

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

24th May, 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, there are changes afoot across the Island's education landscape – academisation plans, school closures, etc. It would be naïve of me to say that none of this will affect us here at Christ the King, but that said I want to reassure you that most of the 'bigger' issues will not have an immediate or direct impact on our staffing, your children, or our vision. I am excited as we plan for 2024/25 in terms of our direction of travel. We are full in all Year groups, and we also have several new staff joining our community in September; there is a real sense of optimism and buoyancy moving forward.

The recent announcement of the date for the general election actually coincides with an event we have here at school on the same day; we are hosting a STEM event on 4th July for local primary schools on the theme of the environment and stewardship of our planet, which our friend the Bishop of Portsmouth is also attending. Whilst I am sure this wasn't a factor in deciding on the date for the election, it does give the environmental focus of the day a bit more weight and significance. From Christ the King's perspective, our Politics A Level group will coordinate a centralised approach regarding any election-focused activities which may take place here at school, ensuring students are given a balanced overview of the political landscape.

Looking ahead to the first week back after the half-term break, our Year 11 and Year 13 students continue to sit their public examinations. Year 11 study leave (as you know) starts after the morning exam on Thursday 6th June. Please remind your Year 11 young people that they must wear full school uniform for all their exams. If students wish to sign shirts on Thursday 6th June, they must bring a spare shirt and NOT use the shirt they are wearing for this activity. If Year 11 students haven't already done so, please prompt them to sign up for revision sessions in school after they depart for study leave on June 6th.

Looking even further ahead, I mentioned last week that we will be finishing school early on the last day of the academic year (Friday 26th July). Just to let you know in advance – the 200-206 school buses will be arriving at the earlier time of 1.00 pm, but students using other services will have to go to Newport bus station to get their bus.

Finally, thank you for your recent participation in the Parent Survey. The majority of your comments and feedback were very positive, for which myself and the staff are very grateful. In terms of any negative feedback it is difficult for me to respond individually, as the survey is anonymous; if any parent/carer wishes to follow-up their comments or issues they may have with me personally, please do so. I am keen to ensure we have a transparent and positive relationship which in turn supports our students and your children as best we can.

I leave you with a prayer which is simple but significant in its message; whatever anyone's political leanings, it would be good to know that all leaders (current and future) had the tenets of peace, justice and harmony in mind when making decisions.

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Have a great half-term break with your families.

A. Montrose

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.

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
26 th July	End of Term – Finish at 1pm

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Contact Information

We would like to remind parents/carers of the importance of making the school aware of any changes to contact details throughout the school year. You will be aware that most of our communication is sent via email and text and we would not want you to miss out on important information. It is also a safeguarding requirement that we have at least two current contacts on our database for each student, in the event of an urgent matter that can be contacted. Contact information can be updated using the Edulink System or by emailing admin@christthekingcollege.co.uk

Secondhand 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](#) and we can confirm what sizes we have available.

Also if you have good quality items that your child has outgrown, donations are always greatly received so we are able to help other families in our school community.

Lost Property

Over the last term we have collected large amounts of lost property which remains unclaimed. We would encourage parents to ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled so that we are able to return lost items to students.

If your child has misplaced an item, please encourage them to come to Student Support or the PE Office to look at unclaimed items.

Thank a Teacher Day: 19th June 2024 (parents/carers)

National Thank a Teacher Day is on 19th June and it is something we would really like to participate in again this year to celebrate and thank our hard-working staff, from the teachers in the classroom, to the support staff keeping things running.

We would very much appreciate your support in letting our colleagues know they are valued and appreciated. Thanks can be passed on to any member of staff: LSAs, admin., the site team, kitchen, ICT, the librarian and support staff, as well as teachers!

Please complete this form by Monday 10th June so that we can ensure your thanks are passed on to the member/s of staff on the 19th June.

[Parent Form](#)

[Student Form](#)

You can thank up to five members of staff on this form - and you are also able to submit the form more than once should you wish! Please do not list more than one member of staff at a time as 'Thank You's' are sent out individually to colleagues.

Thank you very much indeed for your support.

Half Term Revision/Support Year 11 & 13

Students should arrive before the start of the session and wait outside of reception. A teacher will meet them and escort them through the building.

Thank you

	GCSE (year 11)		A Level (year 13)	
	TIME	Subject	TIME	Subject
Monday 27th May		Bank Holiday		
Tuesday 28th May		-		-
Wednesday 29th May		-		-
Thursday 30th May	9am - 12pm	MATHS 1.42 PIN CRE LGI	9am - 11am	Mathematics 1.46 RHO
Friday 31st May	9am - 11am	GCSE PE 0.74 JHA	10am - 1pm	Drama Drama Studio SHA

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.

Good News

Cricket Results

Well done to the Year 7 boys who went to the Island schools cricket festival on Tuesday. They played four games over the afternoon, beating the Priory and Ryde Academy. They lost narrowly to The Bay and Carisbrooke. It was great to see how they improved as the afternoon went on. Year 7 don't have a hardball league but the boys are keen to play some hardball friendlies in the long Summer half term!



Also well done to the U14 boys cricket who beat The Priory School in a league cricket match last night. We had to play indoors because of the rain. The boys batted first in their new smart tops and reached the total of 87 for 3 in the 12 overs. The stand out bowler was Oliver Mc who got 29 not out. In reply The Priory managed 60 runs for 0 in their 12 overs . A good win . They now have to play Ryde Academy and in the remainder of the pool games.

Well done lads.



On Thursday evening our u13 girls cricket team played a skilful Ryde Academy in our first fixture of the season.

Team captain Nicola won the toss and chose to field first. Amazing teamwork and communication from the girls meant we bowled out Ryde for 93 in 12 overs.

We went on to win the match scoring 93/5, with 3 balls remaining. Some great batting on display with Indie scoring 25 runs (retired) and Nicola with 24 (and 4 wickets!).

A great performance all-round from both experienced players and some playing their first game of competitive cricket!

Really proud of you girls, well done!

Miss Arnold

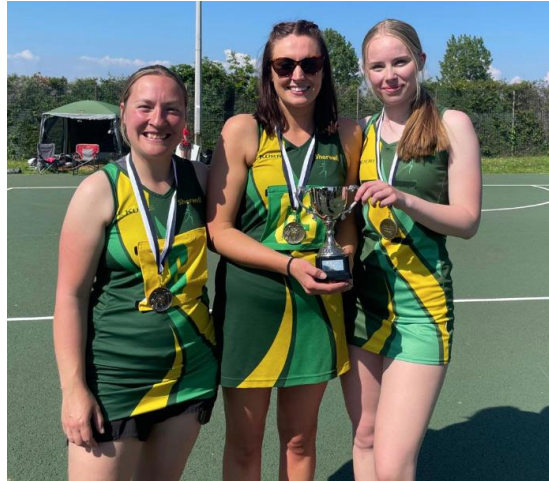
Team: Jess, Nicola, Indie, Mariana, Lola, Monique, Rosie, Anonzwaishe.



Netball

Last weekend Miss Simmonds, Miss Glasbey and Ella Haydon played in the Isle Of Wight Netball Tournament. It was a successful tournament for the ladies with Miss Simmonds team winning the Plate final and Miss Glasbey and Ella Haydon winning the overall tournament.

Well done to Shorwell Netball Club and these three!!!



BGT - Golden Buzzer Winner

Huge congratulations to Kostiantyn Rozvodovskyi, who is a proud member of the Phoenix Boys dance company who received the golden buzzer on Saturday night's episode of Britain's Got Talent!

Kostia, who is from Ukraine, trains at En-Core Dance and Pilates and attends Christ The King College. He cannot wait to go live in front of the nation in a few weeks with his friends!

Phoenix Boys is a nationwide dance associate programme which currently runs in London, Manchester and Birmingham, and provides supplementary training to budding male dancers with no audition to be involved. The ethos of the company is to provide a nurturing environment for dancing boys to thrive, whether it's for a hobby or a career on stage/screen.

Click here to watch his performance

https://youtu.be/XkRNdvRCvRg?si=QXRk_Pew7Ob_UFXG



