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We return to the final term of the 2021 academic year looking forward to ensuring our students complete their final assessments in readiness for collecting their results during the summer and progressing to the next part of their educational journey, be that going to university to study a degree, undertaking a degree apprenticeship or moving into the world of work.

CTK Emmanuel students will be starting to undertake work placements as the summer term moves forward. We have many placements which have been on hold because of the pandemic and we are delighted that students will start to experience the vocational subject they study in the real world.

I would like to congratulate those students who participated in e-mentoring and e-work placements over the Easter period. For example Deborah Okposio was part of the Urban Synergy e-mentoring scheme. This enabled Deborah to work with an engineering company called Springpod, giving her an insight into the different sectors which exist in engineering.

*Simon Spearman*

*Principal*

*CTK Emmanuel*



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## Virtual Events

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/>

**Engineering Careers Event**  
Wednesday 28 April 2021  
4.45pm to 5.45pm at CTK Emmanuel

Visit [ctkemmanuel.ac.uk](https://ctkemmanuel.ac.uk) to book your place

- Discover diverse engineering career routes and specialisms
- Hear from existing students and staff about their course and work placements
- Take a video tour of our state-of-the-art facilities
- Learn about our 45-day work placements with employers
- Understand the engineering study options at CTK and beyond
- Ask any questions you may have

**WHERE DO ENGINEERS WORK?**  
Engineers build skyscrapers, create robots and robotic systems, design and test mechanics, design and supervise large construction projects and invent and change ways of working in the world.

Did you know that at the big tech companies like Facebook, TikTok and YouTube are constantly recruiting engineers to keep their platforms running smoothly?

Engineers are at the forefront of the world's future, whether that means working in health and medicine as a bio engineer, in robotics or artificial intelligence, in the R&D or aviation engineering, discovering the next carbon neutral technology, working in oil or gas around the world, or joining a tech start up in cloud solutions and software.

**FAMOUS ENGINEERS** • Jeff Bezos (Amazon Founder) • Christine Koch (Tesla Senior VP) • Mark Zuckerberg (Facebook CEO) • Elon Musk (Tesla CEO) • Sir Alec Jeffreys (Geneticist) • Sir Alec Jeffreys (Geneticist)

**Engineering Careers**

- Software Engineer
- Biotech Engineer
- Chemical Engineer
- Electrical Engineer
- Structural Engineer
- Mechanical Engineer
- Civil Engineer
- Environmental Engineer
- Marine Engineer
- Oil Engineer
- Aerospace Engineer

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In addition to this we will also be holding a Virtual Engineering careers event. Again if you know anyone who wants to pursue a career in engineering but is not sure how to get there, they are welcome to join

our Engineering Careers Event on 28th April and let us guide them through the world of opportunities that a vocational course at CTK Emmanuel can lead to with this link! <https://ctkemmanuel.ac.uk/subject-events-in-spring-2021/>

Be the best you can be at CTK EMMANUEL  
a new professional centre for excellence

**VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT**  
28th APRIL 4pm - 7pm

If you are a motivated student who wants to shine and reach the top in your chosen profession, then CTK Emmanuel is the right choice to help you achieve your ambitions.

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.ctkemmanuel.ac.uk/openevents](https://www.ctkemmanuel.ac.uk/openevents)  
We will be holding further open events throughout the year - please check our website for the latest information.

Be inspired. Be extraordinary. Be the best you can be.

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BOOK YOUR PLACE ONLINE

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



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 coordinated 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. Some of our students and teachers rallied together recently to plant some trees on site.



### Student Success stories

Jessica Blower studies Level 2 Health & Social Care and has been nominated for the Jack Petchey Award by the Head of Durham School. Jessica has a positive demeanour & attitude to her studies. She's a role model for students in Durham School, demonstrating a polite, hardworking approach that is contagious & energising to peers & staff.

Amal Ahmed has been nominated for the Jack Petchey Award by the Science department. She is studying the BTEC Applied Science programme and is an outstanding student. She hopes to have a career in the field of Forensic Science. The work she is producing is of an exemplar standard. She contributes in all lessons with enthusiasm and is always supporting her fellow peers. She planted bulbs at community day to increase biodiversity and improve mental health.





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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 Holy Week, the students and staff reflected on the importance of growth on **Easter 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](#).

Below 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:



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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As part of Green Skills, the science students had the opportunity to attend a talk by Ste-

ve Backshall (MBE). He is a Conservationist, Explorer, Author and Television Presenter who you may have seen on your screen in Deadly 60 and BBC's Natural History Unit.

The talk was about how we can tackle climate change and help our planet.

The sports students attended a talk by the WBO world cruiserweight champion and author of Dare to Change Your Life, Lawrence Okolie. Harry Pine-ro discussed Lawrence's incredible journey from obesity to professional boxer. This discussion covered Lawrence's lessons for life on how young people can make their dreams a reality too.



## Online Revision

There will also be an Online Psychology Revision Conference for St Mary's and Emmanuel upper sixth students taking place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## External Speakers

As part of a series of Q&As from professionals within the Performing Arts industry, The Drama Geezers gave a virtual Q&A to the BTEC Performing Arts students to enhance their understanding of performing to an audience and writing for performance. Simon & Paul both trained as actors and performers and started The Drama Geezers last year, just before lockdown hit. They have created drama home activities for families to use as well as schools and recently had a storytelling competition which was a big hit with young people.



The Drama Geezers gave us an insight into working within the community in preparation for our very own community piece which is entitled 'Progress Now.' It was great to hear their experiences of working with lots of different age groups in the local community as well as using the age of technology to reach schools and young people across the globe in places such as Thailand.



You can have a go at some of their home drama activities through their website: <https://www.dramageezers.com> or their YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaA0bJQUOTDpZepta2t0Tg>



The term's Q&A finished on a high with ex-CTK student Danielle Moseley. Dani was a student from 2002-2004 studying Drama and Media and went on to the University of Lincoln to study Media Production. She spoke so eloquently and passionately about her experiences in the Performing Arts and Creative industry so far, such as her conversation with Ewan McGregor, which sparked her move into professional acting from a post-production media agency! Dani is now a fully fledged script and screen writer, having had pieces commissioned by local youth theatres, such as LYT (Lewisham Youth Theatre) and most recently a comedy which she has written for BBC Three. We can't wait to see it!



Finally, it was World Theatre Day on 27<sup>th</sup> March and we celebrated in style with an Emoji Quiz about theatre jobs, why theatre is important to our economy and a short video from alumnus Montel Douglas.



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## Eco Project

As part the Eco project, Mr Redman has built an Insect Hotel to encourage bio-diversity within the school grounds.



Mr Oswald has made more bird and bat boxes which will be placed in the school grounds to encourage nesting.



The wild meadow project is also progressing with Ms Sillem coordinating the digging and planting of the wild flowers.



## Careers

Emmanuel 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.



## 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.