



CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORMS

28 SEPTEMBER 2020

NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the second edition of our parent newsletter. This week we are launching our External Speaker Programme, which is a fantastic opportunity for CTK Aquinas students to access. As a Catholic sixth form, we thought it important to update parents on the work of our Chaplaincy team, therefore we have included a 'Chaplaincy Corner' feature this week.

I really hope you enjoy our newsletter this week.

Holly Power

Deputy Principal

CTK Aquinas

A week in pictures

We wanted to share with you some of the fantastic activities happening across CTK Aquinas this week.



It is lovely to see our year 13 artists settling back into Sixth Form.



In the first couple of weeks of Short film club we have already watched a range of different sorts of films. Here we are considering a short German animation film from a post-modernist perspective.



Reading For Pleasure

We have been encouraging our students to find the time to read for pleasure, as well as for their A Level subjects. One student devoured a whole book in a couple of hours!



Students can choose from a wide range of non-fiction and fiction books.



One of our Upper Sixth Biology students enjoying a kidney dissection.





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GENERATING GENIUS

I am Jervonté Beckford. I am a student at Aquinas. I currently study Biology, Chemistry and Economics at A level, and I wish to go to university after sixth form.

I wanted to be involved with the Generating Genius programme as I believed that it could provide many benefits to when I eventually take that big step from sixth form to university.

During the talk their representatives had with us, I was quite excited about what was on offer; from the personal statement workshops to the University based workshops, they all interested me. I myself was particularly drawn to the mentoring and careers programmes, as I believe that they would give me a unique insight to what life is like within certain undergraduate degrees and careers that could help me make an educated choice about what I would want to study in university.

I think that the programme will help me and everyone else involved to gain many advantageous skills that I would find hard to access anywhere else.

I cannot wait to start the programme.



EXTERNAL SPEAKER PROGRAMME

The External Speaker Programme launches next week. This is an exciting series of lunchtime talks run by external speakers, drawn from businesses, alumni and universities. The talks have a subject focus each, but all the students are welcome to partake.

This year, for the first time, the talks will take place remotely via Teams. The session will also be recorded and emailed to students afterwards.

Students can use the LRC to log on if needed (using ear/headphones and listening on mute) so they can post questions to the speaker at the end via the Teams chat function.

All students will be emailed a Teams invite to the talks. Attendance is voluntary, but it would be really good if students could attend at least one talk of interest to them.

University Challenge Launch



Lewisham Borough Council are launching their "**Lewisham University Challenge**" programme of support with a webinar for students next Tuesday 29 September for Year 12 students locally who are interested in applying for Oxford or Cambridge ("Oxbridge").

Students will hear from experts about how to prepare throughout Year 12 by doing work experience, wider reading and showing academic curiosity beyond the curriculum.



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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

The Sixth Form Chaplaincy team aim to support the spiritual development of all staff and students. The Chaplains do this by facilitating reflection and prayer in tutor groups, staff meetings and marking moments and season in the year with thoughtful liturgies. For all faiths and none, Chaplaincy is a place where all are welcome and can find a listening ear. Having Chapels on all sites ensures that prayer and worship is available for everyone.

Finally, Chaplaincy tutor reps invite the participation and contribution of the students to the work of the Chaplaincy. To find out more, don't hesitate to contact the lead Chaplain, Deacon Javier Elderfield by email: j.elderfield@ctksfc.ac.uk. This week in the Church's calendar, is the feast day of the youthful saint, St Therese of the Child Jesus. In her spiritual diary she wrote: "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love. In life we can choose to sacrifice our preferences for those around us. We have the capacity to spread love and improve the lives of others. Today, let us look to grasp these opportunities for kindness, seeking to do small 'rights' in a world of 'wrongs'".

VIRTUAL PRAYERS TO CONTINUE



United Virtual Prayer

During lockdown, the Chaplaincy team set up virtual prayers for staff and students to join in. We will be continuing this for all students to join together on Teams to say the College prayer and add any other intentions every weekday at 10.15am.

Students are welcome to join us then, or they can email their intentions and prayer points and these will be included in our prayer.

CTK COFFEE MORNING- MACMILLAN

Around this time the Chaplaincy organise a charity bake sale to raise money for **Macmillan Cancer Care**, who provide vital support, advice and nursing care for Cancer patients.

This year, fundraising will take place remotely on Teams. To find out more, click on the below link for further details and to donate:

<https://thyg.uk/BUU004715754>

Alternatively, you can donate using the CTK GoFundMe page here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/ctk-monthly-fundraiser>

Any support you can give will be warmly welcomed.

Weekly remote mass

This will take place every Wednesday at 1.45pm by Fr John Diver (St Mary's priest chaplain) in his parish church.

Mass can be viewed in the Chapel or remotely by clicking on the parish live link:

http://www.stlsidcup.org/cs_sermons/live-mass/

