



Christ's College Guildford

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this autumn term, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate and share some of the wonderful successes and experiences our students have had, as well as provide you with useful information for the new term.

The carol service at Guildford Cathedral was an absolute highlight. Witnessing our entire College community and guests come together for such a special event was truly heart-warming. The tradition it carries is something we eagerly anticipate continuing next year.

Another significant occasion was the return of our Class of 2022-23 to receive their well-deserved GCSE certificates. It was a joy to not only recognise their accomplishments, but also the achievements of our current Year 8 - 11 students. Learning about the ongoing success stories of our former students as they venture into further studies or apprenticeships fills us with immense pride. The presence of Timothy Wates, the High Sheriff of Surrey, as our guest of honour added an inspiring dimension to our gathering. His insights into the High Sheriff role and discussions about careers in the built environment were invaluable. His emphasis on the importance of mental and physical health for a fulfilling life resonated deeply with us all.

Our students have enjoyed a variety of experiences offered during the recent enrichment days, which range from CSI to engaging history and geography visits to the local cemetery. Over the years, the enrichment opportunities have been invaluable in broadening their horizons and providing depth to students learning. We eagerly anticipate the next enrichment day on Tuesday 26th March 2024 and will be in touch in the new term to inform you of what is on offer.

As you know, we are highly fortunate to have dedicated staff who continuously support our students. Their commitment to creating a safe and nurturing environment for education is commendable. You may be aware that you are able to recognise any member of staff through our 'Staff Recognition Scheme' and if this is something you wish to do, you can find the link here: <https://www.christscollege.surrey.sch.uk/973/staff-recognition-scheme>.

At the end of this term we see some staff move on, either to relocate, secure promotions, or to enjoy retirement. This term we will be sadly bidding farewell to Mr Dunn, Miss Pugh and Miss Bond. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them well for their future endeavours. Staff joining our Christ's College family in September are: Mrs A Duarte Lopes (Head of Languages) and Mr T Horn Teacher of PE. Miss Mark will be taking over the leadership of our Business Studies department.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 19th December:	Last Day of Michaelmas Term for Students (Students dismissed from 12.00pm and will all be off site by 12.15pm)
Tuesday 2nd January 2024:	Staff INSET Day – College Closed to Students
Wednesday 3rd January:	Students Return to College
Tuesday 9th January:	Midnight Youth Theatre Visit
Thursday 18th January:	Year 11 Consultation Day



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	Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Home Learning
Friday 26th January:	FCC Second Hand Uniform Sale 3.15pm-4.15pm
Monday 29th January – Friday 9th February:	Year 11 Assessment Fortnight
Monday 5th February – Saturday 9th February:	College Production – West Side Story
Monday 5th February:	Immunisation Team -Year 9 DTP/MENACWY
Monday 5th February:	Year 10 St Peters Church Visit 9.00am-9.45am
Friday 9th February:	Staff INSET Day – College Closed to Students
Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February:	Half Term
Tuesday 20th February:	Year 8 & 9 ACS Cobham, SATROFEST
Tuesday 20th February:	Parent Prayer Group in Chapel 19.30pm-21.00pm
Friday 23rd February:	FCC Second Hand Uniform Sale 3.15pm-4.15pm
Saturday 24th February:	Coding Club Trip to Havant
Monday 26th February – Friday 8th March:	Assessment Fortnight Year 7-10
Monday 26th February – Friday 1st March:	Cornwall GCSE Geography Visit (TBC)
Monday 18th March:	YR 11 St Peters Church Visit 9.00am-9.45am
Tuesday 19th March:	Year 8 & 9 Consultation Day
Tuesday 19th March:	Parent Prayer Group in Chapel 19.30pm-21.00pm
Friday 22nd March:	FCC Second Hand Uniform Sale 3.15pm-4.15pm
Tuesday 26th March:	Enrichment Day 3
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

Lastly, on behalf of the entire staff at Christ's College, we extend warm wishes for a joyful and restful Christmas.

We look forward to welcoming our students back to Christ's College, fully refreshed and ready to continue their learning journey, on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Hatch
(Principal)