

PARENT NEWSLETTER



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

A short message from me this week, followed by some important key dates for your diary, and then a montage of photographs and information which represent a snap-shot of some of the wonderful events and achievements your children have taken part in since Christmas.

Uniform - From after half-term, students who accrue 3 'U' marks in a day for not wearing uniform correctly will automatically be placed in a lunch-time detention the next day as a sanction. Students are aware of this next phase of our drive to fine-tune standards and expectations. You will receive a notification of this sanction on Compass, as will the students.

This week's recipient of the *Via Veritas Vita* award is Sherin Shibu. Sherin is one of our Year 13 students who has shown incredible courage and determination over many years to be able to flourish academically. As an EAL student (English is her third language!), Sherin's achievements are even more impressive. In English Literature this week, Sherin delivered an outstanding presentation on the theme of power and wealth in *The Merchant's Tale* and *She Stoops To Conquer* – two texts which are challenging even for non-EAL students! Sherin had a clear and impressive thesis, and demonstrated an intelligent and mature use of critics and sources. The award is partly for Sherin's academic achievement, but mostly for the perseverance and positivity she has demonstrated during her time here at CtK. An amazing young lady who exudes our school values. Congratulations Sherin!

Many of our young people face a variety of struggles on a daily basis. Our staff provide stability and pastoral support when needed on a daily basis; this care is at the heart of what we do and what we stand for in terms of supporting vulnerable young people in our community. I leave you with a prayer for all young people who are going through challenges or crises at the moment:

Lord,

We lift up our young people who are suffering today. When they feel overwhelmed, broken-hearted, or lost, be their anchor. Replace their despair with hope, their anxiety with peace, and their negative feelings with the knowledge that they are uniquely made in your image. Strengthen them to endure and remind them that they are never truly alone, even in their darkest moments.

Amen.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Montrose". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mr. Montrose

Headteacher Award - The Way, Truth and life

These photos capture the moments when students received their awards for demonstrating their motto and values of Respect, Integrity, Challenge, and Fairness.



Diary Dates

Monday, 23rd February	Students return to school
Wednesday, 4th March 1.15pm - 6.00pm	Year 8 Face to Face Parent Evening at CTK Students in Year 7-10 will leave College at 12pm. School buses have been arranged. Year 11 students remain in school to complete mock exams and finish at the normal time of 3.15pm.
2nd - 6th March	Year 11 Mock Exams
9th-13th March	Year 13 Mock Exams
23rd - 27th March	Island Mission Week - More details to follow
Friday, 27th March	Last day of term
Monday, 30th March - Friday, 10th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13th April	All students return to school.
Advance Notice	30th April - Year 10 Parents Evening 11th May - First Core GCSE Exam English Literature 1st June - Study Leave Year 11 students 5th June - Year 11 Leavers Assembly 10th June - Year 7 Parents Eve 1.15-6.00pm <u>Students Years 7-10 finish at 12pm</u> 22nd June - Development Day

Bus Passes

It has been brought to our attention by Southern Vectis that an increasing number of students are trying to get on a school bus without their bus pass. Travel will be refused without this.

If a student has forgotten their pass on one occasion we are able to issue a temporary pass from student support during break or lunchtime.

If a bus pass has been lost, a new pass can be ordered by calling 'Go South Coast' on 01202 338420, there is a charge of £25 for this.

If you have any questions or queries relating to this matter please contact the Isle of Wight Council Transport Department at transport.info@iow.gov.uk or on 823710.

Lost Property

Once again our lost property boxes are full!

We have a large number of unclaimed glasses, water bottles and coats, school blazers and PE kit.

If your child has lost an item please send them to Student Support. Any items that are named have been returned to the owners.

Items not claimed after the first week back after half term will be donated to charity.



Sparx

Congratulations to all of the winners of our recent Sparx raffle prize draw!

Every time students completed their homework between September and Christmas (Sparx Reader for Years 7 - 10; Sparx Maths and Sparx Science for Years 7 - 11), they received a virtual raffle ticket. Last week, we held an assembly to announce the winners of a variety of prizes, including £10 and £5 Amazon gift cards, book tokens for our book vending machine and plenty of chocolate goodies, too!

This term (January to Easter), Sparx rewards will focus on the top-performing tutor group in each year group as well as the top-performing English, Maths and Science classes per year group.

So remember, you've got to be in it, to win it! Meet those deadlines and catch up on any missed ones, to be in with a chance to win!



Dance Live

On Monday 26th January we took 79 students from year 7-13 to Portsmouth Guildhall for the Dance Live competition.

Our student committee have been planning the performance for months, they have created every element of our piece- the choreography, lighting, LED screen, soundtrack, costumes and make up. Alongside all of this they taught the rest of the team the dance and ensured everybody had a fantastic day.

The whole team have been incredible to work with all year and we are very proud of them. They watched and supported all the other schools during the day yesterday and performed like professionals. We came away winning the award for the LED screen and already started conversations about next year.



A huge thank you to the staff and volunteer adults for coming with us and to all the parents who have supported their children to take part.

Creative Island

Christ the King College was fortunate enough to be selected to work with Creative Island on an incredibly exciting project connecting libraries with young people. Nine of our students got to work alongside a professional filmmaker and the project team from Creative Island to create their own piece of media exploring the Island's libraries. They based their work on the results of our own Big Student Survey, which revealed that almost 70% of our students surveyed said they felt uncomfortable in, not confident to go into, a local library. After many hours of preparation and road trips that included visits to 4 libraries across the Isle of Wight, the students and their households were invited to an official premier of their film - and thank you ceremony! - at Quay Arts Centre on Saturday 31st January. Everyone involved should be incredibly proud of their contributions and achievements, and keep an eye out for their film to be seen in College and in other Island schools soon!

A big 'Thank You' to:

Florence Corney

Olive Curry

Caspar Huxley-Gillespie

Jack Jeffery

Bailey Malpas

Effie Moss

Amelia Parsons

Millie Smith

Charlie Smith



And Mr Allen, Mr Leahy and Mr Torrington for supporting the students.

UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge 2026

On Wednesday 28th January thirty seven of Christ the King's talented mathematicians from year 10 and 9 Mathematics represented the College in the UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge.

Two of our year 10 students, Oliver Back and Isaac Borman achieved a Gold Certificate in their age group. Oliver was classed as 'Best in school' overall, an amazing accomplishment. Oliver has subsequently been invited to take part in The Pink Kangaroo round, an invitation only round. This will take place in March. Well done Oliver. We wish you all the very best for this highly regarded competition.

Other very notable achievements:

Silver certificates were awarded to Harry Case, Mariana Hare and Josh Terry.

Bronze certificates were awarded to: Fiona Brooks, James Burt, Jack Cooke, William Cool, Emily Evans, Jessica Lawrence, Matilda Cowley, Ahn Tran, who was also named as 'Best in Year 9', Theo Wright and Chennai Zhu.

Certificates of participation were also awarded to all who took part. Miss Inglis and Mr Gifford are thrilled with the level of participation and how well the students performed. Well done!

WightBotics

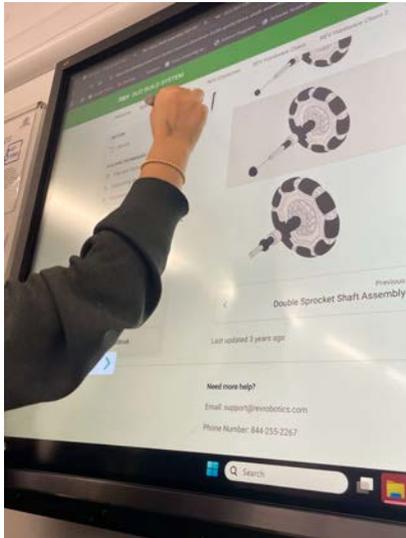


We are thrilled to announce that a dedicated team of 15 KS3 students has officially entered the Islands First Tech Robotics Challenge for the

2025-2026 season!

Our budding engineers and coders have already begun the ambitious task of designing, building, and programming a custom robot from the ground up. This isn't just about nuts and bolts; the team is currently mastering complex logic and sensor integration to ensure their creation can navigate the high-stakes arena with precision.





The competition is heating up, as we prepare to face off against nine other schools from across the island. It will be a true test of teamwork, strategy, and technical skill.

The atmosphere in the STEM Club is electric! Our students are excited, motivated, and raring to go as they fine-tune their designs. With their sights firmly set on the top spot, we can't wait to see **WightBotics** in action at the upcoming regional qualifiers.

Stay tuned for more updates as the build progresses!

Drama



Our visit to MAST Studios to see *Sherlock Holmes: The Hunt for Moriarty* was a brilliant success and a real highlight for our Year 10 and 11 Drama students. The production delivered a fast-paced, witty, and cleverly staged reimaging of the classic detective story, giving students a valuable insight into how physical theatre, ensemble work, and inventive design can bring a familiar narrative to life in fresh and surprising ways. These elements connected directly to the skills they are developing in their GCSE studies, making the experience both enjoyable and educational.

Behaviour throughout the trip was excellent. Students represented the school with maturity, enthusiasm, and genuine curiosity about the craft of theatre. Many left the performance buzzing with ideas for their own practical work.

Overall, it was a thoroughly successful trip that strengthened students' understanding of live performance and sparked plenty of inspiration for the months ahead.

National Reading Champions Quiz 2026



Eight enthusiastic students from Years 7 and 8 have taken part in the southern regional heat of the National Reading Champions Quiz 2026. The virtual event, run by The National Literacy Trust, saw twenty five teams of four from across the south answering a variety of questions about reading and books - some of which were incredibly challenging!

Whilst we didn't make it to the grand final in London, both teams participated brilliantly, achieving very respectable scores and having lots of fun along the way! Well done to both teams for being great ambassadors for the college.



The Faraday Challenge



The Faraday Challenge had teams of 6 yr 8 students from all island schools invited to complete to solve a real-world problem as outlined by Network Rail. Students had to consider how they could use technology to help solve or alleviate this wide ranging issues.

From this, students spent the day working in their teams to design and build a prototype using available materials. Their prototype was then presented to the judging panel, while questions were asked about their ideas and process throughout the day. Students showed

great resilience under pressure to answer some very challenging questions from the judges and staff. I was particularly impressed with the quality of questions posed by the other students.

This year, Lift Ryde achieved the top points overall and were deserved winners of the £60 Amazon voucher (sponsored by CTK and BAE Systems). The Ryde students scored particularly highly in the quality of their recorded paperwork reflections, which gave them the edge over

other schools. CTK students produced an excellent prototype and presentation only missing out by a few points in the end.

Well done to all involved - Rebecca B, Oscar T, Elijah R, Kalina S, Adam S and Anastasia W.





Badminton

Congratulations to our KS3 and KS4 girls who have qualified to represent the Isle of Wight at the Hampshire Schools Badminton Competition in April on the mainland.

Both teams competed last week to qualify for the Island final held at CTK yesterday, where they were undefeated. All the teams played brilliantly and were a credit to the College.

Well done.



Cross Country

On Tuesday 3rd February Christ the King hosted the year 7 & 8 IW schools cross country championships. Despite very wet and muddy conditions the event was a great success.

A huge well done to all of our runners and a big thank you to our year 12 Sport students for helping marshal the event.



Indoor Athletics

On Wednesday x14 year 8's students (7 boys 7 girls) went to an indoor athletics competition at Medina leisure centre.

It was against all of the other Island schools in a combination of running and field events.

As a team we done brilliantly and game 3rd overall.

Well done to you all.



Indoor Rowing



Yesterday 27 students from Year 7 - Year 13 competed in the annual Isle of Wight Schools Indoor Rowing Competition.

The competition was hard fought and every single pupils put their bodies on the line and showed great spirit in every race . At the end of the day the team came 4th . A special mention to the gold medal winners . Year 7 Kimonae , Fred , and Tom R . In Year 11 Ella H

We were very proud of you.

It's
Back!



Ice Cream Friday

Plaza ices will be visiting us each Friday From 6th March

They will bring their ice cream van to
the courtyard at lunch time
This means students in both lunch breaks
can purchase an ice cream

A variety of ice creams, lollies and ice
cream sundaes will be available



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