



HOLLY POWER

It has been such a pleasure to welcome our students back on to our site and see their smiling faces, albeit under masks! I have been so impressed to hear how our students have been volunteering at Kings College hospital as well as securing virtual work experience at Spotify and BT, they certainly have been busy over this period of college closure. We have just completed our three on site lateral flow tests for students so they are able to take the kits home to test themselves fortnightly at home now. I have been so proud of how they have engaged with this process. We are really looking forward to our careers conference and feel incredibly fortunate to be in a position to offer our students sessions with speakers from a wide range of professions and higher education providers.

Holly Power

Principal

CTK Aquinas



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Student Reflection

Daniel Adekoya, has been writing reflections in a community-based newsletter called Bring Me Sunshine, written for the members of the local Diamond Club. In a recent edition, Daniel has been sharing his reflections about online learning. Daniel writes: "I feel that the challenge of online learning has improved my ambition and attitude towards learning. After a few weeks, I have been able to adapt and work harder than before. Being at home has enabled me to try new activities and challenges, given the fact that I have more time alone. Even though the pandemic has been challenging, it has motivated me to work more enthusiastically. It has allowed me to make a positive improvement in my life, while being more optimistic about my future."

Virtual Careers Conference 2021



We were delighted that this year we were able to put on a fantastic Virtual Careers Conference for our students on Thursday 18th March.

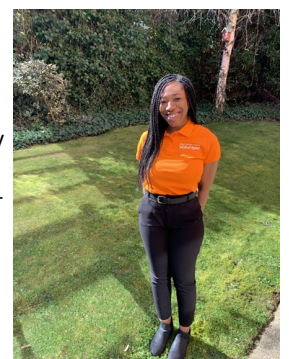
The virtual cross-site event comprised of a variety of university and career based talks as well as a large-scale exhibition carousel. The day provided a fantastic opportunity for our students to start thinking about their future and to explore their options. It was also fantastic to hear from our Alumni on the day. Temitope who is currently studying English Literature at Corpus Christi Cambridge gave some excellent advice on choosing your course and preparing for University.

Students prepared for the Conference by reviewing the Electronic Workbooks with their tutors and teachers, which highlighted all the different talks they could take part in, thus ensuring their time spent at the Conference was focused and productive.

Over 60 external organizations supported the Conference by either taking part in the exhibition or providing speakers for the talks. Many of the participants were returning, having attended the event in previous years. The programme of talks included sessions on a wide range of careers from Medicine and the NHS to entrepreneurship, journalism, engineering, banking and many more.

Student Success Stories:

We are incredibly proud of Aquinas student Hannah Wright who is currently volunteering at the wellbeing Hub at Kings College Hospital. Hannah previously studied at Notre Dame school and now studies A Level Biology, Chemistry and Psychology. She is planning on studying Medicine at University.





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.



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Chaplaincy Corner



CAFOD Lent stations of the Cross

During Lent the Chaplaincy team have recited the CAFOD Stations of the Cross as a way of being in solidarity with the vulnerable poor in our world today, including supporting CAFOD's work and as a devotional

practice that joins our sufferings with those of Jesus Christ. By this form of reflection and prayer, much strength, insight and consolation is gained, giving participants a fresh perspective on how our difficulties can have some meaning. The video link is available to view here: [Stations Of The Cross \(With Cafod\)](#)

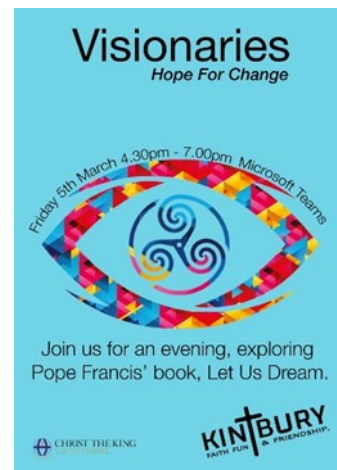
Weekly Remote Mass in Lent

Chaplaincy reps have been facilitating the singing, readings and prayers during the weekly Lent remote Masses with Fr Patrice at St Mary Magdalene RC Church in Brockley. Prayer intentions are brought forward that have included praying for those in need, bereaved and requiring special mention in these challenging times.



Lent Virtual Student Retreat

The Youth team of St Cassian's centre, Kintbury, led a virtual Lent retreat for our students called *Visionaries – hope for change*. The theme was based on Pope Francis' new book 'Let us Dream', in which he invites young people to join "a movement of people who know we need each other, who have a sense of responsibility to others and to the world". The St Cassian's team skillfully led the young people using quizzes, presentations, reflections and prayers, that enables them to dream of a better world that they can create and motivate others to do the same.





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LRC



The LRC Team were delighted to see students back onsite and have updated many of their displays for students to find out more about the Coronavirus Vaccine as well as all the good work that the NHS has been doing.

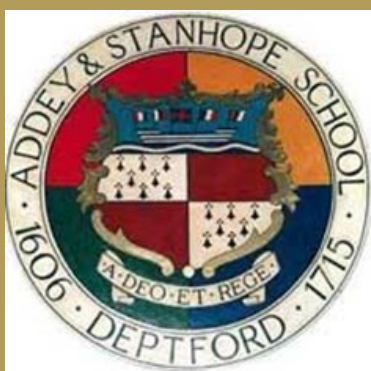
Some of the keys display included NASA's Perseverance Mars Rover Mission, UK trade with EU plunging after Brexit and Women's safety: Smartphone tips shared online.



Don't forget that Students can access a wide range of textbooks by clicking on this link [here](#) and using their college email address: [ProQuestEbookCentral](#)



The LRC teams were also delighted to celebrate St Patrick's day which took place on Wednesday 17th March. Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick, is a cultural and religious celebration held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick, the foremost patron saint of Ireland.



We were delighted that in the last few weeks, our students were able to help facilitate online Student Q & A sessions between A Level and BTEC students with both St Ursula's Convent Secondary School and Addey & Stanhope School.

Whilst we all wish we could do it in person it is great to see how our students have been able to help students in lower years from local schools.



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National Numeracy Day

We have signed up to be a National Numeracy Day Champion! Join us and help our CTK community get their number confidence on with free resources and activities.

#NationalNumeracyDay

National Numeracy Day takes place on 19 May 2021.

Sign up to become a Champion now...

https://www.nnchallenge.org.uk/?utm_source=707



About the Challenge

The Nation Numeracy Challenge is a free online assessment tool. It's designed to give you an accurate picture of your everyday Maths skills. You start by registering and completing the check-up, which gives you your numeracy level.

It then gives you the tools to learn in manageable steps, building confidence along the way as you improve your skills with numbers.

The Challenge focuses on the number skills that everyone needs to function at home and at work. These are the skills that help you manage your money, work out measurements and make sense of figures in the media.

Start practicing now before 19th May 2021.

Eco Reps



The student eco reps continue to promote recycling on all the sites as a way for caring for the environment and sustainability. Empty crisp packets have been collected onsite as part of the teracycle recycling campaign. Eco boards are now on display in the Chaplaincy areas.



Eco Rep's Charity Fundraising

Over lockdown, the members of the Diamond Club have been knitting bees for student eco reps to sell, and raise money for the bumble bee conservation trust.

Red Nose Day

Staff and students have had an opportunity to donate to Red Nose Day by participating in a photo/art competition and bake sale on what Red Nose Day means to them.

A Kahoot Red Nose Day quiz was made available online as a challenge. The creative competition winner received a £20 Amazon voucher!

Thanks to Elisa Scottu (CTK Emmanuel student) for designing the featured poster.

