



## Theme: Christ the King

The solemnity of Christ the King marked on Sunday 24 November marks the end of the liturgical/Church year. The Sunday after this is always the first Sunday in Advent and the beginning of the church year which runs from Advent to Advent. Our theme this week has been around the ways in which Christ is a King of peace, service, justice, humility, and love and how we can show these aspects of Christ in our lives. Working together to achieve these aspects creates a better world for everyone and ensures we are creating a hopeful, peaceful future which serves the Common Good we all aspire to.

*Kate Pereira*

## Year 11 PPE Results

Year 11 students received their PPE results on Friday in assembly. Envelopes were given out in a similar way to what will happen on results day in August to give them the experience of this ahead of the day. Where there is success, students were asked to keep going. Where there was less success, knowing that there was time for change and to be resilient were the key messages. Starting next week, Miss Reeve (our Careers Advisor) will be meeting with each Year 11 student to discuss and support plans for next year.

## SJF Champions

The SJF Champions met this week to discuss and evaluate prayer and liturgy at SJF. Representatives from each form are invited to share their views on behalf of the form.

## Parents Evening

Thank you to all students and parents who attended the Year 8 and 12 parents evening this week. It was well attended and a wonderful opportunity to discuss attainment and progress with class teachers. The next parents evening is on Tuesday 10 December for Year 11 and 13; school will close at 2pm.

*Mrs Wilmore, Head of School*

## Academic Tutoring

### Year 8

**18 November – 29 November  
2024**

## Beverley House Mass

On Thursday we celebrated our annual Beverley House Mass, with their theme of 'Pathways'. As part of the processional offertory, representatives from each tutor group brought forward their shield at the beginning of the Mass and these were displayed throughout the service. On this day, the church celebrated the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Scripture **'The Almighty works Marvel for me. Holy is his name'** (Luke 1:49) reminds us that God is with us, doing great works for us and guiding us on our path in life. Our thanks to Fr Karol for celebrating this joyful Mass and for the student readers and to the singers and musicians led by Mrs Pearson and accompanied on piano by Sean in Year 13.

*Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain*



## School Attendance Changes

The Local Authority has introduced a new National Framework for Penalty Notice Fines. Penalty Notices are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving separate fines. Under the National Threshold, there will be a single consistent threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The 10 school week period can span different terms or school years.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offence – The first Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount is £160 per parent, per child paid within 21 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offence – The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offence – The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parents' future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

*Mr Bates, Deputy Headteacher*

Upcoming Events	
10 December	Year 11 & 13 Parents Evening 2.30-6.30pm. School closes at 2pm.

## Extra-Curricular Activities 2024-2025

### Monday Lunchtime

All Years – Choir – Room 101  
 All Years – Maths Help Club  
 All Years – Film Club  
 All Years – Boys Basketball – Sports Hall  
 All Years – Chaplaincy Ambassadors - Chapel

### Monday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities  
 All Years - Boys/Girls Football - Astro  
 All Years – Netball Club – Courts  
 All Years - Homework Club Study Centre  
 Key Stage 4 – Basketball – Sports Hall  
 Year 9 – Food Club – Room 306

### Tuesday Lunchtime

All Years – Maths Help Club  
 All Years – Girls Basketball & Benchball – Sports Hall  
 Year 7 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211

### Tuesday After School

All Years Homework Club Study Centre

### Wednesday Lunchtime

All Years – String Ensemble – Room 101  
 All Years – Maths Help Club  
 All Years – Girls Football – Sports Hall  
 Year 7 – Drama Club – Room 501  
 Year 8 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211

### Wednesday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities  
 All Years – Badminton Club – Sports Hall  
 All Years – Homework Club Study Centre

### Thursday Lunchtime

Key Stage 3 – Art Club  
 All Years – Choir – Room 101  
 All Years - Maths Help Club  
 All Years – Cricket Club – Sports Hall  
 All Years – Optional Studio Space - 501  
 Year 9 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211

### Thursday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities  
 All Years – Fitness – Gym  
 All Years – Homework Club Study Centre

### Friday Lunchtime

All Years – Maths Help Club  
 Blooklet Club Spanish – Room 211  
 Years 8 & 9 – Drama – Room 501  
 Year 10 – Product & Design Club – Room 305

### Friday After School

All Years – Homework Club Study Centre  
 Key Stage 4 – Drama Intervention – Room 501

## Year 8 Insight Welcome Day

University of Cambridge welcomed a new cohort of Year 8 students to the Insight programme, in Cambridge on Wednesday 13 November. Students spent the morning engaging with presentations and workshops building their knowledge and understanding of what university is, methods



of teaching and learning in Higher Education about the structure of a student timetable. Throughout the day, students had the opportunity to work with current students studying at the University, and gain a deeper understanding of their experiences in small group settings and Q&As.

After lunch, all students were invited to get to know other members of the cohort by taking part in ice breaker games, this allowed students to become more familiar with the other participants they will be working with in the coming years. To finish the day, all students took a tour and explored one of the Cambridge Colleges from St Johns, Pembroke, Trinity Hall and Gonville and Caius Colleges. This was a real highlight of the day and allowed students to gain a deeper understanding of the environment of a university college and the structure of the University of Cambridge.