

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

22nd March, 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are well. There have been so many things happening in and around school as we enter into the last week of this term, it's difficult to know what to highlight to you in this Newsletter. Suffice to say, your children continue to experience a vast array of enrichment activities on a daily basis, and (to paraphrase John's Gospel) *live life to the fullest*.

As you will see in a few of the articles below, and in previous Newsletters, we have many talented students here at Christ the King. On the sports front, Mollie Sheath continues to excel and impress. In this week's Isle of Wight Sports Awards, Mollie was a finalist after being nominated by The Vectis Equestrian Club. Mollie represented and competed at British Riding Clubs Area qualifiers, and went on to be placed top 10 in all disciplines at each of the championships across the country. An amazing example of dedication and discipline – well done Mollie!

As well as excelling in many sports, our young people also engage in creative and performance-based activities to a very high level. As a point in case one of our Sixth Form students, Olivia Valvona, recently competed in the Isle of Wight Music, Dance & Drama Festival. Olivia received 5 first place awards in events ranging from Musical Theatre to Rap; 2 second places; and 2 third places. The 94 marks she received in Musical Theatre actually turned out to be the highest mark given to a solo competitor in 20 years – wow! Congratulations Lilly.

On the subject of Sixth Form students, we are installing a new turnstile gate over Easter which will be for the use of our post-16 students only. This will enhance our safeguarding procedures and ensure that all students who enter/exit the premises using their lanyard and badge will be accurately monitored. One of the privileges of our Sixth Form is that the students have relative freedom to come and go when they have no lessons; this new system will enable us to ensure we know exactly who is in school and who isn't at any given time (for example when we have a Fire Drill). As such, please remind any Sixth Form children you have that their lanyard and badge must be worn in school every day.

Next Thursday will be the last day of the spring term. We are having a non-uniform day on this day to support the Hampshire Air Ambulance charity (more details in this Newsletter). If your child wishes to partake and contribute to this very worthy cause, may I remind you that we expect students to dress respectfully and to NOT wear revealing clothes which we may deem inappropriate. If we do deem clothing inappropriate, we will politely ask for this to be remedied. If this request is ignored, we will then have to contact you and potentially take further action in terms of a sanction. I ask for your understanding and support in this, and to reinforce the importance of high standards even when it's non-uniform day.

We are in the process of allocating our three Houses one of our three designated charities, which are:

- Compton - Foodbank
- Thorness - Mountbatten Hospice/Kissy Puppy
- Whitecliff – Ability Dogs

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As they plan for activities and events to raise money for their respective charities, can I please ask all of you – if at all possible – to support the students’ endeavours by donating any prizes you would be happy to part with. These could be small or large donations, but it would be an amazing show of solidarity for our young people to know that the wider community is supporting their efforts in this way. The office staff in the main entrance of school will be happy to relinquish you/the students of any offerings you may have. If you are a business or a company, we would be happy to acknowledge your donation publicly.

Finally, the famous Jane Austen quote about the Isle of Wight I referenced a few weeks ago stimulated a little bit of Googling. I came across another famous giant of literature who was equally complimentary about the Island; I don’t disagree with him!



Mr Montrose
Headteacher

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.

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| 28 th March | Non-Uniform Day in Aid of Hampshire & IOW air ambulance Cafod Cake Sale Last day of term |
| 15 th April | First day back to school after Easter holidays |
| 25 th April | Year 7 Parents Evening (Remote) |



Hampshire Air Ambulance

As you will be aware Mrs Harland was involved in a road traffic accident last October.

Mrs Harland is now back in school and making amazing progress and this is all thanks to the care she received from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. To support them and to ensure their continued services on the Isle of Wight, Mrs Harland has been holding fundraising events to raise much needed funds for this charity.

To show our support we will be holding a non-uniform day on the last day of term, Thursday 28th March. For this privilege we are asking for a donation of £1.00 from our students. Payment can be made online on School Gateway or £1.00 can be given to the Head of Year on arrival to school.

I’m sure you will agree that this is a worthy cause who have helped so many on the Island in their time of need.

Alongside this fundraising event we are also offering a raffle for a hamper of ‘Belicious’ products worth £100. Tickets are on sell for £1.00 from reception.

Vacancies

<https://www.christthekingcollege.co.uk/vacancies>

We are looking to appoint a new Church of England Foundation Governor. If you are interested and would like further information, please visit our website



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Now Hiring
LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

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The role of Lunchtime Supervisor is a casual engagement, paid at £20 per session.

Sessions are Monday to Friday from 12.30pm to 2.30pm, but this includes a 15 to 30 minute unpaid break. We run two lunchtime sittings from 12.40 to 13.10 and 13.40 to 14.10 candidates can also choose to only work for one or the other sitting, 12.30 to 13.15 or 13.30 to 14.15 (please indicate this in your application if applicable).



Good attendance and punctuality are vital for success at school and to establish positive life habits.

Through regular attendance your child can

- Build friendships and develop social skills
- Develop life skills
- Engage in essential learning and other school social events
- Achieve their full potential
- Minimise the risk of engaging in anti-social behaviour

and becoming victims or perpetrators of crime

The law says that all children of compulsory school age – between 5-16 – must receive suitable full time education. A parent is legally responsible for ensuring their child attends school regularly. We ask all of our parents to promote good attendance and work in partnership with us to maximise their child's potential.

When considering whether your child is well enough for school please refer to this guidance published by the NHS <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> Parents should always try to arrange medical and dental appointments during school holidays or after school hours. If this is not possible then please ensure that you provide proof of the appointment (for example an appt card or letter) for our records. Absence due to a medical appointment is an authorised absence by the school so we do need to verify this. We are usually unable to authorise a whole day absent due to a medical appointment unless it is a medical appointment on the mainland.

If you would like further information regarding attendance at our school please see our attendance policy for further information.

Good News

Congratulations to Bella Waldron for winning first place with her dance group En-Core at the Isle of Wight Festival. The seven strong classical ballet group won the 14 years and under category with an impressive 86 marks!

They danced to a beautifully choreographed piece to 'The Panetarium' from La-La Land.

Well done Bella!



The Isle of Wight sports Achievement Awards evening was held last night at Medina Theatre celebrating 2023 sports.

Mollie was a finalist after being nominated by The Vectis Equestrian Club. Mollie represented and competed at British Riding Clubs Area qualifiers which Mollie qualified for over the year representing the club at Dressage to Music, Show Jumping, cross country and dressage . Going onto compete and be placed top 10 in all disciplines at each of the championships across the country her highest achievement being reserve champion at the Dressage to Music in October.

Well done Mollie!

Well done to our year 8 boys who played in the Island schools basketball tournament on Tuesday. It's was a brilliant event which 11 other teams from across Island schools attended. Our boys worked hard all afternoon and came second in their pool. They then went through to the 3rd and 4th play offs. After working really hard for the whole game they narrowly lost and placed 4th overall.

Well done, Archie, Jayden, Elliot, Ned, Logan, Ethan. Miss Glasbey



Well done to the Year 10 GCSE PE group who played The Priory at Handball this afternoon. It was the boys first game and they grew into the match winning 19-15 at halftime . The lads played some outstanding offence and were defiant in defence . The game finished 41-27 to CTK .

The team consisted of Frankie (The Cat), Tolu , Zeke, Alfie , Joshua , Harrison , Tyler , Riley and Ashley. A very entertaining game.Mr Haydon/ Miss Glasbey



Bob Seely MP visited our 6th for Government and Politics students on the 15th March. Bob was questioned on a wide range of political topics including the Rwandan policy, supporting the Islands young people in higher skilled apprenticeships and AI existential threat, amongst other current political issues.



Congratulations to Evie D. in Year 7 who was the winner of our 'Design a Reading Ruler Competition' in celebration of World Book Day. Evie's winning design has now been mass-produced for use across Key Stage 3.

Well done Evie!!!



School Aged Immunisation Service



HPV



vaccination

Human Papilloma Virus

Year 8* Vaccination Sessions are starting in school

*available to Years 9,10 & 11
who have NOT had a previous HPV vaccination

FOR MORE INFORMATION USE THESE LINKS:



UKHSA HPV Leaflet
<https://bit.ly/3Q2wBpf>

<https://www.hpwise.co.uk/>



NHS HPV Vaccine
<https://bit.ly/48YWwVJ>

Links to an online form will be sent via school for you to say
Yes or No to the vaccine

Need Help?

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Future Works is a new regular, free event for 16-30 year olds to meet new people, make connections, and start collaborating. Brought to you by [Brave Island](#), [Platform One](#) and [IW Creative Network](#)!

At each event we'll be joined by industry professionals to discuss different topics around starting a career in the creative industries. This time we'll hear from Jewellery Designer & Maker **Adrienne Wroath**, Designer & Art Director **Sean Turner** and General Manager of CutLaserCut & KReative Studios **Kim Purton**. Please see press release attached for full details.

Next event: Thu 4th April 2024, doors at 7pm, starts 7:30pm

Strings Bar & Venue, Newport. FREE
[Find out more & book tickets here!](#)