



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2026



Dear Parents/Carers, welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year and what a busy half term we have had. Our Year 7 students have settled into life at secondary school with ease and Year 11 will soon be sitting their first set of PPE's after the break. We are so proud of how all the students have returned to their learning with positive attitudes and big smiles!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS HALF TERM

WHATS COOKING?

Our Food Technology students continue to show fantastic enthusiasm and effort in every lesson. They embrace new challenges, develop valuable practical skills and take great pride in their work. Their determination and positive attitude are helping them make excellent progress and produce some wonderful results.



YEAR 10 ON TOUR

Year 10 enjoyed a field trip to the Fylde Coast this half term, exploring and investigating a range of sea defences in action. The day ended perfectly with the sun coming out for fish and chips on St Anne's beach!



REWARDS

We strongly believe in rewarding students for their hard work and for going the extra mile. This year we are continuing to award students for good and improving attendance, showing the CtK values and curriculum effort and progress. Look out for these celebrations on social media.



ATTENDANCE

Thank you for your continued support with your child's attendance. Every day in school makes a difference, helping students to learn, make progress and enjoy all that school life has to offer.

As we head into winter, coughs, colds and seasonal bugs are common. If your child is well enough to attend school, we encourage them to be here, as missing lessons can quickly add up.

Good handwashing, plenty of rest and staying hydrated can help keep winter bugs at bay.

Don't forget, we love celebrating excellent attendance with our Be In To Win prize draws, 10 in 10 rewards and our popular Friday Crunchie prizes! We have fantastic, money can't buy prizes up for grabs every week!

Thank you for working with us to give every child the best opportunity to succeed. Together, let's make this a healthy and successful term. 😊

KEY DATES

Tuesday 3rd November - All students return to school (8.40am)

Monday 9th - 20th November - Year 11 Pre Public Examinations

Friday 13th/ 20th November - Year 7 Trip to Blackpool

Friday 4th December - Fit Friday

Thursday 10th December - Carols by Candlelight

Friday 18th December - School closes for Christmas break (12.20pm)

School buses: Due to the amount of need for the buses, please can all students ensure they ALWAYS get on the first bus to arrive at their stop. Failure to do this might result in them not being able to get on the second bus.

OFSTED REPORT

We are delighted to share the positive findings from the recent Ofsted inspection, published in September 2026. Inspectors recognised that there have been *"positive changes in recent years"* and acknowledged the significant improvements that have taken place across the school.

Ofsted praised the work of school leaders, stating that *"actions that leaders have taken over recent years have led to tangible improvements"* and that previous areas of weakness, including safeguarding and curriculum design, have been robustly addressed.

Inspectors also highlighted the school's commitment to inclusion, noting the support provided to disadvantaged pupils and recognising the wide range of enrichment activities and clubs available to students. Leadership and governance, inclusion, and personal development were all judged to be at the expected standard.

These outcomes reflect the dedication of our staff, governors, students, parents and the wider school community. We are proud of the progress made and remain committed to continuing our journey of improvement.

Please help us share this good news. If you know families looking for a caring, ambitious and faith-filled secondary school, we would be grateful if you would recommend Christ the King Catholic High School and share our success with others in the community.



CATHOLIC LIFE

Throughout the half term, all students in Year 7, 8 and 9 have celebrated Mass with Father Etienne. We have also been joined by our school choir, led by Mrs Rawson, which is growing from strength to strength.

All Year 7 students participated in our first Saints Retreat Day where they spent the day with their forms learning about the amazing acts of our House Saints. They then presented to the rest of the year group, before battling it out in their first House Championship!

Students have also been to the Chapel during form time to spend some time praying, reflecting and listening with Mrs Williams. As it is the month of October, some groups have been praying the Rosary. The Saints in Service have also been busy and amongst other things, have helped to write our End of Day prayer.



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another half term, I would like to thank our students for their hard work, resilience and positive attitude. It has been a busy but incredibly productive few weeks, and we are very proud of all they have achieved both in and out of the classroom.

Thank you also to our parents and carers for your continued support and partnership. Your encouragement makes a real difference to our school community.

We wish all our families a restful and enjoyable half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back soon. Enjoy the well-deserved rest! 🍁🌟

Kind regards, Mrs C Jones

Autumn Prayer

Lord, thank You for the beauty of this season.
As the leaves fall, remind me that change can be good, and that letting go makes room for new beginnings.
Fill my heart with gratitude for every harvest, every blessing, and every lesson learned.
Help me rest in Your timing, trusting that You are at work in every season of my life.
Amen.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

