

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 April, 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Almost 5 months after we had our Ofsted Inspection (28th/29th November), Ofsted should publish their report on Monday 22nd April. I wanted to share with you the outcome and - more importantly - some of the comments made by Inspectors and our response to them ahead of the report being in the public domain. When the report is published, we will send a full copy of this to you.

The reason the report has taken so long to be published is because we fundamentally disagreed with the overall outcome on several levels, and felt it was necessary to lodge a formal complaint regarding some concerns we had. This part of the process has now concluded, with Ofsted not upholding any of our complaints. We remain unconvinced that due diligence and fairness have been applied in this process, but nevertheless we now have to acknowledge that they are publishing the report as it currently stands despite there being an ongoing challenge to the process and the judgement.

Christ the King is a great school. We have had some challenges over a number of years, but our improvement journey has been well-documented and we really do have a passionate, loyal and hard-working community of people who strive hard every day to give our students the very best education and opportunities. Notwithstanding this, our staff and Governors are also mindful that there are areas we do need to focus on to ensure we refine and improve. With this in mind, we do have a robust quality assurance system and Development Plans which are monitored and reviewed regularly.

The report itself reflects an overall improvement since our last inspection. We are now graded as 'Good' in all areas except one, which in itself is a marvellous achievement. Our Sixth Form continues to be highly commended, and in the 'Personal Development' area we have gone from strength to strength. In the area we have been graded as 'Requires Improvement', there are some specific things we need to work on moving forward; these were already part of our Development Plan, and will continue to be priorities for us as we work with key partners and the Local Authority. We are continually striving for consistency and excellence in terms of what we do in the classroom, and have already put in place several key whole-school expectations for all lessons to facilitate consistency and academic progress.

As you can see from reading the report, the inspection team highlighted many areas of good practice, and as such there is much to be positive about. That said, the report is very limited in terms of both how it can adequately reflect the immense amount of good work which happens here every lesson of every day, and also the work which happens 'behind the scenes' to ensure your children are happy, safe and well looked after. An Ofsted Inspection is a snapshot of a very busy school over two days, which is distilled into a few pages of narrative and about 800 words.

I don't wish to regurgitate what the report says - you can read the report yourselves and digest the contents accordingly. That said, I would like to highlight some positive comments made by the inspection team during their visit and in the report itself, as follows:

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- Safeguarding is effective
- We have a well-designed curriculum
- Students behave well - students say behaviour has improved
- We have a clear system of addressing disruptive behaviour
- Our social spaces and corridors are orderly
- Our attendance is improving slowly
- Rewards are valued by the students
- Our Sixth Form students engage in a range of leadership opportunities
- Our students feel that their voices are heard and that they are known as individuals
- Our students feel happy and safe
- Our pastoral support is effective and caring across all Key Stages
- We have a welcoming and inclusive ethos
- Recent changes we have made are having a positive impact
- We have a coherent approach to how teaching builds students' knowledge over time
- Students access a broad range of subjects
- Reading is a priority in our school
- Our students are well-equipped for life in modern Britain
- Our careers programme prepares students well for the future
- We devote substantial time to teaching about personal, social and health education
- Students achieve well in the Sixth Form
- Staff workload and well-being are considered thoughtfully
- Feedback from yourselves/staff/students is very positive across the board

As you can see, there is much to celebrate. I am particularly pleased that feedback from all members of our community (especially parents) was overwhelmingly positive. Christ the King and our staff are here to serve, educate and support your children and wider community, so it is good to know that you are on-board with our upwards trajectory.

The Local Authority continues to work with leaders and staff at Christ the King College, and supports the on-going work that is happening to provide the best for all our children and young people.

Thank you for your on-going support and engagement in what we are doing here at Christ the King. I remain a proud Headteacher of a unique school which continues to make a difference to the lives and aspirations of our young people.

As we are now (at last) seeing signs of warmer and more spring-like weather, I would like to finish with a short prayer on this theme:

Dear Lord, May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too. Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective; we pray in Jesus' name. Amen



Mr Montrose
Headteacher

School Transport Departure Times

We have been informed by Southern Vectis that all school buses will be departing from school 5 mins earlier. This means that the 200, 201, 202, 203 & 206 will now leave at 15:30 and the 204 & 205 will leave at 15:35.

We are seeing an increasing number of students missing their buses as they chose to visit the local shop when leaving school before getting on their buses. We ask that you remind them to not to do this.

Year 8 HPV Vaccination

You will already have received information regarding the session the School Immunisation Team are holding in school on 16th May for Year 8 students to receive the HPV Vaccination.

Please complete the online form to indicate to indicate if you want your child to receive or not receive this vaccination by 13th May.

If you **Do** or **Do Not** want your child to have the HPV vaccine, please fill out the online form using the link below or QR code.

Your child's school code is: **135552 (Christ The King College)**

<https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/solent-iow-hpv>



****Anyone who fills in an online form (for yes or no) has a chance of winning a £100 supermarket voucher****

Year 11 Fellowship Breakfast – Thursday 9th May



Once again, we will be inviting all of our Year 11 students to a fellowship breakfast ahead of their first exam which is Religious Education.

Students can arrive from 8am and will be offered a selection of both hot and cold buffet choices. Students are asked to complete this [form](#) to indicate their attendance and to make their food choices and make us aware of any dietary requirements.

The form can be accessed by students via their google classroom or using the QR code on posters around the College.

Year 7 Parents Evening – Thursday, 25th April

Please find the [letter](#) sent to Year 7 parents regarding the remote parents evening and how to book appointments for this event.

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.

25 th April	Year 7 Parents Evening (Remote)
9 th May	GCSE Exams Begin Year 11 Fellowship Breakfast
16 th May	HPV Vaccination Session Year 8
27 th May-31 st May	Half Term Break

Good News

Normandy Trip



Handball

Well done to the year 10 GCSE PE boys who beat The Bay 31-19 in Handball on Tuesday. This was their second game, lots of progress seen today.

An enjoyable game lads. Mr Haydon



Isle of Wight Rugby

Well done to the Year 8 boys who won the Isle of Wight Rugby competition on Wednesday. They beat The Free School 20-15, The Bay 30-0, Medina 25-0 and Cowes and Ryde 20-10. An excellent display of defence in the games and throughout the tournament their attacking skills improved.

An amazing effort boys.

Mr Haydon



A Parent's Guide to Safety and Privacy Settings



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

When you give a child access to the Internet, you give them access to the adult world.

The Internet treats everyone as adults and there are many things, they are not yet ready to know, which is why it is vital that some form of safety settings are in place. Doing something is better than doing nothing.

What happens online has an effect to what happens offline and what happens offline has an effect to what happens online.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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