



CTK St Mary's Newsletter May 2025

Principal's Welcome



Dear All,

As we reflect on another eventful month, we celebrate key milestones both within our community and beyond.

We are proud to announce that Christ the King Sixth Forms has been awarded the **Quality in Careers Standard**, recognising our commitment to delivering exceptional careers education, guidance, and support. This achievement reinforces our dedication to preparing students for their future pathways, ensuring they receive the best opportunities for success. Christ the King ranks in the top 5% of institutions nationally for student progression onto university, degree apprenticeships or further education. A huge thank you to our dedicated careers team and staff members for their unwavering commitment and exceptional contributions. Your hard work and passion make all the difference in supporting our students to achieve their career goals.

We also want to celebrate a wonderful historic shift as Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was elected Pope Leo XIV, becoming the very first North American Pope! This marks a significant step in the Church's evolution, symbolising fresh perspectives and global unity.

We will continue to be inspired by these important milestones and remain committed to excellence in education, guidance, and community engagement - in Faith, Hope and Love.

Best regards,

Ms Crampton

CTK St Mary's Principal

Let us Pray:

Let us pray for Leo, our Pope.

May the Lord protect him

and grant him length of days.

Amen.

May the Lord be his shield

and deliver him from all harm.

Amen.

May the Lord give him happiness and peace

all the days of his life.

Amen.

Chaplaincy Thought

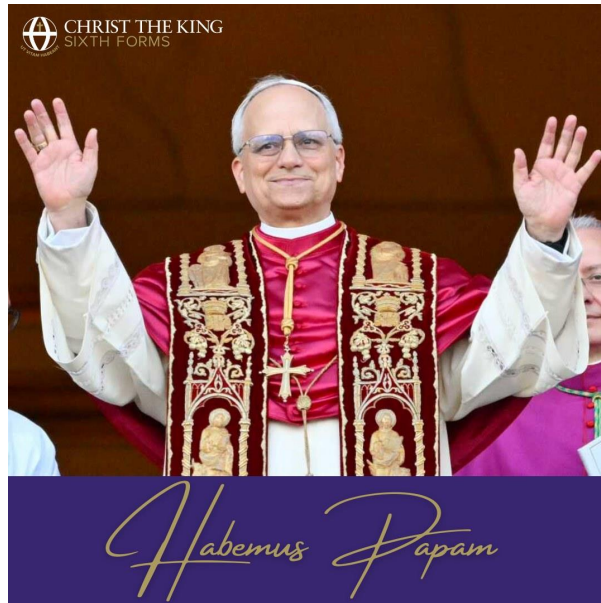


The month of May brought the excitement of the election of a new Pope. Pope Leo XIV has taken office at a time of both excitement and challenge for the Church. His pastoral and prayerful experience as an Augustinian brother led him to spend many years working as a missionary in various places throughout the world, most notably in Peru.

His quiet, contemplative spirituality has been evident in his public appearances since his election in May. Along with Christians all over the world, we pray for Pope Leo as he takes on this immense and challenging role as our Shepherd, leading the church into the next chapter of our journey.

May is also the month where we particularly honour Mary, mother of Jesus and mother of the Church. Catholics around the world use the month of May to pray for her intercession, hoping and believing that through her prayers, we will be blessed by her son.

On 13th May, the Church commemorated the anniversary of Mary appearing to 3 humble Shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, with a message that would affect the whole world. The fact that God and Mary use such humble and simple persons as the recipients of their messages should be a source of hope and encouragement for us all.



Wider Curriculum, Trips & Enrichment Activities

Year 12 Trip to Thomas Tallis for the Leading Universities Conference

Our students recently had the fantastic opportunity to attend the Leading Universities Conference, where they were able to learn all about making a winning university application. This event was a wonderful chance for our students to learn straight from the experts and prepare for their future academic journeys.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Thomas Tallis School for hosting this informative event, which certainly left our students feeling motivated and better equipped to tackle their university applications with confidence!





Interactive AI Workshop

Our students at recently had the exciting opportunity to take part in an interactive AI workshop led by Tony Evans, diving into the fascinating world of artificial intelligence and its real-world applications.

During the session, students explored how AI is shaping industries, from education and healthcare to business and creative design. Through engaging demonstrations and hands-on activities, they learned about the potential of AI technology and its role in future careers, equipping students with cutting-edge knowledge and skills to prepare them for the evolving digital landscape.



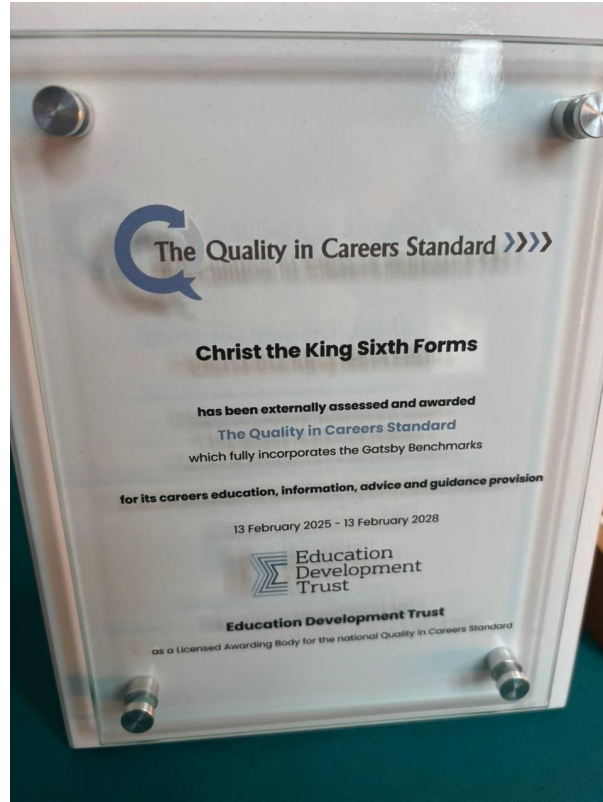
Community and Social Action

Amazing Achievement: Quality in Careers Standard

We are thrilled to announce that our careers education and guidance provision has been recognised with the Quality in Careers Standard. This prestigious recognition highlights the excellence of our efforts in providing top-notch career education and guidance.

Our program aligns with the Gatsby Benchmarks for excellent career guidance and is strongly recommended by the Department for Education. This achievement underscores our commitment to preparing students for successful futures.

Congratulations to everyone involved in making this possible!







Governance

Celebrating Marlene Burt: BEM Honour & Royal Recognition

All of us at Christ the King extend our warmest congratulations to Marlene Burt, recently retired and longstanding CTK Governor, on being awarded the Medallist of the Order of the British Empire (BEM). Her dedication and contributions have been truly inspiring, and this honour is a well-deserved recognition of her impact.

Marlene attended her investiture at the Tower of London, where the Lord Lieutenant of Greater London presented her medal in a prestigious ceremony.

In addition to this incredible achievement, Marlene was also invited to the Buckingham Palace Garden Party. Though the King and Queen were attending a separate event at Canada House before departing for their trip to Canada, she had the chance to see Prince William and Kate, as well as Sophie and Prince Edward, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh.

This moment was truly special, and we are proud to celebrate Marlene's well-earned recognition. Congratulations once again!



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.uk¹

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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.
Christ the King Sixth Forms



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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

Boots Virtual Work Experience

Dates: 8th – 10th July 2025

Time: 10:00am – 2:30pm each day

Location: Online

Application Deadline: 10th June 2025

Open to: Students aged 14–19 across the UK

 **Students can apply via:** <https://www.speakersforschools.org/results/?opp=4537F6AC-B355-460B-9A60-08DD5BF2AB45>

What Students Will Gain

- Insights into Boots, Boots Opticians & No7 Beauty Company
- First-hand knowledge of roles in healthcare, business, and retail
- Opportunities to develop key employability skills (communication, leadership, problem solving, creativity, teamwork)

- Interaction with professionals and collaboration with peers nationwide
- A great addition to their CV and personal statement

Live virtual event with Lloyds Banking Group

This free session focuses on **Customer Experience (CX)** and **User Experience (UX)** – ideal for students interested in **business, technology, psychology, design, or customer-focused careers**.

Event: Lloyds Careers Live – Exploring CX & UX Careers

Date: Tuesday, 3rd June 2025

Time: 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Location: Online (link provided upon registration)

Who Can Join: Open to all students (especially Years 11–13)

 **Register here:** [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBG-Service²](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBG-Service2)

Why Students Should Join

This one-hour session will help students:

- Understand what CX and UX careers actually involve
- Learn how these roles make a real difference in major organisations
- Hear directly from current apprentices and professionals at Lloyds
- Get tips on the skills and mindsets employers value
- Build knowledge to strengthen future applications or interviews

Finance is no longer just about numbers – it's about **building real solutions for real people**.

This session is perfect for students who want to combine **creativity, empathy, and innovation** in a meaningful career.

²https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcmc2c04.na1.hubspotlinksstarter.com%2Fctc%2FT9%2B113%2FcMc2c04%2FVWcmRp4CQj7bN7rZdRn46pGZW37H_hZ5wX8j4N7dHCvI3m2ndW7ICdLW6lZ3pbW8hHq_V290MWLW4J302f2B86PRW7k0n1_2bDZ2XW4bnf9j6fIntfW5RPPIQ3gQz8JW4yZdFt3c-Z96N7VsyDZXZv70W2DBC2_37ng-0W4bziZG2KZDStW57yl0z2M0WqJW5MKLf6gx6NpW8rLf8g6y9n2pVLkMpr8q2PvXVvBzgr1BsG4IW3IFDVN64WHzhW4gbzs33hdywvW4DjNgh18szvKW43c1nm6fBgQvW4nS7W859Wyd_W8SVVfj3HngfWW4bHQP64c71YqVvbkgZ3t698XW8TXrbX8FIHb2W4_W7KN3zWmzBd8l9yT04&data=05|02|t.gunduz%40ctksfc.ac.uk|5841d642b362497a9dd508dd99e79449|6734f3ea16d4432794153e71b558fec6|0|0|638835942110671502|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUslYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoITWfPbClslldUljoyfQ%3D%3D|0||&sdata=dy8AW5lssQpz6ZUK8ifSmsrAN%2Fww26Git4GBsza4ME4%3D&reserved=0

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>³



APPRENTICESHIP WEBINARS 2024 - 2025

7th November 2024
Apprenticeship applications

12th February 2025
Apprenticeship spotlight

8th July 2025
Recognising your strengths for
apprenticeship applications

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South London
Careers Hub


 **local
london**
Careers Hub East

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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?

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✓ **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.