



# Christ's College Guildford

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well.

It has been a pleasure to have welcomed our new Year 7 students into the Christ's College family. Over the next five years, we look forward to seeing their growth, development, and the wonderful journey that lies ahead for them.

It is always important to look back on what we have achieved, at the end of a busy half-term, to remind ourselves of the many opportunities we provide to support children in their development, both academically and spiritually. Below is a summary of some of the developments so far.

Our commitment to providing a holistic education experience extends beyond the classroom, and we recently held our first Enrichment Day. These experiences are intentionally designed to challenge our students physically, mentally, and spiritually, pushing them out of their comfort zones and exposing them to a world beyond their immediate surroundings. We believe that these opportunities for growth and self-discovery are invaluable in shaping well-rounded individuals. We look forward to the next enrichment day on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Mr Kennedy will be sharing information after half-term with you about these.

I am sure your children have been telling you about the introduction of the 'Lesson Recognition Cards'. In every lesson, teachers have been awarding one student, who has demonstrated exceptional learning habits, such as being on task, taking responsibility for their own learning and embracing new challenges, with a Lesson Recognition Card. It is heartening to see how proud our students are of their learning and how eagerly they anticipate earning these recognition cards. Staff have reported that they are finding it increasingly difficult to choose who to give this card to each lesson due to the high number of students who could be awarded it.

In addition to our academic endeavours, we have been actively involved in various events and activities. Recently, 15 representatives from different subjects, including Arts, Sports, Humanities, and STEM, attended the 'Excellence Program' event at Woking College. This event provided our students with unique opportunities to expand their horizons and excel in their respective areas of interest.

Mental Health Awareness Week has been an essential focus for us. Our Mental Health Support team has organised assemblies centered around the theme of "Supporting Our Friends." We believe that promoting mental well-being is crucial for our students' holistic development and it is evident every day how our students look after themselves and each other.



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Please note that we have transitioned to a new uniform supplier. While there have been some teething problems, we are working diligently to resolve them. Your feedback is invaluable, so please continue to share your concerns and suggestions with us.

Many thanks to all those who gave their time freely to support our students in their understanding in the world of work in the latest Business Breakfast. Parents and contacts from various industries shared their experiences with our students. Our students highly value the expert advice and insights into different roles and industries.

Finally, we celebrated the 2023 Drama Festival, with a focus on Romeo and Juliet. It is our pleasure to announce that the winning house for the best overall presentation was Sibley. Congratulations to the students and staff involved in this outstanding achievement.

## **A few reminders:**

With the warmer weather now behind us, students need to be wearing a warm coat over their blazers when travelling to and from College as well as for break and lunch time should students choose to go outside. Hoodies are not permitted and should not be worn at any point with their uniform.

Christ's College has been a 'mobile phone free' zone for many years. We know all the research evidences the positive impact of this in schools. This is also now extended to smart watches that have the same functionality as the mobile phone. The majority of friendship issues and unkindness we see in College result from social media interactions that take place outside of the College day. We ask that you continue to monitor your child's use of devices and remind about staying safe and respectful online. Any mobile device not handed in before the College day starts, will be confiscated in line with College policy.

We have seen students return in a highly positive manner, ready to meet the high expectations we have for them. In order to ensure a 'disruption free learning climate', staff will issue a C1 immediately should learning be interrupted.

A reminder that students should have their Chromebooks fully charged each day so they can access the highly academic learning opportunities that are presented in all lessons. Chromebooks as seen as an essential item of uniform.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued support and involvement in our Christ's College community. Together, we can make these years of education and personal growth truly memorable for your child.

We look forward to seeing our students return for the second half of this term on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023.



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Yours sincerely

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Principal

## Dates for your diary:

<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	FCC Second Hand Uniform Sale 15.15pm – 16.15pm
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Service for the Bereaved 15.30pm Berlin Trip – Parents Meeting 17.30pm
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Shakespeare Company in College – ‘Macbeth ‘
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Art Mock Exam  Parent Panel 17.00pm
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Art Mock Exam
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Mock and Assessment Fortnight
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Dance and Music Festival 6pm – <b>Postponed</b>  Further Information to follow
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Mental Health Support Team – Parent Café 3.45pm
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Staff INSET Day – College Closed to Students
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Parents’ Prayer Group in Chapel 19.30pm – 21.00pm
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Photography Mock Exam (11C)
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Photography Mock Exam (11A)  FCC Second Hand Uniform Sale 15.15pm – 16.15pm
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	YR 7 & 10 Reports to Parents  Carol Service Rehearsal 10.00am
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Immunisation Team - Flu Vaccinations YRS 7-11
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	SATRO Constructionfest  Awards Evening 18.30pm
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Carol Service at Cathedral 12.00pm
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	YR 7 & 10 Consultation Day
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Enrichment Day 2  YR7 History/Geography – Stoke Cemetery  YR 10 Guildford Church Walk  YRS 8, 9 & 11 Reports to Parents



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Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Parents' Prayer Group in Chapel 19.30pm – 21.00pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Austen House Birthday – Cake Sale
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Michaelmas Term
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December – Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	Christmas Holidays – College Closed
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Staff INSET Day – College Closed to Students
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Start of the Lent (Spring) Term