



CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORMS

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NEWSLETTER



SIMON SPEARMAN

Welcome to the latest edition of our parent newsletter. We are going into the second week back after half term and what a busy few weeks it's been!

Over the half term we were ever busy with preparations for our Virtual Open Event which takes place on Saturday 21st November!

For more info visit: <https://www.ctk.ac.uk/about/events/>

We look forward to our next newsletter where we can update you with events taking place in the coming days and weeks but for now we hope you enjoy reading a summary of the of the sixth forms recent engagements .

Simon Spearman
Deputy Principal
CTK Emmanuel

EXTERNAL SPEAKER PROGRAMME

MAGDALENE ADENAIKE



CTK students at St Mary's and Emmanuel were treated to an inspirational virtual talk from Magdalene Adenaike as part of the External Speaker Programme. Magdalene is the founder and CEO of the Music Relief Foundation a charitable organisation set up in 2011 to help young people aged 11-25 channel their creativity and help build their confidence through workshops and after school and holiday activities. Magdalene was very open with the students about her background of becoming a mother when she was a teenager, how this was not the vision her parents had for her coming from a traditional Nigerian family immigrating to the UK and how she felt it brought shame to her family, community and church but she did not let this stop her passion. She shared how she had always been passionate about singing in church and how she was very shy when she was younger but singing

brought out her confidence. She wanted to combine her hobby of singing with her experience of struggling as a young mum to help other young people so she had the idea of setting up her own organisation. She explained the importance of networking to help make her charity into a viable business and how you would need to have drive and determination and be disciplined in order to succeed in setting up your own business. It was clear from the way she spoke about her passion for singing and song writing that she really does love what she does and that singing keeps her going strong which alongside her resilience and drive has seen her through the challenges of a lack of support from her family and the financial implications of setting up a business.

TYRELLE MCLEOD-BENTLEY



CTK students at Emmanuel were delighted to have Tyrelle McLeod-Bentley the co-founder of Soccer Assist virtually talk to them this week about his sports scholarship programme. Tyrelle explained to students that as someone who has interests and experience in sports and playing soccer, he has had to demonstrate a versatile skillset that has helped him to excel at roles on and off the pitch. After he studied his BTEC level 3 in sports Tyrelle himself took part in a soccer scholarship programme starting at a college in Seattle then transferring to a bigger college in West Virginia. He shared his first-hand experience of living in the USA and playing soccer at college under a scholarship programme which he has since gone on to organise himself with his programme Soccer Assist.



He explained to the students the process and that the programme is open to people aged 15-23 years old, what the entry requirements are and how to apply for the programme. He talked about the great support Soccer Assist offer along your journey through applying, creating a show reel and how the journey continues once you start your scholarship at an American college. The students including Miss Brown's Sports class who watched

the talk as part of their lessons asked some great questions about Tyrelle's experience going through the scheme himself and whether they can go over to the USA under a scholarship to play other sports apart from soccer. Tyrelle explained how at Soccer Assist they specialise in supporting young people passionate about playing soccer but that there are scholarship programmes out there for other sports if students were interested.



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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

At the end of this week, the Church celebrates the last Sunday of its liturgical calendar known as the feast day of Christ the King, which is also the collective name of our sixth forms. This royal title recalls the belief in the authority and status of Jesus as a just and kindly ruler. His power is not demonstrated by force, but through humble loving service. Jesus came to set captives free and bring fullness of life in this world and the next. This good news underpins our values, giving a positive motivational stance in the way we create community, and a sense of togetherness amongst students and staff. The Jesus who came for the poor and marginalised is a firm reminder that we are called to support the neediest amongst us first, as well as challenging the strong to selfless action. May Christ the King transform our hearts and minds to always seek the good in our lives, and for all those who need to hear and know His good news of hope and salvation. Finally, in this month of November, we have been recalling our loved ones who have died, commending them to an eternal rest in the loving presence of God: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

A Book of Remembrance has been made available in the chapel for students and staff to write the name of loved ones who have died. They are included in the daily chapel prayers.



Student Eco reps with the support of the Chaplaincy team undertook an environmental survey of the sixth form to measure its 'green' credentials and identify any areas for improvement, displayed on an Eco board.





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Uniforms For Performing Arts



New uniforms arrived for our Performing Arts students at Emmanuel who look very smart and professional! [#bethebestyoucanbe](#) [#besmartworksmart](#)



Internal Speaker

Due to a guest cancellation this week's External Speaker Programme session was delivered by our very own CTK staff member Mr David Pearson who previously worked in the retail sector. Mr Pearson who is now the Director of Wider Learning, Careers and Partnerships, gave a Business talk on his experiences working for companies such as Lidl. The session was packed with useful Business insights and also covered Business models and interview preparation. Students that would like to watch the live recording of the session can do so by following this link <https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/67a057fb-a417-4e34-a403-170fb127a331> or email Mr Pearson for further information: d.pearson@ctksfc.ac.uk



FAST TRACK PROGRAMME ROUNDUP

Everyone needs to be aware of the career opportunities available to them in the future and how to best take advantage of them. To support this, the October half term saw the launch of the annual CTK Fast Track Programme. As in previous years, the programme involved almost 100 students from all three CTK sites coming together for a day's training. However, unlike past years when this would happen in person, this year it all took place online via Teams.



The morning session involved two CTK alumni. The first talk was led by CTK alumnus Jason Ochere (Associate Partner at Maitland and Councillor, London Borough of Southwark) about his own experiences and how students can 'Develop a professional work ethic.' The second talk was led by CTK alumnus Trevor Gomes (Digital Analytics Professional at BT, FA Four Nations Partnership Ambassador for BT and Director of ELEVATE) who 'Introduced the Elevate Programme' which is a skills development and mentoring programme aiming to equip young people with the skills, knowledge and experiences required for the world of work and higher education.

The afternoon session involved alumnus Seye Olokede (Project Manager and Consultant) about 'What it takes to be a Success and Introduction to LinkedIn'. The final talk was by Pavita Cooper (Founder and Director of More Difference a talent and career insight business that works with organisations and individuals to accelerate talent). Pavita is recognised as a leading talent and diversity expert and has acted as an advisor to CEOs, executive teams and business leaders across multiple sectors.

Feedback from students, alumni and guest speakers was that the training was hugely beneficial and will have a positive impact on our students' career aspirations and goals.



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The LRC Remembers



The items which are currently on display in the LRC regarding both Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day show the reason for wearing the poppies and some well known celebrities wearing them too.



“Remembrance does not glorify war and its symbol, the red poppy is a sign of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future.”



Armistice Day 11th November 2020

Armistice Day, also known as Remembrance Day, is commemorated every year on the 11th of November to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France at 5:45 am, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning—the “eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month” of 1918.



Armistice celebration outside Buckingham Palace

UCAS DEADLINE WEEK

It was wrapping up week for our hopeful Emmanuel students finalising their UCAS applications for University:



Future Law student Deborah sent off her UCAS application to hopefully study History and Politics at the University of Cambridge.

Future Psychology student Lorena sent off her UCAS application to hopefully study Psychological and Behavioural Sciences at the University of Cambridge.



Future Physics student Harry sent off his UCAS application to hopefully study Physics at the University of Oxford.

#FutureUniGeneration

Ex CTK Student Virtual Q&A

On Thursday 8th October CTK Alumni Montel Douglas hosted a Virtual Q&A for CTK Emmanuel's Performing Arts Students.



Montel was a student at Christ the King 6 years ago, studying A Levels in Performance Studies, Maths and Business. He then went on to train at St Mary's Twickenham completing his BA Hons Degree. Mrs Haylock, Co-ordinator of Performing Arts (and his inspiration to go to drama school so he says!) attended Montel's final year showcase where he was approached by a casting agent and hasn't looked back since.