



**SIMON SPEARMAN**

As we come to the end of a busy term and prepare for Christmas it is important we reflect on the wonderful work and resilience shown by our students and staff this term. There is a great deal for us to be positive about especially the wider contributions our students have made to the sixth form. At this special time of year for CTK, our students and staff are currently preparing to send donations to local charities, reminding us what a wonderful community Christ the King sixth forms is and the great things our students are capable of. I hope that you and your families enjoy a blessed and restful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

I would like to leave you with a Christmas blessing from CTK Emmanuel.

In Christ Alone – Merry Christmas!

“May a Christmas star shine into your heart and burn in your spirit bright may Jesus' peace bless you and bring true joy to you tonight.”  
 “May Christ's peace and hope be with your family now and in the days ahead, may His love warm your hearts may He give you a spirit of wisdom.”

Simon Spearman

Deputy Principal

CTK Emmanuel



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## Christmas Gift Appeal



**£2,035** raised of £1,000 target

58 donors 28 shares 49 followers



Tanya Roots  
£20 • 23 hours ago

Gloria Fernando  
£30 • a day ago

# Christmas Gift Appeal

As you may know, CTK has teamed up with EKC (East Kent Colleges) Group this year to raise money and donate gifts for three chosen charities. Here is an update on how our Christmas Gift Appeal is progressing.

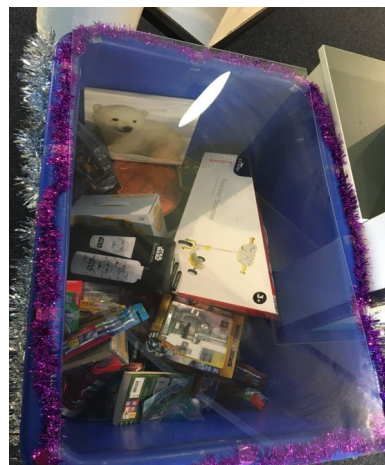
Our joint venture with EKC Group has so far proudly seen over £2000 being raised for charities which will go directly towards the support and care of young people and disadvantaged families.



We've even managed to get some local supermarkets involved with the likes of Co op and Iceland both coming together to show their support in setting up gift donation points within their stores.



Our gift drop boxes on site are also filling up fast !



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all that have supported our gift appeal so far. All donations made will be going towards a person in need, what a wonderful way to brighten someone's Christmas!



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Remember, if you would like to get involved, you can visit our website [ctk.ac.uk](http://ctk.ac.uk) for guidelines on gift donations, or simply add to our fundraiser by visiting [gf.me/u/y7jrna](http://gf.me/u/y7jrna)



**Demelza**  
Hospice Care for Children



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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.*

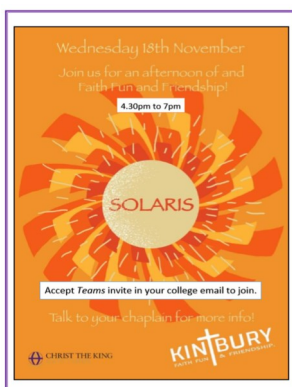
*Shine your Light into our lives that we may become brighter beacons of faith, hope and love in our community.*

*We make this prayer through Christ the Lord.*

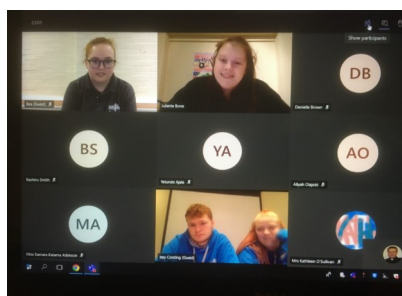
Amen.



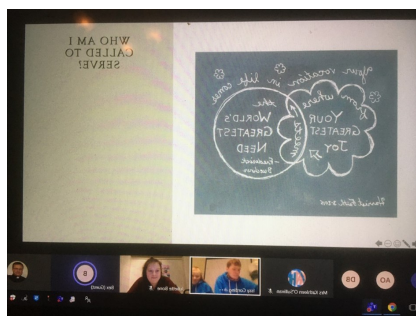
## Chaplaincy Corner



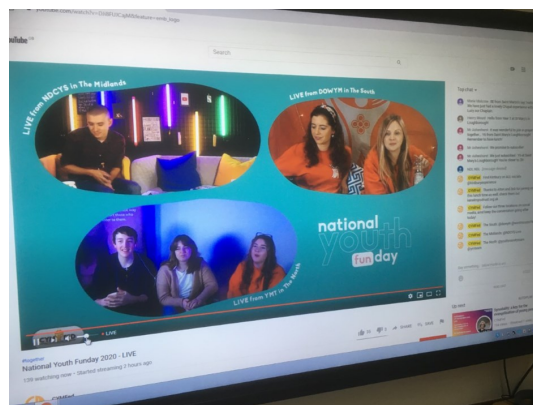
During CTK Week, students and chaplains across the three sites joined a virtual retreat for a few hours on Wednesday evening, led by the Youth Team of St Cassian's Kintbury Retreat Centre. The programme consisted of presentations on personal and spiritual development, combined with opportunities to share in quizzes, discussions and prayer. The students valued the experience to share and be uplifted spiritually. More occasions for retreat are planned for later in the year.



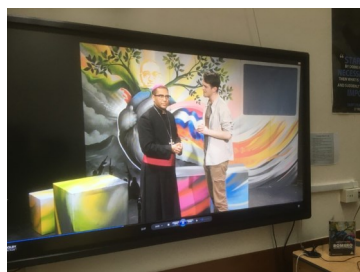
The Solaris Virtual Retreat taking place via Teams.



## A look at the events of CTK Week



Also during CTK Week, the National Youth FunDay YouTube Live Event was on display in the Chaplaincy. The whole day event was organised by the Nottingham Diocese Youth Team. They brought together, virtually, hundreds of Catholic schools and colleges across the country. The aim was to explore the theme: 'Together'. It gave young people a chance to reflect, pray and be inspired by others in preparation for the feast day of Christ the King last Sunday.



A film on Oscar Romero was shown in the Chaplaincy. It is a production written by Rise Theatre Company called 'Romero', telling the story of Archbishop Romero, his stand against injustice and his subsequent murder at the hands of government forces. He is considered a Saint of the Poor, because he was martyred for his faith and speaking out in support of the poorest in his country.





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## Advent

In this second week of the Advent season, when we join in remembrance with Christians around the world waiting in hopeful prayer and anticipation for the coming of Christ at Christmas, our sixth forms continue to be places of encouragement and growth.

Responding to the call of the prophet Isaiah to 'Prepare a way for the Lord' making 'straight a highway for our God', our staff and students daily engage in a process that at times is quite challenging. Like all of us who may resist opportunities for change, Advent gives us a spiritual moment to set right the habits and activities we do, that draw us away from God and others.

Life is short and each day is a blessing. May this Advent season be a time for reflection, reconciliation and restoration. May Advent draw us out towards nurturing and caring for others in a new way.

May Advent grace be ours.

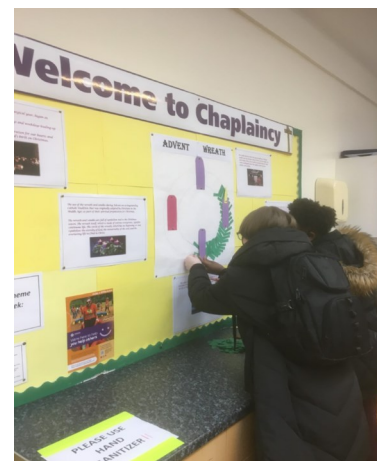


## Chaplaincy Corner



Students decorating the Chaplaincy Christmas tree!

Here, students are adding their messages of gratitude to make the green foliage of the Chaplaincy wreath display



The lighting of the first candle to mark the start of Advent



As part of the Eco Committee's work, here are some bird boxes made by a member of staff. The boxes will be accompanied by a bird bath that a student has bought with his Jack Petchey Award money.

## CTK Eco Reps at work



Here, are our Eco Reps selling bees that have been knitted by the Diamond Club members in Catford. The money that is collected will go to the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.



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## In the News this Week

### CTK Maths Week

#### Maths Week at CTK Does it add up?

A Math Poem

$$\frac{12 + 144 + 20 + 3 \cdot 4^2}{7} + 5 \cdot 11 = 9^2 + 0$$

A dozen, a gross, and a score,  
Plus three times the square root of four,  
Divided by seven,  
Plus five times eleven,  
Equals nine squared and not a bit more

-John Saxon

Another Maths Week at CTK saw students in their tutorials encouraged to consider how Maths affects their everyday lives and how having a good understanding of Maths can even help them to understand things like the London Living Wage and the Gender Pay Gap.

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## EDUCATE

A brand new initiative where students can share films/TV shows/books with other students which feature positive representations of Black, Asian or minority groups or highlight relevant topics surrounding diversity.

Email: [sosman@ctksfc.ac.uk](mailto:sosman@ctksfc.ac.uk) or [roctave@ctksfc.ac.uk](mailto:roctave@ctksfc.ac.uk) to make your suggestions, the best suggestions will be displayed in the LRC.

This week's suggestion for media titles comes from CTK student Sarah, suggesting the novel:

"Kehinde"

by Buchi Emecheta.

## CTK EMMANUEL THIS WEEK

### ESP

The External Speaker Programme hosted three talented speakers last week, giving talks on a range of subjects from Economics to HR.



Christ the King Sixth Forms were pleased to have Gianluigi Vernasca (Economics Professor) and Jackie Wong (Maths Lecturer), from Essex University speak to students interested in studying Maths & Economics at degree level. Both speakers laid out the benefits of their respective courses, outlining the structure students could expect to follow, before leading into the exciting career prospects a Maths or Economics degree can offer graduates. They then took the time to answer questions on what makes a prospective undergraduate's UCAS submission stand out to university recruiters and what grades a student would have to achieve to be offered a place by the university ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the UK for economics (Guardian University Guide 2020).



### Areas within HR

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| Performance and reward          | Work out how much to pay and reward employees |
| Employment law                  | Protect the rights of employees               |
| Employee relations              | Manage relationships and keep the peace       |
| Recruitment and talent planning | Get the right people in the right jobs        |
| Employee engagement             | Make sure employees are happy and motivated   |
| Learning and development        | Help employees learn and develop              |
| Organisation development        | Make the organisation more effective          |
| HR generalist                   | Do a mixture of all of the above!             |

CIPD

Maggie Reid was another welcome guest last week is a highly experienced HR consultant, who also supports the college as a volunteer member of the local Partnership Advisory Board. Maggie gave an informative talk, explaining the main responsibilities working within HR entails, and the key skills great HR professionals require, before moving on to explain several compelling reasons to work in HR. She then outlined the many options anyone aspiring for a career in HR could take to achieve success in the profession, from apprenticeships to qualifications/ degrees, as well as information on graduate training schemes.

Lastly, CTK welcomed Tony Barber, who explained how he designs and constructs oil and gas pipelines, and his role as an ambassador for the 'Bloodhound' supersonic car project this week. Tony drew on decades of industry experience to offer detailed explanations for various engineering careers, as well as examples of the projects aspiring engineers could one day work on by covering some of the UK's most familiar structures.

