



**Spreading all good things within our school community!**

*Dear community of Christ the King,*

Christmas is a wonderful time to celebrate the birth of our Lord. In this terms edition we wanted to share a number of updates about all the great things going on at our school. It has been a long term and you have all adapted well to the new systems whether that is Year groups, House groups and of course the two-week timetable. However, I have to say that I have been very impressed with how many of you have been able to get use to the many changes. The uniform has slightly changed with all Year 7 wearing a blazer and a number of you have also chosen to wear blazers in other years groups which makes you all look very smart!

Looking ahead to next term you will notice a few more changes in and around school and how we will do things. Please be mindful that this is about raising expectations and managing everyone's safety when moving between lessons. The insistence on wearing your uniform with pride will be an expectation not an option. No outdoor coats should be worn in doors. Repeat offenders wearing coats, jewellery and trainers that are not in line with the school rules will be challenged, so please take note of this reminder!

Finally, I want you all to have a good break, catch up with friends and family, be kind, be good and most of all please remember what Christmas is really about ... the birth of our saviour!

God Bless and Happy 2024!

Mr SN Corless



## *Upcoming Christmas Events*



Christmas is a wonderful time of year and a time when we think about others. Christ the King has a long-standing relationship with St Catherine's Hospice and once again this year we will focus our Christmas charity work on supporting this amazing cause.

Students are invited to buy a ticket for the School Disco, **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 5-7.30pm for £3.50**, all proceeds to the hospice.

On **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December we will hold our annual Christmas House Challenge morning**, students are invited to pay **£1 per family** to wear non-uniform and can partake in the various raffles, tombola and food stalls priced at **20p**.

In the last 10 years over £10,000 has been raised by the school in support of St Catherine's Hospice, we do hope you can continue to support us in this brilliant work.



## Year 7

Our year 7 students have settled into the life of Christ the King very well, it is a big change to primary school, but our students are adapting so well. Mrs Williams is immensely proud.



Students are keen to join in extracurricular activities particularly in inter house activities and getting involved in the Student Council.

In the run up to Christmas students put our school ethos into practice fantastically and each form donated generous amounts to our local foodbanks.

A huge well done to Terri (7G) who currently has the highest number of merits in year 7. This is a massive achievement and something which needs congratulated. Well done, Terri.

## Year 8

Merry Christmas to all of Year 8 from Miss Nayee, Mr Ismail, Mrs Beetham, Mr McKenna and Miss Collado. Thank you for being a pleasant, well-mannered and supportive year group.

Your Head of Year and Form Tutors would formally like to recognise your efforts this term. You are supportive of each other in tasks like reading aloud during registration, as well as helping to check equipment, actively participating in collective worship and getting involved in competitive events such as inter-house!



A special mention to those who have been nominated for the Student Council and are already doing a fantastic job in representing their Tutor group. Well done Rory, Satveer, Oliwia and Shalin.

I would also like to formally congratulate Ryan on having his poem published in the Young Writers Challenge.

We wish you and your families a happy and peaceful Christmas Holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year for another fantastic term.

## Year 11

Year 11 have had a busy term with Pre-Public Examinations sat after half term. They all received their results in a sealed envelope, they discussed them with staff and then went to speak to a representative from one of the colleges. As expected some were happy with their results and some were not. Pre-Public Examinations are taken early in Year 11 as at this time all students still have the chance to change their behaviours to ensure a successful outcome. All students were offered the chance to attend intervention from Compass Bloom on how to handle examination stress and those that attended found the session very useful. College applications should now all have been made as next year students should start to receive offers. It is really important that students keep their options open at this stage. Moving forward the next round of PPE's will happen in February and this is another chance for students to apply their learned knowledge in examination conditions.



## Year 9

In summary of this term, Y9 have been engaged in their learning working really hard on their curriculum topics and also being focussed on their contributions to their school life. They have continued to maintain our high standards of uniform, participating in extracurricular activities and the Inter-House Competitions. Thank you to our Sports Captains who have ensured we have 4 squads available to compete in the competitions and have demonstrated some great leadership skills. Some students have attended regular music lessons, have used the Library daily and have helped the Year 7's settle into their new school routines. Students



have also shared some of their own outside of school experiences this term including Marcel scoring on his debut in football, Alisha coaching cheerleading, Gabriela attending Police Cadets weekly and Daniel has played in the Town Football Team – well done! Next term is exciting for Year 9 as they begin to look at their Option Choices in preparation for making those exciting decisions for their futures.

## Year 10

Year 10 students have settled in to the new challenges GCSE's bring. There is a big change from Year 9 and I hope to see the hard work and effort carry on throughout the year. We have had a Careers Fair this month which Year 10 attended and had the opportunity to start thinking about their future and speak to colleges, apprenticeship options and other employers.



There has been lots to celebrate so far, such as, prize night nominations, sports competitions and inter-house activities. I would like to congratulate all the students who have taken part in these.

I would like to make a special mention to Dilojan (10R) and Wiktor (10G) who attended confirmation in November. Another special mention to Sara (10A), Oscar (10R) and Dilojan (10R) who have won a place on the Maths Master Class at Lancaster University.

A huge well done to Ricardo (10G) who currently has the highest number of merits in Year 10. A fantastic achievement!

