



CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORMS

SEPTEMBER 2020

NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our inaugural CTK St Mary's newsletter for parents. I would like to take this chance to introduce myself, I'm Camilla Crampton and I am the Principal of CTK St Mary's.

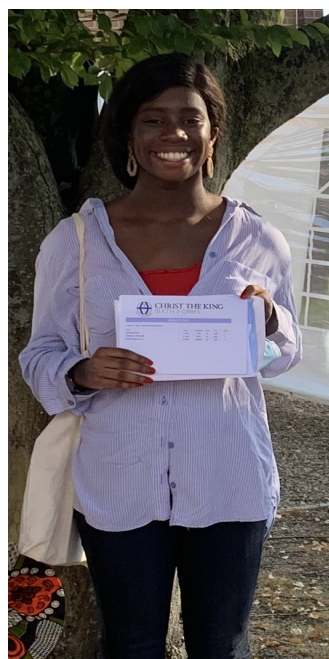
We welcomed the start of the new term with some fantastic results, after a difficult year for our students. We are so proud of our CTK students and hope you enjoy reading our first newsletter.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAINCY:

This week, the Church celebrates the birthday of Mary the Mother of Jesus. Through the message of an Angel, Mary found her mission in life. Not all of us may discover our mission in that way, but rather as a result of the daily choices we make. We are in a process of becoming. What is sure is that we are not alone. We have the help we need in the people around us. Let us appreciate those voices who encourage us to do our best and be the best we can be. As Maya Angelou wrote: "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humour, and some style."



Results Success Across CTK



Students and staff at Christ the King Sixth Form celebrated another year of excellent examination success across all three sites despite the unprecedented times we are all going through.

As a dedicated specialist sixth form, Christ the King offers a wide range of BTEC and A Level courses available to talented and ambitious students.

Christ the King students, across sites in Sidcup, Brockley and Lewisham were delighted with their results this year which exceeded national benchmarks once again and they will be progressing to universities across the country or into apprenticeship or employment opportunities.

Temi was a top A Level Student at our CTK St Mary's site this year. Coming from Eltham Hill she went on to study A Level English Literature, Media Studies and Sociology and achieved a well deserved AAA*.

She will now be going off to Cambridge University to study English.

Speaking on her time at CTK Temi said; "The support of my wider circle has helped throughout my studies. I'm so grateful. Work at your own pace. Don't compare yourself to your past self. Work hard to continue to be excellent. If you have a moment when you are struggling in a pit, talk to the people around you and give yourself a pep talk. Address the problem."



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BLENDED LEARNING WEEK:

Next week we will be launching Blended Learning Week and your son or daughter will be shown how to log on from home. Students will be able to access MS Teams, Moodle, OneDrive, Sharepoint, and learn how to submit work via Moodle. They can also log on from home by visiting my.ctksfc.ac.uk and entering their email and password.

ELECTIVES:

We will also be launching our first Electives. These will be virtual sessions which will help students practice using Teams.



TFL Bus Route Changes



From 1 September until the end of October 2020 TFL is adding over 200 extra buses to the network. Prioritising some of the bus services for school travel. Government guidance allows for all seats to be occupied on these 'school services', doubling their capacity, which is currently limited due to necessary social distancing. Customers must also wear face coverings unless exempt for age (under 11 years), health or equality reasons - including on the 'school services'.

These 'school services' will be clearly signed and are planned to operate on:

- All our existing school services
- Every other bus on key routes from **07:30-09:30 and 14:30-16:30 on weekdays**
- Some additional buses on less frequent routes.

A reminder that Zip Oyster Photo cards are still valid for all schoolchildren and that free and discounted travel entitlements haven't changed.

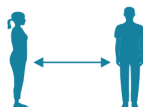
New Social Distancing Rules

England



How many people outdoors?

Six from multiple households from 14 Sep



At what distance?

1m 'plus'



Indoors

Six from multiple households from 14 Sep

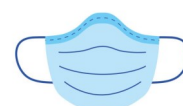
In England, the new limit of six people from multiple households will apply to social gatherings from Monday. This applies to both indoors and outdoors, and to all ages.

Pubs, restaurants, shops and other venues will remain open, but people can only attend in groups of up to six.

Similarly, places of worship may remain open but with a limit of six people attending per group. Some gatherings of more than six people will be allowed, for example:

- If your household or support bubble is larger than six
- Where gatherings are for work or education purposes
- Weddings and funerals
- Team sports organised in a way limiting the spread of coronavirus

See link for further information: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-51506729>





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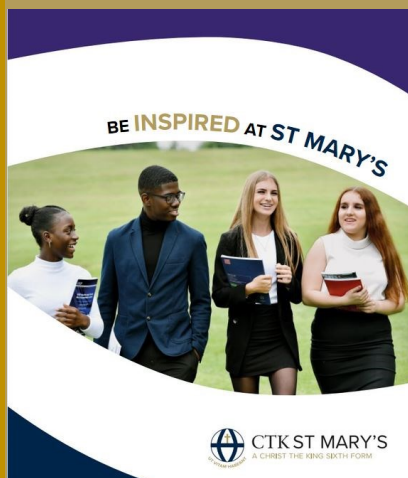
WELCOME TO NEW PARENTS:

REMOTE PARENTS EVENING

We look forward to welcoming all our new parents in a virtual Teams session on Tuesday 22 September.

You will be sent full details on how to access this virtual Teams event in advance.

The event will cover topics such as; welcome introductions to key staff, curriculum challenges, Covid-19 support, target settings and the college structure. We look forward to meeting you all virtually there.



FORMER CTK STUDENT WINS COMMUNITY AWARD



23-year-old CTK Alumni Trevor Gomes has been named as the latest winner in the Jack Petchey Community Awards, this is an award that recognises outstanding young people who help others. His achievement has been published in the recent edition of the News Shopper.

Trevor's help came after the pandemic hit, when he started a mentoring programme online for those from disadvantaged backgrounds. He also launched a skills development and mentoring programme called Elevate in September 2019, which is designed to train disadvantaged young people to have the skills and knowledge they need for work and higher education, this initially took place in-person but because of the lockdown, he had to switch to doing it online. It soon became clear that this would be an immediate success for Trevor and after collaborating with local secondary schools and sixth form colleges; he went from working with 15 young people to over 3,000.

Trevor's nominator Clara Gomes said: "Trevor has gone above and beyond to make a difference to the community and ensure young people have a voice, feel valued and have the right skills needed to achieve their dreams and goals."

Trevor himself also featured in TES Magazine recently and revealed that he received a CTK Metric Capital Scholarship award to help fund his university studies, also stating that the ELEVATE programme has gone on to inspire so many young people. So, it is no wonder he has decided to help those that may not be as lucky as he was. He said: "This award means a huge amount to me. Across the last few months I've dedicated my time and energy to impact the lives of thousands of young people so to be recognised by this amazing award is a great achievement."

Trevor now runs the Elevate programme for CTK students.