

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

1st March , 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy St. David's day! After the recent heavy rain and winds, let's hope that March brings with it better weather. When it is particularly wet and windy, we do allow our students to enter the building earlier than usual. Staff supervise them in the Auditorium and Dining Room before the bell sounds for morning registration. For Safeguarding reasons, students are only allowed in the building before 8.40 if they are part of our Breakfast Club, which is supervised by our support staff.

I announced last week that we were losing two of our long-standing members of staff as they move on to pastures new. Another member of the teaching staff – Mr Brown (Art teacher) is sadly also leaving us at the end of the academic year. Mr Brown has been with Christ the King since the amalgamation of the two middle schools back in 2012, and is one of our longest-serving members of staff, having been a teacher at ABK for many years also. Mr Brown has held many positions over the years as Head of Department, Head of Year, and several other posts. I am sure many of you will know and remember Mr Brown – as students and as parents – and I am sure you will join me in wishing him well in his new career. He will be a great loss to our school community.

A message from our Young Enterprise team Millie, Mollie, Bill and Rylee (Year 10 & 11 students)... there will be a Mothering Sunday workshop next Wednesday for our Year 7 students. This will take place at lunchtime. The £5 cost for this workshop enables students to design and create a t-shirt or tote bag with fabric paint provided. This is a House competition and the winner will receive a bag of sweets; it will be judged by teachers. This is to help our new business of screen printing. We have limited places available, and will be speaking to all Year 7s in their Assembly on Monday about this.

I would like to draw your attention to two issues which are on-going concerns nationally – the use of mobile 'phones and vaping.

Mobile 'phones

As you are aware, we have clear expectations and sanctions associated with mobile devices. The reasons for a ban on using mobiles in schools are well-documented; fundamentally, they distract students from learning, and they are the root cause of some anti-social behaviour which causes harm and upset to others. Our students are overwhelmingly compliant in adhering to our rules and expectations - we do not have a major issue in this respect. When we do have to apply a sanction, however, I would ask for your support in reiterating the reason for the policy and for students to accept our decisions.

Vaping

Along with a recent Government announcement about banning disposable vapes, here at school we are working hard to educate our young people about the dangers of vaping. The dangers of vaping and smoking are covered in our 'Living Well' curriculum, and early next

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week, we will be focusing on the dangers of vaping in Assemblies and Form Time. Vapes are on our 'banned substances' in school, and as such we have a zero-tolerance approach to any students who bring vapes into school and/or use them, with serious sanctions in place for non-adherence. There is a useful guide for parents on the dangers of vaping [here](#).

Finally, as well as having many students who represent our community so positively on almost a daily basis, we also have staff who carry the Christ the King flag. One prime example is Mandy Holloway, who was recognised for her 35 years' service to scouting on the Island at a service at Westminster Abbey earlier this week. Well done Mrs Holloway!



I leave you with a prayer linking the work St. David did to the wonderful work our NHS does on a daily basis, often in the face of adversity in terms of finances and staffing.

Dear Lord,

Following in the foot-septs of your Son Jesus Christ, David went about showing care and concern for all who suffered. Bless all who work in our National Health Service and for all who care for others. We hold before you all who suffer this day in body, mind or spirit..... praying that you will keep them safe in your love.

Amen.

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.

7 th March	Year 8 Parents Evening (remote)
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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.



In celebration of World Book Day on 7th March 2024, our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/christ-the-king-po30/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by March 7th, 2024.

Good News

National Indoor Rowing

We have arrived at the Copper box to compete in the National Indoor rowing competition. There are 2300 students competing here today. It's going to be a great day. Good luck to our amazing students; Jake, Connor, Borris, Charlotte, Aiden, Oliver, Anna, Izzy & Bella. Results to follow next week. Miss Glasbey & Mr Haydon

