



CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORMS

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NEWSLETTER

Celebrating our Students



HOLLY POWER

As we near the end of the Academic year it is lovely to reflect on what we have achieved in our final newsletter of this year.

An award-winning community action project, our Chemistry and Physics teacher shortlisted for TES Teacher of the Year and a new vegetable garden built. All of this alongside our students working exceptionally hard for their end of year 12 exams. We have been running our year 10 and 11 summer school sessions throughout the week, these have been very popular, with both CTK staff and students showcasing the variety of courses at CTK: Aquinas.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new students for a sixth form preparation day this week, this will give our 21-22 new students an insight into the CTK sixth form experience. I hope you enjoy reading more about what we have been up to.

Holly Power
Principal
CTK Aquinas



We held a remote Evening of Celebration at the end of the year to highlight the amazing hard work done by our students despite the tough year we have all had! The cross site event highlighted the hard work and achievements at each and every site across the wide range of subjects we offer by both students and all staff.

Below are some cross site pictures of our students and good luck messages!



Farewell and good luck for the future

Its been a journey but through the turmoil and disruptions you have made it to the end. You have grown, delivered and achieved a great deal of success and I am certainly proud of everything you have accomplished despite the challenges you have faced for the past one year. Good luck, stay safe and all the best for the future



Below is a selection of just some of our winners on the night!

- Art & Design - Photography-** Joy ,
- Fine Art-** Tiyane **Graphic Design-** Tanaka
- Business-** Sonal
- ICT-** Sidra
- English Language & Literature-**
- Mathematics-** Callis
- Politics-** Binnette
- Psychology-** Hammed



Everybody across CTK wishes the class of 2021 the best of luck in their future!



TES Award

We would like to congratulate our very own Dr Jose Bravo from advancing from shortlisted to finalist in the TES Teacher of the Year Award.



Eco News

It was all about teamwork at Aquinas this month as our students and staff rolled up their sleeves and began filling the raised soil beds together!



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General News

CTK WINS SFCA AWARD FOR COMMUNITY IMPACT

CTK won the prestigious award for their Charity Christmas Gift Appeal, which raised over 1000 gifts and almost £6000 to help those in need.



The Christ the King Sixth Forms Christmas Gift Appeal has been acknowledged by the Sixth Form Colleges Association (SFCA) at their annual awards. The SFCA is the established voice of dedicated sixth form education and the hub of a national network of sixth form providers. The awards celebrates and showcases outstanding practise in education for 16 -19 year olds, through a range of categories. CTK were awarded the SFCA 2021 Community Impact Award for making a special contribution to the wider community.

The Catholic Sixth Form group with sixth forms in areas of high deprivation, saw many staff, students, and their families disproportionately effected by COVID19. Wanting to do something special to help the local community, CTK launched a Christmas Gift Appeal, encouraging locals to buy Christmas presents or to make a donation towards helping a local disadvantaged child and giving the gift of joy at Christmas. Students and staff worked tirelessly to raise awareness of the campaign and to generate donations from the public, local business and supermarkets. The Sixth Forms even held an art auction, with work donated by both staff and students, which raised over £1,000 for the appeal.

The campaign was a huge success, with over 1,000 gifts donated and almost £6,000 raised for three local charities, St Vincent de Paul Society, Lewisham Refuge and Demelza Hospice.

Shireen Razey, Principal of Christ the King Sixth Forms said: *"We were delighted that CTK's community work was acknowledged by the SFCA and we have been awarded the prestigious SFCA Award for Community Impact. Social action is an important part of the work our Sixth Form College does, and our students strive to make a real difference to the local community. Christ the King Sixth Forms work tirelessly to support charities and during Covid19 this has been more important than ever. It's great that we were able to make such a difference to those that have experienced real hardship this year"*.





Buddy the therapy dog @ CTK



This week has been very exciting! Buddy the therapy dog came to visit Christ the King to spread some joy and love!

Throughout the week Buddy met staff and students in lessons, break and lunchtime.



As the week progressed we found that students who were initially worried and anxious about meeting a dog became more confident and came to Mrs Haylock's office to meet Buddy. He was always ready to perform his trick of 'Paw' and 'Hi-5' in return for a treat (or 2!) We hope Buddy will come back again soon for another visit!



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Student Successes

THREE CTK STUDENTS RECEIVE METRIC CAPITAL SCHOLARSHIPS

We are delighted to announce that progressing Christ the King Sixth Form Students **Jason, Lorena, and Aisling** have each been awarded scholarships with Metric Capital Partners to support them in their studies in Higher Education. So far, 21 scholarships have been awarded to students at CTK by Metric Capital Partners which gives them £15,000 each to support them in their studies. Metric Capital Partners are a capital fund management company and it is believed to be the first partnership of its kind between a college and a business.

Three Metric scholarships are awarded every year – one to a student attending each of the three colleges that make up Christ the King Sixth Forms. The students are selected according to academic performance and financial means-testing, before undergoing a formal interview. The relationship does not come to an end once the student heads off to university: they are required to update John each term about how well they are performing academically, and what they are spending the money on.

Lorena will go on to study Psychology at the University of Cambridge – *“It’s great to be awarded a scholarship that will help me to focus more of my time on my studies”.*

Jason will go on to study Physiotherapy at the University of Essex – *“I really appreciate that John and Metric Capital Partners have put their faith in me by awarding me this scholarship”.*

Aisling will go on to study Human Physiology/Biomedical Sciences at the University of Glasgow – *“I am so excited to go to University and to be given a scholarship which will help me financially. It is going to be such a big help”.*





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

Eco reps June recycling campaign:

Eco Reps June Recycling Campaign

- Students and Staff have been donating used writing instruments or empty makeup/beauty products for recycling over June.
- These are being collected by TerraCycle who will give money to charity.

TERRACYCLE

Jack Petchey winners:

Jack Petchey Achievement Award Winners

- Congratulations to the following students who were recently nominated and have awarded the Jack Petchey Achievement Award this term:
- Emmanuel:
 - Stefan Dison, Deborah Okegbile and Luis Lozano-Robles
- Agincourt:
 - Sarah Bondle, Aisling O'Hara, Kai-Feece and Tanaka Mhalekalona
- St Marys:
 - Grace Tchivo



CTK Dress-down day Charity Collection:

CTK Dress-down Day Charity Collection News

- Donations from students and staff were collected on the Friday of last term, dress down day charity collection for relief.
- We raised nearly £500, which will make a big difference to suffering communities affected by the pandemic.
- We keep these in our thoughts and prayers and all nations impacted by COVID.

Anniversary of George Floyd:

Tuesday 25th May: George Floyd Anniversary

- We're taking time to pause and reflect, this week, to remember George Floyd and others who have lost their lives through injustice.
- Student and staff are invited to visit the Chaplaincy to take a stone and place it in the center of our labyrinth in the Chapel.
- We resolve to make CTK a more inclusive, diverse and welcoming community, where everyone is affirmed, where everyone is encouraged, where everyone is respected for the person God has created them to be and for the person God is calling them to become.



Eco Reps competition:

The Eco reps launched a poster competition to mark World Environment Day.

ECO-REPS ENVIRONMENTAL DAY POSTER COMPETITION

CREATE A POSTER ON EITHER BIODIVERSITY OR CLIMATE CHANGE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A GIFT VOUCHER!

IN CELEBRATION OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY ON 5TH JUNE, WINNING POSTERS WILL BE DISPLAYED ACROSS THE COLLEGE!

Marking Earth Day:

EARTH DAY 2021

PROGRESS IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT CHANGE, AND THOSE WHO CANNOT CHANGE THEIR MIND CANNOT CHANGE ANYTHING.

"This land has been blessed with innumerable opportunities. I pray that you may all be good and generous stewards of the human and material resources entrusted to you."

O God, you have created the universe by your eternal Word, and have blessed humankind in making us stewards of the earth. We pray for your world:

that we may share and cherish its resources, and live in reverence for creation, and in harmony with one another.

Amen.

To restore Earth, we need to restore a healthy balance of CO₂.



Partnerships

Andrew Grill - Pragmatic Futurist



We were delighted that our students recently got the opportunity to take part in a virtual talk with Andrew Grill & Speakers 4 Schools.

Andrew is a popular and sought-after presenter on issues around digital disruption, workplaces of the future and digital eminence. He has been on numerous news shows and our students gained a great deal from listening to his thoughts on technology and the future.

Andrew also spoke to students about his broad career spanning over 30 years in large corporates such as IBM and Telstra, as well as 12 years running technology start-ups.



LRC & Careers



It's really encouraging to see that so many of our Year 12 students have made such a strong start with their UCAS applications in the summer term. Students and their tutors have been working very hard in tutorials to ensure that they have been conducting their research and progressing with their UCAS applications so they can complete their applications and have them sent off by our deadline of 1st October

2021. We would like all students to complete a UCAS application as it gives them one possible progression route after CTK as well as being good practice for writing job or apprenticeship applications. Don't forget CTK will pay the £26 fee for all UCAS applications sent off by the deadline. The Careers Team are also hosting daily drop in sessions via Teams at 2pm each day to support students with their UCAS application as well as any other progression queries.

LRC News

The LRC team have been helping to support a number of national and international events that have been taking place including that of World Oceans Day and Windrush Day.



World Oceans Day

The ocean covers over 70% of the planet. It's our life source, supporting humanity's sustenance and that of every other organism on earth. The ocean produces at least 50% of the planet's oxygen, it is home to most of earth's biodiversity and is the main source of protein for more than a billion people around the world. Not to mention, the ocean is key to our economy with an estimated 40 million people being employed by ocean-based industries by 2030.



Windrush Day

Windrush Day was introduced in June 2018 on the 70th anniversary of the Windrush migration. On 22 June 1948, Caribbean people were brought to Tilbury Docks Essex, in the UK, on the Empire Windrush ship. News reports at the time reported that the number of people was 492, but the ship's records show that the ship was carrying 1,027 passengers. According to the passenger lists, 802 of those on board the ship gave their last country of residence as somewhere in the Caribbean. After World War II, the UK's economy needed to be repaired. In doing so, the British government recruited Afro-Caribbean migrants and offered them jobs. These jobs included the production of steel, coal, iron and food, with jobs also in the service sector, such as running public transport and staffing the new National Health Service in the UK. The purpose of Windrush Day is to encourage communities across the country to celebrate the contribution of the Windrush Generation and their descendants and to recognise and honor the enormous contribution of those who stepped ashore at Tilbury Docks 70 years ago.



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