



CTK St Mary's Newsletter April 2025

Principal's Welcome



Dear All,

We warmly welcome everyone back to the Summer Term and hope you had a blessed and restful Easter.

It is with a heavy heart that we acknowledge the passing of Pope Francis. His legacy of hope and peace will continue to inspire us as we strive to be pilgrims of hope in this world. We are deeply saddened by his loss, but we remain committed to carrying forward his vision.

Our participation in **The Big Lent Walk** was a testament to our commitment to supporting CAFOD. The event began at **St George's Cathedral, Southwark**, where we walked through the Holy Doors, symbolising our journey of faith and solidarity. We also concluded last term with a vibrant Community Day, where students and staff offered further donations and donned cultural attire to celebrate the rich diversity of Christ The King, highlighting the unity and inclusiveness that define our school. We are thrilled to announce that we have raised over **£1300** for CAFOD.

In addition, we successfully collected and donated over 1200 Easter eggs to give to our chosen charities, Demelza and SVP, to support families during the Easter period. This act of

kindness brought joy to many and showcased the generosity and compassion of our community.

At our recent INSET Day, teaching staff engaged in skills development opportunities by spending the day with employers, universities, and organisations. Examples of these visits included HSBC, where staff explored the skills needed in data analytics; Microsoft, where the importance of soft skills and succession planning was discussed; and the BBC, where the organisation highlighted a literacy gap among new recruits. These teacher encounter days form part of our work towards the Accountability Agreement and addressing Skills Needs, helping to ensure our students are well-equipped, prepared, and ready for the skills required in industry and their future careers. If you or your organisation would like to support our skills agenda and work in partnership with us, please get in touch by emailing enquiries@ctksfc.ac.uk.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Together, we will continue to make a positive impact and uphold the values that make Christ the King a truly special place.

Best regards,

Ms Crampton

CTK St Mary's Principal

Let us Pray:

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the life and service of Pope Francis, your faithful shepherd and servant of peace. You called him to lead with humility, wisdom, and compassion, to be a voice for the voiceless and a light in times of darkness.

As we mourn his passing, we entrust him to your eternal care. May he rest in the peace of Christ, and may his example of love, mercy, and justice continue to inspire us all.

Comfort those who grieve, and guide your Church with hope and unity in the days ahead.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

Amen.

Chaplaincy Thought



In memoriam: Pope Francis

It is with deep sorrow that we join the global Catholic community in mourning the death of Pope Francis, the 266th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church.

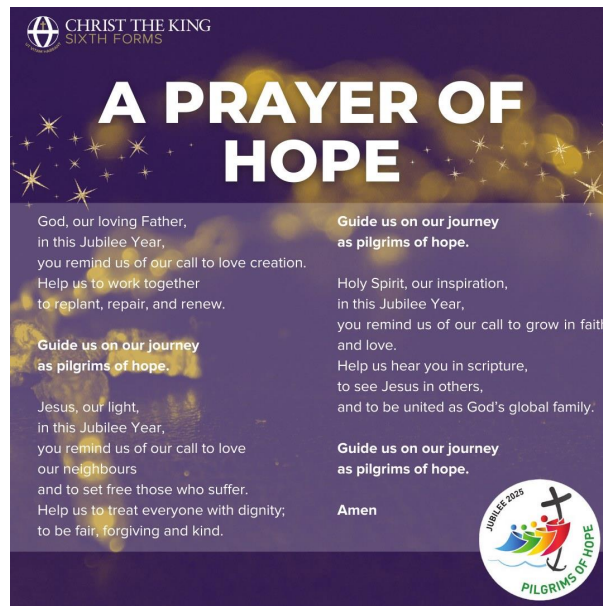
A man of humility, compassion, and unwavering commitment to justice and peace, Pope Francis inspired millions around the world through his words and actions. His legacy will continue to shape the Church and guide us in our mission as a Catholic Sixth Form College rooted in faith, service, and community.

We invite our students, staff, and wider community to keep Pope Francis in their prayers.

"Let us pray for one another. Let us make a place in our hearts for one another."

— Pope Francis





Wider Curriculum, Trips & Enrichment Activities

CTK Sports Day

Our CTK Sports Day was a day filled with energy, enthusiasm, and incredible sportsmanship from all our students!

A huge congratulations to CTK Emmanuel for coming out on top in the badminton competition. Your skills and determination were truly impressive!

However, the overall champions of the day were CTK Aquinas! The outstanding performances across various events led to a well-deserved victory.

We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated and made the day so special. Your dedication and spirit exemplify the true essence of our community.

Well done to all, and we look forward to more exciting events in the future!



MEI FE Maths Challenge

Celebrating the achievement of our amazing students for completing the MEI FE Maths Challenge!

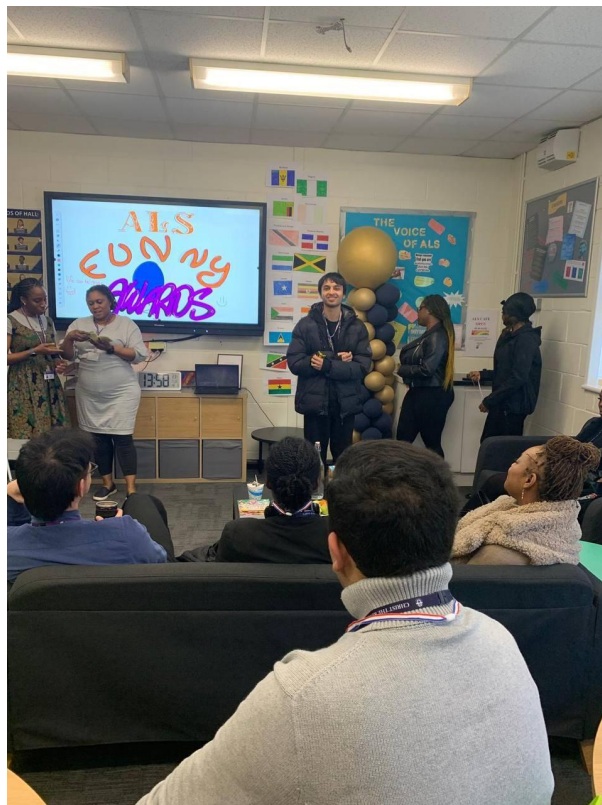
Well done for your hard work, your diligence and making Christ The King proud.



Celebrating Excellence at the ALS Awards Ceremonies

We are proud to announce that both our students and staff have been recognised for their outstanding achievements at the ALS Awards Ceremonies held at CTK St Mary's!

This event highlights the dedication, hard work, and excellence within our community. Congratulations to all the award winners for their remarkable accomplishments!





Basketball Tournament Success!

We are thrilled to share the highlights from our recent basketball tournament. Congratulations to St Mary's for winning the tournament! The event was well contested and played in great spirit, showcasing the true essence of sportsmanship. All participating students should be incredibly proud of their efforts.

A special shout out to Rockefeller for their outstanding performance in the finals, earning the MVP award. Well done to everyone involved!



Business Students Shine at Industry Insight Day at MFS Investment Bank

On a recent visit to MFS Investment Bank in London, our business students had the opportunity to gain some valuable knowledge. The students listened attentively to the

presentations, showcasing their keen interest and dedication to learning. Dressed impeccably, they truly looked the part of future investment bankers. Their professionalism and enthusiasm were evident throughout the day, leaving a lasting impression on the hosts at MFS Investment Bank.



Community and Social Action

Celebrating Diversity on Community Day

As the last day of school before the Easter break, our Community Day was a vibrant celebration of cultural diversity. Students and staff arrived in their beautiful cultural attire, adding a colourful and festive atmosphere to the day and offering donations for charity. Each student received an Easter egg, a sweet token of the holiday spirit.

The day was packed with exciting activities, including face painting, henna art, a fashion show, a film festival, and mesmerising cultural dances. These activities not only entertained but also educated everyone about the rich tapestry of cultures represented in our school community.

It was a day filled with joy, learning, and togetherness, perfectly capturing the essence of our diverse and inclusive school environment.









CTK's Big Lent Walk

This month, students and staff from Christ the King took part in The Big Lent Walk to support **CAFOD** and **SCIAF**. The event began at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, where participants walked through the Holy Doors, symbolising a journey of prayer and reconciliation. This pilgrimage is a powerful reminder of Jesus' words in John 10:9: *"I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture."*

The walk was blessed by Cathedral Dean, Canon Michael Branch, adding a special spiritual significance to the event. The participants were united in their mission to raise funds for charity, demonstrating their commitment to making a positive impact in the community.

Christ the King Sixth Forms is proud of the dedication and enthusiasm shown by our students and staff. Their efforts not only support a worthy cause but also embody the values of faith and service that are central to our institution.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated and contributed to this meaningful event.













Celebrating the Success of Our Easter Appeal

We are thrilled to share the incredible success of our Easter appeal!

Thanks to the generosity of our students, staff, and members of the community, we collected over 1200 Easter eggs. These donations have been distributed to our chosen charities, Demelza and SVP, bringing joy to many during the Easter season.

Both Demelza and SVP have expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the overwhelming support. Your contributions have made a significant impact, providing much-needed cheer and support to those in need.

We are immensely proud of our community's spirit and kindness. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this appeal a resounding success. Together, we have made a difference!



Governance

Do you know anyone interested in supporting our Governing Body? We are currently looking for new members to join our Board!

Our Governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and expertise but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education and outcomes for our students. The work of the Governing Body is essential for the effectiveness and success of CTK and being a member provides an extremely rewarding and fulfilling role. It is also of the utmost importance that our Governors fully support our Catholic ethos and mission.

Being a Governor can develop an individual's personal skills and provide a sense of achievement; at CTK a full induction and continued training programme is offered.

Having prior knowledge of the education sector is not a requirement, we welcome people from all backgrounds who are interested in being part of a friendly team, striving to provide an overall excellent experience for our students.

For further information please see below, and if you or anyone you know would be interested in applying for either a Governor position or as a member of a Local Board, then please contact **Linda Harrison**, Clerk to Governance, at Governance@ctksfc.ac.uk

GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We are currently seeking professionals with a varying skill base or experience to strengthen our Board as either a Foundation Governor (practising Catholics) or as an Associate or Co-opted Governor in an advisory role.

All roles are voluntary.

Commitments include:

- 5 x on-site evening meetings per year
- 2 x on-site Strategy & Development days per year
- 4 x Committee meetings via Teams per year

A full induction and training programme is provided.

If you are interested in applying or require further information, please contact **Linda Harrison, Clerk to Governance**, at Governance@ctksfc.ac.uk, or email a copy of your CV and a covering letter.

We look forward to hearing from you.
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GOVERNOR VACANCIES FOR ALUMNI

Are you a practicing Catholic?

Do you want to help shape the lives of CTK students?

If you are a Professional with a diverse skill sets and experience in Finance/Audit, Business, Law, Estates, HR, Apprenticeships, key Industries, Higher Education, Teaching, or Safeguarding, your expertise will strengthen our Board.

Why not become a Foundation or Associate Governor at CTK.

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Careers and Opportunities

Banking & Finance Virtual Insight Evening with Lloyds Banking Group

This term, our students had the chance to gain real-world insights into careers in banking, finance, and fintech during the Banking & Finance Virtual Insight Evening with Lloyds Banking Group. This webinar not only helped students explore various career paths but also offered direct access to Lloyds' Easter Work Experience opportunities. The event was a fantastic opportunity for students to connect with industry professionals and gain a deeper understanding of the financial sector.

Virtual Work Experience with KPMG

The Virtual Work Experience with KPMG was another highlight, designed to help students explore careers in business, finance, accounting, and professional services. Through interactive workshops and real-world business case studies, students developed key employability skills and gained insights into careers in Audit, Tax, and Professional Services. Hearing from current apprentices and senior professionals about their experiences at KPMG was particularly inspiring. This experience has undoubtedly boosted our students' CVs and LinkedIn profiles, and provided them with valuable work experience.

We are proud of our students for their enthusiastic participation and look forward to more enriching opportunities in the future.

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Webinar 3

Title: Recognising your strengths for apprenticeship applications

Tagline: Supporting your young person to find a pathway into apprenticeships

Date: 8/7/25

Time: 5pm

Content: How to encourage your young person to identify and articulate their strengths and improve upon their weaknesses in advance of an apprenticeship application.

Link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/recognising-your-strengths-for-apprenticeship-applications-tickets-1001285350437>



Career Compass is offering free, personalised CV feedback to sixth form students to help them showcase their skills and boost their chances of success.

Why Should You Get Your CV Reviewed?

✅ **Make a Strong First Impression** – Employers spend seconds scanning a CV. Let's make it count!

✅ **Highlight Strengths & Transferable Skills** – Ensure your experience is presented in the best way.

✅ **Refine & Perfect** – Identify key areas for improvement and bring your CV up to a professional standard.

How to Get Involved

📌 Send your CV to cvreview@career-compass.co.uk

📌 Include your **career aspirations** or specify a **job, apprenticeship, or work experience opportunity** you're applying for.

📌 Receive **tailored feedback** to help create a **strong, polished CV**.

This is a **valuable opportunity** for students to gain confidence in their applications and take a crucial step toward your future careers.