



**HOLLY POWER**

As we come to the end of a busy term and prepare for Christmas it is important we reflect on the wonderful work and resilience shown by our students and staff this term. There is a great deal for us to be positive about especially the wider contributions our students have made to the sixth form. At this special time of year for CTK, our students and staff are currently preparing to send donations to local charities, reminding us what a wonderful community Christ the King sixth forms is and the great things our students are capable of. I hope that you and your families enjoy a blessed and restful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

I would like to leave you with a Christmas blessing from CTK Aquinas.

In Christ Alone – Merry Christmas!

“May a Christmas star shine into your heart and burn in your spirit bright may Jesus' peace bless you and bring true joy to you tonight.”  
“May Christ's peace and hope be with your family now and in the days ahead, may His love warm your hearts may He give you a spirit of wisdom.”

*Holly Power*  
Deputy Principal  
CTK Aquinas



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## Christmas Gift Appeal



**£2,035** raised of £1,000 target

58 donors 28 shares 49 followers

Share

Donate now

Tanya Roots  
£20 · 23 hours ago

Gloria Fernando  
£30 · a day ago

# Christmas Gift Appeal

As you may know, CTK has teamed up with EKC (East Kent Colleges) Group this year to raise money and donate gifts for three chosen charities. Here is an update on how our Christmas Gift Appeal is progressing.

Our joint venture with EKC Group has so far proudly seen over £2000 being raised for charities which will go directly towards the support and care of young people and disadvantaged families.



We've even managed to get some local supermarkets involved with the likes of Co op and Iceland both coming together to show their support in setting up gift donation points within their stores.



Our gift drop boxes on site are also filling up fast !



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action



We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all that have supported our gift appeal so far. All donations made will be going towards a person in need, what a wonderful way to brighten someone's Christmas!

**CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL**

Give the joy of Christmas to a less fortunate young person by sharing a small gift

Please note, our charity partners can only accept gifts that are new items, sealed in their packaging. Acceptable items include:

- Toys
- Toiletries
- Puzzles
- Chocolate
- Calendaring books
- Biscuits
- Puzzle books
- Hot chocolate

**GIFTS CAN BE DONATED AT LOCAL CO-OP STORES IN:**

- Broadstairs, St Peters
- Brookfield
- Cheriton
- Deal, Mill Hill
- Dover
- Herne Bay
- Kennington
- Sheerness

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Remember, if you would like to get involved, you can visit our website [ctk.ac.uk](http://ctk.ac.uk) for guidelines on gift donations, or simply add to our fundraiser by visiting [gf.me/u/y7jrna](https://gf.me/u/y7jrna)



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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.*

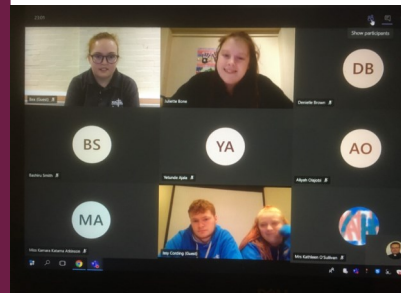
*Amen.*



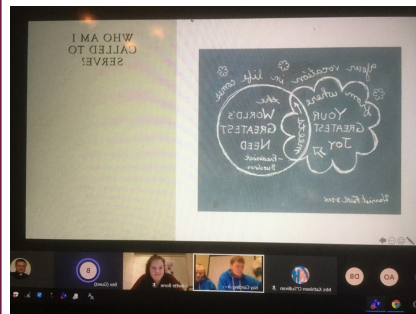
# Chaplaincy Corner



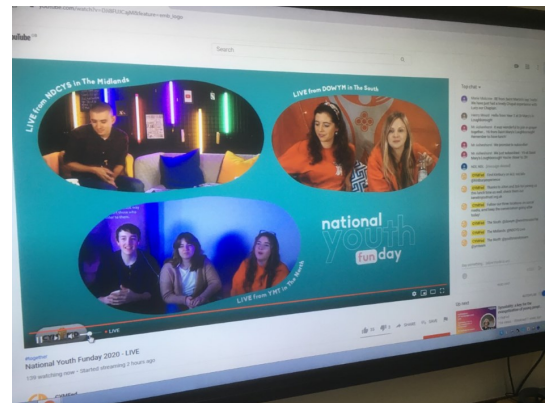
During CTK week, students and chaplains across the three sites joined a virtual retreat for a few hours Wednesday evening, led by the Youth Team of St Casian's Kintbury Retreat Centre. The programme consisted of presentations on personal and spiritual development combined with opportunities to share in quizzes, discussions and prayer. The students valued the experience to share and be uplifted spiritually. More occasions for retreat are planned for later in the year.



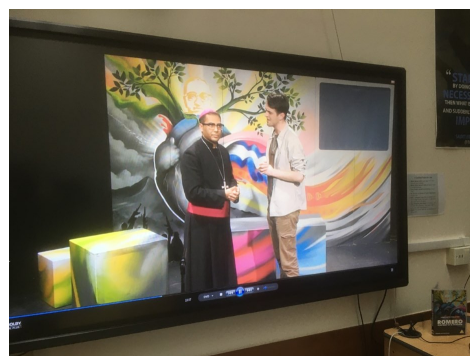
The Solaris Virtual Retreat taking place via Teams .



## A look at the events of CTK Week



Also during CTK Week, the National Youth FunDay YouTube Live Event was on display in the Chaplaincy. The whole day event was organised by the Nottingham Diocese Youth Team. They brought together virtually, hundreds of Catholic schools and colleges across the country. The aim was to explore the theme: 'Together'. It gave young people a chance to reflect, pray and be inspired by others in preparation for the feast day of Christ the King last Sunday.



A film on Oscar Romero was shown in the Chaplaincy. It is a production written by Rise Theatre Company called 'Romero', telling the story of Archbishop Romero, his stand against injustice and his subsequent murder at the hands of government forces. He is considered a Saint of the Poor because he was martyred for his faith and speaking out in support of the poorest in his country.





## Advent

In this second week of the Advent season, when we join in remembrance with Christians around the world waiting in hopeful prayer and anticipation for the coming of Christ at Christmas, our sixth forms continue to be places of encouragement and growth.

Responding to the call of the prophet Isaiah to 'Prepare a way for the Lord' making 'straight a highway for our God', our staff and students daily engage in a process that at times is quite challenging. Like all of us who may resist opportunities for change, Advent gives us a spiritual moment to set right the habits and activities we do, that draw us away from God and others.

Life is short and each day is a blessing. May this Advent season be a time for reflection, reconciliation and restoration. May Advent draw us out towards nurturing and caring for others in a new way.

May Advent grace be ours.



# Chaplaincy Corner



Students decorating the Chaplaincy Christmas tree!



Here students are adding their messages of gratitude to make the green foliage of the Chaplaincy wreath display



The lighting of the first candle to mark the start of Advent



As part of the Eco groups work, here are some bird boxes made by a member of staff. The boxes will be accompanied by a bird bath that a student has bought with his Jack Petchey Award money.



Here, are our Eco reps are selling bees that have been knitted by the Diamond Club members in Catford. The money that is collected will go to the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.

## CTK Eco Reps at work



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In the News this week

## CTK Maths Week

### Maths Week at CTK

#### Does it add up?

A Math Poem

$$\frac{12 + 144 + 20 + 3 \cdot 4^{\frac{1}{2}}}{7} + 5 \cdot 11 = 9^2 + 0$$

A dozen, a gross, and a score,  
Plus three times the square root of four,  
Divided by seven,  
Plus five times eleven,  
Equals nine squared and not a bit more

-John Saxon

Another Maths Week at CTK saw students in their tutorials, encouraged to consider how Maths affects their everyday lives and how having a good understanding of Maths can even help them to understand things like the London Living Wage and the Gender Pay Gap.



## EDUCATE

A brand new initiative where students can share films/TV shows/books with other students which feature positive representations of Black, Asian or minority groups or highlight relevant topics surrounding diversity.



Email:

s.osman@ctksfc.ac.uk or  
r.octave@ctksfc.ac.uk to  
make your suggestions, the  
best suggestions will be  
displayed in the LRC.

This Weeks suggestions for media titles comes from CTK student Sarah, suggesting the novel:

“Kehinde”

by Buch Emecheta.

# CTK AQUINAS THIS WEEK

## BT ELEVATE

### Mentoring Programme



The Elevate Mentoring Programme was launched last week to CTK students by alumnus Trevor Gomes and his BT colleagues Radostina Velinova, Laura Smith, Tom Culley and Lindsey Hughes.

The programme was created by Trevor to equip students with the skills and experiences required to enter the world of work and higher education and this is the second year that the programme has run. Forty students took part in the launch and the programme will cover topics including: Personal Branding, Networking, Interview Skills, Resilience at Work and careers at BT and EE.

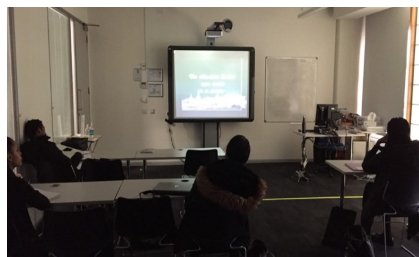
As part of the programme every student will be paired with a BT mentor and some of these mentors are internationally based. Students will also take part in a number of virtual activities and hopefully like last year, external visits including a trip to Wembley Stadium, might be able to take place in the spring. I am sure you will agree it is great to see successful alumni giving so much back to our sixth form!

## CTK Alumni



We are always pleased to see our students achieving their goals and leading successful careers post CTK. Here is CTK Alumnus Sayo Ogundele in the Law Gazette, talking about his time at CTK as well as black men that have inspired him in the legal profession. <https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/people/black-men-who-inspire-me-in-the-legal-profession/5106128.article>

## A Level Film Studies



Here are the CTK Aquinas Film Studies students viewing an undergraduate Film Studies lecture delivered by Dr Guy Westwell, Reader in Film Studies at Queen Mary University of London.

Students enjoyed the opportunity to develop their understanding of degree level study and to apply to lecture content about Silent Cinema to their own study of German Expressionist film ‘Sunrise’. Bravo young film scholars!

We would also like to say congratulations to CTK Film Studies teacher Ms Pember on receiving the 2020 Academic Journal Susan Hayward prize for her article “Visions of Ecstasy”.