



Christ's College Guildford

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Thursday 28th March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is difficult to believe how quickly the time is passing as so many wonderful things have been happening at Christ's College. We are already into Holy Week and at the end of the spring term. I would like to take the opportunity to share a few key messages before we break up.

After the Easter break, our Year 11 students will be returning to begin their GCSE examinations. All students have their exam timetables and continue to undertake their revision in preparation for these. There are many sessions that are led by our teachers over Easter for our students to continue to be supported. We will of course also continue to run the many revision sessions in the summer term, prior to and throughout the examinations. I am sure you join me in wishing our Cohort of 2023-24 well during the next few months.

We bid farewell to two members of staff this term. Mrs Durham, our Assistant Principal and Mrs Gresz, Lead Practitioner in English, will be moving on to new challenges. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their service to Christ's College and our best wishes for their future. Mr McGarrity will join us as Assistant Principal on 15th April 2024 and Mr Kay will join in September 2024 in the role of Lead Practitioner in English. We are looking to appoint a Finance Assistant and Higher Level Teaching Assistants. If you know of anybody that would be interested in finding out more about these roles, please do direct them to our School Business Manager, Mrs Hamer shamer@christscollege.surrey.sch.uk.

At Christ's College we dress for success to prepare for learning. We would like to thank both our students and parents/carers for supporting our uniform policy, which reflects the high standards that we, like yourself, expect. There will be one amendment to our uniform policy for **September**, which is the design of our school skirt. This will be for all new Year 7 students starting and any student who is replacing their skirt. We are not expecting parents to purchase the skirt if your child has a current school skirt that is in line with our current policy, which still fits. From September, our College skirt will have a dark blue band (to match the shirt/blouse). This smartens up our uniform further and deters students from rolling up their skirts, which is not part of our uniform policy. Unfortunately we are dealing with this on a frequent basis by a large number of students. The band should be seen in the correct position at all times. Students who opt to wear a Christ's College skirt (available through our uniform supplier), rather than our tailored trousers, are expected to wear these on or below the knee. It is recommended that when the College skirt is purchased, it falls below the knee to allow for growth. We continue to work with our uniform supplier Stevenson's, to ensure the sizing caters for all. If you experience any barriers to getting a skirt of the correct size/length, please do get in touch with sfrench@christscollege.surrey.sch.uk, who will be happy to look into this further.

Remaining on the topic of uniform, we would be grateful if you could check that your child has the full and correct uniform, without any facial piercings and/or false nails as well as the correct school shoes (details of what these should be can be found at the end of this letter), when we return after the Easter break. Often students enjoy these elements in the holidays and forget to remove them for school. This helps all students have a positive start to the term.



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We have celebrated many things this term, one of which was our annual production with this year's being 'West Side Story'. I am sure if you managed to secure tickets, you would agree how wonderfully talented our students, your children, are. Following on from this we took the cast and crew to G Live for the annual "Schools Got Talent" concert, organised by the Rotary Club of Guildford District. The whole show was amazing and all students performed outstandingly and clearly enjoyed what they were doing. We continue to be extremely proud of our students and feel blessed to have such a talented group of young people, as well as staff who nurture, encourage and support them every step of the way.

Other events this term include sports clubs and competitions and enrichment day activities, as well as the residential visit to Cornwall. Over Easter we have many students who will be going on the skiing trip to Trieste, Italy and in May half-term, we will be taking a group of students to Berlin, led by the History department.

You may have noticed that we are using our Facebook page to share many of the opportunities we offer for our students. We are careful to only add pictures where you have given consent to do so. We would ask if you could log in to your Arbor account and check the permissions you completed previously are correct, especially if your child is going on any of the trips over Easter. Often, if no consent is given, we are only able to post pictures from the back, which does not show how much your children are enjoying their experience. We understand not all parents use social media, but if you do, please do follow our Facebook if you are not already doing so.

At Christ's College we are fortunate to have highly supportive families who understand the importance of nurturing young people as they make their way into adulthood. As the staff of Christ's College, we also understand the importance of caring for our students as they learn and grow spiritually and with a strong moral compass. We are proud of the way all our staff support our young people, helping them to learn safely in their environment and achieve as highly as they can. I know many parents enjoy recognising this and to support, we have a Staff Recognition Scheme on our website, which you can find using this link: <https://www.christscollege.surrey.sch.uk/973/staff-recognition-scheme>. The scheme was set up so that parents/carers and families can offer a token of thanks and recognise staff who they feel have been integral to their young person's development. When you complete the online form, a letter is generated with your comments and posted to the member of staff. I can guarantee that this makes a huge difference to all staff who receive a letter with your recognition.

We do recognise there may be times where you may need to communicate with College with an area of concern or question; please continue to use the existing methods of communications (phone/email/letter) for this.

We are switching to a new catering company when we return, (but we keep the same wonderful staff who cater for our students and staff every day), and it is important that any outstanding balances from this term are rectified immediately. This is to ensure you do not receive any correspondence from the existing company who will be requesting this from you. All payment methods remain the same.



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The Admissions Policy 2025-2026 and respective documentation has been determined and is available on the school website. <https://www.christscollege.surrey.sch.uk/293/admissions-1>

Finally, on behalf of all staff, I would like to wish our students and families an enjoyable Easter break. We look forward to seeing all our students return for the start of the Summer (Trinity) Term, ready to continue to flourish, work hard and fulfil their potential during their Christ's College journey on Tuesday 16th April 2024, (Monday 15th April is a staff inset day).

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Hatch

Principal

Diary Dates:

Friday 29th March-Friday 12 April:	Easter Holiday
Saturday 30th March-Friday 5th April:	Ski Trip Year 8, 9, 10 & 11
Monday 15th April:	Staff INSET Day – College Closed to Students
Tuesday 16th April:	Students Return to College
Tuesday 16th April:	Parent Prayer Group in Chapel 19.30pm-21.00pm
Wednesday 17th April:	Year 10 Juniper Hall – Geography Rivers Visit
Wednesday 17th April:	Parent Panel 5pm
Monday 22nd April:	YR 9 St Peters Church Visit 9.00am-9.45am
Tuesday 23rd April – Wednesday 24th April:	GCSE Photography Exam Class 11A
Thursday 25th April:	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Thursday 25th April – Friday 26th April:	GCSE Photography Exam Class 11C
Friday 26th April:	FCC Second Hand Uniform Sale 3.15pm-4.15pm
Friday 26th April – Saturday 27th April:	YR 10 DofE Training/Practice Expedition
Monday 29th April – Tuesday 30th April:	GCSE Art Exam
Monday 6th May:	Bank Holiday – College Closed
Wednesday 8th May:	District Athletics Day at Spectrum
Monday 13th May:	YR 8 St Peters Church Visit 9.00am-9.45am
Tuesday 14th May:	Parent Prayer Group in Chapel 19.30pm-21.00pm
Wednesday 15th May:	Enrichment Day 4
Wednesday 15th May – Friday 17th May:	Berlin Visit
Thursday 23rd May – Friday 24th May:	YR 10 DofE Bronze Expedition
Friday 24th May:	FCC Second Hand Uniform Sale 3.15pm-4.15pm
Saturday 25th May:	Netball Surrey Storm Match
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May:	Half Term



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Acceptable footwear: Shoes are acceptable if they are plain black in colour, polishable and not overly decorative. Essentially, they need to be shoes that can be described as plain, black, flat, sensible school shoes.



Black leather Slip on



Black Leather Slip on



Black Leather Velcro



Black Leather Lace Up



Black Leather Lace Up



Black Leather Slip On With Strap



Unacceptable footwear: Footwear is deemed to be unacceptable if it is any colour other than plain black, overly decorative or without flat heels. Trainers, boots, pumps or canvas shoes are not permitted. Sports brands such as Vans, Converse, Nike and Adidas are not permitted.



No Converse



No Designer Brands



No Trainer Styles



No Converse



No Fashion Boots



No UGG Boots



No Boots



No Ankle Boots



No Leather Pumps/Low Top Converse



No Canvas/Vans Style



No Shoes with Jewels



No Leather Fashion Boots



No Brands/Trainer Styles



No Canvas/Pump Styles