Christ the King
Catholic Voluntary Academy

Year 8 Learning Journey

Advent 2 (HT2) | Autumn term, second half

How to use this document

This shows what your child is learning in each subject this half term. You do not need to read it all at once. Choose one or two subjects, read the summary together, then ask your child:

1. **What are you doing well?**
2. **What do you need to do to improve?**

Listen for specific answers rather than a general "fine".

CORE SUBJECTS	
English	Private Peaceful. A whole text reading of the First World War novel, with a focus on class divisions and ideas of duty and honour.
Maths	The Cartesian plane (plotting and reading coordinates). Representing data. Tables and probability.
Science	Energy 2. Work and energy, and heating and cooling.
Religious Education	Prophecy and Promise, Prophetic Call. Students explore the role of prophets in calling people back to God, and the messianic prophecies in the context of Advent. They learn that through baptism everyone shares in Christ's roles as priest, prophet and king, and reflect on how they can respond to their own call in life.
HUMANITIES AND LANGUAGES	
History	How did the Industrial Revolution affect the people of Britain 1750 to 1900? Changes to society, work and homes, and new inventions. Focus on significance.
Geography	Topic 2, Development and Inequality. Measuring inequality, the causes of inequality and closing the gap.
French	Quebec. A virtual visit, directions, shopping and money.
Spanish	Family. Family members and introducing other people in the family.
CREATIVE, TECHNICAL AND PHYSICAL	
Art	Saintly Qualities Portraits, Part 2. Pattern and lettering. The half term ends with a final outcome.
Music	Hooks and Riffs. Binary (AB), ternary (ABA) and rondo forms.
Drama	The Demon Barber. Characterisation, use of space and voice.
Technology	Polymers and Plastics. Thermoplastics compared with thermosetting plastics.
Computing and IT	Boolean Logic. AND, OR and NOT gates and truth tables.
Physical Education	Autumn Rotation 2. Rugby, volleyball, netball or trampolining. Students apply tactical and performance principles under pressure and explain how their choices affect the outcome.
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT	
Personal Development	PSHE. Staying safe, knowing who we can trust, and the safe use of AI and vaping.