

# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2025



Dear Parents/Carers, what a fantastic start to the new academic year we have had! We still have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor. It is a wonderful opportunity to make a real difference to your child's education and support the improvement of our school. For further details, please contact the school office. Don't forget you can follow all our news on our school Facebook page.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS HALF TERM

### BOOK BUZZ

All students in Year 7 have been gifted a reading book as a part of the Book Buzz launch. The students have been busy enjoying their new books and couldn't wait to tell us their thoughts on the new stories. Reading is so important and we believe that all children should own their own book!



### LAUDATO SI ECO WEEK

Christ the King School proudly joined the global call to care for our common home by celebrating Laudato Si' Green Week. Pupils took part in a variety of eco-friendly activities designed to inspire action and responsibility for our planet. The week began with a Climate Pledge, students rolled up their sleeves for Litter Picks around the school grounds and local community. We are so proud of our students for their commitment to protecting God's creation and living out the message of Laudato Si'. Together, we've shown that small actions truly make a big difference.

### REWARD FRIDAY'S!

Friday's are a busy day in school and students have lots of reasons to celebrate. Heads of Year select students for their 'Star-burst' awards, students are chosen for the Friday Feeling crunchie's just for being in school and our Shine table is open for students to bring along their best piece of work from the week to. We love rewarding our students for showing the Ctk way in their everyday school life!

There's even a 'Wispa' that the staff get treated...



### KEY DATES

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November** - students return to school following half term break.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 11 PPE Round 1

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November** - Prize Night (7pm)

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November** - school closed for INSET day.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** - Students finish at 1.20pm for staff training.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - school closes at 12.20pm for Christmas holidays.

# ENRICHMENT DAY 1

Year 7 were involved in a retreat organised by Mrs Williams. Year 8 looked at politics, fake news and kindness with a talk from the Blackburn Prevent and Radicalisation team. Year 9 learnt to trade on the stock market and the impact that global affairs can have on the price of goods. Well done to our winning team who made an incredible profit of over £180,000. In the afternoon, we welcomed PC Ashley Gibson from Lancashire Police to speak to them about hate crime and how their behaviour can impact others.

Year 10 had a variety of speakers including Kerry and Harish on behalf of the Personal Finance Society speaking about working life and payslips, Nic and Annie from PTYS speaking about modern masculinity and Smoke Free Lancashire teaching about the harms of vaping. Lancs Fire and Rescue gave a powerful and hard hitting talk about the dangers of reckless driving.

After the half-term, Year 11 start their PPEs and so we were able to offer sessions on exam stress, Revision techniques by delivered by Future U and a bespoke creative writing revision session delivered by UCLAN. We were also able to facilitate sessions on Domestic Violence and Sexual Health facilitated by Safenet and the Blackpool NHS sexual health team.



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Good attendance and punctuality are key to every student's success. Being in school on time each day helps students stay engaged in lessons, keep up with their work, and build strong learning habits. Regular attendance ensures steady progress and confidence, while lateness or absences can make it harder to catch up and reach full potential. By valuing attendance and punctuality, we set the foundation for academic achievement and lifelong responsibility. Unfortunately, parents and carers are at risk of being fined if attendance to school is poor. You can help by avoiding holidays during term time and making routine appointments outside of school hours.

We are here to help and support you every step of the way so please ask for help if you feel you need support.

### Attendance Ladder



## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to you all for your kind words and support during this first half term. I am very proud of the way the students have come back to this academic year with a positive attitude to school life and learning. Our Year 7 students have settled in with ease and Year 11 are already about to embark on their first round of Pre Public Exams - we are looking forward to seeing their hard work pay off!

Please continue to support us by ensuring your children are ready and equipped for the school day and I look forward to seeing you during one of the many events next half term.

Kind regards, Mrs C Jones

## A Prayer for Mary

O Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Holy Rosary,  
we turn to you in this month of grace and peace.

Guide our hearts as we meditate on the mysteries of your Son.

Teach us to trust as you did,  
to say "yes" to God each day,  
and to carry His love into the world.

Mary, gentle Queen of Heaven,  
pray for us and for all who seek your Son's mercy.

May our prayers, joined with yours,  
bring light to darkness and hope to every heart.  
Amen.

