



CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORMS

November 2020

NEWSLETTER



HOLLY POWER

Welcome to the latest edition of our parent newsletter. We are going into the second week back after half term and what a busy few weeks it's been!

Over the half term we were ever busy with preparations for our recent Virtual Open Event which had a fantastic turn out.

We look forward to our next newsletter where we can update you with events taking place in the coming days and weeks but for now we hope you enjoy reading a summary of the sixth forms recent engagements .

Holly Power

Deputy Principal

CTK Aquinas

JACK PETCHEY AWARD WINNER

Aquinas student Cherry Onye-Koller has just won our first Jack Petchey award for her work as an Eco rep. She was chosen because she has been able to engage the Diamond Club elders, knitting bees for our chosen charity the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.

Cherry Onye-Koller



The first bees that the Diamond Club in Catford have knitted for us. We have chosen The Bumblebee Conservation to support here at Aquinas and so the Diamonds are linking in with us.



GREEN FLAG AWARD

Students have been working on an Eco display in response to the sixth form receiving the Green Flag Award.





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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

At the end of this week, the Church celebrates the last Sunday of its liturgical calendar known as the feast day of Christ the King, which is also the collective name of our sixth forms. This royal title recalls the belief in the authority and status of Jesus as a just and kindly ruler. His power is not demonstrated by force, but through humble loving service. Jesus came to set captives free and bring fullness of life in this world and the next. This good news underpins our values, giving a positive motivational stance in the way we create community, and a sense of togetherness amongst students and staff. The Jesus who came for the poor and marginalised is a firm reminder that we are called to support the neediest amongst us first, as well as challenging the strong to selfless action. May Christ the King transform our hearts and minds to always seek the good in our lives, and for all those who need to hear and know His good news of hope and salvation. Finally, in this month of November, we have been recalling our loved ones who have died, commending them to an eternal rest in the loving presence of God: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

A Book of Remembrance has been made available in the chapel for students and staff to write the name of loved ones who have died. They are included in the daily chapel prayers.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Miss Munyaneza studied Chemical Engineering at The University of Surrey and went on to work in the Software Engineering Department at Mentor a Siemens Business. Alongside her degree she worked for NCS -The Challenge as a Senior Mentor and for The University of Surrey as a Student Life Mentor. Miss Munyaneza participated in many plays leading her to leave the scientific sector and train to become an actor at Drama Centre London in Kings Cross London. Now Miss Munyaneza works as the Science Technician part-time while pursuing her acting career. Watch out for her show coming out in 2021 on Netflix entitled THE ONE .

If you have any questions about working in engineering, studying Chemical Engineering or even acting, you can find her in the Science Prep Room (211) every afternoon.





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The LRC Remembers



Some of the items which are currently on display in the LRC regarding both Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day, show the reason for wearing the poppies and some well known celebrities wearing them too.



"Remembrance does not glorify war and its symbol, the red poppy is a sign of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future."



Armistice Day 11th November 2020

Armistice Day, also known as Remembrance Day, is commemorated every year on the 11th of November to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France at 5:45 am, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918.



Armistice celebration outside Buckingham Palace

FAST TRACK PROGRAMME ROUNDUP

Everyone needs to be aware of the career opportunities available to them in the future and how to best take advantage of them. To support this, the October half term saw the launch of the annual CTK Fast Track Programme. As in previous years, the programme involved almost 100 students from all three CTK sites coming together for a day's training. However, unlike past years when this would happen in person, this year it all took place online via Teams.



The morning session involved two CTK alumni. The first talk was led by CTK alumnus Jason Ochere (Associate Partner at Maitland and Councillor, London Borough of Southwark) about his own experiences and how students can 'Develop a professional work ethic.' The second talk was led by CTK alumnus Trevor Gomes (Digital Analytics Professional at BT, FA Four Nations Partnership Ambassador for BT and Director of ELEVATE) who introduced the 'Elevate' Programme which is a skills development and mentoring programme aiming to equip young people with the skills, knowledge and experiences required for the world of work and higher education.

The afternoon session involved alumnus Seye Olokede (Project Manager and Consultant) about 'What it takes to be a Success and an introduction to LinkedIn. The final talk was by Pavita Cooper (Founder and Director of More Difference - a talent and career insight business that works with organisations and individuals to accelerate talent). Pavita is recognised as a leading talent and diversity expert and has acted as an advisor to CEOs, executive teams and business leaders across multiple sectors.

Feedback from students, alumni and guest speakers was that the training was hugely beneficial and will have a positive impact on our student's career aspirations and goals.



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ALS Display on BLM

Naomi who works in the ALS Department at Aquinas has made a display for her room and it is all about Black Lives and showing they too are important and have done a lot all over the world.



Spotlight on the wider curriculum

This week we have launched the FutureLearn course as part of our wider curriculum with our Careers team. Students can choose from hundreds of online courses from universities on the subject matter of their choice.



BHM CELEBRATIONS

Below is a roundup of how our Black History Month celebrations are going.



Celebrating the wonderful mix of Literature and Films from around the globe.



Francis Williams, a Scholar and poet and Kate Adebola Okikiolu a British Mathematician were big focus points for our students during the recent BHM celebrations.

