



# Newsletter

September 2022

## Principal's Welcome

Welcome back to all of our Year 13 students returning and a very warm welcome to all our new Year 12 students and their families. I would like to wish all our former Sixth Form students all the very best as they move on to the next stage of their lives. Many students from our 21-22 cohort have decided to go to university, many of which are going to their first choice university.

The start of the new academic year is important for all students as it symbolises new beginnings. Our Year 12 students are excited about their learning on new courses and the opportunities that life in the Sixth Form brings, while Year 13 students are actively exploring and applying for various progression pathways beyond CTK.

I hope that you enjoy reading our first newsletter of this academic year seeing what we have been up to here at CTK Emmanuel.

Mr Spearman  
CTK Emmanuel Principal



## Chaplaincy Thought

We begin the new year with faith, hope and love as we seek to live out our mission to bring the life of Christ to all in our sixth form community. The Chaplaincy team consists of Deacon Elderfield at Emmanuel, Mrs O'Sullivan at Aquinas and Miss Katama at St Mary's. Together under the leadership of Mr Oladimeji, the Director of Catholic Education and Community, we work to build the Catholic ethos by providing opportunities for meeting, reflection and prayer.

Each site's Chaplaincy base consists of a Chaplaincy common room, a Chapel and multi-faith prayer room. A center for spiritual care, the team accompany students and staff by offering a listening ear, collaborating on charitable activities and organising the weekly mass and other services or celebrations throughout the year.

Last academic year included the successful Christmas toy appeals, and at Easter, the Easter egg appeal. All items donated were distributed through partners in the local communities for children and families in need. Celebrations to mark the patronal feast of Christ the King involved our students in the Gospel Choir. In support of our diverse community, we marked Eid with our Muslim community in the Chaplaincy.



Moments for special prayer included praying for the people of Ukraine, remembering the passing of students and staff and giving blessings during the exam period. Finally, opportunities for retreat included a staff away day to visit the Benedictine community of Sisters, Minster Abbey, Ramsgate.

We look forward to what the new academic year will bring us. We continue moving forward rooted in Christ the King of the Universe, trusting in His constant care and presence amongst us.

God bless you this coming academic year!

# Results Day

Almost 1000 students at Christ the King Sixth Forms (CTK) are celebrating record successes in both A Level and BTEC qualifications with another great year of results and prestigious university destinations.

Despite the challenges created by the COVID pandemic, students have shown resilience and determination to land top grades and university places.

Over 600 students at CTK studied BTEC extended qualifications (3 A Level equivalent) with a pass rate of 99% and 74% of these receiving Distinction and above. Many of these students have achieved places at highly competitive universities or gained apprenticeships or work.



**Somkelechi** | BTEC D\* / D\* / D  
Business and Management at Birmingham University

**Sheinz** | BTEC D\* / D / D Art  
University Art Camberwell London

**Daniela** | BTEC D\*/D/D Health and Social Care  
Criminology at the University of East London

**Lisandro** | BTEC D\*/D/D  
Aeronautical Engineering at the Engineering City University London

**Tony** | A\* - Maths / A - Further Maths / A\* - Physics / B - Art  
Engineering at Oxford University

**Bradley** | A\* - Chemistry / A\* - Maths / A\* - Physics  
Physics at Nottingham University

**Owen** | A - Psychology / A - Maths / B - Biology  
Psychology at Royal Holloway University

**Emmanuella** | A - Psychology / A - French / B - Maths  
Accounting & Finance at Loughborough University

**Lauren** | A - Sociology / A - Business / B - Psychology  
Accounting & Finance at Birmingham University

**Roisin** | A - Politics / A - Sociology / B - History  
Law with a year in industry at Royal Holloway University

**Amal** | BTEC D\* / D\* / D\* Applied Science  
Biomedical Science at Queen Mary's University

**Hasina** | BTEC D\* / D\* / D\*  
Midwifery at the City University of London

**Chief** | B - Physics / B - Chemistry / B - Maths (EPQ - C)  
Foundation year Mechanical Engineering at Queen Mary's University

**Heritage** | A - Maths / B - Physics / C - Graphics

**Adeola** | A - Sociology / A - Religious Studies / C - Psychology

**Lina** | BTEC D / D / D Business

**Precious** | BTEC D\* / D\* / D\* Health & Social Care



**Well done to all of our students on their fantastic results!**



## Kenneth White Award

CTK Emmanuel successfully applied for a Kenneth White Award for a small project with a focus on bees. The College has already set up of two beehives on site with a view to establishing a colony of bees and enabling students to connect with the natural world and promoting sustainability and biodiversity.

The next step is to involve more students in this project, enabling them to discover the life cycle of the bees, and their role in the wider ecosystem. The funding received will enable us to purchase six bee suits for students to wear when they are taking part in the project. We hope to encompass many areas of the curriculum with this project as it gets more established.



# Margaret Nunes Retirement



Margaret Nunes, a long-standing and much-loved member of our local Catholic community retired after 47 years of service at Christ the King Sixth Forms. As Senior Lead for ALS, Catering, Estates and Security, Margaret will be remembered by many staff, students and the wider community as a warm, happy and reassuring member of staff. Margaret worked at St Theresa's Convent School in, Lewisham for 17 years and remained on the staff when the school transformed into Christ the King Sixth Form College in 1992. Over 100 people including family, friends and staff (both present and past) attended

In a service that was led by Father Doug Ball, Executive Principal Shireen Razey thanked Margaret for her long-standing commitment to the CTK Community, saying "Margaret has served CTK since its creation in 1992. Her love for our community, our staff and our students shines brightly in all she does and is evident to everyone she meets. Margaret's legacy is woven deeply into the fabric of CTK."



## Annual Staff Conference



CTK was delighted to welcome experts from the field of technology to lead and facilitate our annual staff conference which focussed on our digital strategy and how digital working has the potential to positively impact on the way we work at CTK.

**Andrew Grill** - Futurist Speaker, Technology Trends Expert, and Strategic Board Level Advisor, **Dr Martin Compton**, SFHEA - Associate Professor (Teaching UCL), **Dr Joanna Stroud** - Head of Online Learning UCL, and **Andrew McFadyen** - FE skills senior consultant, gave a broad view of the digital world, an outline of the impact of technology and how digital ways of working can improve teaching and learning.

Staff have developed creative and innovative approaches to using technology through the pandemic and the conference provided an opportunity for them to share and develop ideas on how to benefit all members of the CTK community moving forward. The conference provided a fantastic opportunity for our staff to work with experts and take part in a range of activities and breakout sessions. We are looking forward to putting our learning and ideas into practice in the coming year.

Simon Spearman Centre Principal, CTK Emmanuel said "It was wonderful to invite technology and pedagogy experts to speak at our staff digital conference this week. We are excited by the opportunities the digital world offers our students, and we want to build our expertise, so that CTK students' progress onto university and the job market with a confidence in their digital skills that sets them apart."



## T-Levels



CTK Emmanuel has been selected to offer T Levels in Business Management & Administration, Digital Production, Design & Development, Education & Child-care, Engineering & Manufacturing and Nursing.

T Levels are a brand-new, 2-year qualification to develop the technical skills and knowledge needed to succeed in your chosen career. T Levels have been designed in partnership with businesses and employers and include a 45-day work placement as part of the course.

## Open Days

Find out more about CTK at one of our upcoming Open Events [here](#)  
9.30am – 1.00pm

**CTK Aquinas** -  
5th November  
**CTK St. Marys** -  
12th November  
**CTK Emmanuel** -  
19th November

## HRH Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022

Following the passing of HRH Queen Elizabeth II, our students have been paying tribute and signing a book of condolence.

We think of HRH Queen Elizabeth and her long period of selfless service, fulfilling her duty with excellence for 70 years. Similarly, we give thanks for King Charles III and his time to reign in these days.

# College Prayer



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.

## Eco-Schools Green Flag Award!

Christ the King has earned an international accreditation recognising their amazing work in making their college more environmentally friendly and raising eco-awareness.

The work led by Alison Murphy, Assistant Principal with strategic responsibility for environment and sustainability, involved students in conducting an environmental review, assessing the college's recycling practices, energy usage, and how environmental themes are covered in classrooms. Building on their findings, the students planned a year of activities to improve the colleges green credentials focusing on clean water, bio-diversity and school grounds. Eco-Schools is an international education programme that involves young people in taking action to improve sustainability and climate change.



The Award was also supported by Thames Water who provided teacher training and funds towards the application process.

Students completed their planned activities including recording and publishing our carbon emissions data quarterly, boiler replacement, with educational talks for our learners and SMART water visits from Thames Water that enabled us to save 11,700 litres of water a day.

Students also continued with environmental initiatives to increase biodiversity, creating a wild meadow, planting to increase habitats for pollinators and foragers, maintaining our living roof system, and installation of bat boxes, nest boxes and insect houses.



At the Emmanuel site students established a small apiary and next year we will run a project with the students called the 'Wonder of Bees'. Students also created a community garden and our Gardening Club run "sensory sessions" for our students and our local nursery school.

The College works closely with the Lewisham Biodiversity Board who also supported us.

## IKEA x Lets Go Zero Competition

This Summer IKEA partnered with Let's Go Zero to run an exciting competition for students and teachers across the UK to send in their creative ideas to help make their school or college more sustainable and tackle climate change.

CTK Emmanuel was one of only 4 winners chosen from 100 entrants and the only further education provider to win a prize. We will receive IKEA products, solutions and funds to help bring our project vision and ideas to life.

The students formed an environmental group, environmental strategy and action plan to share their ideas to help embed sustainability within the college. Their key aim for this project is to develop a fantastic new eco-hub to embed education for sustainability for our students and the wider community.

IKEA will help them transform one of their small buildings into a dedicated space for their eco work, from hands-on learning and study to planning community activities. This unique space will come complete with movable furniture that can take their eco learning from indoor to outdoor and back again as needed, as pupils delve deeper into these important topics. Their new IKEA eco-hub means they'll not only be able to take the teaching of sustainability even further but they can also create a wonderful working and engagement space for their local community and local schools. It will help more families access opportunities to build their skills and knowledge around sustainability through workshops and other activities, boosting their curiosity, wonder and appreciation of the natural world.