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I hope that you have all had a wonderful Easter break. We are pleased to be welcoming our students back for the final term of this academic year. This is an important term, especially for our Year 11 and Year 13 students, as they work towards their final GCSE and A Level exams. We will continue to do all that we can to support them to reach their full potential. Please do all that you can to ensure that they attend school every day and that they arrive on time.

Please also support them in their preparations by talking to them about the importance of keeping active, eating healthily, ensuring that they get enough sleep and that they find the correct balance of studying and relaxation. We saw through their mock exams that a number of students are growing increasingly anxious about the upcoming exams. It is important that they hear the same messages from us all that we only want them to be doing their best, we cannot ask them to do more than that. I believe that as long as they work well with their teachers and put the effort in by revising independently then they will achieve the success that they deserve.

Jo Love

Catholic Life

We ended last term with our Liturgy at the Good Shepherd Church. Thank you to those who joined us online. The students led us in a beautiful reflection on the importance of taking Christ's love for us out into the world in our interactions with others. This is then being followed up in our Acts of Worship during this half term when we think about the joy of the resurrection and it's impact on our attitudes to those around us.

Last term also saw the launch of our Mission Champions. Each tutor group has chosen a Mission Champion. All Houses are leading a project in order to follow Catholic Social Teaching and the importance of caring for others. This may be focused on a charity or raising awareness about something that is important for the care of others and themselves. Each House has their own project that was suggested in form time and agreed on in the Mission Champion House group. Their chosen projects are:

Canterbury- Autism Awareness Day and Tourette's Awareness Day

Holywell - Equality for all, focus on equality for women

Lindisfarne – Cancer research and care for the environment

Iona - Raise awareness and funds for Ukraine, Raise awareness of Mental Health

Walsingham - Black Lives Matter, Raise money for Turkey/Syria disaster

Safeguarding

A Government consultation, focusing on finding ways to reduce the number of children using vapes in England, has been launched, Although the latest data shows that most teenagers are not using vapes (91%), usage has almost doubled in a year. Doctors are expressing concern and want to target this. Did you know:

- Vapes are age restricted, only legally allowed to be sold to persons over 18.
- There are a vast array of counterfeit vapes available, that potentially cause more harm. The aim is to crack down on this as well as stop vape sales to children
- We deliver lessons on vaping in school, but please support your child to make safe choices for themselves by discussing the hazards of vaping and smoking

Anti-Bullying

Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group. Bullying is not tolerated in school, and we reminded students of this last term during Anti-Bullying week. We have recently appointed peer mentors to help us to work to put a stop to any bullying that does take place. Any concerns can be reported, and will be dealt with anonymously, by emailing **stop@christtheking.notts.sch.uk**

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Places in the Sixth Form

We have had a large number of Year 11 students applying to remain with us in sixth form from September 2023 and we will find out on GCSE results day if they have been successful in gaining a place. However, there is still time to apply for a place in sixth form if your child already attends CTK. If you wish for your child to apply for a place, please contact Mr Reddington nreddington@christtheking.notts.sch.uk who will be able to provide them with an application form to complete.

Please remember what we will provide for your child if they choose to stay with us in sixth form:

- Expert teaching with small class sizes ensuring that students gain good results
- A strong sense of community – current sixth form students comment that they enjoy being separate from the other students but still a big part of the community at CTK
- Excellent support – our teachers know your children and what helps them to learn, be successful and happy.

The step up to Post 16 education is difficult and each year, many students who leave to start at college end up coming back to our sixth form stating that they miss the huge level of support that staff at our school give them. Please make contact with Mr Reddington should you have any questions about our sixth form.

Upcoming Events

20 th April	Careers Fair
24 th April	Year 8 Briars week
26 th April	<i>Junior Maths Challenge (Yr7, 8)</i>
27 th April	Y9 History – National Justice Museum
01st May	Bank Holiday
2 nd May	<i>Year 11 GCSE Languages Orals</i>
03 rd 4 th May	<i>Y11 GCSE Art Exam</i>
05 th May	Sacrament of Reconciliation 11am Voluntary lunch Mass 12.00
8th May	Bank Holiday
09 th 10 th May	<i>Y13 Art Exam</i>
12 th May	Y7 Geog – Darlton Drive Fieldwork Year 11 Revision Sessions begin
15 th May	Mental Health Awareness Week
18 th May	Feast of the Ascension- Holyday of obligation – Voluntary Mass 12pm
22 nd May	World Culture Week <i>Year 9 EoY exams week (in class)</i>
24 th May	Recognition lunch with HT
26 th May	Y9 Careers Lesson Y10 Geog Arnold fieldwork
29 th May	Half term holiday

Year 11 and Year 13 Exams

The exam period begins on **15th May** and finishes on **28th June 2023**. This includes some exam contingency dates set aside by JCQ. These are reserved for any issues that might arise nationally. Please make sure that students do not book any holidays during these dates, even if their individual timetables suggest that their exams will be completed, as they are required to be available for exams in the event of an emergency. We will be offering revision sessions for Year 11 students ahead of each exam. Further details will be emailed to all Year 11 parents by 26th April.

Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

During the last few surveys completed by students and parents, there has been a great demand for the introduction of the Duke of Edinburgh Award at CTK. Last term we appointed Mr Josh Hudson as our DofE Co-ordinator. He is very excited to begin the preparation work for this. We will be offering this opportunity to our students from September 2023. If your child is interested in getting involved or finding out more then they should email DofE@christtheking.notts.sch.uk to express their interest.

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Pupil Premium Funding the cost of living crisis

The cost of living crisis is affecting everyone in different ways. We are wanting to support all in our community in whatever ways that we can.

Uniform – if you have any items that your children have outgrown but that is still good quality perhaps you could donate that to school? If you need uniform, then please contact your child's tutor or Achievement Leader and we will see what we can do to support you with this.

Free School Meals – If your circumstances have changed you may be eligible to claim free school meals for your child. We know that parents are often reluctant to claim this as they are concerned others will know about it but as we operate a cashless system the meal would be claimed in the same way as if it was paid for using the Arbor account. Please make this claim if you are eligible as it provides access to other types of support that will allow your child to take part in enrichment activities and school trips. To find out if you are eligible, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Little Acts of Kindness Fund – Our Trust has set up a fund to offer financial support for families and this fund can be used in a variety of ways. If you would like to find out more about this please look on the Trust website <https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/our-trust/little-acts-of-kindness-fund/>.

You can email head@christtheking.notts.sch.uk if you need to make a claim from this fund.

Rewards

At the end of last half term, Canterbury students, our House with the highest CARE point total, were rewarded with a movie afternoon. They chose the film and were treated to popcorn and sweet treats.

This half term we will be launching our Recognition trips to students. The 45 students in each year group with the highest number of +CARE points will be eligible to go on reward trip and those students with over 150 +CARE points will receive a contribution towards the cost of the trip.

Culture Week

Students who volunteer with Culture Club are organising a week of activities to celebrate the diversity of cultures within our community. They will be seeking support from students, staff and parents with this.

During the week beginning 22nd May they will be leading on a different activity each day to encourage us to learn more about each other's cultural backgrounds. The week will include Acts of Worship, lesson activities, sharing cultural foods and many more activities. The week will finish with students and staff being invited to dress for school in clothes that represent their culture.

Students will be told more about this during form notices. If students would like to support the event they should speak to Mrs Nicolson and the Culture Club about the different ways that they can get involved.

Year 8 Options Process

WE would like to start by saying thank you to everyone who sent through their child's option requests by the February deadline. The option groups for September 2023 have now been finalised and so if your child didn't receive a letter having a clash of subjects, this means that they have been successful in gaining all of the four option subjects that they selected.

However, sometimes students feel that they have selected a subject which they no longer wish to study. If this is true for your child, please ask them to speak to Mr Riding who will be able to advise on what else they could study instead of that subject. Alternatively, you are welcome to contact him via email (ariding@christtheking.notts.sch.uk).

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Catholic Character Education

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

Jesus' words in John's Gospel express the aim of human life as 'human flourishing'. Our whole business in this life is to flourish by seeking to form our character through the pursuit of personal strengths and excellences of character which are theological, moral, civic, intellectual and performative in order to develop responsible young people for our global future.

This year has seen the launch of our Catholic Character Education, exploring in tutor time the values and virtues that are at the heart of our Mission Statement, developing theological understanding of the terms and their importance as qualities we strive to demonstrate in our daily lives, in and out of school.

This tables shows the main virtues that we have focused on with students. Students will be taught about these virtues in all aspects of the curriculum so that they understand how all that we teach them helps to shape their values and actions towards others and the world in which we live. This is to fulfil our Mission Statement of providing the best education we can in a Living Faith Community.

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Hospitality	Self-control	Sanctity of Life	Faith
Gratitude	Love of learning	Discipleship	Hope
Compassion	Perseverance	Equality	Love
		Stewardship	

Careers Education

The summer term is always a busy and enjoyable time in the delivery of our careers curriculum, with some of the larger events taking place. On Thursday 20th April we welcomed over 14 employers to take part in our annual Ctk Careers Fair. Throughout the day, all year groups had the opportunity to spend time talking to employers including Rolls Royce and Experian as well as a range of universities, junior doctors and apprenticeship advice teams. We also offered a 'calm' session where our students with sensory needs were able to explore the fair with a reduced number of students in the hall. Keep an eye out on social media for some photo updates!

During the summer term, our Year 10 and Year 12 students will take part in work experience. Many students have already found placements and it is our expectation that all students in Year 10 and Year 12 take part in work experience week. If you haven't already arranged your placement, please do so. Information on how to do this can be found on our website under the 'Careers Advice' tab. You can also email Mrs Myatt for further help if required amyatt@christtheking.notts.sch.uk.

Year 10 work experience week: 3rd July – 7th July

Year 12 work experience week: 17th July – 21st July (although we support students in placements throughout the academic year).

Finally, we will continue to deliver our bespoke career lessons to all year groups as timetabled by our careers curriculum.

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