



# Christ's College Guildford

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to be able to write and share some of the highlights of the past term with you. It has been a long but productive term with many things to celebrate.

The whole term has been peppered with a range of exciting house competitions, which have enabled the students to show their many talents in different ways.

The annual Drama Festival took place in October and the students interpreted Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' in four uniquely creative productions. Congratulations to Sibley House, who walked away with first place for the best programme design, contextual interpretation and overall presentation.

The Dance Festival was held over lunch this year, which was a little different from previous years. The students performed extremely well, but there could be only one overall winner. Again, Sibley House took the trophy for the best soundtrack, choreography and overall performance. This year our college production is 'West Side Story', and students are already deeply ensconced in rehearsals. Please note the date in your diary and join us for this showcase of talent.

There were several sporting competitions held this term, with students competing in football, netball and cross-country. The winners were;

Cross Country – Redgrave

Football – Turner

Netball – Austen

The Maths Department set a challenge for all our students, and the houses participated in the Rock Stars Competition, focusing mainly on times tables. This time, Turner House walked away with the top honours.

As a school, we believe that we are called to serve, not to be served. It is wonderful to be able to support families in our community that are struggling. Thank you to all who donated food and toiletries to the Food Bank. Turner House won the house charity food collection competition on this occasion, but please do continue to support us if you can.

We have had two very successful and enjoyable Enrichment Days this term. The first was a literary walking tour in Guildford which saw the students exploring the town centre and surrounding area with the eyes of creative writers. Students were tasked with employing their senses to take in what they saw, heard, smelt, tasted and felt during the day. The students used their experience to practise their creative writing skills in English. It was a lovely day, even though some of us got caught in the rain on the way home.



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On our second Enrichment Day, students took on the role of crime scene investigators and worked with the Science Department to unravel a mystery. They engaged in a range of interesting activities, including fingerprint analysis, chromatography to analyse hair follicles, analysing 'blood splatter' patterns, and investigating soil samples. It was inspiring to see the students embracing this day and applying their learning so actively.

The term ended with two wonderful occasions of celebration, the first being our annual Awards Evening which gave us the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students over the previous academic year. The second was the Carol Service, which marked the start of the festive season, and afforded us another opportunity to celebrate in our 'home church', which is the Cathedral. Well done to all of the students for the way in which they engaged with and supported these two events.

The term has indeed been busy, but I know that this is just the beginning, and we can look forward to another wonderful term in the Spring.

As Progress Leader, I have enjoyed getting to know your children in a different way, and I am looking forward to our journey together.

May I wish you all a wonderful time of rest and a blessed Christmas.

Kind regards

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