



HOLLY POWER

Reflecting on last term over the Easter break, I felt incredibly honoured to work in this community. We worked hard to support a safe return to face to face learning alongside providing a wider super-curriculum, work experience opportunities and a fantastic community day for our students.

Our upper sixth are currently working hard to prepare for their final assessments and our lower sixth have started to make decisions about their next steps, with their Future Pathways event taking place this week.

I am also very proud of how our students have engaged with the lateral flow testing process, remember to keep doing your tests twice a week everyone!

I hope you enjoy this newsletter which celebrates the incredible achievements of our students and staff.

Holly Power

Principal

CTK Aquinas



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Easter Community Day

Students and staff reflected on the importance of growth on **Community Day** this year and enjoyed an uplifting message from the Gospel Choir. Both presentations can be viewed [here](#) and [here](#). In addition, an Easter Liturgy took place in tutor groups which can be viewed [here](#).

Congratulations to all the CTK students and staff who contributed to the charity appeals that took place at the end of last term. £946.87 was raised across the three sites. Donations will be forwarded to CAFOD, Aid to the Church in Need and Save the Children!

Here are pictures of some of our students making bird feeders, junk modelling and collecting Easter eggs for charity on **Community Day**.



Students of the Term

Attendance Awards 100% attendance

Luis
Tanaka
Xianyong
Broin
Kwayhera
Ben
Bradley
Owen
Thomas
Sarah
Rachelle
Oluwatomisin

100% Spring Term Attendance

Lamarni
Siobhan
Bradley
Broin
Jessica
Samuel,
Emmanuella Ansah
Jeymibel
Ashleigh
Tanya
Jervonte
Esosa
Francesca
Sonal

Most Improved Attendance

Sakina
Henria
Andrea
Lydia
Savannah
Omedo
Adebolutife-Mary



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.



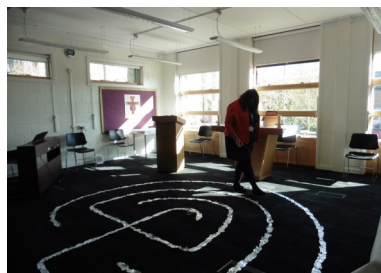
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Chaplaincy Corner

During Holy Week the chapel had a labyrinth pattern marked on the floor to enable staff and students to slow down and take some time out for reflection.



Here are photos of students planting at the sixth forms as a way to engage with the importance of caring for our environment and protecting its diversity.



Celebrating the month of Ramadan at CTK

CTK Chaplaincy supports keeping Ramadan

- We are thinking of our students and staff who will be keeping the holy month of Ramadan at this time.
- In the words of the greeting sent by the Pontifical Council of Interreligious Dialogue to Muslims, we '**offer you our fraternal good wishes for a month rich in divine blessings and spiritual advancement. Fasting, along with prayer, almsgiving and other pious practices, brings us closer to God our Creator and to all those with whom we live and work.**





We have also been fortunate enough to continue our Geography fieldwork this year. Though our residential trip has been postponed we enjoyed our day at Beckenham Place Park.

Our objective was to investigate elements of the carbon and water cycles within the park and to link this to our NEAs. We used specific geographical skills and equipment to collect data, which we used to discuss environmental quality and climate proofing the city.



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Student Achievements

Congratulations to our Spring Term Award Winners. We celebrate the achievements of our students. It has been a pleasure to see your development and hard work in relation to your studies and our sixth form community.

Character & Wellbeing Awards

- Emilomoh for outstanding contribution to the sixth forms community.
- Thomas, Emmanuella and Jervonte for their outstanding contribution in representing Christ the King Aquinas as Ambassadors.
- Joyce for her hard work developing our Eco- project and the outstanding contribution she has made in preserving the environment.
- Esosa for his hard work within the Student Council and his outstanding contribution to Student Voice.
- Daniel for his contributions to the community outside of the sixth form.

Chaplaincy Awards

- Lina for her contribution to our sixth form's spiritual life and her work towards our eco project video.
- Nazarene in recognition for an act of kindness in going to the chaplaincy to say hello and being cheerful.
- Sakina in recognition for her contribution to starting charity work for Save the Children.



Our Fine Art students are also making huge progress with their NEA work this week.



Virtual Open Event

The countdown is on and our [VirtualOpenEvent](https://ctk.ac.uk/about/events/) takes place in just 1 week on the 28th April 2021.

If you know anybody who would like to join our ever growing community then you can send them the following link: <https://ctk.ac.uk/about/events/>

Be extraordinary at CTK AQUINAS
a selective A Level centre for excellence



VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT
28th APRIL 4pm - 7pm

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.

Join our virtual open event to view a virtual tour, watch subject videos, take part in live presentations and Q&As with the Principal and students and view virtual taster lessons.

Book your place at
www.ctkquinas.ac.uk/openvents
We will be holding further open events throughout the year - please check our website for the latest information.

Be inspired. Be extraordinary. Be the best you can be!
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National Day of Reflection

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23 March

On this national day of reflection, a year since the first lockdown, students at Aquinas stood together in remembrance for all those bereaved or had suffered from the pandemic and its effects. It was a time of reflection and prayer for consolation, strength, and hope for better days. At the front of our building student tied yellow ribbons on our trees.



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Earth Day



The LRC teams were delighted to create and share some wonderful resources with our students for Earth Day. Did you know Earth Day is the annual event dedicated to raising awareness about the various environmental challenges that face our planet? It has been celebrated every year since 1970.

It is co-ordinated by the Earth Day Network and 193 countries around the world have their own version of celebrations. It is thought to be the largest secular observance in the world.

Each year, Earth Day has a variety of themes, signifying a new focus on a particular environmental concern. People across the world get involved in activities such as planting trees, picking up litter, measuring pollution levels, taking part in media campaigns, lobbying their governments, and holding street rallies and marches. Some of our own students and teachers recently planting some trees. Find out more for yourself by clicking on this link [Earth Day](#)



Student success stories

Student spotlight: Meher

During my sixth form experience, I wanted to expand my horizons by pursuing various work experience despite the current pandemic. I took part in a virtual work experience with Spotify where we had to provide advertising solutions for a movie using Spotify services. By doing this I learnt how to work in a team and delegate tasks.



I also worked at Anglian Water where we had to design an app that tracks water consumption. I enjoyed this because I would like to pursue Computer Science at university and it was interesting seeing how an app is developed within a company.

I have now secured virtual work experience with Kanios where I will learn how to code over three days. Thus, such experiences have provided me with rich insight into the workplace. Moreover, allowing me to learn transferable skills such as clear communication, professional etiquettes and teamwork, all of which are invaluable to the workplace.

University of Oxford UNIQ Summer School

We are delighted that 4 of our students: **Ben, Owen, Rebecca and Thomas** have been accepted on to the prestigious UNIQ Summer School Programme at the University of Oxford.

The programme will give our students a chance to experience the teaching style at Oxford for their chosen subject and to find out about undergraduate study and university life. This will be excellent preparation for their early applications to the University of Oxford in October. We are very proud of them all and hope they benefit from the experience.



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Partner School Virtual Progression Event

We really enjoyed our virtual progression events with our partner schools this term.

Students at Conisborough College were treated to an A Level and BTEC taster lesson and we were so impressed by their engagement and pertinent questions.



Careers

Aquinas students have been busy applying for Widening Participation programmes to help them prepare for Higher Education (HE). Students have been successful in gaining places with, to name but a few:

- Realising Opportunities, involving several Russell Group and other top universities
- Goldsmiths Progression Scheme
- University of Bristol Brightside Mentoring Programme
- Social Mobility Foundation
- Imperial College Maker Challenge
- Access to Sussex Post-16 Programme at the University of Sussex.



Working Together | Supporting Talent

Several students have also been proactive in applying for Virtual Work Experience through websites such as Speakers for Schools and Springpod. This has included placements with: Johnson Matthey, Man Group, Willmot Dixon Construction, Spotify, Ofcom and Anglian Water. It is great that students are taking up these opportunities to gain valuable transferable skills and experience to help them with university applications, academic

study and future employment.

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Invest Africa's CEO talks with CTK



We were also delighted that students were able to join a talk by Veronica Bolton-Smith, who spoke about her career journey after studying Politics and International Relations at the University of Hull. After graduating, she returned to London to work as a House of Commons Researcher. She worked for John Bercow, who, at that time, was Shadow Minister for International Development and later went on to become the Speaker of the House. She progressed to working as a Researcher in the House of Lords, then decided to move to the

Civil Service, where she joined the Department for International Development (DFID), specialising in aid, development, and trade projects in Africa. Whilst this was great experience, Veronica became frustrated with the slow pace at which projects moved once a decision had been made about funding, so she took the opportunity to move into the private sector to a not-for-profit organisation set up by Baroness Chalker. Veronica continues to work on projects in Africa and has travelled to Togo and Angola, as well as Mauritius, bringing together UK investors, particularly asset managers, with opportunities to set up businesses with local partners, focusing on longer-term trade, rather than short-term aid. It was an inspiring talk with some valuable messages about not being afraid to break away from the crowd, being brave enough to try something new, but also, in your career decisions, remaining true to your core values and principles.