



CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORMS

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NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the latest edition of our parent newsletter. It's very busy in the lead up to half term and we have lots to share with you this week.

Black History Month is in full swing in the sixth form and we have lots happening to tell you about. We are also excited to announce that we will be working in partnership with Eton College.

I really hope you enjoy our newsletter this week.

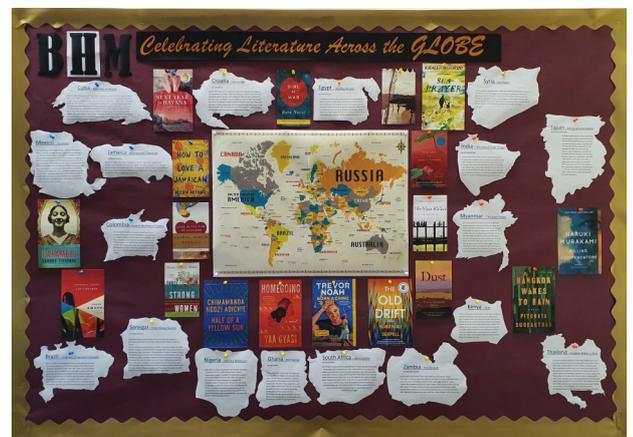
Holly Power
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Black History Month

Celebrations for Black History Month are in full swing at CTK Aquinas with the appearance of posters, books and quotes from iconic people from Black History all around the College.



NICOLA ADAMS, BOXER



Here are some of the visual representations that we have set around our buildings in order to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of Black people both in past and recent history.



BISHOP JOHN SENTAMU, ARCHBISHOP OF YORK



BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH, POET



DAME KELLY HOLMES, ATHLETE



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CHEMISTRY NOBEL PRIZE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CTK CHEMISTRY TEACHER, DR JOSE BRAVO

"In 2016, Sir Fraser Stoddart was awarded the Nobel prize in Chemistry for the "Design and Synthesis of Molecular Machines". Sir Fraser was my PhD supervisor (Birmingham and UCLA): <https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/chemistry/2016/stoddart/facts/> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7DqCz0nQzU>

I will always be grateful to Sir Fraser for giving me the opportunity to contribute to an exciting and emerging field of Science. He also paid for my PhD grant! I enjoyed working alongside great Scientists in a highly inspiring environment. Even back then for me, we already enjoyed worldwide recognition as a pioneering research group. Fraser introduced me personally to: Jean-Marie Lehn (Nobel Laureate), Donal J. Cram (Nobel Laureate), Alfred A Bader (founder of Alrich.)

I find it gratifying to be able to draw from my PhD in Supramolecular Chemistry, Postdoctoral research in Combinatorial Chemistry, and industrial experience in Medicinal Chemistry to inspire students. In June 2017, I was invited to an event at the University of Nottingham to Celebrate Fraser's Nobel Prize. At the end of his Nobel acceptance lecture at Stockholm, he acknowledged all his PhD students and Postdocs. I was just one of many, but I found it gratifying to see my name in a Nobel Prize lecture.

According to one school of thought, which I explain to my students, scientists who have a link with a former Nobel Laureate are more likely to become future Nobel Laureates. I like telling my students " make sure you invite me to Stockholm for your Nobel lecture".

EXTERNAL SPEAKER PROGRAMME

This week's guest speaker was Liam Macpherson from the Ministry of Justice.

He was able to discuss with students about career opportunities within the Civil Service. For anyone who was unable to attend but would like to watch Liam's talk you can do so via the Careers Moodle pages. Also, for any students interested in pursuing a career in the Civil Service please check out the following webpage: <https://www.civil-service-careers.gov.uk/>



CHEMISTS AT WORK



Our A Level Chemists were busy this week with their titrations!



MARK EVISON FOUNDATION

This November we will be introducing the **Mark Evison Foundation** Challenge. Mark Edison was an officer of the British Army who sadly died in Afghanistan. The Foundation was set up in his memory and his values and characters are a driving force within it. The Foundation's mission is to promote the personal development of young people through the undertaking of challenges. Students will be invited to create and plan projects which are personally challenging. Such projects develop confidence, strength, resilience, and breadth. Students will take independent ownership of something they are keen to do. The Foundation provides mentoring and expenses funding for accepted projects. Up to £500 is given for each challenge.





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CTK PRAYER

God of Love

As members of the Christ the King Sixth Forms Family we ask for your continued blessing upon our work and study. You are the source of all truth and wisdom.

May we experience in full the Life that you offer us each day, to become the best that we can be.

Let no distractions or fears prevent us from trusting in your endless care for us.

Shine your Light into our lives that we may become brighter beacons of faith, hope and love in our community.

We make this prayer through Christ the Lord.

Amen.



CHAPLAINCY CORNER

This week, the Chaplaincy theme focuses on what it means to be a Christian. Baptism makes a Christian. Baptism is the doorway into the life of God through Jesus Christ as a member of his Body, the Church. Anointed, the person who is 'Christ-ed', is joined spiritually with Christ and empowered to live like Jesus, in love and service of others. The baptised person (literally meaning: 'immersed') begins a journey of discovery, given grace to grow in holiness. However, faith is needed to make baptism come alive and make a difference. Pope St John Paul II, whose feast day occurs this week, during the wonderful global gatherings of young people he initiated, called *World Youth Day*, said to them the following: *"Remember that you are never alone, Christ is with you on your journey every day of your lives! He has called you and chosen you to live in the freedom of the children of God. Turn to Him in prayer and in love. Ask Him to grant you the courage and strength to live in this freedom always. Walk with Him who is 'the Way, the Truth and the Life.'"*

The Chaplaincy team aim to proclaim Christ as good news for all people. Although not everyone shares the same belief, most often everyone desires to be happy and live life to the full. Inspired by Christ, we through our prayers and outreach, aim to collaborate with all students and staff, to do just that. May God bless you all this week.

The Eco Reps in the Chaplaincy have also been promoting the collection of crisp packets for recycling as part of their work to protect the environment.



For Black History Month, the Chaplaincy has also been displaying Saints of the World to show the rich diversity of people who have heroically lived their Christian faith.





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Future Learn

After half term **Future Learn** will be offered as one of our wider curriculum activities to all students by Mrs Lower in careers. Future Learn offers a new way to learn online. Students select a course that has been designed through storytelling, discussion, visible learning using educators from top universities and cultural institutions. The courses help students to develop new skills and achieve their personal and professional goals. Students browse from the course list to find something they would like to learn about. Here's a taster of some courses:

- Preparing to Learn Online at University
- A Definitive Guide to Local Business Marketing
- Bacterial Genomes: Antimicrobial Resistance in Bacterial Pathogens
- AI for Legal Professionals (I): Law and Policy
- An Introduction to Medical Ethics: The Impact of Disability Screening
- Learning Online: Researching Your Project

2021 APPLICATIONS LAUNCH

Do you have a child in year 11 or know someone that that is looking for a sixth form place?

2021 Applications for a place at any of our CTK sixth forms are now open.

Students can apply for a place by visiting: <https://www.ctkaquinas.ac.uk/>

Here at CTK Aquinas we will ensure that we help students to be extraordinary!



VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT 2020



Be extraordinary at CTK AQUINAS

VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT

Saturday
7 November 2020

Book your place at www.ctkaquinas.ac.uk/openevents

We will be holding further open events throughout the year – please check our website for latest information.

Are you a high achieving student who wants to learn with others who are motivated, ambitious and supportive? Join CTK Aquinas, a selective sixth form centre for excellence in Brockley.

We pride ourselves on our welcoming community of students who are highly academic and want to stand out from the crowd. CTK Aquinas students are not afraid to aspire to great success and they will encourage you to do the same.

Year 11 hub

To help you prepare for the academic life of a CTK Aquinas student, we have created a Year 11 hub, packed with resources. Please visit www.ctkaquinas.ac.uk/year11hub/ to access all the content.



We are also excited to announce that our virtual open event will take place on 7th November and will include a virtual tour, subject videos and Principal Q&As.

Year 11 students that would like to visit can register at <https://www.ctkaquinas.ac.uk/news-and-events/open-events/>

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