

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

28th March, 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to update you with some staffing changes with effect from after the Easter break. As I mentioned last week, we say goodbye to two long-standing members of staff – Mrs Ward and Mrs Brooman. Both ladies are Christ the King through and through, but they move on to pastures new with our best wishes and thanks. Miss Jones will also be leaving us to start her Maternity Leave – our best wishes and prayers go to her as she embarks on an exciting time for her and her family. After Easter, Mrs Bonser will become the new Pastoral Manager replacing Mrs Brooman, and the Year Heads will be:

Year 7 – Mr Eston
Year 8 – TBC
Year 9 – Mrs Rye
Year 10 – Mrs Webster
Year 11 – Mrs Kelly

We have recently been through a consultation period and assimilation process for a pastoral staffing restructure. From September, we will have non-teaching Heads of Year. These members of staff, along with other support staff, will be responsible for the pastoral care of our students as well as monitoring and managing behaviour. The five new points of contact (from September) will be:

Year 7 – Mrs Quinnell
Year 8 – Mr Romero
Year 9 – Mrs Brenchley
Year 10 – Mrs Clifton-Smith
Year 11 – Mrs Carroll

Our young people continue to represent CtK on many fronts; and they do so with passion, success and pride. There are yet more examples of this in today's Newsletter. We really do need to continually acknowledge and celebrate participation and success in enrichment activities; it is quite easy to get a little complacent, as there are so many individuals and groups of students who engage so positively and so frequently – but the sacrifices some of the young people make to devote the time and effort they do is truly commendable. Can I extend my thanks to the staff here at Christ the King who continue to devote their time and energies in support of enrichment activities, and also to yourselves for the support you give the children on so many levels.

For your information - The Isle of Wight Council is holding a series of public drop-in sessions which will focus on improving education provision and how school place planning is undertaken. The sessions will look at the high numbers of surplus places that currently exist across the primary sector and the further increase that is forecast for future years. If you are interested in attending any of these sessions for any reason, the details are [here](#)

Today's non-uniform day was specifically to raise money for the Hampshire/IOW Air Ambulance charity. Mrs Harland and other staff and students have also been raising

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awareness and money across school in different ways throughout the week. We have raised £867.00 but money is still rolling in. Thank you for all your support.

Our Sixth Form CAFOD working group also held a Cake Sale today and raised £229 for the ongoing conflict in Gaza.

May I remind you 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. We will have a system for students to sign up for timetabled/planned lessons after 6th June. This system will be coordinated by Mrs Brinton, and will enable us to track and monitor student engagement whilst also ensuring we know which students to expect into school and when to expect them. Please encourage your children to sign up for these lessons as they enter the final throes of the exam season.

Our College Chaplains - Mr Brenchley and Mrs Rennie - organised 4 Easter services in 4 venues yesterday (including St. Mary's church in Carisbrooke), so that every student was able to celebrate together the start of the Easter period. As a faith community, these events are really important to our identity; the faith-based experiences and opportunities we offer here are significant because we appreciate that many of our young people do not attend faith-based services outside school on a regular basis. Our young people – as you would expect – took part reverently and respectfully. It was a joy to see large numbers of students engaging in prayer and singing. A special thanks must go to our local clergy; 4 priests and vicars supported us during the services, for which we are very grateful.

As this term draws to a close, I look forward to seeing all our young people again on Monday 15th April. I continue to be a very proud Headteacher of our wonderful community here at Christ the King. May I wish you and your families a very happy and holy Easter. I shall leave you with an ever-so slightly irreverent Easter cartoon....but the message within it is wholly appropriate and a reminder about what the special season of Easter is all about.....

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



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.

28 th March	Last day of term
5 th -10 th April	Normandy Trip
15 th April	First day back to school after Easter holidays
16 th – 17 th	Year 10 Inclusion Workshops
18 th April	UCAS trip to Winchester Year 12
25 th April	Year 7 Parents Evening (Remote)

Good News

Congratulations to Ella Haydon and her J14 quad rowing team mates from Shanklin & Sandown Rowing Club who won the Junior Team award at the Isle of Wight Sports Awards last week.

They are South Coast Champions for the second year in a row and hope to make it a third in September this year.



Cricket

Well done to the under 15 indoor cricket team who beat The Bay by 4 wickets and then the Free school by 5! A great display by the boys in the field and with the bat. The Summer is looking good for these lads and a few more as we head outside for 11 a side matches in May.

Mr Haydon



Starlight Academy

Last weekend, Starlight Academy Dance Show was a sell-out success at Medina Theatre. The quality of dance and performance talent on show was incredible, made all the more impressive by how many acts our students participated in (a few of them seemed to be on stage for almost 3 hours straight!). We would like to acknowledge the commitment and excellence of our students, and in particular recognising them for putting in the hours and hours of rehearsals on top of school. Well done to all involved!

Oliver McQuillen
Grace Royal
Nelly Wayman
Gabrielle Lobato
Amelia Roberts
Olive Curry
Evelyn Shand
Lily Morris
Thea Ricketts
Sophie Cassford
Anjali Williams
Lily Mae Reuben
Bonnie Mae Thacker
Gabreilla Rega





Have a
happy and safe
Easter!