

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

19th January, 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our students have now settled into routines and are meeting our expectations after returning from the Christmas break, which now seems like a very long time ago! With just 15 days left in school this half-term, it is important for our young people to continue to attend every day and do the very best they can. Your children are a real credit to the whole community - the vast majority of our young people live out our values and demonstrate compassion, resilience and maturity on a daily basis; you should be proud of them!

Next week, we have a guest motivational speaker in College - an ex Royal Marine, Scotty Mills. Scotty has worked with many high profile individuals and teams (nationally and internationally) to build character, resilience and teamwork. On Monday, Scotty will address all Key Stage 4 & 5 students throughout the day. The focus for his visit is to motivate and inspire our young people as they enter into significant periods of their journeys through school and beyond.

Our Year 11 students should by now have made applications to post-16 providers, including our own Sixth Form here at Christ the King. If students are still undecided about their plans for next year, please do encourage them to speak to any staff here about their queries or to find out more information about CtK as a possible destination for them. We really do have a vibrant and successful Sixth Form here, with a rich and varied curriculum offer which is second-to-none on the Island.

If you haven't already been informed about the wonderful opportunity for our current Year 11, 12 & 13 students to visit Taize in June, please contact Mrs Rennie here at school for more details; there are still some places available to join this unique educational visit.

Thank you your on-going support in working with us to improve students' attendance. Our data is slowly but surely improving in this area, which is great news. As we all know, poor attendance is the single biggest contributing factor effecting poor progress and attainment for our young people; we need to keep a sharp focus on this area to ensure all students are able to fulfil their potential. Please can we ask that absences are reported via Edulink or by calling the attendance line before 9.00am stating the reason for your child's absence.

Finally, our parental engagement for Parents' Evenings (both remote and face-to-face) is not as strong as it could be. I fully appreciate that there are some barriers for some people with work commitments and so on, but may I impress on you the importance of these events in terms of you gaining invaluable insights into the progress your children are making, and in giving you the opportunity to voice concerns or speak to key staff directly.

As a joint-faith community, I wanted to finish with a prayer which is common to both Catholics and Anglicans, which references peace and unity in our community:

Lord Jesus Christ who said to your Apostles: peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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May your weekend be peaceful and unified!

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.

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
6 th February	Dance Live!
8 th February	Year 12 Parents Evening remote
12 th – 16 th February	Half Term

Lost Property

This week we have accumulated a vast quantity of coats and blazers. If your child is missing an item, please encourage them to come to student support to look through our lost property.

We also encourage parents to label items so we can reunite items to their owners.



Parents' Evenings

Appointments for the **Year 12** (remote) 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

Good News

Well done to the year 8 and 9 badminton players, who played in doubles badminton competition at CTK this afternoon against two other schools.

3 out of 4 pairs have qualified for the finals next week.

Well done; Daisy, Holly, Faith, Maisie, Derrin, Kye, Tommy and Jackson,

Last night key stage 4 also played a Badminton tournament that was held at CTK. Teams from CTK, Medina and Carisbrooke competed in round robin games. All five of our double's pairs competed well with three pairs reaching the Island finals next Wednesday.

The boy's pair, Ebosetale and Deepak, won their tournament and go through with Joash and Shebin finishing fourth. In the girl's tournament Cayla and Christina won all their games and go through as winners.

Aleesha and Sherin were runners up and also go through to the finals night. Jaliyah and Charlotte beat their Medina and Carisbrooke opponents but lost to their CTK peers and ended up coming 3rd.

A brilliant night of sport. Well done.

Mr Haydon & Mrs Glasbey

