



CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORMS

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NEWSLETTER



SIMON SPEARMAN

We are delighted to be back on-site, with staff and students clearly pleased to be back and working face-to-face. We have completed our LFT test and both students and staff are now able to self-test with the home-test kit, which again is great news for keeping our community as safe as we can. This week students met with the mayor of Lewisham, this was an interesting event and the students represented CTK brilliantly! This week we have our annual CTK Careers Day – after being forced to postpone last year's event due to the March 2020 lockdown, we are really excited that this year's remote Careers Day has both the lower and the upper students participating – it promises to be a great event!

Simon Spearman

Principal

CTK Emmanuel

Durham School Student of the Month



George Garnett-O, CTK Emmanuel Engineering student.

George has a serious attitude towards his learning. Always ready and on time for engineering lessons. Being very respectful of his teachers and peers, George shows great enthusiasm during lessons.

George has the courage to raise his hand and ask questions when he is stuck. He is always ready for a challenge and does not give up easily when facing up harder questions, especially in Maths. He is very competent and produces some exceptional

work for his assignments. George is always attentive to instructions and he normally gets to finish his tasks earlier compared to his peers. He is constantly praised during departmental meetings. George said "I liked the engineering course at CTK Emmanuel best as I felt it would give me wider opportunities in the future to pursue my goals."

In the Curriculum The science students have registered for World Water Day event - "We Are UK Water" - which is a live event on Monday 22 March 2021. It will be hosted by We Are UK Water with presenters Anna Killen, Education Officer at Northern Ireland Water, and Greg Baker, Education Executive at Thames Water. This year's theme is "Valuing Water" and as part of "We Are UK Water", we will take part in Thames Water "Indirect Water: Menu Challenge".

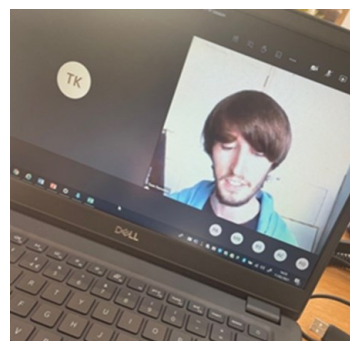


The BTEC Performing Arts Students were fortunate enough to meet Sean Ramsden, an up and coming screen and script writer and director. His most recent project, Blitz Spirit has been studied by the students as they prepare to embark on their own script writing tasks as part of their course. Sean recently graduated from Ravensbourne University after studying Digital Film Production for 3 years and also studying Media in his Pre-Foundation and Foundation years. Blitz Spirit has been screened on TV on London Live and also received festival selections.

In the Q&A, Sean spoke about his inspirations behind writing



the script as well as how to start writing dialogue. He also gave some hints and tips to make a successful screen performance work. After the session the students said how useful it was to hear from someone in the industry and his experiences of bringing his ideas to life.





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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



CAFOD Lent stations of the Cross

During Lent the Chaplaincy team have recited the CAFOD Stations of the Cross as a way of being in solidarity with the vulnerable poor in our world today, in-

cluding supporting CAFOD's work and as a devotional practice that joins our sufferings with those of Jesus Christ. By this form of reflection and prayer, much strength, insight and consolation is gained, giving participants a fresh perspective on how our difficulties can have some meaning. The video link is available to view here: [Stations Of The Cross \(With Cafod\)](#)

Weekly Remote Mass in Lent

Chaplaincy reps have been facilitating the singing, readings and prayers during the weekly Lent remote Masses with Fr Patrice at St Mary Magdalene RC Church in Brockley. Prayer intentions are brought forward that have included praying for those in need, bereaved and requiring special mention in these challenging times.

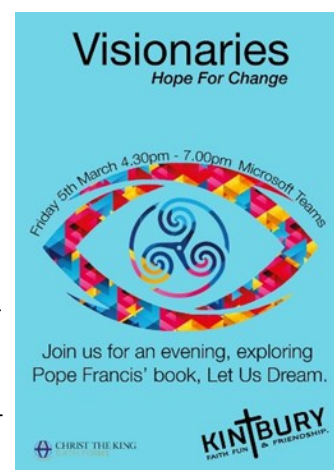


Lent Virtual Student Retreat

The Youth team of St Cassian's centre, Kintbury, led a virtual Lent retreat for our students called *Visionaries – hope for change*. The theme was based on Pope Francis' new book 'Let us Dream', in which he invites young people to join "a movement of people who know we need each other, who have a sense of responsibility to others and to the world". The St Cas-



sian's team skillfully led the young people using quizzes, presentations, reflections and prayers, that enables them to dream of a better world that they can create and motivate others to do the same.





LRC

The LRC Teams were delighted to see students back onsite and have updated many of their displays for students to find out more about the Coronavirus Vaccine as well as all the good work that the NHS has been doing.



Some of the keys display included NASA's Perseverance Mars Rover Mission, UK trade with EU plunging after Brexit and Women's safety: Smartphone tips shared online.



The LRC teams were also delighted to celebrate St Patrick's day which took place on Wednesday 17th March. Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick, is a cultural and religious celebration held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick, the foremost patron saint of Ireland.



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Partnerships



Virtual Careers Conference 2021

We are delighted that this year's Careers Day will take place virtually for our students on Thursday 18th March.

The virtual cross-site event comprised of a variety of university and career based talks as well as a large-scale exhibition carousel. The day provided a fantastic opportunity for our Level 3 students to start thinking about their future and to explore their options. As in previous years, a Level 1 & 2 Careers Conference was also held which offered specific support to students currently studying a BTEC Level 1 or 2 course.

Students prepared for the Conference by reviewing the Electronic Workbooks with their tutors and teachers which highlighted all the different talks they could take part in, thus ensuring their time spent at the Conference was focused and productive.

Over 60 external organisations supported the Conference by either taking part in the exhibition or providing speakers for the talks. Many of the participants were returning, having attended the event in previous years. The programme of talks included sessions on a wide range of careers from Medicine and the NHS to entrepreneurship, journalism, engineering, banking and many more.



We were delighted that our students were able to help facilitate online Student Q & A sessions between both A Level and BTEC students with both St Ursula's Convent Secondary School and Addey & Stanhope School in the last couple of weeks. Whilst we all wish we could do it in person it is great to see how our students have been able to help students in lower years from local schools.



Don't forget that Students can access a wide range of textbooks by clicking on this link [here](#) and using their college email address: ProQuestEbookCentral



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National Numeracy Day

We have signed up to be a National Numeracy Day Champion! Join us and help our CTK community get their number confidence on with free resources and activities.

#NationalNumeracyDay

National Numeracy Day takes place on 19 May 2021.

Sign up to become a Champion now...

https://www.nnchallenge.org.uk/?utm_source=707



About the Challenge

The Nation Numeracy Challenge is a free online assessment tool. It's designed to give you an accurate picture of your everyday Maths skills.

You start by registering and completing the Check-up, which gives you your numeracy level. It then gives you the tools to learn in manageable steps, building confidence along the way as you improve your skills with numbers. The Challenge focuses on the number skills that everyone needs to function at home and at work. These are the skills that help you manage your money, work out measurements and make sense of figures in the media.

Start practicing now before 19th May 2021.

Eco Reps



The student eco reps continue to promote recycling on all the sites as a way for caring for the environment and sustainability. Empty crisp packets have been collected onsite as part of the teracycle recycling campaign. Eco boards are now on display in the Chaplaincy areas.



Eco rep's charity fundraising

Over lockdown, the members of the Diamond Club have been knitting bees for student eco reps to sell, and raise money for the bumble bee conservation trust.

Red Nose Day

Staff and students have had an opportunity to donate to Red Nose Day by participating in a photo/art competition and bakesale on what Red Nose Day means to them. A Kahoot Red Nose Day quiz is available as an online challenge. The creative competition winner will receive a £20 Amazon voucher!

Thank you to Elisa Scottu, CTK Emmanuel student, for designing this year's poster.

