



Bulletin – Pentecost Term 2

Welcome back to the final term of this academic year. This final half term is always a busy one for us as our Year 11 and Year 13 students complete their final exams. They are working incredibly hard. Our invigilators have been very impressed with their engagement. We know that they were very tired in the lead up to the half term. We hope they have had a good rest but also continued with their preparations. Year 13 students have started their study leave. Their teachers continue to offer lessons following their normal timetable to support them in the lead up to each exam. Year 11 students are being supported with targeted revision sessions ahead of each exam. Students who do not engage positively with these sessions will be placed on study leave. Students are generally engaging very well in these sessions. Year 10 students are also preparing for their first round of mock exams this half term, please support them with these preparations by checking that they are clear about what they need to do and how they should be doing it. They have been working with Year 11 students during tutor time this year to look at how to organise their revision and different revision techniques they can use. If you have any questions or concerns about how to support your child during the exams, please contact their tutor.

Jo Love

Catholic Life

Mission Champions

At the end of last half term, each form had an Act of Worship delivered by their Mission Champion looking at how their project is rooted in faith. Students are currently collecting sponsorship for the Sponsored Walk which the Mission Champions are running on **6th July 2023**.

Lindisfarne have taken action for the environment by launching a pen recycling Initiative. Collection boxes are outside U1 and student services in the dining hall.

Iona are planning a Mental Health Awareness Day later in the term, with a variety of activities for students to take part in.

Prayer Life

This half-term sees the launch of the 'Build Your Own' liturgical prayer handbook in forms. It will provide a structure for students to plan and lead their own prayer each week.

The booklet will help to enhance their experience of prayer and ultimately aid the development of a stronger faith and relationship with God.

School Council

The School Council would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who donated school uniform for our pop-up uniform shop. Due to the success of this, the shop will now be open during the last week of each month for all students who want to swap an item of uniform. Please continue to support this by donating unwanted uniform. #stewards of the earth #save our planet.

Two of the hot topics of discussion in school are the toilets and the canteen. With this in mind, members of the School Council met with Aspens to discuss food provision as well as the CTK Site Manager to discuss toilets. Both meetings were very productive, and solutions to some of the issues that have been raised with them were agreed.

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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Attendance

It is important for your child to regularly attend school for a variety of reasons – the learning and social skills developed, and for their confidence and self-esteem. Obviously, your child may miss school due to sickness or a hospital appointment, but holidays should not be taken in term time. There are very few reasons a Headteacher can authorise a child being off school. Unauthorised absences may result in a penalty notice being given which is currently £120 (or £60 if paid within 28 days).

We also have a small number of children coming into school after 8.45am. Being late for school causes significant disadvantages to children. They not only miss the introduction to the school day, but also the opportunity to meet and socialise with classmates before the school day begins. Children coming into class late causes disruption to the whole class and regular lateness may well result in your child being unable to reach their full potential.

The school day starts at 8:45am. If your child arrives to school after this time, then they will receive late mark and a lunch detention. This does not include students late due to the school buses.

If your child is going to be absent, please inform school by calling 0115 9556262 or emailing studentservices@chirstheking.notts.sch.uk

Upcoming Events

- 5th Jun Y10 English NEA fortnight
- 9th Jun Sacrament of Reconciliation 11am
Voluntary lunch Mass 12pm
- 14th Jun Year 7 Parents evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm
- 16th Jun Y10 Art Mock
- 19th Jun Year 10 mock fortnight
- 20th Jun Y12 History – Hallward Library
- 26th Jun Y11 Prom
- 28th Jun Y8 History – National Holocaust Centre
Y13 Prom
- 29th Jun Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul
Mass at Good Shepherd Church 2pm
- 30th Jun INSET Day**
- 3rd Jul Y10 6th form taster days begin
Year 12 mock week
- 4th Jul Y8 Geog Gedling Country Park
- 6th Jul Mission Champion – Sponsored Walk
- 10th Jul Y10 Work Experience Week
Yr 6 Transition Day
Yr 6 Parents Meeting 3.30–4.30
- 13th Jul CTK Summer performance
- 14th Jul Y7 Languages – Bastille Day
- 17th Jul Year 12 Work Experience week
Y7 Science Fair
- 18th Jul Iona House Mass
- 19th Jul Y10 Speed Networking with employers
Celebration of Success Evening Good Shepherd Church 7pm
- 20th Jul Sports Day
- 21st Jul Final Day of term**

Sixth Form

Our students and staff have been working hard over the last term to create a sixth form magazine to share with you all. This magazine outlines many of the different aspects of life in sixth form such as fundraising activities, trips to universities and preparing for life after Year 11. In the coming weeks, you will receive an electronic copy of this newsletter and we will also be sharing this with other members of the local community, such as in our local parishes. We would like to thank our Year 12 and 13 students who have contributed to this publication – we are sure that it will be something that you will enjoy reading.

During this last week, our A Level PE students attended a trip to Nottingham Trent University where they spent a day in the life of a student studying a Sport Science Degree at University. Students spent the day studying the biomechanics of movement, identifying the physiological changes to the body when exercising, and measuring the amount of oxygen consumed during different periods of exercise. Please see our Sixth Form Instagram account for pictures of the event (@ctk6form).

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Careers Education

Last half-term was a busy time for careers. On 20th April we hosted our annual careers fair where we welcomed visitors from employers including Experian, NHS, Nottingham University, RAF and learnt about careers including Dermatology, Sustainable manufacturing, Teaching, Medicine, Nursing and the Civil Service. Every student in Year 7 – 13 had the opportunity to attend the fair and network with 13 different exhibitors. We also welcomed Nottingham College, Brackenhurst College and Nottingham University, who shared information about Further and Higher Education, as well as Ask Apprenticeships who exhibited information on T-Levels and Apprenticeships. A 'calm session' for students with sensory needs was also a big success with lots of students saying they 'enjoyed' the experience and 'learnt a lot' from the event.

Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students have continued to have careers guidance meetings with our Level 6 Qualified careers advisor, Sean Panting, about their next steps. If your child is struggling to decide what their next steps should be please contact Mrs Myatt who will be happy to arrange a meeting for them (ASouthgate@christtheking.notts.sch.uk) (Year 10 and 12 students will have priority).

KS3 and KS4 students have received lessons on 'financial management', 'career options' and 'labour market information', whilst teachers have continued to highlight careers in their subjects.

This half-term, Year 10 students go out on a week's work experience (10th -15th July), before ending the term with a Speed-networking event, back in school, with local employers on 19th July. Any Year 10 students who have not yet returned a form to Mrs Myatt confirming the details of their placement should do so as soon as possible. The last date for returning a form to school is 15th June, after which date, no new placements will be accepted. Mrs Myatt continues to offer support during break and lunchtimes in E5 to students who need to find a placement.

Year 12 have also been busy fixing work experience placements, including in Hospitals, Banks, Police, Veterinary surgeries and Theatres. A number of students have also completed hands-on experiences in Investment Banking, Surgery and Psychiatry.

For further information on how you can support your child to get career ready, please visit the Careers page of our school website where there are links to a number of useful sites, and follow us on Facebook for the latest careers opportunities.

Curriculum

During this time of year, many of our students are about to start their end of year exams and assessments. Starting on Monday 19th June, the Year 10 mock exams take place for two weeks. These assessments take place in the main hall and the gym, and they are the start of their preparation for their final GCSE examinations at the end of Year 11.

Our Year 7 and 8 students will undertake their end of year assessments in the classroom setting. They will be notified when this is taking place by their class teachers. Please encourage your child to ask for the exact dates of when these assessments are taking place so that they have ample time to prepare for them. If you are unsure on how to best support your child for these assessments, please encourage them to revise by using the Knowledge Organisers which contain all of the knowledge required in each subject area that your child studies.



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Canterbury House

Congratulations to students in Canterbury House. They continue to be the House with highest number of positive CARE points. Last half term they reached 10,000 positive CARE points.

Special congratulations to the following students who are top achievers in the whole school for their year group:

Tecarah Beckford –Year 8 from C.Claire
Vaishnavi Biju in Year 9 from C.Catherine. Mrs Shardlow

Culture Week

Congratulations to the students involved in Culture Club. They organised a week full of activities to celebrate the diversity of cultures within our school community. Through these activities they reminded us that God created us all in His image and likeness, that He made us to be unique and that these differences should be cherished.

They organised an Act of Worship, the reading of scriptures in many different languages, they sold cultural foods and on the final day of the week they came to school in cultural clothing. The money they raised for this will be sent to a school in Malawi that they have partnered with. They are supporting this school in a number of ways one of which is by providing books that are no longer being used by students at CTK.

Inclusion

We have had a busy half term in the inclusion team in which we have appointed 3 new Teaching Assistants, one of which joins us as our third trainee apprentice Teaching Assistant. We are delighted to have them join the team.

We would also like to say a goodbye to all of our Year 11 students who have worked hard and have all secured placements for their next stages in education. Our students completed qualifications in ASDAN, ASDAN Science, Step up English, Entry Level Maths and Unit Award Technology, to name but a few. These courses equipped our students with vital skills and knowledge to set them up for their forthcoming college courses and life after school.

Finally, a reminder that we run termly coffee mornings and fortnightly drop-in sessions to give our parents an opportunity to meet our inclusion team and have discussions around our SEND provision. If you are interested in joining us for any of these then, please email Katie Hoole at KHoole@christtheking.notts.sch.uk. More information about these events is provided on our website.

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.

Teaching and Learning

As we enter the final half term of a busy year, we would like to congratulate our staff on the work they have completed this year in investigating different areas of Teaching and Learning. 14 members of our staff are now fully trained coaches after completing their Pedagogical Coaching training which was delivered by the Teacher Development Trust. We have also had staff working groups who have completed a year of investigational work around Oracy, Literacy, Retrieval Practice and Modelling. We will look forward to seeing how this work can develop our approach to T&L in the classroom.

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Chaplaincy

57 students in Year 8 went to The Briars for a week where they spent time forming as community, praying, and taking part in activities to enhance their faith.

We continue with our monthly 1st Friday of the month mass, and we had the addition of the Ascension Day last month, so we had a voluntary Mass to celebrate. We have started two lunchtime prayer groups, Adoration on a Monday, and Lectio Devina on a Thursday from 12:45.

We also said goodbye to our Year 13's and Year 11's with leavers liturgies.

This term we look forward to the diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage where we are taking 6 young people from Year 11- 6th form for the first time since 2019. If you have any prayer intentions that you would like us to take to the Grotto, then please contact Lucy or Charles.

We are heading down to Good Shepherd Church on the feast day of Ss Peter and Paul to celebrate Mass as a whole school – look out for the link to watch online!

Mass and lunchtime prayers will continue through to the end of the year so please keep coming down and spending time in the Chapel.

As we are both full time, either Charles or Lucy will always be in the Chapel, so we encourage you to come and see us anytime. Take care and we hope you have a great final half term!

Lucy & Charles

Safeguarding

National Safeguarding Awareness Week took place at the end of May. The aim of the week is to inspire young people everywhere to SPEAK, SHOUT, SHARE and open up about the safeguarding issues affecting them.



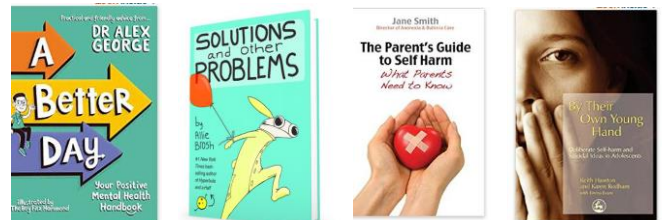
Encouraging young people to talk to a trusted adult in school is an essential part of good safeguarding. In a recent class discussion, 94% of students at CTK told us that they felt happy and safe in school, which is very pleasing. However, it is important to us that

all students know that we are always here to listen and support them, especially during the times when they may not feel like this. Please encourage your child to speak directly to the safeguarding team or to any member of staff if they need to.



Mental Health

Mental Health Awareness week took place during the last week in May. The theme this year was anxiety and the aim was to increase awareness and understanding of anxiety by providing information on the different things that can lead to feelings of anxiety as well as things that can prevent it from becoming a problem. In school we supported students through lesson starters to open up the discussion around mental health, develop a better understanding of anxiety and also where to access help and support. To support students and parents further, here are some recommended books, you may find helpful.



If you feel your child is struggling with their mental health, please encourage them to talk to us, or you can contact us directly. We can listen, support or signpost them to support, including a referral to the school counsellor or the MHST team.

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