

# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2026



Dear Parents/Carers, it is hard to believe that we are already two months into the new year and half way through the academic year. The students have been very busy this half - term and year 11 are mid way through their final Pre - Public Examinations before their GCSEs start in the summer term. Don't forget you can follow all our news on our school Facebook page.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS HALF TERM

### MEGA TRIP VISIT

Year 9 students took a trip to Cardinal Newman College to learn about AI. They were tasked with planning an App that would use AI features to help towards a United Nations goal. One group developed an App that used AI to look for water and the other group an App to help keep people safe as they move around their local community, which was judged to be the winning App on the day. Well done to all involved!



### INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS

The inter - house competitions have been fiercely battled out this half term with teams competing in both the Table Tennis and the Literacy & Numeracy quiz. Assisi were awarded the trophy for victory in the inter-house Table Tennis competition, whilst Goretti were named the quizzing champions! Well done to all the students who proudly represented their houses.



## PREPARATION FOR LENT

As we prepare for the season of Lent, students have been considering what might make our hearts heavy and how we can relieve some of these pressures in order to make room for God during Lent.

The students also examined their conscience, thinking about their own choices and how they might have treated others recently.

Finally, students have written down something they would like to let go of this Lent and posted them into the postbox.



## KEY DATES

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** - school closed for students due to INSET day

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - Year 9 Options Evening

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** - Enrichment Day 2

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** - Fit Friday 2

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** - Cinema Attendance Reward Trip

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - school closes at 12.20pm for Easter Holidays.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** - school reopens at 8.40am for all students

## SPOTLIGHT ON CREATIVE ARTS

Students in Creative Arts have had a busy and exciting time, developing a wide range of practical and creative skills. In food technology, students have been learning essential cooking techniques, building their confidence in the kitchen and producing a variety of dishes - there are always wonderful smells coming from the kitchen. In textiles, students have been getting to grips with the sewing machines, practising key skills that will support them forever.

Our GCSE students have also been working hard to design and plan their final pieces, carefully refining their ideas and experimenting with different materials and techniques.

In art, classrooms have been full of creativity, with students producing thoughtful and imaginative artwork inspired by their project themes.

In music, students have been using the African drums, creating soundtracks for computer games and studying Beethoven's work. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm, focus, and creativity across all areas of Creative Arts, and we look forward to seeing their final outcomes later in the year.



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

### Why Good Attendance Matters

Regular attendance at school is one of the most important factors in a young person's success. Every lesson builds on the one before it, and even a small amount of absence can have a significant impact on learning, confidence, and progress.

When students attend school consistently, they:

- Keep up with new material and avoid gaps in their knowledge.
- Build positive relationships with teachers and classmates.
- Develop good routines, responsibility, and resilience.
- Feel more confident in their learning and assessments.

Research consistently shows a clear link between attendance and academic achievement. Students with higher attendance are far more likely to make expected progress and achieve strong results at GCSE. Missing just one day every two weeks adds up to nearly a month of lost learning across the school year.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term we have welcomed a few new members of staff, including Mrs Marks, who joins us as the ISU Supervisor and Miss Emery has joined the reception team, replacing Miss Mike who now is our Attendance Officer. We also welcome Miss Ganczarska as a Teaching Assistant.

Sadly, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Huck (Lead Teacher of PSHE and Maths) as she takes up a position in another school. We wish her well and thank her for her hard work and dedication to our students over the past 7 years. Miss White will replace Mrs Huck after the Easter break.

Kind regards, Mrs C Jones

## A Prayer for Lent

Lord God,  
as we begin this season of Lent,  
quiet our hearts and turn us back to you.

Teach us to let go of what distracts us,  
to care for those in need,  
and to grow in prayer, patience, and love.

Walk with us through these forty days,  
so that at Easter  
we may rise with Christ  
renewed in hope and joy.

Amen.

