

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Tuesday, 24 September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families have had a good summer break. Our students have returned to Ctk fully refreshed and ready to learn! Our Year 7 students of which we have welcomed 100 through our doors have generally settled in and are adapting to life in their new environment. There are high expectations on school attendance, standard of dress and behaviour are all the same, there can be no compromises. As Headteacher, I am determined to raise standards and I have to thank all our staff and congratulate last year's Year 11 students on their academic performance in their GCSE studies. Our results have improved in terms of progress and students have been able to enrol on the college courses of their choice. At this point of the year let us aim for 100% attendance (record of attending school). I hope everyone can appreciate the unquestionable link between high school attendance and high achievement. There is much to celebrate and more to do but I am sure you will understand that it is essential to work together and not see the school as a barrier to resolving problems to achieving positive outcomes.

Our school has had a significant building programme completed over the summer months with new boys' and girls' toilets, several new classrooms and a number of adaptations made to the SEND area of the school. The school environment is much improved and this forms part of our rolling programme of school improvements.

I would also like to introduce several new members of staff joining Ctk including:

- Mrs C Jones (Deputy Headteacher)
- Mrs M Young (SENDCO)
- Mr P Horrocks (Teacher of MFL)

Most parents/carers are really supportive of what we are trying to do in raising standards and aspirations for all children. Unfortunately, there have been some instances where numbers of Year 7 students have misbehaved on the buses provided by Stagecoach. Can I encourage parents/carers to speak to their child regarding behaviour in public areas when wearing the Ctk uniform. This includes acting respectfully on the Stagecoach contract buses. I know the majority of you as parents/carers work well with all our teams in school and we want to continue that. Christ the King Catholic High School is an inclusive community and every child does matter. We want all our students to be happy learners thriving in our school community.

Finally, I look forward to hosting our school Open Evening on Thursday 26th September (3.30-6.30pm) with many current students volunteering to present the best of Ctk.

God Bless,

Mr S Corless

