

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2025



Dear Parents/Carers, the Autumn term has certainly been a busy one and the students, as always, have continued to work hard and display our CtK values in everything they do. We are still looking for parent governors to sit on our Local Governing Body so please contact the school office if you would like further information. Please don't forget to follow all our news on the school Facebook page.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS HALF TERM

FOOTBALL INTER - HOUSE CHAMPIONS

Between the horrendous weather, the students were able to get out at lunchtime to play the eagerly anticipated Inter - House Football competition. After a few days of gruelling matches, the final was fought out between Goretti and Assisi, with Assisi being crowned as the champions! A huge well done to all the students who played on behalf of their houses.



FUTURE READY DAY

Year 11 were given an opportunity to experience GCSE results day on the 16th December when they opened their PPE results and then went for a mock interview with a college to see where their results could have taken them. The colleges were very impressed with the maturity of our students.



In the afternoon, the hall was full of local businesses and employers as our students had the opportunity to attend a careers fair and ask lots of questions to prospective organisations about future careers.

SUBJECT REWARD BADGES

This term students have been nominated by teachers to achieve subject badges for excellent progress. Students were awarded their badges in the end of term assembly and then were invited to an early break with free breakfast in the canteen to celebrate their hard work and success. We love seeing the students wearing their badges with pride.

We have also been rewarding students for their excellent attendance by giving them a "jump the queue" dinner pass.



KEY DATES

Monday 5th January 2026 - students return to school following Christmas holidays.

Monday 12th January 2026 - Year 11 Parents' Evening

Monday 26th January 2026 - Year 10 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 21st January 2026 - Students finish at 1.20pm for staff training.

Friday 13th February 2026 - school closes for half term break.

CATHOLIC LIFE

This term, we were lucky enough to celebrate Mass as a whole school with Father Chapple in honour of Christ the King, our patron. It was a wonderful occasion, filled with prayer, song and reverence.

Our 'Saints in Service' group has been fully engaged in their mission to help support our local Food Bank and community by promoting our donation drive.

Mrs Williams led a meaningful Advent assembly for all students, showing us the true meaning of Christmas and how we can prepare well for the coming of Christ. Students and staff also had the opportunity to attend private confession in the school chapel.

We welcomed the choirs of St. Joseph's and St Augustine's Primary schools to join our own to sing Carols by Candle light and the light of our new 12ft Christmas Tree, kindly donated by SMW construction.

At the time of writing, we are eagerly awaiting our annual Santa Dash, where all proceeds raised go to St Catherine's Hospice.

We thank you and the local community for all your many kind donations, they are much appreciated!



SPORTING LIFE!

Our sports teams are always out and about competing in a range of different events from netball, football and handball.

Their efforts on the pitches are always exemplary and the attitudes of our students make us so proud.

A special thanks to the PE staff who coach, taxi and support the students throughout all their sporting fixtures, and of course Mr Lomas and Mrs Edwards who are our teams biggest supporters! We look forward to celebrating the successes of the teams in the new year.



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has certainly been a busy time in school over the last half term with lots of learning and opportunities both in and outside the classroom. I thank you for your continued support to the school in ensuring the students are ready to learn and I look forward to seeing many of you at Parents' Evening over the Spring term.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Ann Cowell for her service to the school as her term as Chair of Governors has come to an end. I know that Mrs Cowell was known to many past students and parents and her work to the school over the years has been immeasurable.

Kind regards, Mrs C Jones

Christmas Blessings

As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, may the light of Christ fill your hearts and homes with peace, hope, and joy.

May God bless you and your loved ones this Christmas and throughout the coming New Year.

Amen.

