



9th September 2021

### **Start of Term Letter from the Principal**

Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to have welcomed all our new pupils and our returning pupils into school. We are very impressed with the way they have behaved and how they are presenting themselves.

#### **Improvements to College**

Our improvement of the school continues at pace. Over the summer we have completed our new secondary library, we have redecorated many primary and secondary classrooms, replaced all the worn out carpets in the entrance and stairs in the old building. The trust are making good progress with the development of 8 new secondary classrooms. The new fence means that children are safer in PE lessons and at lunchtimes.

We continue to invest in high quality reading books for the pupils to help them develop a love of reading.

#### **Y11 Exam Results**

Despite setbacks and the impact of COVID, our Y11 pupils last year achieved a very impressive set of results. We are very proud of how hard they worked right up to the deadline to secure the best grades they possibly could. This shows a year on year improving trend and pupils at Christ's College make better progress than other schools nationally.



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GCSE Outcomes	Actuals 2018	Actuals 2019	National 2019	Actuals 2020	Actual 2021
Attainment 8	46.6	52.8	46.7	52.47	60.35
% 5+ basics (English + Maths)	36	47	43	40.6	73.5
% 4+ basics (English + Maths)	58	72	65	65.6	97.1
% 5+ Science	46	53	47	34.4	64.7
% 4+ Science	77	74	65	71.9	79.4
% 5+ Humanities	47	68	50	54.8	68.8
% 4+ Humanities	75	73	63	77.4	81.3
% 5+ Languages	32	69	54	87.5	100
% 5+ Ebacc	11	23	17	3.1	20.6
% 4+ Ebacc	22	33	25	15.6	20.6
A8 English	10.11	11.07	9.95	10.78	12.47
A8 Maths	8.28	9.21	9.06	9.06	12.35
A8 Ebacc	13.83	15.51	13.57	14.73	17.53

## School Uniform

The vast majority of our pupils have returned to school looking very smart. Please can I remind parents of a few points:

Acrylic nails should **not** be applied during term time – if a pupil arrives wearing these they will have to stay in isolation until they are removed. We will ask them to soak them off in school and/or cut them off.

None of the following is to be worn to school:

- Nail varnish
- Earrings or retainers
- Eye makeup
- Fake tan
- Pump shoes (Vivienne Westwood pumps)

Students will be asked to remove any of the above on arrival and incorrect footwear will be replaced with school shoes.

All students with shoulder length hair or longer will need to have this tied back.

Girls in primary years wearing socks: socks are to be white and ankle length.

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Please can I remind parents to ensure their child's uniform has name tags. We are unable to reunite uniform items without this.

### **Issues with uniform**

There have been quite a few issues with the school uniform this year for many reasons. On behalf of Emblematic, I would like to apologise. School uniform retailers have been in an unprecedented position this year. Retailers, including emblematic, placed orders much earlier than normal to offset the expected extended delivery times, yet deliveries from the Far East (where a good 90-95% of the products are made) have been delayed by an average of 6-8 weeks. The problems are too numerous to list within both manufacture and distribution, but many are factors that our suppliers have never had to deal with before. Even the suppliers that have traditionally held good back-up stock levels in the UK each summer have been unable to keep up.

A few points that may help:

- Emblematic's final date for ordering for CC was 4 August which compares very favourably with most other retailers. Michael Sehgal in Newcastle was 31 July, and even Emblematic's supply to other schools required much earlier deadline dates, for example Wolsingham School had an order deadline of 18 July.

Emblematic's agreement to serve CC runs until 30 September 2022, and we will be consulting with parents whether to move to an in-house operation (EAS Schoolwear). This would be 100% online and we will be considering this an option.

If you have any specific issues with your order, please contact school and we can talk to the supplier on your behalf.

### **Clubs and Trips**

We are working hard to organise a range of activities for students to attend after school. A letter will follow shortly. To enrich our curriculum, we are going to be taking pupils out on educational visits. We will have to ask for a voluntary contribution for visits otherwise we will not be able to cover all the cost. If this is an issue for parents, please do let us know. We will always attempt to keep the cost of the trip to the absolute minimum.

### **Pastoral support**

Mr Bennett has remained at the school to lead on behaviour and attendance. He will support Mr Westgate with his role. If you have any issues or concerns please contact them in the first instance. [jwestgate@christscollege.org.uk](mailto:jwestgate@christscollege.org.uk). We have also employed a student counsellor, so if you have any concerns about your son/daughter and you think being able to talk to someone about strategies to use, please let Mr Westgate know or our SENDCo Mrs Corrigan. [jcorrigan@christscollege.org.uk](mailto:jcorrigan@christscollege.org.uk)

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## Behaviour

We are making a slight change to our detention system. If a secondary pupil receives two significant behaviour points (C3, C4 or C5) in one day, they will be given a detention on that day. Research shows an immediate sanction is more effective than a delayed one. We also are introducing two detention slots, so that if a student has been issued with two detentions, they will be served on the same night to stop there being a delay before they have completed the sanction. We will contact parents to let them know of same day detentions.

## Coffee Mornings

Primary teachers are hoping to host a coffee morning for parents of children in their class. This will enable teachers to outline expectations, give an overview of the curriculum including any planned trips and how pupils are assessed.

I am hoping to hold some meet the Principal coffee mornings, so that you can hear more about the development of the school and the progress being made. The dates for these will be in the weekly newsletter.

## Year 6 Open Evening

I am thrilled to be able to open the school to students and their families currently in Year 6. On Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September from 5:00pm-7:00pm we will host visitors to give guided tours, see the school in action and hear more about what it would be like to choose Christ's College for Year 7 (and beyond). Please do share this invitation with any friends and family who have a child moving into Year 7 in September 2022.



**CHRIST COLLEGE**  
**OPEN EVENING**

Wednesday 15 September, 5pm - 7pm

 Join us to hear from the Principal, enjoy a tour of the school and meet students and staff.  
Email: [enquiries@christscollge.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@christscollge.org.uk)

**VALUED  
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Yours sincerely



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