



Christ the King College

SIXTH FORM NEWS

September 2025

Message from the Head of Sixth Form

Its been a fabulous start to the year. We welcomed 30% new students into this cohort which has really added to the richness of the further education experience here at Christ the King. Our Year 12 students are settling in really well and the staff have been impressed so far by their engagement and enthusiasm in classes. Good luck with your baseline assessments Year 12.

We said goodbye to the outgoing Year 13 students, many of whom will be moving into University halls this week; we wish them all the best of success in the future.

Our current Year 13 students have been adjusting to the influx of new Year 12s and we hope to bring both of these year groups together socially with a winter party before the end of this term. Thank you to students and parents for giving us the opportunity to work with you over the coming year, its one we feel very excited about.

Mrs. Conway-Hughes

Dates for your Diaries:

- ⇒ 30th September, **Oxford University Roadshow**
- ⇒ October, **Year 12 Baseline assessments**
- ⇒ 3rd October, **Isorropia Project Launch**
- ⇒ 14th October, **CAFOD Young Leaders trip Ascot**
- ⇒ 16th October, **Sixth Form Geography Field trip**
- ⇒ 17th October, **Last day before half term**
- ⇒ 03rd November, **Second half of term begins**

Reflection

I pray that God,
the source of all
hope, will fill you
completely with
joy and peace
because you trust
in Him.

Romans 15:13

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HIGHLY COMMENDED

News

Thank you to all those who supported the Year 7 Induction Day at the start of term, including **Emily Monks, India Sulley, Ebosetale Abhulimhen-Iyoha and Elena Hessey.**

Thank you also to the very many students who supported our Year 6 Open Evening, I apologise if you are not on my list, gratefully there were so many of you. Parents and staff were all really grateful for your support: **August Hofmann, Amber Cousins, Anastasia South, Annabelle Acutt, Bethea Wells, Caroline Chambers, Christina Rinson, Dan Downer, Dean Castillo, Ellie Scott, Evelyn Shand, Finnan Hall, Isabelle Willis, Jess Sanderson, Joshua Brenchley, Koko Javier, Lucas Watson, Mariella Penn-Sampler, Martha Debuse, Melvina Namirimu, Mollie Sheath, Phoebe Arnold, Rebecca Beeney, Rose Green, Ruby Cross, Sadiie De Cobain, Sofia Salvilla, Winnie Mills, Eric Williams, Lewis Edgerton and Thomas Browning**

Well done to **Milly Conquest** who will be starting as a volunteer at St Mary's Hospital this term alongside her second year studying Psychology. Good luck Milly.

Special thanks to **Courtney Nyambuya and Hakeemat Abodunrin** for supporting a Year 11 assembly at The Bay.

SIXTH FORM GYM



Open for Sixth Form Students

Monday - Women

Tues, Thurs - All

Friday - Men

Lunch A & B

Gym induction required with
Miss Simmonds or Mr Haydon first



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Students in the News

Many congratulations to Year 12 student Isaac King who was selected for the South Coast Regional Regatta on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th September 2025. Isaac and his crew had a great championships, they came 3rd in their heat which, as a newly promoted crew to this level, was an excellent achievement.

Isaac and his crew photographed below, the Coxed 4



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Mollie Sheath was nominated for the British Young Farming Awards following a rigorous shortlisting. She travelled to Yorkshire for the Awards on the 12th of September. Mollie was a top 3 finalist in the category of young leader award. Although not the Winner she was awarded a finalist certificate and Goodie bag for being in the top 3 . They were very impressed with the work she does in the club and the fact she had made the trip to Yorkshire from the Isle of Wight .



History Association

The Isle of Wight Branch of the Historical Association hosted their workshop event for post 16 students from across the Island at Christ the King College last week.

The focus was for those studying History (and associated subjects). This event was well attended by students from Sixth Form centres across the Island.

Students had the opportunity to meet with professionals and experts working in heritage related jobs. A Selection of professionals from the fields of archaeology, heritage, curating, were in attendance. Also included were island students who are currently at university.

The students who attended found it to be beneficial to their proposed career pathways. They were positive in their comments of the relaxed afternoon chatting with the experts and learning about volunteer opportunities and connections alongside ideas and inspiration for future careers.



DofE Silver Expedition

DofE Silver Expedition 2025

Before the summer, four teams of Year 12 and 13 students completed their expedition for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award in the New Forest.

On Tuesday, they travelled to the New Forest and hiked from just north of Lymington to Lyndhurst, where they set up camp, cooked substantial meals and relaxed.

On Wednesday, students hiked from Lyndhurst towards their new campsite at Ferny Crofts and the evening was very relaxed as groups explored the campsite and played games, and generally gathered their strength for the final day's hike.

On the last day, the students hiked from Ferny Crofts back to just outside of Lymington. All students were very relieved to reach the end point and to be able to drop their backpacks for a final time.

All students have successfully passed the expedition element of their Silver Award and we are very proud of the resilience they displayed.

Congratulations to all students involved, and a huge thank you to all the staff who helped.

Mrs Davie and Miss Joynes



Extra Curricular

Activity	Day	Where/When
Sixth Form Badminton	Tuesday & Thursday	Lunch A/B Sports Hall
Girls Football	Tuesday & Friday	Tues: 15:15-16:15 Fri: Lunch A/B
Netball	Wednesday	15:15-16:15 MUGA
Dance Live	Thursday	15:15-16:15 Activities Studio
Debate Club	Friday week A	Lunch 2.04
Court Competition	Tuesday	Lunch 2.04
Isorropria Workshops	Wednesday	15:30-17:30
CAFOD	See Mrs Rennie for details	
The Gym	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri	Lunch A/B The Gym
DofE	See Google Classroom for details	

Hackathon



↻ National Competition

National No-Code Hackathon

Competition For Students

Are you ready to solve real-world problems, build your own app and compete for a national prize? All without writing a single line of code?

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Learn More

Welcome to Tech Mentor! The UK's most exciting no-code hackathon competition for secondary school students aged 14 to 18. This is a national online competition where students work in teams to tackle real-world challenges using no-code tools to design and build apps. Whether you're passionate about healthcare, climate change, education or the future of AI – you'll get a chance to show how technology can change lives!

30th September - 2nd October

2025

Meet the **RUSSELL GROUP**




Afternoon
Session: 12:00 -
13:30

Evening
Session: 16:30 -
18:00

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STUDENT & PARENT EVENTS

ONLINE



6PM - 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

MAKING IT INTO MEDICAL SCHOOL

ONLINE



6PM - 1ST OCTOBER 2025

MORE THAN ONE ROUTE: ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY



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DU Webinar Series

Our Discover University platform provides information, advice and guidance for prospective students. We host regular Discover University online webinars which take place on Monday evenings from 6-7pm. They are an opportunity for you to find out more about university, consider your options and to hear about specific courses.

Topics this year include:

- Introduction to higher education
- Choosing a course and university
- Considering a competitive university
- UCAS process
- Degree apprenticeships
- Student life
- Considering the University of Exeter
- Student finance
- Personal statement
- Understanding the MMIs
- Studying at our Penryn campus, Cornwall

Subject sessions:

During our subject specific sessions, you can hear about the structure of the course, how to apply and a personal perspective from current students.

- Engineering
- Medicine
- Law
- Philosophy
- Physics & Astronomy
- Theology



Book to attend

Feel free to sign up for as few or as many sessions that interest you. You can bring your questions and queries to ask of both university staff and current students.

www.exeter.ac.uk/discoveruniversity



Webinars

06 Oct 2025	Introduction to HE
03 Nov 2025	Choosing a Course and University
24 Nov 2025	Understanding the MMIs
01 Dec 2025	Considering a Competitive University
05 Jan 2026	UCAS Process
02 Feb 2026	Degree Apprenticeships
02 Mar 2026	Student Life
13 Apr 2026	Considering the University of Exeter
11 May 2026	Student Finance
18 May 2026	Personal Statements
29 Jun 2026	Studying at our Penryn campus, Cornwall
06 Jul 2026	Personal Statements

Subject sessions

08 Dec 2025	Theology	These subject specific sessions will focus on the course highlighted. Find out more about the structure of the course, opportunities for module choice and placements. There will also be the opportunity to speak to current students.
19 Jan 2026	Law	
09 Feb 2026	Medicine	
16 Mar 2026	Engineering	
27 Apr 2026	Physics & Astronomy	
01 Jun 2026	Philosophy	



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Discover University for Parents and Supporters

We understand how important it is for parents and supporters to be well equipped to support their young person's journey to higher education. Our dedicated Discover University webpages, newsletters and social media feeds will provide the key information needed at each stage of the journey.

We host online webinars throughout the year specifically for supporters covering topics such as financing higher education, applying to university, making the most of an open day and becoming a student. All events run online, starting at 6pm and lasting up to an hour.

Applying to University	24 Sep 2025
Choosing the University of Exeter Q&A	15 Oct 2025
What next after application	10 Dec 2025
Financing Higher Education	11 Feb 2026
Degree Apprenticeship	18 Mar 2026
Becoming a University Student	15 Apr 2026
Supporting an Application to University	29 Apr 2026
Making the most of an open day	20 May 2026
Understanding contextual and alternative offers	17 Jun 2026
Arriving and thriving at University	15 Jul 2026
Preparing for results day	05 Aug 2026



To attend any of our virtual events or receive our parents and supporter's newsletter visit www.exeter.ac.uk/supporter



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Year 13 students from Asian or Black backgrounds

About the programme

This programme is a collaboration between current students, societies and the Widening Participation team.

You will receive advice, information and support during your final year of school or college and we will support your transition to becoming a University of Bristol student via a series of virtual events.

Examples of events include a programme launch, with a student panel for your questions; transparent conversations about the lived experience of Asian and Black students at Bristol; academic taster sessions and student-led society events. You will also receive support with your UCAS and student finance applications and, where applicable, support with interviews (for Medicine and Dentistry applicants) and information about the support you can receive when you are a student at the University of Bristol.



Next Step Bristol 2025-26 Application Form

Apply for a Place on Next Step Bristol 2025-26

Please complete the form below to apply for a place on Next Step Bristol 2025-26. Full details about the programme are available on our website: bristol.ac.uk/study/outreach/post-16/nextstep

Deadline: Wednesday 1 October, 23:59

We are unable to accept late applications.

You will be notified in mid-October, before the UCAS early application deadline, whether you have been successful.

Final reminders:

- Please take your time with your application and ensure all information you enter is accurate BEFORE pressing submit, as you will not be able to update your application after we have received it.
- Please ensure you meet all of the essential eligibility criteria listed on the Next Step Bristol website before you apply to this programme. We are unable to consider any applications that do not meet our essential eligibility criteria.
- Eligible applicants must provide their predicted grades in order to be considered for this programme. If you do not know your predicted grades at point of application, we will email you in September to ask for them. We are unable to consider any applicants who do not provide their predicted grades.
- Participation in the programme is dependent upon you applying to the University of Bristol via UCAS. You may be offered a place on the programme before you submit your UCAS application.

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YOUR NEXT STEPS BEYOND SCHOOL

InvestIN are running a series of free webinars to help you think about your next steps after school. Each session gives practical advice on different pathways and what you can be doing now to strengthen future applications.

The events are suitable for all students in Years 11-13, whether you are just starting to explore your options or are preparing applications.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

If you cannot join live, you can still register to receive the recording.

MAKING IT TO MEDICAL SCHOOL TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER • 6-7 PM UK TIME

Gain expert insight from UCLH Dr Obaid Sayed on how to approach medical school applications and show admission tutors you're ready for the challenges of medical school.



ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER • 6-7 PM UK TIME

University isn't the only route - explore how degree apprenticeships and other pathways can lead to successful careers.



UNDERSTANDING UCAS THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER • 6-7 PM UK TIME

Learn how to build a UCAS application that stands out, and discover the steps you can take now to showcase your interests and experiences.



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Coming Up...



5th October: **Communication & Fractures**

We will be meeting Aizah who is now pregnant and has been diagnosed with Gestational Diabetes. She has some mild Learning Difficulties and is a patient of Asian ethnicity with refugee status. With English as a second language it is causing some difficulties that can be rectified with support when it comes to speaking to understanding the medical advice she is given. She has no extended family here in the UK besides her husband.

Dominic suffered a leg injury while playing football, first responder Kate arrives on the scene to assess the situation and administer primary care. Further assessment confirms a fracture and Dominic will require physiotherapy to recover full mobility.

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

Upcoming Session **Agendas**

PAIN MANAGEMENT & MENTAL HEALTH

PAEDIATRIC PATHWAY

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

GERIATRICS & RECOVERY

COMMUNICATION & FRACTURES

RECOVERY REHABILITATION & THERAPY



Virtual opportunities for your students

Copy and send directly to your students...

[Discover Bristol](#) (Application deadline 1st October)

Discover Bristol is a Year 13 programme for students from lower socio-economic groups to experience the University of Bristol through a series of online sessions. Successful completers of the scheme will be guaranteed a [contextual offer/interview](#) from Bristol.

[University of Cambridge Applicant Webinar Series](#) (Book now)

Running until December 2025, the Applicant Webinar Series guides Cambridge applicants, their advisers and supporters through every step of the application process. Each webinar includes a Q&A, and they are run by Cambridge admissions staff and Admissions Tutors.

[University of Leeds Arts & Humanities Learning Resources](#) (Access now)

Explore these online resources in your own time, to gain an insight into studying arts and humanities subjects, and what life is like for undergraduate students. Many of the academic resources could be great to discuss within your personal statement!

[University of Liverpool Online Open Event](#) (Book now)

If you can't make it to an in-person Open Day, why not attend a virtual one? Academic staff and current students will be answering your questions during Liverpool's online subject sessions. Additionally, there will be student support sessions covering topics such as finance, careers, sports and societies, and accommodation.

[Queen Mary Journey to Higher Education Webinar Series](#) (Opens soon)

This online series of webinars and student panel events aims to support you through the different stages of the application process. Each session provides you with information and practical tips to guide you through your journey to higher education. You will get the chance to hear from current Queen Mary students who have been through it all before.

[University of Sheffield Subject Taster Sessions](#) (Register your interest now)

These free subject taster sessions offer students an opportunity to experience a university lecture or seminar, to get a taste of what studying at university is like. There are a wide range of subjects to choose from, and sessions are delivered both online and on-campus.

[University of York Free Online Courses](#) (Access now)

Designed by York academics, these Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are free and open to everyone. Engage with uni-level study, explore a new subject area, or prepare for higher education. Completing certain MOOCs might make you eligible for an alternative offer to study at York.

[Discover more Russell Group opportunities on our website.](#)

Dental Mentor



Get Into Dentistry Conference Student Online Registration Form

This conference is suitable for any student aged 14 or above, from any school or background, who is interested in becoming a dentist. The conference will be held virtually on Zoom from 9am-1:30pm UKGMT.

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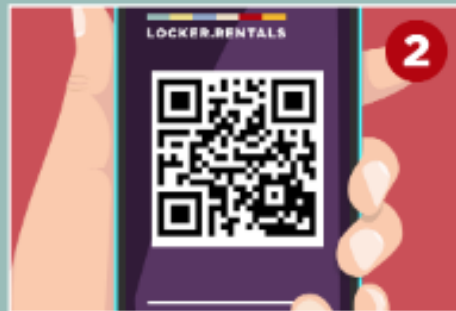
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