



CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORMS

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NEWSLETTER



CAMILLA CRAMPTON

This week we welcomed back students and staff for the Summer term. The students have certainly returned to the sixth form happy, refreshed and benefiting from the beautiful spring weather.

The Summer term is always a busy term. Our upper sixth students are currently working hard to prepare for their final assessments and our lower sixth students are beginning to make decisions about their next steps, with their Future Pathways event taking place next week.

We continue to work hard to support the safe return to face to face learning for students. I am very proud of how mature and responsible they have been in response to this.

I hope that you enjoy reading about the achievements of the students.

Camilla Crampton

Principal

CTK St Mary's

Easter Community Day

Students made the most of being back together for our ecology and community theme Easter Community Day this year at St Mary's. We are proud of our students who raised £431.00 for our charities Cafod, Aid the Children and Children in Need by dressing down for Community Day.



Students started the day with a small gift of chocolates – most students opted to give up their gift and chose to donate it to our charities instead. Many eggs were also sold to raise a further £32.00 for charity.

Eggs collected by our students for vulnerable children and their families through SVP in Catford and St Stephen Church Community support in Welling.

Eventually the Sixth Form minibus was used to transport all of the chocolates to its rightful homes! The box was decorated by our students also. One of the decorators said: "I enjoyed being part of working towards a great cause".



Students decorated and put up bird boxes to encourage wildlife to our site. They also planted a wild flower meadow on our beautiful grass grounds.



Getting ready to plant bulbs, one of the students commented on the experience: "I found planting the bulbs very soothing and relaxing, it gave me some time to be away from my phone which was nice for a change."

The ALS students created displays to encourage students to bring in donations of chocolate and Easter Eggs for distribution to our local charities and our local hospital Queen Mary's which is just across the road!





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.

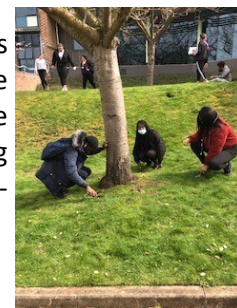


Chaplaincy Corner

During Holy Week, the students and staff reflected on the importance of growth on Community Day and enjoyed an uplifting message from the Gospel Choir. Both presentations can be viewed [here](#) and [here](#). In addition, an Easter Liturgy took place in tutor groups which can be viewed [here](#).



Here are photos of students involved in planting at the sixth forms as a way to engage with the importance of caring for our environment and protecting its diversity.



Students made the most of being back together for our ecology and community theme **Easter Community Day** this year at St Mary's. Congratulations to all the CTK students and staff who contributed to the charity appeals that took place at the end of last term. £946.87 was raised across the three sites. Donations will be forwarded to CAFOD, Aid to the Church in Need and Save the Children!

Celebrating the month of Ramadan at CTK

CTK Chaplaincy supports keeping Ramadan

- We are thinking of our students and staff who will be keeping the holy month of Ramadan at this time.
- In the words of the greeting sent by the Pontifical Council of Interreligious Dialogue to Muslims, we '**offer you our fraternal good wishes for a month rich in divine blessings and spiritual advancement. Fasting, along with prayer, almsgiving and other pious practices, brings us closer to God our Creator and to all those with whom we live and work.**





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Student success stories

A Level student of the term:

(upper) Ava Tambala
(lower) Tony Ogbemudia Iyoha

A Level most improved student of the term:

(upper) Yetunde Ajala
(lower) Heritage Osewa

Virtual Open Event

The countdown is on and our [VirtualOpenEvent](https://ctk.ac.uk/about/events/) takes place in just 1 week on 28th April 2021. If you know anybody who would like to join our ever growing community then you can send them the following link: <https://ctk.ac.uk/about/events/>



You will feel inspired, motivated and excited about your future at CTK St Mary's. Learning with like-minded, ambitious and hardworking students, you will benefit from high quality teaching in a warm, friendly setting.

Join our virtual open event to view a virtual tour, watch subject videos, take part in live presentations and Q&As with the Principal and students and view virtual taster lessons.

Book your place at www.ctkstmarys.ac.uk/openevents
We will be holding further open events throughout the year - please check our website for the latest information.

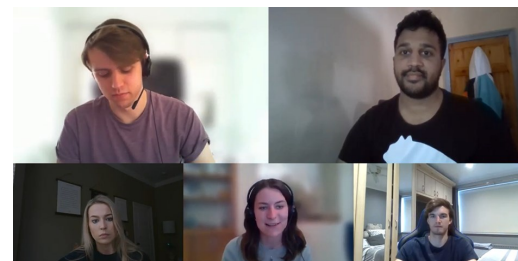
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Remote Conferences

Upper A Level students enjoyed a Remote PE Conference on Friday 19th March. Students explored key content areas with discussion to facilitate exploration of different question types to help to improve their performance in A Level PE. This was a dynamic event presented by experienced teachers, authors and examiners. Students were especially delighted by the pizza arranged by Ms Shooman-Taylor! All St Mary's students have been invited to take part in the latest **Young Writers Writing Competition - closing date 28.05.21**. The theme is crime and mystery with the title 'Unsolved' and students are to tell their story from any perspective, making sure justice is served or imagining a deathbed confession. However, all stories need to be 100 words, which is perfect for students working on developing their vocabulary! Let's hope we have students' work published, as we did last year with Temi and Hannah's entries for Survival Sagas - Mission Contamination. Many entries have already been submitted to Ms Brack from 19.04.21.

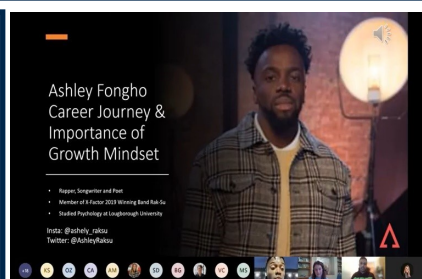
BT Elevate Event Upskills CTK students!

The 8th session of this year's BT Elevate programme saw several CTK students benefit from essential skills in preparation for the world of work. At a time where students' education and ability to engage with employers has been severely impacted due to the Covid -19 pandemic, this has been a fantastic opportunity for many of our students.



The 8th session held online was theme 'Careers & Interview Skills Workshop.' The fully packed session started with Tom Culley -the Programme Lead at CTK taking the audience through a reflection of the journey students on the programme had made this year, with the first session focused on Growth Mindset and Resilience.

Students had the fantastic opportunity to meet Ashley Fongo of the band Rak-Su, who gained national recognition when they won The X Factor in 2017. In this memorable session, Ashley shared his experience of how he and his band were successful by being resilient and having a growth mindset. Since then, the BT Elevate programme has had seven other sessions geared at developing work-related soft skills that are essential ingredients to be successful.



The last session allowed students to reflect and think about how they can utilize and apply the hard and soft skills they had learned over the year. Trevor Gomes, the BT Elevate programme leader at the end, gave his 'Top Tips' habits for success and the programs closed with a thank you message to all the participants, guest speakers over the year, mentors and students.

Online Revision

There will also be an Online Psychology Revision Conference for St Mary's and Emmanuel upper sixth students taking place on Thursday 22nd April. Cara Flanagan, author of Early Socialisation: Sociability and Attachment and Ethical Issues and Guidelines in Psychology as well as many A level Psychology revision guides will be speaking to students.



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Earth Day



22 April

The LRC teams were delighted to create and share some wonderful resources with our students for Earth Day. Did you know Earth Day is the annual event dedicated to raising awareness about the various environmental challenges that face our planet? It has been celebrated every year since 1970. It is co-ordinated by the Earth Day Network and 193 countries around the world have their own version of celebrations. It is thought to be the largest secular observance in the world.

Each year, Earth Day has a variety of themes, signifying a new focus on a particular environmental concern. People across the world get involved in activities such as planting trees, picking up litter, measuring pollution levels, taking part in media campaigns, lobbying their governments, and holding street rallies and marches. Below you can see our own students and teachers recently planting some trees.



Find out more for yourself by clicking on this link [Earth Day](#)

Careers & LRC

St Mary's students have been busy applying for Widening Participation programmes to help them prepare for Higher Education (HE). Students have been successful in gaining places with, to name but a few:

- Realising Opportunities, involving several Russell Group and other top universities
- Goldsmiths Progression Scheme/University of Bristol Brightside Mentoring Programme
- Social Mobility Foundation
- Imperial College Maker Challenge
- Access to Sussex Post-16 Programme at the University of Sussex.



Several students have also been proactive in applying for Virtual Work Experience through websites such as Speakers for Schools and Springpod. This has included placements with: Johnson Matthey, Man Group, Willmot Dixon Construction, Spotify, Ofcom and Anglian Water. It is great that students are taking up these opportunities to gain valuable transferable skills and experience to help them with university applications, academic study and future employment.



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Invest Africa's CEO talks with CTK



We were also delighted that students were able to join a talk by Veronica Bolton-Smith, who spoke about her career journey after studying Politics and International Relations at the University of Hull.

After graduating, she returned to London to work as a House of Commons Researcher. She worked for John Bercow, who, at that time, was Shadow Minister for International Development and later went on to become the Speaker of the House. She progressed to working as a Researcher in the House of Lords, then decided to move to the Civil Service, where she joined the Department for International Development (DFID), specialising in aid, development, and trade projects in Africa. Whilst this was great experience, Veronica became frustrated with the slow pace at which projects moved once a decision had been made about funding, so she took the opportunity to move into the private sector to a not-for-profit organisation set up by Baroness Chalker. Veronica continues to work on projects in Africa and has travelled to Togo and Angola, as well as Mauritius, bringing together UK investors, particularly asset managers, with opportunities to set up businesses with local partners, focusing on longer-term trade, rather than short-term aid. It was an inspiring talk with some valuable messages about not being afraid to break away from the crowd, being brave enough to try something new, but also, in your career decisions, remaining true to your core values and principles.