina Theatre.



Emily Scotcher as the Prince and Maddison Hole as Snow White (Image: Wight Strollers)

Theatre Tech Tour and Workshop



Learn: Kings Theatre Tech Tour and Workshop

A brilliant opportunity to go behind the scenes at Kings Theatre in Southsea and see the areas that the public don't normally get to see! Learn from the theatre's Technical Manager all about how the lights, scenery, and backstage areas work. Visit the fly floor and even get the chance to try hemp rope flying!

You'll also take part in a workshop, where you'll learn some stagecraft skills such as 'spiking' set, practicing scene changes, knots and more. You'll also find out more about the technical elements like programming lighting and using communications and cue lights.

2024 has begun with great excitement as we embark on a journey filled with a remarkable lineup of events for the year ahead.

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Get ready to experience a thought-provoking content including a brand new art installation inspired by the project Oral History Interviews. The exhibition is accompanied by parallel workshops and engaging activities, all expertly delivered by our talented team and guest artists, Jenna Sabine and Dawn Fidler.

Feb, 1 - 29 - Monkton Arts, Ryde
Weekdays 10.30 - 4pm

LGBT History Month serves as a vital reminder and recognition of a history that has often been denied, ignored, and erased. It gives us an opportunity to reflect upon the Isle of Wight's own LGBTQ+ history, which has faced various challenges and obstacles due to changes in the law, feelings of shame, and embarrassment of both individuals and society in general.



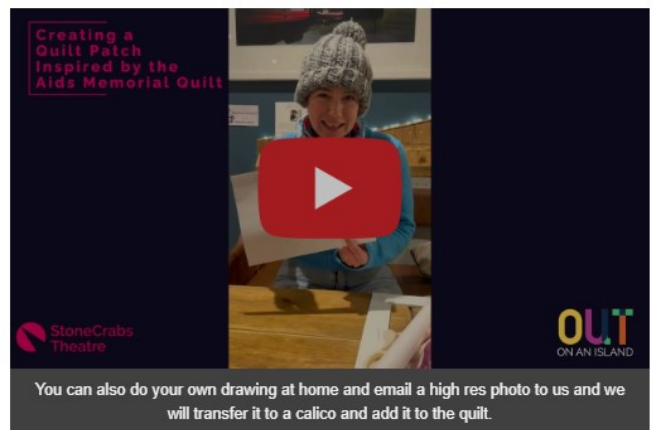
Let us take you on a journey spanning over one hundred years of LGBTQ+ history & heritage. Explore the stories of ordinary individuals as well as renowned figures who have left an indelible mark on our history. Explore the curated heritage trail map that showcases the invaluable contributions of this vibrant community. The exhibition also features artwork by Karl Stedman and Sydney Cardew.

Free workshops



There will be workshops for people of all ages and the opportunity to design a patch for an Isle of Wight Memorial Quilt, inspired by the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Can't attend a workshop? Pick up a patch of calico material from Monkton Arts for you to sew on or you can draw or paint onto an A4 sized piece of paper.



exhibition activity dates

Sat Feb 3, 10.30am - 12.30pm - Discover Rainbow Island Family Support's monthly cafes and explore the LGBTQ+ support available from other fantastic Isle of Wight organizations. Learn about the rich history of the Memorial Quilt and unleash your creativity by designing your own personalized patch.

Wed Fe 7, 5.30pm - 8.40pm - Another opportunity to celebrate the history of our NHS and their contribution/support of the LGBTQ+ community; learn about the rich history of the Memorial Quilt and unleash your creativity by designing your own personalized patch.

Thur Feb 29, 5pm - 7pm - Memorial Quilt reveal and closing of exhibition.

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Apprenticeship Event

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Welcome

Higher and degree apprenticeships (HDAs) are bringing further learning into workplaces all around the country. Solent offers a diverse range of HDAs, all of which are underpinned with recognised and transferable degree qualifications (BA, BSc, etc).

Higher apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships give employees the opportunity to upskill in their chosen field or retrain for a new career while working. They offer employers the opportunity to develop their staff - improving productivity, increasing knowledge and boosting expertise within the workforce.

We currently offer HDAs in chartered management, construction, engineering,



Education & Skills

Apprenticeship Event - Colleges Activity Day – Tuesday 6th February 2024

The aim of this event is to provide activities to inform College Students in years 12 and 13 of the possibilities on offer for their career at University and through Degree Apprenticeships. This event specifically focuses on STEM activities, with a wider range of information of courses and degree apprenticeship pathways also on display.



The Apprenticeship Event, On Campus - 06 February 2024 - Student booking Form

Thank you for registering for the Apprenticeship Event Visit, attending with your teacher. If you have any questions at all, please ask your teacher to get in touch with us at schools.colleges@solent.ac.uk.

Full Name *

First name

Last name

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Creative Careers

Future Works -
Discover Creative
Careers

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PO30 1LL

Thu 15th February
2024



Future Works is a new regular event for 16-30 year olds to meet new people, make connections, and start collaborating. The event will feature exciting guests from all areas of the creative industries, brought to you by Brave Island, Platform One and IW Creative Network!

We're always asked by young creatives how to get your foot in the door, get feedback on a piece of work, or just where to go to meet some new people on the Island! So we've come together to create Future Works, an exciting new FREE event for 16-30 year olds.

At each event we'll be joined by industry professionals to discuss different topics around starting your creative career. But don't worry if you're not sure what you want to do in the future, this is all about meeting new people; the bar will be open with a DJ to soundtrack the event, so come down and enjoy a different way to spend your evening!

February Guest Speakers:

At the first event we'll hear from sustainable fashion designer Rosie Drake-Knight, filmmaker and photographer Reuben Mowle, and graphic designer and illustrator Michelle Lott.

Rosie is the founder and owner of Roake - a sustainable womenswear brand. They handmade garments from start to finish in their small studio in Ventnor. Roake was formed straight out of university (10 years ago) and since then it has developed to become the brand it is today, with comfort, flexibility and sustainability at its core.

Reuben Mowle is an award winning filmmaker and photographer from the Isle of Wight. Reuben has a portfolio of videos that collectively boast over 70 million views for him and his clients, showcasing a mastery of storytelling. His journey includes founding and successfully selling a production business, as well as now thriving as a solo entrepreneur.

Michelle from MooksGoo is an award-winning graphic designer and illustrator on the IW, who creates powerful, bold and quirky designs. Working with only a select few clients per year, MooksGoo provides a freelance design service, including logos and branding, websites, printed materials, and beyond.

Insight into Bristol

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Insight into Bristol is a free Summer School for students from Asian, Black, and/or of mixed background featuring one of these groups, to experience what it is like to be a student at the University of Bristol.

Applications to Insight into Bristol are now open. The closing date for applications is midday on 06 March 2024.

[Apply for Insight into Bristol](#)

Participants on the summer school will get the opportunity to experience student life at the University of Bristol by:

- staying in student accommodation,
- meeting similar students from across the UK,
- exploring the City of Bristol,
- attending academic sessions in an assigned subject stream led by our world-leading academics,
- getting to know current University of Bristol students, including some of our student societies,
- taking part in social activities throughout the week,
- gaining information, advice and guidance to equip you to navigate to a top university.



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The **DEADLINE** for applications
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12th April 2023

Stefan Kaminski, Ph.D., S.T.L.
Director



FIND OUT MORE

Careers



Open for Business

The ICP, in partnership with careers professionals and local businesses are organising an opportunity to 'look inside' a broad range of island-based businesses.

The event on **Saturday 23rd March** will provide a insight into employment opportunities on the island. Employers will tour those members of the community who register, around their premises, providing a unique opportunity to experience entering some of the many successful company buildings across different sectors whilst asking key questions about career pathways and work opportunities.

Further information and Eventbrite registration will be made available across local media and through schools and colleges in the new year.



Virtual Maritime Open Day

Saturday 3 February 2024 10am-12.30pm

Warsash Maritime School and Solent University are hosting a virtual open day to explore careers in the maritime industry and the training programmes available to qualify for roles in the Merchant Navy and on superyachts.

In addition to a virtual tour of facilities, many of the major British shipping companies and recruitment and training companies who recruit cadets will be available to give information about the career opportunities they offer. Teaching staff are also on hand to talk about the academic side of training.

[Book your place now](#)

Careers

The Solent Cluster



The Solent Cluster has commissioned a socioeconomic report that reveals thousands of local jobs and economic growth could be delivered by ambition to lower the Solent region's emissions.

Over 70,000 jobs could be secured, including the creation of over 18,000 new, skilled jobs, as part of a potential £11.9 billion economic boost, driven by decarbonisation in the Solent Region.

These benefits are identified in the report which was launched at an event to mark the one-year anniversary of The Solent Cluster, which was formed to lead the region's ambitions to achieve Net Zero by 2050.

[Learn more](#)



Future Careers Week

5th-9th February 2024

Careers and Industry professionals from across the Island and beyond are set to provide a programme of events to educate, inspire and motivate young people to engage with creative careers throughout their education.



The Islands own Platform One and Isle of Wight College are confirmed to provide workshops, alongside Portsmouth University, Solent University and other smaller businesses covering fashion, architecture, film & theatre, creative technology and music.

The Future Creatives Careers Event is a pilot project being rolled out by the IWCEP and delivered for free, thanks to Arts Council England.

[Learn more](#)