



Newsletter

October 2022

Principal's Welcome

The Autumn term is in full swing at Aquinas, our new students have settled in well and have already taken part in many of the super curricular activities we have on offer. The Lewisham University Challenge launched with Oxford and Cambridge Alumni taking questions from our students on life at a highly selective University. This half term many of our students are fortunate to take part in the Fast track programme where they will experience support and mentoring from industry professionals. Our year 13 students have been busy preparing their UCAS statements, we are delighted this year that we have students applying to study dentistry, medicine, veterinary science as well as to Oxford and Cambridge University. Our 10:10 mission week provided a brilliant opportunity for students to reflect on their faith and the Catholic life of the Sixth Form.

A busy first half term as always!

In faith hope and love.

Ms Power
CTK Aquinas, Principal



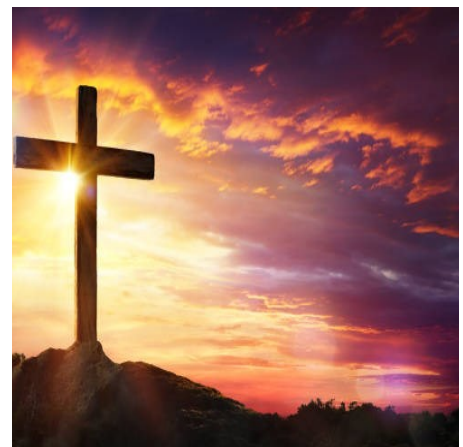
Chaplaincy Thought

The Chaplaincy has been a hub of activity during the 10:10 Mission week.

Activities that offer space for reflection, mindfulness, discussion, film viewing, and charity fundraising contributed to our aim to live life to the fullest. Engaging student ingenuity and talents, the Chaplaincy hope to foster a deeper sense of community and encounter. We're proud of our student Chaplaincy reps, volunteering with enthusiasm to raise funds and awareness for worthy causes such as CAFOD's work in overseas development and the Sickle Cell society's aim to alleviate the suffering of those with this disease. Bringing healing and hope connects with the focus of the planned half-term day retreat to Aylesford Priory when the relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes will be on display for veneration. Her story of encounter with the Virgin Mary whose message of prayer, pilgrimage and penance continues to inspire us, to be a place faith and devotion to Christ as our center.

As October is the month of the Rosary and Black History Month, we combine the spiritual and personal for the common good of all. To those who read this newsletter, thank you for your interest in our community and be assured of our prayerful support for you, and your loved ones.

God bless!



Open Day

Find out more about CTK at one of our upcoming Open Events [here](#). Join us in November to discover our wide range of courses and explore our impressive state of the art facilities

9.30am – 1.00pm

CTK Aquinas - 5th November

CTK St. Marys - 12th November

CTK Emmanuel - 19th November



We are seeking a new PARENT GOVERNOR at CTK

If you are the parent/carer of a Year 12 student currently studying at Christ the King Sixth Forms, then you are eligible to apply to become a Parent Governor.

The Governing Body are currently seeking applications from parents/carers who are interested in becoming the CTK Parent Governor. Members of the Governing Body have a broad range of skills and expertise; they help to set the strategic direction of CTK and they work towards the common goal of providing an excellent education for all of our students.

This is a voluntary role that is both interesting and fulfilling, representation of a parent/career is actively encouraged.

For further details on becoming a CTK Parent Governor, please contact Linda Harrison, Clerk to Governance at

governance@ctksfc.ac.uk

Closing date, Friday 5th November 2022.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Trips & Visits

Students Visit to Sumitomo Mitsui Bank

In September students studying A Level Economics and Business and BTEC Business at CTK Aquinas and CTK St Mary's had the opportunity to visit the Sumitomo Mitsui Bank at Liverpool street in London. They heard from members of staff from all different areas of the Bank and learned about career opportunities in the banking sector.



Beginning of Year Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark

At the end of September students enjoyed a visit to the Education Commission's Beginning of Year Mass at St Georges Cathedral, Southwark with Archbishop John Wilson. The mass was a special occasion to mark the beginning of the new school year and the Archbishop thanked all the students for their brilliant contribution and enthusiastic singing at the wonderful celebration



Macmillan Cake Sale



Students at CTK Aquinas raised funds to support Macmillan Cancer Support this half term by holding cake sales. The events were organised by the Chaplaincy Team and staff and students baked cakes and sweet treats to raise vital funds for people living with cancer. The amount raised was a great achievement by everyone.

Maths Week



We were promoting all things numeracy at CTK Aquinas during maths week 3 - 7 October 2022. Students took part in short daily activities and challenges promoting the importance of numeracy and learning how it impacts their everyday lives. Some of the topics covered were Interest Rates and Savings, Tourism Exchange Rates, Loan Repayments, Wages and Inflation and Maths in Health.

There was also a competition for our teachers to answer three GCSE maths questions correctly!

Black History Month

As part of CTK Sixth Forms Black History Month activities all Learning Resource Centres have displays and literature about black British Icons who have shaped history. Many students from across all three sites have participated in a poetry competition marking Black History Month and this year's theme "Time For change: Action Not Words"

Black History Month Tutorial

During October tutorials have been focussed on Black History Month looking at the achievements and contribution of African people to world civilisation and history through science, medicine, art and culture and the Influence and contribution that African history has had on European and world history. The ALS students across the sites will be working on biography posters of people who has inspired them

As an inclusive Sixth Form we are keen to review and take forward our work in relation to equality, diversity and inclusion. Our EDI focus for 2022/23 is on Neurodiversity



Femi Bola MBE

As part of our celebrations for Black History month CTK Sixth Forms were privileged to welcome a panel of judges to speak to our students about their experiences and their judicial roles. Their talk was inspiring for students and staff and reminded us of this year's Black History Month 2022 theme: Time for Change - Action Not Words.

Special thank you to:

HHJ Barbara Mensah - the first circuit judge of African origin in England and Wales.

HHJ Judge Kwame Inyundo - Circuit Judge on the South Eastern Circuit, presiding over Crown Court jury trials and sentencing hearings.

Employment Judge Adenike Balogun - tribunal cases include discrimination on the grounds of disability and how mental health issues are addressed in the workplace.

Employment Judge Andrew Zimuto - tribunals cases include discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, age and unfair dismissal



We were delighted that as part of Black History Month we had Femi Bola M.B.E. speak to our science students. Femi was in her own words 'the first black scientist to work for the Medical Research Council in the United Kingdom.' Femi spoke to students about her studies and career as a biochemist with the Medical Research Council and running a laboratory, which undertook vital research for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.

Femi passed on lots of useful advice about finding work experience, wider learning, how to research university choices, and extra-curricular activities. We are always delighted to have speakers such as Femi join us to advise and inspire our students as well as to help us celebrate Black History Month



Lewisham University Challenge

Year 12 students got involved in the Challenge at a "Meet the Oxbridge Students" event. The event enabled students to ask questions and get an insight into studying at Oxford and Cambridge as well as finding out useful information to help with their applications.

Other events planned for the year are a Medicine application workshop, a visit to Oxford and Cambridge and a visit to the Law Department at Goldsmiths, University of London.

Enrichment Fair



Students from CTK Aquinas have been taking part in a broad range of Enrichment Activities this half term. These opportunities provide a chance to meet new people, try something new or learn new skills. Just some of the activities on offer are table tennis, boxing, gospel choir, trampolining, basketball, unbaked bakes, mindfulness, football, dance club, debating club and chess club.

External Speaker Programme

Our annual External Speaker Programme got off to a flying start with John Kerr, former MD of Global Consulting, Deloitte, speaking to our Business students.

John explained to students his role as the Managing Director of Global Consulting at Deloitte which is a \$10bn, 45,000 person practice, and the largest Consulting practice in the world. It forms part of the even bigger \$32bn, 200,000 person worldwide firm, Deloitte. In his leadership roles, John explained to students how he had visited over 30 countries around the world and he has met executives who operate in most of those countries. Of interest, he was in New York on 9/11, London on 7/7, Paris on the day of the Concorde crash and experienced an earthquake in Taiwan.



John was born and raised in Motherwell, Scotland. He attended a comprehensive school and was the first member of his family to go on to university. He is a Chartered Accountant and has spent his entire working career in two firms, Arthur Andersen, where he became a member of the global board, and Deloitte. John explained how the biggest challenge of his career was a member of the Andersen board when it faced the Enron crisis, which led to the winding up of the firm.

Unloc Leaders Event with Local Schools

We were delighted to hold our annual Student Leadership Training with local schools in partnership with award winning organisation Unloc. The event supported local student leaders in understanding their roles and how they can make the most impact. Students were represented from many local schools including; Bonus Pastor, Addey & Stanhope School, Trinity Church of England School, Prendergast Ladywell School, St Mary's Catholic High School Croydon, Saint Gabriel's and Ark Greenwich Free School.



For those not aware, Unloc is a leading education non-profit founded in 2013 by award-winning young leaders and advocates Hayden Taylor and Ben Dowling. They help schools, colleges and organisations inspire and empower young people to be change-makers through bespoke and innovative programmes in entrepreneurship, leadership, career pathways and student voice.

Student Food Bank



Following discussions with members of our community and as part of our mission to improve student experience, we have decided to set up a small Student Food Bank at CTK Aquinas. Our goal is to provide snacks to those students that would otherwise go hungry. The mini food bank will thrive on donations from staff, students, parents/carers and other people within our wider community and any donation is gratefully received.

We need the following items:

- Crisp/biscuits
- Low fat choc bars
- Breakfast bars
- Canned fruits
- 330/500ml bottles of water
- Canned soups

All donations will be collected by our chaplains in the chaplaincy at Aquinas or can be handed into reception.

Charity Table Tennis Tournament

Students took part in a charity table tennis tournament to raise funds for the Sickle Cell Society. The winner was Iqaz Yucel who won a £20 Amazon Voucher!



College Prayer



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.

Mission 10:10 Week

10th – 14th October was 10.10 Mission Week with this year's theme of "Living Life to the Fullest" to be grateful and show gratitude for who we are. Students had the opportunity to take part in a range of spiritual, reflective, creative, charitable and social events led by the Chaplaincy teams. Some of these included creating a Tree of Life, taking part in reflection and mindfulness activities, attending talks from external speakers, arranging and participating in charity events, and worship. During the week several speakers visited the Sixth Forms:

Fr Paschal was a member of Brentwood Catholic Youth Service before beginning to train for the priesthood at St Mary's, Oscott. He says, "I first became involved with BCYS through my sister, who had been to Lourdes with our Stratford parish. But it wasn't until I went to World Youth Day in Sydney that I began to think about priesthood. He went on to study pharmacy at Nottingham University.

Jackson Ogunyemi better known as "Action Jackson" is a lover of cheesecake, running and inspiring people. He founded a company dedicated to empowering UK Education called Fixupseminars.co.uk in 2001 whilst studying Mechanical Engineering at Middlesex University, where he developed a passion for public speaking.

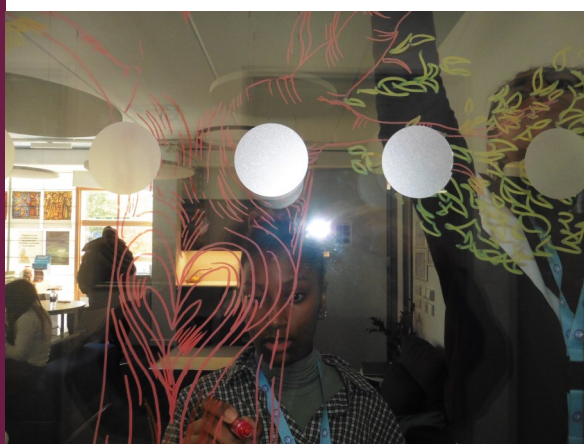
Margaret and Barry Mizen have become prominent and vocal campaigners for peace within our communities after their son Jimmy was killed in a random act of violence in a southeast London bakery the day after his 16th birthday in 2008.



Fola Oyeleye is a former student at Christ the King Sixth Form (2000 - 2002) and worked as part of the Chaplaincy Team while on placement as part of his theology degree. Fola is an operations and business development consultant for small businesses and Christian-faith charities.

Magdalene Adenaike founded Music Relief out of a harmonious blend of her personal experience as a teenage mum and expertise as a singer/songwriter. Her ambition is to create platforms where others can share their story, become empowered and develop self-confidence.

Fr Michael is a local Roman Catholic Priest that works Archdiocese of Southwark. He belongs to the Holy Ghost Father's missionary group that work in almost 67 countries in the world. The missionary group work among the poorest of the poor in the world and Fr Michael has worked in Nigeria, Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom.



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Christ the King
Catholic Sixth Forms
warmly invite you to a

Celebration Mass of Thanksgiving

on the occasion of the
30th Anniversary
since its founding

In the presence of Canon Victor Darlington,
Episcopal Vicar for the South East Pastoral Area

Taking place at St George's Cathedral, SE1 6HR

Wednesday 16th November, 2pm

Refreshments will be served in the Amigo Hall afterwards

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