

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - MAY 2025



Dear Parents/Carers, it has been nice to enjoy the warmer the weather over the past few weeks. It has been a short but productive half term with our Year 11 students thoroughly preparing for their GCSE examinations. We wish them well for the future and look forward to seeing their achievements!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS HALF TERM

THE STEM ROADSHOW FROM BAE SYSTEMS

On Tuesday, the 7th of May, BAE systems visited CTK as a part of the STEM roadshow. They were wonderful and greeted us kindly. They then showed us the robotic, mechanical dog 'fluffy.' It was astounding in its appearance. It could easily do tasks even normal humans cannot do. We got to do fun activities like guess the item or the maze. There was even an AI generated video with song. They got us to realise AI is astonishing and great in all its ways and it can help us to be better in everything too.

Abram J, Year 7



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

The theme of Mental Health Awareness Week was community this year. To mark the week, the Student Council celebrated by distributing bottle top badges as a reminder to "Don't bottle up your emotions." This thoughtful gesture highlighted our continued commitment to mental well being and living The CTK Way.

THE ECO - CLUB

The Eco Club have used some of their raised funds to improve our school surroundings. With the guidance of Mrs Edwards and Miss Dickson, they have planted some new plants to the memorial garden and purchased a new tree for the grounds. We look forward to seeing them blossom throughout the academic year.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 5 Curriculum mornings: 23rd - 25th June

Year 11 Prom: Thursday 26th June

Enrichment Day: Tuesday 1st July

Year 10 Work Experience : 7th - 11th July

Ladyewell Pilgrimage: Monday 7th July

Sports Day: Monday 14th July

End of Year Rewards Trip: Thursday 17th July

School closes for summer : Friday 18th July (12.20pm)

POLITE NOTICE

All consent for educational trips and visits now must be online. Please check your emails for a consent form from LCC.

We will no longer be able to accept paper copies of consent forms, which might result in your child not being able to attend a school visit.

CAFOD FUNDRAISING DAY

We finished last term off with a fundraising day for CAFOD. Students were invited to wear their own clothes for a donation of £1 and the entire school completed the 5K Big Lent Walk for CAFOD around the delightful grounds of Avenham Park. In addition, form groups made Easter Gardens and there was a cake sale in the canteen at break time.

We finished the term off with a calm Easter Liturgy of the Word, before awarding our attendance winners with an abundance of chocolate based goodies in the end of term 'Be In to Win' competition.

We thank all the parents, carers, staff and students who kindly donated prizes, money and supported this amazing cause. We are extremely proud to have raised a total of £638 for CAFOD!



A MESSAGE FOR OUR INCREDIBLE YEAR 11, CLASS OF 2025

As you head into the final stretch, we just want to say: well done! You've already achieved so much - not just in exams but in how far you've come.

You're the year group who didn't sit SATs, who missed out on a proper Year 6 send-off, who started secondary school in masks, in bubbles and in queues two metres apart. You learned to adapt before you even knew what "normal" was - and you did it with resilience, determination and yes, sometimes a bit of challenge too.

As you head into half term, take a moment to recharge but don't lose sight of the finish line.

Stay on top of your revision, keep an eye on your exam timetable and come back prepared, with your equipment, your focus and your confidence.

We are looking forward to celebrating the end of your secondary school education with a Liturgy of the Word and the Year 11 prom.

A MESSAGE FROM MR. CORLESS

I would like to announce that I will be leaving the school to take up a new position as Headteacher in September. On that note, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all parents/carers and our students for welcoming me to such a special place. The school is in a very good place, and I have no doubt that there are even greater things to come for Ctk.

I would like to wish you all a very restful time at half term.

God bless, Mr Corless

A prayer for Pope Leo XIV

Faithful God,

You guide us on the path of life
and your goodness is our constant
companion.

Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV,
in his service of the Church.

Fill him with the power of your Spirit,
the peace of your presence
and the compassion of Christ.

May he walk with you,
in wisdom and humility,
and lead us, together with all God's people,
to embody your love for the world.

Amen.

