



CTK Newsletter

MAY 2016

Letter from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Here we are in the midst of another summer examination season and I would like to thank all parents of pupils sitting external exams for your help and support. It can be a stressful time for some but with the guidance of our expert examinations team, the season is going smoothly. I wish everyone lots of luck and hope they get the results they deserve.

On 9 May we held our annual Year 11 leavers' Mass. We will also be holding an assembly for them on 28 June to celebrate their time at Christ

the King, and then the event of the year - the Summer Ball, which will be held on 30 June at Formby Hall.

Year 13 students will have their leavers' Mass on 27 May and will then begin their study leave period. We wish them all the very best in their forthcoming exams and hope they get the results they need for whatever they wish to do in the future.

Attached to this newsletter is a list of School Holiday Dates up to July 2018 but here are a few imminent dates for your diary:

♦SLT drop-in on 15 June (an opportunity for parents of all year groups to speak to a senior member of staff on an informal basis)

♦Sports Day on 7 July (weather permitting!)

♦Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions begin on 9 July

♦Summer Concert— Wednesday 13 July (tickets will soon be available from the school office)

Wishing you all a lovely half term break.

James Lancaster
Headteacher

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL IS A NUT-FREE ZONE

(No nuts or nut products allowed)



CAR PARKING

Please could we ask parents to be sensitive when dropping off and collecting pupils. We kindly ask you to avoid blocking the driveways of our neighbours; this week it has been reported that refuse collection couldn't take place in School Close due to cars blocking the road. This would also be a concern if the emergency services are not able to gain access. Please would you also keep Benthams Way layby free as this needs to be kept clear for school buses.

Thank you very much for your continued support.



Important

Please note we break up for May Half term on Friday 27 May at the usual time of 3.05 pm

and we return on Monday 6 June, which is a Week B





Sincere thanks from SVP for your food and clothes donations.

School Uniform

As well as our local suppliers did you know you can now buy badged school uniform online from Tesco?

www.tesco.com – click on **F and F Clothing** and then **School Uniform** and follow the link to **Christ the King School Uniform**.



Fairtrade Fridays

We have a Fairtrade stall in the hall every Friday lunchtime – come along and support this great organisation and buy a Friday treat!!



Chaplaincy

Thank you to all in the Christ the King community who so kindly donated food and clothing items in response to the appeal on behalf of the SVP in Southport. Your great generosity is very much appreciated and will be used to provide the basics of support for mother and child refugees and asylum seekers who arrive in the region with nothing. Your donations will really make a difference to the lives of very many who need this help.

With sincere thanks from the SVP in Southport.

Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to receive **Free School Meals** if you are receiving one of the following benefits:

- _ Income support
- _ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- _ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- _ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- _ The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- _ Child tax credit, **provided you are not receiving Working Tax Credit**, and have an annual income of £16,190 or less

If you would like more information or have any questions contact the Pupil Support Team on 0151 934 3456 or speak to Maria Parker, School Chaplain Tel: 565121 or maria-thechaplain@christtheking-school.com

Queenscourt Star Trekk Sponsored Walk

Once again Christ the King were delighted to be able to help Queenscourt Hospice with this annual fundraiser. Maria and colleagues served refreshments at the halfway mark (handily right outside school!). Many other staff took part in the actual 7-mile star lit night walk in aid of our colleague and friend, Gail Russell, who sadly passed away in March. Despite the pouring rain, smiles prevailed all round! A Virgin Giving page has been set up and they have raised an amazing £800 so far: (<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/Gail2>). 2016 marks Queenscourt Hospice's Silver Jubilee and they had over 1,100 people taking part, including men this year.



SIXTH FORM NEWS

This last half term has been a busy one in the Sixth Form with students submitting coursework, completing their Extended Projects and preparing for their exams.

Sixth Form New Applicants

We are delighted to have received an increasing number of applications for September. Information regarding our enrolment days in August (Thursday 25th and Friday 26th August) will be posted out to all applicants in due course. For now, we wish them the very best of luck in their exams.

Exams and Exam Leave - Exam leave for Year 12 students began at the end of the day on Friday 13th May and Year 13 start their study leave on Friday 27th May. During the exam leave period students do not need to be in college for registration, but do still need to attend revision sessions organised by their teachers. Additionally, students following BTEC courses will need to attend as directed by their teachers. For Health and Safety reasons, all students must ensure that they sign in/out at the Sixth Form Atrium if they are in college to attend revision sessions or undertake private study. Lanyards must be worn at all times.

We appreciate that this is a particularly stressful time for our students and wish them all the very best of luck in their exams.

Sixth Form Study Facilities during Half Term

The Sixth Form Atrium will be open, and supervised, from Tuesday to Friday (31st May - 3rd June) between 10am and 2pm for Sixth Form students to undertake personal revision/study. The days will be broken up into four sessions and students are welcome to remain for them all if they so wish. However, it is important that students adhere to the start time of the sessions and arrive on time to avoid unnecessary disruption to others. The sessions start at the following times:

- Session 1 10.00am
- Session 2 11.00am
- Session 3 12.10pm
- Session 4 1.10pm

Year 13 Leavers' Celebrations - It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our Year 13 students. The last two years have flown by! It really has been a pleasure to share your CTK lives with you and we wish you every success in your exams and your future lives. We will be marking this special occasion with a Leavers' Mass and buffet lunch on Friday 27th May. The 'Leavers' Do' is going to take place after the exams, on Friday 15th July, so that we can really celebrate!

More Goodbyes....

We were delighted to have been the host school for 18 students from Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain and Sweden this year. Unfortunately, the students generally only stay with us until the completion of their AS exams and, therefore, most will be returning home in early June. They have been fantastic ambassadors for their home countries and great Sixth Form students. We will miss you all.

Year 12 Reminders - Year 12 students will return to lessons on Monday 13th June and term will finish on Friday 15th July (**this is for Year 12 students only; Years 7-10 finish on Thursday 21st July**). It is important that we have full attendance during this time as students will be starting their Year 13 courses. We would expect all students (except under exceptional circumstances) to continue to attend lessons in all subjects that they studied at AS. Final decisions regarding their choice of Year 13 courses will not be finalised until after the exam results are published in August. Please note that students will need to have an AS grade of at least an E to be allowed to continue onto Year 13 study in any subject. Equally, BTEC units need to be at least a Pass standard to progress to the second year of study. June is also the time to start seriously researching Higher Education (university and college) courses for entry in 2017. Additionally, advice and support will be given to those wanting to enter directly into employment. It is a complex process but we will, of course, support our students through this. We have already organised a number of special events in order to raise awareness of HE/Career progression.

Monday 13th June Your Future Day 1. All students will be involved in workshops/sessions in school to explore the different post-18 alternatives.

Monday 13th June, 7pm Progression evening for Parents of Year 12 students. This will be an opportunity to find out about the options available post-18, the HE application process (UCAS), Student Finance and how to support students at this time. Please do put this date in your diary.

Tuesday 14th June Your Future Day 2. A full day visit to Liverpool University for the Merseyside HE Convention (with representatives from many British universities and presentations on subject options). There will be no Sixth Form lessons in school on this day to allow all students to attend the conference. A letter has already been given to students regarding this.

Wednesday 15th June Your Future Day 3. Sixth Form HE day in school (representatives from local HE Institutions, with workshops and presentations for all students).

Letters regarding these days have already been sent home with Year 12 students – please return the reply slips to the Sixth Form secretary as soon as possible.

Ms Ray has also arranged the following career related activities for students:

Thursday 16th June – Meet the Professionals workshop

Friday 17th June - Practice Interviews

Lessons will take place as usual on both of these days, with students coming out at the appropriate time for their workshop/interview.

Monday 11th – Friday 15th July – Opportunity for all students to undertake relevant Work Experience. This is compulsory for BTEC students and strongly advised for all Year 12 students. Ms Ray has explained the process regarding organising an appropriate placement. Please contact Ms Ray if you require any further information regarding this. Any students choosing not to avail themselves of this very worthwhile experience will be expected to attend college as normal.

SIXTH FORM ENRICHMENT

Marie Curie Fundraiser

We Got Behind The Daffodil This March!

On Saturday 12 March 2016 our very own Year 12 sixth form students helped to raise an excellent £212.09 from selling daffodil pins for the Marie Curie Foundation. Suggested donations of £1 were made throughout the day on Lord Street between Eastbank Street and Nevill Street in the heart of Southport. On behalf of the team, we would like to say a huge thank you to all who supported this worthy cause and got behind the Daffodil this March.

Charlotte Trees	Louise Martin
Ellie-Louise Halton	Chloé Formby
Jess Mather	Katrina Halsall



Farewell Sixth Form Leavers of 2016!

By Mr J Kkounnous

It's been an experience, an absolute pleasure from start to finish to have taught you. You have inspired with purpose and direction, resilience and ability. From sports day to fundraising, from enrichment to coaching, from academic excellence to community engagement, you have been genuine in your efforts and to that I say thank you. Without your involvement, Christ the King Sixth Form would not be what it is today. To sign off, some of you have wanted to share your thoughts about what it has meant to you to be a sixth form student over the past two years. So farewell for now for this is your time to celebrate. Your time to say good bye. To say you did, not tried. Good luck in your exams and all the best in your future endeavours!

"I'll be so sad to leave CTK, it has been such a nice experience." – Cameron Tittle

"It feels sad that I'm leaving CTK. It is an end of an era." – Ellen Nicholson

"I am going to really miss the friendly atmosphere, which supported me through my studies the past 2 years." – Harriet McCoombe

"My college experience has been amazing, thanks to CTK." – Sophie Evans

"The relationships with teachers is something that is really special about CTK. I will miss it." – Claire Potter

"I will really miss CTK, and the friendly atmosphere." – Gabi Smith

"The staff here are so friendly and supportive. The personal atmosphere is unique to CTK." – Toni Russell

"I really enjoyed it here! The teaching staff are great, not to mention the brilliant facilities. If only I could stay here longer." – Piers Taylor

"Studying at Christ the King was the best decision I made. Having attended the sixth form for 2 years I have grown into the mature person I am today. It has prepared me for future life and higher education. The sixth form will always have a special place in my heart." – Dan Skinner

"The sixth form has helped me develop my education as well as my transition into adolescence and maturity #CTKLife." – Jack Crabtree

"I am so glad that I decided to stay on at CTK from high school to sixth form. It offers fantastic facilities for the subjects that I have, as well as members of staff who have lead me to succeed in my further education." – Andy Short

"I have moved to this sixth form from Meols Cop and it was by far the best decision I have made. Not only were the teaching staff welcoming, but they've also helped me every step of the way through this phase of my education. Thanks to them I am able to progress to university and reach my full potential." – Abigail Day-Walton

"I came to this school knowing almost nobody. I am leaving knowing many, thanks to the friendly and welcoming atmosphere." – Tim Daw

"I came to the sixth form from Meols Cop which was pretty terrifying, but was made to feel welcome. I have enjoyed all aspects of the sixth form and will be very sad to leave!" – Emma Ormerod

"I came to sixth form hoping to learn and with the help of staff I achieved that goal. However, memories were also made during my time here be it with my teachers or fellow students." – Laython Camacho

"I came to sixth form straight from CTK and I haven't looked back. The teachers have helped me achieve exactly what I wanted, giving one-to-one mentor sessions. Everyone in the year just seemed to get along, and I am leaving with many friendships and memories I won't forget." – Jake Hargreaves

"I'm so glad I stayed on at Christ the King: the teaching staff here are incredible. Not only is their subject knowledge astonishing, but, perhaps even more importantly, their enthusiasm for their subjects is evident and infectious. It makes your own studies so much more worthwhile when they are directed with such joy, and inspires an approach to learning which I, certainly, will carry with me to the end of my academic career and onwards." – Margaret Chandler

"What I love from my time being in this college is the sense of a real community, which made me feel welcome and accepted into CTK from the start. This is not just because of the students, but also because of the staff who are prepared to help you out whenever." – Ivy De Groot

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my two years at Christ the King Sixth Form. I've profited from the many opportunities open to me and have had inspiring teachers who have pushed me to better myself. The Sixth Form has a jovial and caring atmosphere with a team of staff who work hard to deliver the best help and advice to all students; I will greatly miss Christ the King next year." – Laura Hallmark

"Christ the King is a super welcoming environment: it's really easy to fit in and integrate into the routine whoever you are, so you can focus on your work without ever having to worry." – Alice Berry

SCHOOL KITCHEN ASSISTANT REQUIRED



A Kitchen Assistant is required

to carry out general duties in our busy school kitchen
from 11.45 am to 1.45 pm

Monday to Friday

Term-time only

£7.25 per hour rising to £7.49

Further details are available on the Vacancies page of our website
or you can contact the Headteacher's PA
at greenp@christtheking-school.com or on (01704) 552005

LOST PROPERTY

We have a lot of unnamed items in Lost Property at the moment, in particular winter coats, which we will need to clear at the end of the summer term. If your child has lost an item of clothing, please would you ask them to check at Student Services.

We have managed to return all named items to pupils, so please can we ask that you name all of your child's belongings to ensure their return should they be mislaid.

Once again, please note that all unnamed items in Lost Property will be cleared out and donated to charity at the end of the summer term.



Thank you.

School Ties

Did you know that Year 9 pupils can wear the upper school tie when they enter Year 10? These are available from our usual uniform stockists.

If your child in Year 9 or Year 11 no longer has use for their school tie, please would you consider donating it to school as we could make good use of it.



Thank you very much.

Well Done 7t DT2!

7T DT2 have been working hard designing and making their own novelty mirror for their Resistant Materials project with Miss Green. They have spent time in lessons and even some lunchtimes in order to create the best work they possibly can! They are very close to completing their project and have all created brilliant work so far. Well done to Y7 DT2 for your hard work and dedication.

(l-r) Rachel Fusco, Helena Paiva, Eunizz Serrano, Anastasia Williams, Grace Wareing, Samuel McDonald, Wiktorja Lipczyk, Alex Hurst, Tamika Graham and Ethan Toft.

Miss Green

Technology





CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTHPORT

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme News

As the long sun-filled days stretch in front of us, or one hopes they do, it can mean only one thing! The DofE expedition season is upon us! However, in reality it generally means days full of wind, rain, sunshine and occasionally frost, as Crowded House would have once entertained us with!

All Award participants should have now received letters with the necessary information regarding their own expedition dates and costs, as well as a link to the most up-to-date DofE recommended kit list. The expedition costs need to be paid by the date referenced in their individual letter and should be paid using our ParentPay facility. Any participant who has not received their letter needs to see Mr J Wilson (Maths) as soon as possible.

The actual expedition dates for your diaries are as follows:

Saturday 25th June to Monday 27th June:

Silver Practice – Longridge/Ribchester (Year 11)

Saturday 2nd July to Sunday 3rd July **or** Sunday 3rd July to Monday 4th July:

Bronze Practice – Longridge/Ribchester (Year 10)

Saturday 9th to Wednesday 13th July:

Gold Qualifying – Lake District (Year 13)

Sunday 10th to Tuesday 12th July:

Silver Qualifying – Lake District (Year 11)

Monday 18th July to Tuesday 19th July **or** Tuesday 19th July to Wednesday 20th July:

Bronze Qualifying – Longridge/Ribchester (Year 10)

Please contact me at school if you have any question.

Mr John Wilson (DofE Award Scheme Coordinator)
Head of Year 11
wilsoj@christtheking-school.com

Southport and Formby Girls' Football Tournament 2016

Congratulations to all three teams that competed in the Southport and Formby Girls' football tournament! A team from each year group was entered to compete against other schools in the area at Playfootball.net.



YEAR 7 COMPETE AT COUNTY LEVEL!

Year 7s this year have shown that they are a force to be reckoned with!!! The first taste of success came with the Year 7 girls' Netball team in February winning the Southport and Formby Girls' Netball tournament. The competition saw the girls playing against all six secondary schools from the area including Greenbank, Formby and Meols Cop. Despite facing tough opposition the girls performed to a different level beating their opposition to become overall winners!!!!

As a result of winning the tournament they qualified to represent Sefton in the Merseyside County Championships. The tournament took place over a whole day and the girls didn't stop playing from the moment they arrived at 10 am to when the tournament finished at 3 pm. The girls played to a high standard

and were really pleased to reach the semi finals of the competition. After a well fought match the team finished 4th out of a total of 14 teams from all over Merseyside. Overall, a fantastic start to their Netball career at Christ the King! Well done girls; we look forward to seeing you go from strength to strength next year!



Last week a team of eight pupils from Year 7 were invited to compete in the Merseyside Strike Golf competition where they had the opportunity to represent Sefton playing Golf in the picturesque grounds of Croxteth Hall. The event was

made up of nine different stations where the team had to score as many points as possible. The stations tested the pupils' ability to putt, chip and drive, and every single member of the team excelled in one if not more of the stations. The way in which the pupils represented the school was outstanding, and a member of staff from a different school even commented on how proud we should be having such "wonderful children" representing our school. All pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the event and we hope to compete again next year!!!! Well done, Team!!!!!!



Miss Plummer

Holiday Dates 2016 - 2018



2016



Summer Term 2016

Monday 18 April	Pupils return
Monday 2 May	Bank Holiday
Friday 27 May	<u>Break up</u> for half term
Monday 6 June	Pupils return
Friday 1 July	Staff INSET
Thursday 21 July	<u>Break up</u> for summer



2016 - 2017

2017 - 2018

Autumn Term 2016

Thursday 1 September	Staff INSET
Friday 2 September	Staff INSET
Monday 5 September	Pupils return
Thursday 20 October	<u>Break up</u> for half term
Monday 31 October	Pupils return
Wednesday 21 December	<u>Break up</u> for Christmas

Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4 September	Staff INSET
Tuesday 4 September	Staff INSET
Wednesday 6 September	Pupils return
Thursday 19 October	<u>Break up</u> for half term
Monday 30 October	Pupils return
Wednesday 20 December	<u>Break up</u> for Christmas

Spring Term 2017

Wednesday 4 January	Staff INSET
Thursday 5 January	Pupils return
Friday 10 February	<u>Break up</u> for half term
Monday 20 February	Pupils return
Friday 31 March	<u>Break up</u> for Easter

Spring Term 2018

Monday 8 January	Staff INSET
Tuesday 9 January	Pupils return
Friday 9 February	<u>Break up</u> for half term
Monday 19 February	Pupils return
Friday 23 March	<u>Break up</u> for Easter

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18 April	Pupils return
Monday 1 May	Bank Holiday
Friday 26 May	<u>Break up</u> for half term
Monday 5 June	Pupils return
Friday 30 June	Staff INSET
Thursday 20 July	<u>Break up</u> for summer

Summer Term 2018

Monday 9 April	Pupils return
Monday 7 May	Bank Holiday
Friday 25 May	<u>Break up</u> for half term
Monday 4 June	Pupils return
Friday 6 July	Staff INSET
Wednesday 25 July	<u>Break up</u> for summer



Please note that these dates may be subject to change, but we will endeavour to inform you as soon as possible should this be the case.