



# CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORMS

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It has been a busy few weeks in the sixth form with our 12 students beginning to make decisions about their next steps following a very successful Future Pathways event.

While our Year 13 students are completing their final assessments and coursework. We are continuing to work with Year 13 students on their Post 18 transition to University. A key part of this has been via Online Massive Open Online Courses which are hosted by the Universities. You can access links to all relevant courses [here](#).

We have also hosted admission mornings for our Year 11 A level and BTEC applicants providing them with information relating to their Post 16 transition and an insight to specific subject areas. We are continuing to host further activities which you can sign up for [here](#).

**Camilla Crampton**  
*Principal*  
**CTK St Mary's**

## General News Mental Health Awareness Week 10-16 May

Celebrating Mental Health Awareness week began early for CTK as we were fortunate to have a Well-being and Mental Health Drop-in Session last week run by Compass. They are a Support service for Children and young people aged 10-19 (up to 25) years in Lewisham, who offer friendly, confidential, and free advice and can be contacted on 0208 690 3020 or email: [LHWS@compass-uk.org](mailto:LHWS@compass-uk.org).



Students were invited to the drop-in session via MS Teams and the leaders from Compass focused on stress, identifying the causes and looking at ways to manage it. The students found it useful and were able to ask lots of questions.



**ECO-REPS ENVIRONMENTAL DAY POSTER COMPETITION**

CREATE A POSTER ON EITHER BIODIVERSITY OR CLIMATE CHANGE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A GIFT VOUCHER!

IN CELEBRATION OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY ON 5TH JUNE, WINNING POSTERS WILL BE DISPLAYED ACROSS THE COLLEGE!

### Specifications for poster:

- Vertical (portrait)
- Size A4
- Create a poster on either biodiversity or climate change

Deadline is Monday 7th June, and 2 winners will be announced on Wednesday 9th June. Please submit your posters to **Ava Tambala** and **Grace Tchine** by email.

### Launching the CTK Gardening Club

- See poster opposite
- Contact Staff on your site to sign up:
  - Miss K Sillem (EM)
  - Miss M Grant-Che (AQ)
  - Miss K Katama (SM)



## Chaplaincy Corner

### CTK Prayer

#### God of Love

*As members of the Christ the King Sixth Forms family we ask for your continued blessing upon our work and study. You are the source of all truth and wisdom.*

*May we experience in full the Life that you offer us each day, to become the best that we can be.*

*Let no distractions or fears prevent us from trusting in your endless care for us.*

*Shine your Light into our lives that we may become brighter beacons of faith, hope and love in our community.*

*We make this prayer through Christ the Lord.*

*Amen.*



During the month of May, the Chaplaincy highlight the role of Mary as an example of faithful discipleship and obedience to the will of God in her life. In addition, May includes other important religious occasions, such as the celebration of Eid for Muslims, to mark the end of Ramadan and the celebration of the Ascension for Christians, recalling the ascent of Jesus to heaven. This then begins the time of waiting for the promised Holy Spirit at Pentecost, that for Christians is the indwelling experience of the love of God. With all these special moments for religious believers, the Chaplaincy continue to journey and accompany our CTK community to a deeper awareness of God present in every moment, decision and circumstance. Our continued prayers are for the wellbeing for all members of the CTK family.

A wonderful way to increase better mental health as recommended by this year's theme for Mental Health awareness week is to Connect to Nature. According to research, our relationship with nature, how much we notice, think about and appreciate our natural surroundings through all our senses, is a critical factor in supporting good mental health and preventing distress. To appreciate the beauty and wonder of nature will impact all our relationships. According to Pope Francis, 'if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously.' (Laudato Si', paragraph 11) Perhaps we might take time to notice this correlation. With better environmentalism, comes an authentic humanism. And hopefully, vice versa.

Also as part of Mental Health Awareness Week Miss Katama, the Chaplain, and the CTK St Marys student eco reps gathered to plant trees to support the *Connect to Nature* theme.



#### Tuesday 25th May: George Floyd Anniversary

- Students took time to pause and reflect this week, in remembrance of George Floyd and others who have lost their lives through injustice.
- The Chaplaincy had stones available to place in the center of our labyrinths in the Chapels across all sites.



#### Friday Dress-down Day Charity Collection

- On the last day of term, this Friday, there was a dress-down day for charity
- Donations were collected for the CAFOD/DEC Coronavirus appeal for India.
- Many students were keen to donate to this worthy cause.
- Thank you to all who donated!





## A-Level Admissions

As part of our recent A Level admissions morning, we asked year 11 students to create vision boards inspired by their session on Resilience and Growth mindset. Thank you to Chanelle for sharing hers with us!



# Curriculum

Our Achievement tutors are busy preparing Year 12 students for their assessment in June, supporting by delivering revision techniques covering topics such as chunking, using flash cards and motivation.

Students are also excited to be back out on the basketball court as sports are up and running again. These students are enjoying a match during break time. Mr Gittings (Sport Development) is on the sidelines cheering them on!



## Vocational Curriculum in Action

One of the key benefits of all our vocational curriculum is its practicality and how our CTK specialist teachers are able to relate each aspect of the specification to a specific job or career sector.

### 'Unsolved' Young Writer's competition

We are proud to announce that Lauren Craven, one of our A-Level English students has been entered into a writing competition. Lauren had to write a 100 word crime story from her choice of perspective and it was left up to her to reveal the outcome or leave a cliff-hanger. Below you can see Lauren's entry:

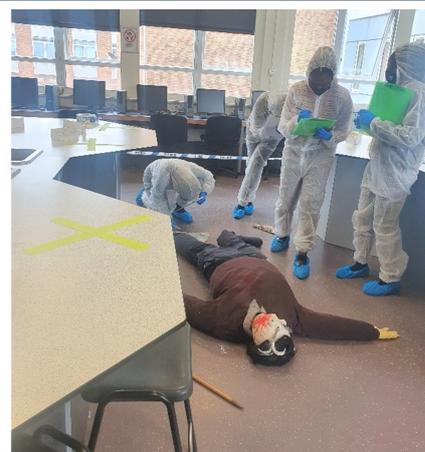
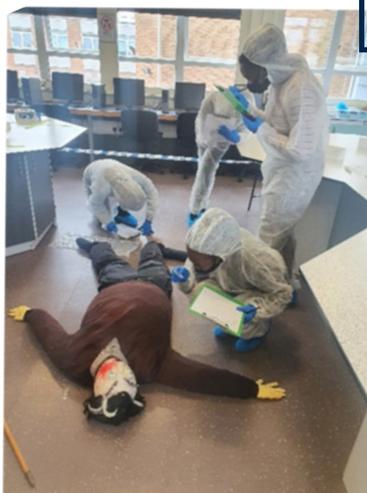
*I always hated our town's blackberries. Crushed, squeezed or smashed into a pulp. It always promised for a torrent of red, leaving nothing but bloody mess. Is that what they saw him as, someone to be crushed for one's enjoyment? His only comforting company before his death was those blackberry thorns. Our beams of blue were probably the only warmth he'd have ever received in his life. Abandoned, forgotten and broken just like his heartless, deadbeat parents. A delicate body blessed with winter's sharp embrace. His hollowed-out face haunts me with every file I open. That bramble boy remains unsolved.*



The BTEC Applied Science students staged a forensic scene of crime officers, investigating the death and possible murder of Mr Vlad Dracula (fictional character). The suspects - his butler, his builder, or his lover. As in the profession, the students were tasked to complete an initial survey, observing, sketching, and taking photographs from the scene to identify the relevant evidence before collecting and documenting it correctly.

Students conducted this practical investigation as part of the Forensic Evidence, collection, and analysis unit. According to their teacher-Mr Bennett, this unit is intended to aid in developing skills that could prepare our future forensic scientists, crime scene investigation practitioners, criminology professionals, and laboratory technicians.

**They will no doubt be future CTK professional alumni!**





## Awards

### Christ the King – Shortlisted for two National SFCA Awards

We are delighted to have been shortlisted for two National Sixth Form Awards.

The **first** award is for our outstanding Enrichment & Employability provision. Such as the 'Elevate Mentoring Programme.' This highly successful programme has been designed in Partnership with British Telcom (BT) employees which provides both knowledge and opportunities for our students. The Elevate programme has been available to CTK students since September 2019. Over 40 students each year have greatly benefited from attending the core-workshops which focus on improving their skills, knowledge and experiences for the world of work and higher education. As part of the programme each student is allocated an individual mentor to support their personal/career development through a series of mentoring sessions. This year the programme quickly adapted its approach from face to face to a virtual programme ensuring it could continue during the COVID Pandemic. This approach meant that students were able to make the most of the opportunities and it provided them with the ability to continue engaging with the programme and meeting their mentors. The **second** award is for our Community Cohesion work. All students at CTK are encouraged to take part in Social Action. So far this year we have two large appeals, our Christmas Gift Appeal and our Easter Appeal. Both of which were a huge success and provided great support and generosity to our local communities during the difficult COVID recovery times. The 'Christmas Gift Appeal' brought tremendous joy, hope and love to our CTK Community. During what had been a very difficult year students and staff were keen to help do something magical for their local community. It brought joy to those receiving the gifts and the three charities. It gave joy to students and staff involved in organising the event and provided a healing bond of hope.



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## Careers & LRC

### PwC & Urban Synergy Virtual Careers Conference



Students were able to take part recently in a virtual Careers Conference with PwC and local charity Urban Synergy. During the event students were able to learn about career pathways, discover megatrends and join speed mentoring with wide a variety of professionals.

PwC is a multinational professional services network of firms. It ranks as the second largest professional services network in the world and is considered one of the Big Four accounting firms. They offer work experience, internships, apprenticeships and graduate placements which many of our students have been able to take advantage of.

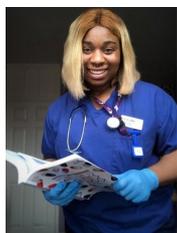
One student had the following to say *"I was extremely impressed with how conversations surrounding race and gender were not shied away from and that PwC held itself accountable and took responsibility through action to change and develop their company."*

### CV's

We are encouraging every student who is leaving us this year to have created a CV before they progress, even if they are planning on going to Higher Education. As I am sure you are aware it is always good to have a strong and up to date CV in case any future opportunities arise, in terms of employment or gaining work experience. Have you seen your son or daughters? If they have not yet created one they should reach out to the Careers Team at their site for help or to [careers@ctksfc.ac.uk](mailto:careers@ctksfc.ac.uk).



The LRC team have been helping to support a number of national and international events that have being taking place including that of **Mental Health Week** and **International Nurses Day**.



← We are proud that some of the teaching staff at CTK used to be nurses before they moved in to education and we are also delighted that many of our students go on to become nurses. One student who was a dedicated user of the LRC was Sarah Onile, she rightly commented *"not all superheroes wear a cape."*

**International Nurses Day** is celebrated around the world every May 12, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. Did you know, as well as being the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale was also a prodigious and versatile writer. In her lifetime, much of her published work was concerned with spreading medical knowledge. Some of her tracts were written in simple English so that they could easily be understood by those with poor literary skills. She was also a pioneer in data visualization with the use of infographics, effectively using graphical presentations of statistical data. Much of her writing, including her extensive work on religion and mysticism, has only been published posthumously. →





## Partnerships

### Coventry University



We are delighted to have recently made stronger links with Coventry University (CU), who now have two campuses in London. This means students do not have to leave the area if they would like to study with them.

**Campuses in Greenwich and Dagenham** -Both CU London campuses offer a range of courses taught in a progressive and flexible way that is tailored to meet students' needs. This combined with smaller class sizes, cheaper fees and students only being on campus two days a week, can make it a good option for some students. A full list of courses and further information can be found here: <https://www.coventry.ac.uk/cu/study/full-time/>

**Fair Access Scheme** - CU have also introduced a new Fair Access Scheme to help every student who may have been disadvantaged, a chance to study with them. If a student qualifies, they can receive a reduced offer of up to 24 UCAS points. Further information can be found here: <https://www.coventry.ac.uk/study-at-coventry/apply-now/fair-access-scheme/>

**New Nursing Course** - CU also have a brand-new Foundation Nursing Associate course starting September in London: <https://www.coventry.ac.uk/course-structure/ug/2021-22/diploma/nursing-associate-foundation-degree/>

### The Hill's Development Programme

We are delighted to be offering our students the opportunity to take part in The Hill's Development Programme which has been created by CTK alumnus Seye Olokede. The programme includes a number of masterclasses as well as access to long term mentoring to help make the best use of their talents. Please encourage your son/daughter to email [helo@thehillcomm.org](mailto:helo@thehillcomm.org) if they would like to take part.



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## Celebrating Our Staff TES Awards

We are delighted that Dr Jose Bravo has been [shortlisted](#) for the National TES Teacher of the year award. The event takes place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Jose teaches Chemistry and Physics at Aquinas & Emmanuel. He is a Doctor with two PhDs, the author of three patents and six-peer reviewed articles. He was recently mentioned in a Nobel Prize lecture and provides students with opportunities to take their learning outside the curriculum, through Super Curricular Clubs, including 'Design and Synthesis of Molecular Machines (2016 Nobel prize)' or lessons delivered to local school pupils in the holidays. To enable students to appreciate the synoptic nature of Science, Jose led a series of outreach talks to inspire A Level Biologists about his discovery of an HIV inhibitor and involvement in the COVID vaccine development. During COVID, Jose had a huge impact on teaching and learning across CTK's three Sixth Forms. Overnight, he became the College ambassador for remote teaching, becoming adept at using Teams in interactive and creative ways and his ability to share his enthusiasm and skills with other teachers is outstanding. Jose invested huge amounts of time and energy into developing his remote and blended learning skillset, sharing his good practice in training sessions for over 200 staff across CTK Sixth Forms. Jose's website and Youtube channel have proven popular with both students and staff. He values the importance of contributing to the wider community and has volunteered to speak on a panel of Doctors, to reassure the local community about the safety of the Covid19 vaccination. And was the first to volunteer to lead lateral testing of staff and students on site. Jose contributes to the wellbeing curriculum, recently facilitating a collaboration with charity 'One2One'.



**Remote Student Spirituality Conference 2021**- Students from all three sites enjoyed a fantastic Spirituality Conference with four superb speakers. The conference provided an opportunity in what has been a very unusual year to reflect on how we might truly live our college Moto '*Ut Vitam Habeant*', **that they might have life to the full** (John 10:10). This year Pope Francis declared 2021 the Year of St Joseph. We used the conference to honour this and to think about St Joseph and the deep/ meaningful way in which we can become happier and fulfilled people. As young people our motivations can sometimes be confused by role models that do not always encourage us to aspire to actions and behaviours that will genuinely enable us to live life to the full and to acquire the virtues that we need to do so. Students had an opportunity to reflect critically on themes central to their curriculum areas of study. Our speakers spoke about the life of St Joseph from a range of perspectives. Sister Marie-Christine, a religious sister of the international community of the Sisters of St Andrew in Belmont Hill guided us through the bible scenes in which St Joseph appeared talking about his quiet but significant presence and the meaning he can bring to our lives should we choose to study his life. Author and speaker John Pridmore shared his powerful and gripping story of how a broken childhood resulted in some poor choices, a life of crime and prison and then a phenomenal journey from gangland to promised land. Finally, we had a joint presentation from Father Paschal Uche & Father Joe Owusu-Ansah, two newly ordained priests who dared us all to dream big as they reflected on the power of dreams in the life of St Joseph. We were also blessed to have presentations from the student body; Michael gave a personal, heartfelt reflection on the message of St Joseph and his relevance to young people today. While Amy shared her story of entrepreneurial service by offering remote Maths GCSE tuition to young pupils during lockdown. Our Conference ended with a beautiful presentation from Gospel Choir Master Natalie.

