

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

10th May, 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

The 4-day week we've just had has been both a blessing (more odd-jobs around the house ticked off the list!), but also a challenge in some ways; here at school, we seem to have been trying to fit 5 days' work into 4 days, especially given that our Year 11 students have begun their GCSE examinations this week. That said, our community (staff and students) has displayed a gritty resilience and a patient determination; the students entered their first exam yesterday well-prepared and very focussed.

We have had several visitors to Christ the King in the last week or so. The Headteacher of the only other joint-faith school on the Island had a tour a few days ago; he was very impressed with the calm and orderly atmosphere in and around school, and he was able to meet some of his ex-pupils when he saw them in class. The Principal of Priory School also visited, and was equally impressed. I am always keen to receive visitors into school, and to show-case what we are about as a community. As such, the students and staff never fail to impress, and continue to fill me with pride as I take visitors around school and into lessons. I feel that this networking is important – forging stronger links with colleagues in other schools on the Island has to have a positive and mutually-beneficial outcome for everyone. I do want to increase our parental engagement, and welcome any suggestions or ideas you may have regarding this.

Yesterday, the recently appointed Director of Children's Services on the Island, Ashley Whittaker, also paid us a visit. Again, his feedback was exclusively positive. He specifically referenced: The students' engagement in lessons; the teachers' relationship with students; the subject knowledge of staff; and the physical environment reflecting the pride we have in our school. He spent some time in a Geography lesson, as in a previous life this was the subject he taught; but he also got a taste of Homer in a Year 12 Classics lesson, and joined Year 10 students on a learning journey in Science which explained why the Island has the optimal levels of temperature and photosynthesis to yield a bumper crop of tomatoes and garlic each year. Our students are simply an absolute credit to yourselves and amazing ambassadors for the Island.

Also this week, a group of our students were involved in a student voice activity the LA are undertaking, which aims to gather the views of young people around the area of pupil place planning on the Island. The feedback from the LA representative was that our students were articulate, engaged and thoughtful – so much so that they want to return next month to do a similar exercise. I know that many of you may have already attended an LA meeting on this topic; it is something which will impact on many of you, especially if you have younger children.

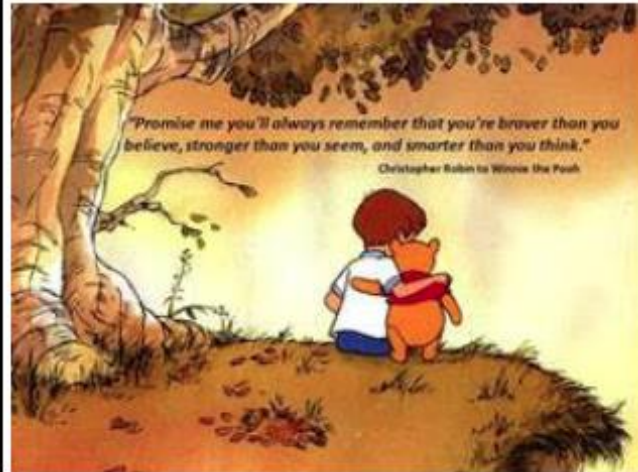
The Fellowship Breakfast we organised before the RE examination yesterday was a huge success – thank you to Ms Evans for organising this important event, and to Reverend Emma who finished off proceedings with a lovely prayer. Our staff came down to give students moral support, and the sense of togetherness and community spirit was palpable. The students were focussed, relaxed and could not have been more 'ready' to sit their first GCSE exam. Mr Brenchley's role as tea-person in his blue hair-net never fails to raise a few eye-brows; I am sure this image will be one the students will remember in the future!

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I will finish with a short passage from Joshua which Reverend Emma used when addressing the Year 11 students yesterday, and also a reflection from Winnie The Pooh; I think we all need reminding sometimes that whilst strength and courage come from within, we do always have constant spiritual guidance and support to be able to call upon.

Have a lovely weekend,



A. Montrose

Mr Montrose
Headteacher

ASCENSION DAY

Yesterday, churches across the world celebrated the Feast of the Ascension, commemorating the Christian ecumenical belief of the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. It marks the 40th day of Easter.

On this day, we celebrate and give thanks to the sacrifice of Jesus and for the love and hope He gives us.

Jesus, thank You for the gift of Your life, the incredible love demonstrated through Your death on the cross, the victory won through Your resurrection from the tomb, and the power released through Your Ascension into heaven and the sending of Your Spirit.

Amen.

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.

16 th May	HPV Vaccination Session Year 8
27 th May-31 st May	Half Term Break
13 th & 14 th June	Yr 10 Compulsory Geography Field Trip
W/C 24 th June	Yr 10 Mock Week
5 th July	Year 11 Prom
10 th July	Student Awards Evening
25 th July	End of Term

Study Leave Sessions

A reminder of the date for this year’s Study Leave for Year 11 - the students will leave after they attend a Worship on Thursday 6th June. During the study leave period we will be offering revision, support or independent study sessions. To enable us to track and monitor which students are on site we ask that students sign up using this [form](#) to attend.

The timetable for these sessions can be seen [here](#)

Please encourage your children to sign up for these lessons as they enter the final throes of the exam season.

Prom Dress Sale

Sat May 4th
10am -12pm

May 8, 15, 22, 29
3:30pm -5:30pm

DRESSES FROM £5

Sale at:
 Isle of Wight Foodbank
 Love Lane, Cowes,
 PO31 7ET
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Good News

Wonderstruck

CTK was extremely lucky and grateful to BAE Systems for sponsorship to be able to bring the wonderstruck event to Christ the King College again this year. As you all know, STEM events are very difficult and expensive to visit on the mainland so it was great to be able to host over 200 primary school students in the morning for a rocket show. This introduction to rocket propulsion and explosions is a fun filled event greatly enjoyed by the visiting year 5 students. Students got to understand how forces affect objects from the wonderstruck bed of nails on the human body to the detonation of hydrogen gas in air to see how the forces produced affect their surroundings and how we as scientists can use this information to help us launch rockets. All students then competed in teams of 3 to engineer their own rocket to be fired using compressed air. Due to the wet weather the record 160m still stands to the great relief of Mr Burnet, but the winning team from Newport C of E managed a very impressive 90m despite the wind and damp doing its best to slow it down.

In the afternoon we switched to year 10s who had to design and build fan powered cars to race to the finish line. This involved the frantic application of all they have learned about forces in science so far to produce a working vehicle which they could modify using available resources and then test to produce the fastest racer. Many fell for the pitfalls and errors common but others won their class competition progressing to the whole year final with the 2 eventual winners (Thea and Darcey) securing themselves and Dominoes pizza lunch supplied by Mr Foley the event organiser.



Fellowship Breakfast – Thursday 9th May 2024

It was wonderful to see so many of our year 11 students turn up for our CTK Fellowship Breakfast on Thursday morning before their first exam - Religious Education. They were treated to a fantastic spread including bacon and egg muffins, waffles, cereals and fresh fruit salad beautifully prepared by the Chartwells catering team and not forgetting Mr Brenchley serving hot drinks from his tea trolley.

The students created their own calm and purposeful atmosphere. Some chose to do some last minute revision together and others just sat with their friends, calmed their nerves and chatted to the staff who turned up to support them.

When setting about planning this event the vision was:

“Every CTK student can go into their first exam having had a good breakfast, in an encouraging and supportive atmosphere”

I think based on the ambience yesterday morning and feedback from the students, we managed to achieve this.

Many thanks to those who assisted with the planning and organisation, staff who came along to support our students and to the students themselves who really did us all proud with their maturity and composure.



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Please find a link to [Chartwells April Newsletter](#)



Free Activity Day



Saturday 11 May 2024

9:30am - 3:30pm

Corf Scout Campsite

Corf Road, Shalfleet, PO30 4NT

All welcome particularly non-Scouts.

Many activities. Refreshments.

Parking £5 per car at

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Water activities dependent on tide and conditions - swimwear & change of clothes required. No open toed shoes. All activities dependent on availability of time and volunteers.



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