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Welcome to Christ the King

At Christ the King we are a school community underpinned by Gospel values and principles. It is our core purpose to prepare our young people for the exciting challenges and opportunities ahead - inspiring them to have the courage and **Power to Act**. Our curriculum inspires a lifelong passion for learning and equips our pupils with the confidence, resilience, skills and attitude needed to lead successful and fulfilling lives.

We ensure all pupils develop their academic ability and their character. We challenge and inspire all pupils to be the best version of themselves. Our ethos is built around a culture of enjoyment and achievement. We expect all pupils to embrace our values of honesty, high aspiration, ambition, compassion and respect.

It is a fantastic time to be joining our CTK family. The previous two years' examination results have been some of the best results ever achieved at both Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5. In our recent Catholic schools' inspection we were delighted to become an 'Outstanding' school.

We are consistently proud of how our young people contribute to school community life and engage with the vast range of opportunities they are provided with as part of their educational experience at CTK.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school and finding out why we are the best place for your child!

Mrs Erin Wheeler, Headteacher



Our Mission

Grow, learn, serve and pray in a Catholic community inspired by the Gospel message, enabling all to realise their unique hopes and potential.

Christ the King is a community where everybody matters. We are committed to the message that Christ gave us when he instructed his followers to *"love one another as I have loved you"* (John 13:34).



Our mission is summed up here:

*"Do not withhold good from others, when it is in your **power to act.**"* (Proverbs 3:27)

"Christ the King staff made my son feel valued and included from the onset."

- Parent of Year 11 pupil

The CTK Way

The CTK Way is our Mission Statement brought to life.

We want EVERY child to be successful and reach their full potential - spiritually, personally and academically, and to empower their gifts to live out their God-given potential. This is underpinned by our Mission Statement and the CTK Way and designed to meet the needs of all learners.



GROW - development of character and promotion of curiosity, independence and creativity allowing all to be their best.

LEARN - experience key knowledge, skills and vocabulary to be successful at every stage and in life beyond school.

SERVE - build strong relationships and positively contribute to the school, local and wider community.

PRAY - provide opportunities for reflection and spiritual development in a caring and serving community.

Learn

Academic Expectations

We have high expectations of our community. Pupils and our families know that we expect the highest standards from them, whilst pupils are inspired and encouraged to have high expectations and to celebrate their own achievements and those of their peers. The desire to succeed, and to applaud those who do well, is an intrinsic part of our culture.

The range and scope of our curriculum ensures that our pupils receive a broad and balanced education, which provides appropriate challenges for all pupils as they prepare for today's competitive world of work.



“In lessons, pupils typically embody the school’s ethos to ‘be the best version of themselves’ through positive attitudes towards their learning and their behaviour.”

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“Pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), benefit from a broad and varied curriculum. They enjoy their lessons and work hard.”
- OFSTED



Learn Curriculum

Our aspirational curriculum promotes deep learning and knowledge acquisition and aims to:

- ◆ Enhance the spiritual, moral, cultural, emotional, personal and physical development of pupils within school and in society.
- ◆ Prepare pupils in school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.
- ◆ Encourages **all pupils** to live out their knowledge of the Catholic Mission in all of their actions and to use this knowledge to make a difference in the world.
- ◆ Develop pupils' cultural capital and cultural literacy to widen their knowledge base and vocabulary size.
- ◆ Provide pupils with essential knowledge needed to be successful and educated citizens.
- ◆ Build on local context to meet the variety of pupil needs.
- ◆ Introduce pupils to the best that has been thought and said.
- ◆ Help engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement.
- ◆ Use enrichment opportunities involving the wider community to allow pupils to play an active part in their learning.
- ◆ Support pupils in fulfilling their ambitions whilst adopting safe and healthy practices.



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"Pupils feel happy, safe and valued at Christ the King." **Grow Pastoral Care** **- OFSTED 2023**

Pastoral care at Christ the King is a key strength. We have strong relationships with local primary schools, which aid the smooth transition of pupils between schools. Pupils are part of a Year Group, which is nurtured by a dedicated team. Our young people are quickly appreciated as individuals and we aim to encourage their aspirations, hopes and dreams so that when they leave our care, as well as achieving outstanding examination results, they take with them the values that will contribute to their future success.

Our Inclusion team, Literacy support, Learning mentors and Academic Coaches all work closely to meet the individual needs of our pupils and support them in reaching their full potential.

Safeguarding

Christ the King is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Pupils can speak to the Safeguarding team at any time about any issue that is concerning or worrying them. The Safeguarding team works closely with pupils, staff and parents to keep them informed of developments that could directly affect their safety. This could be in relation to the use of social media and online safety or preventing getting involved in behaviours in and out of school that could jeopardise safety. The team also works closely with Sefton Children's Social Care.





“There is a strong focus on giving pupils rich experiences beyond academic learning.”

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Serve Charity

At Christ the King we believe it is crucial for our pupils to live their lives by the powerful principle of respect, both for oneself and for others. As such, our pupils and staff are given every opportunity to serve the community.

As well as raising tens of thousands of pounds for charity, pupils work for local charitable organisations.

Throughout their education, pupils are encouraged to serve both the school and the community. They are encouraged to become form representatives, year group representatives, young leaders and prefects where they act as role models and ambassadors for our school in the wider community.

“Students say they value the opportunities that broaden their experience, such as charity work.”

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Pray

Living Life to the Full (John 10:10)

Our faith is central to the life of our school. Every day we help our pupils to express their faith by encouraging them to use their abilities to their full potential by giving them a foundation and a reminder of their significance in the world. We want pupils to grow morally, prayerfully, intellectually and spiritually and leave us as proud young people who are equipped to take their place in society.

Our House System

Which tie will you be wearing?

Pupils, staff and governors in CTK are placed into 1 of 4 houses, BOSCO, SETON, CARLO, and SAVIO. Pupils have the opportunity to earn house points in a range of different ways such as their attendance, behaviour, demonstrating acts of kindness, taking part in a club, competing against other houses, representing the school and lots more. At CTK we want to recognise when our pupils do the right thing and awarding house points is just one way in which we do this.

Pupils have house assemblies led by their Head of House with pupils from all year groups 7-11. This is an opportunity for pupils to find out what competitions are taking place and to develop a cohesive team. There are also leadership roles that pupils can apply for such as House captains, which are available to pupils in all year groups.

The house system enables all our pupils to develop their character, mix with other year groups, develop their leadership skills, enjoy success and develop resilience through our competition calendar. It is clear to recognise the house a pupil is in by the colour of the tie they are wearing!

“Pupils appreciate the vast array of extra-curricular activities on offer to them. They relish experiences that help them to nurture their wider talents and develop their leadership skills. - OFSTED





Transition

Here at Christ the King we appreciate just how hard it is to get the right balance during the transition period of moving up from Year 6 to Year 7. It will be a whirlwind and may get a bit overwhelming at times as your child takes in all the new changes, but we will support and guide your child at every step and look forward to witnessing them grow in confidence every day.

Our Year 7 Pastoral Team is very experienced in the various concerns and worries that are common to all new Year 7 pupils so your child will be in very capable hands. We hope this will alleviate any worries you will have too.

Every child will cope with this big change differently and all the staff at CTK will be mindful of this as your child settles in and we will make a special effort to make the transition for them as smooth as possible. There are numerous transition activities as part of the induction into our school community which will help all pupils get the most out of their move from Primary school to Christ the King.



“Thanks for everything this year and all your support with my child’s transition into high school. I could not have asked for any more.”

- Parent of Year 7 pupil

Key Year 6/Year 7 Transition Dates

Year 6

September	Parents and pupils attend our Open Evening at CTK as this provides an opportunity to view our school facilities and ask our teachers any questions they may have.
October	Parents add CTK as their preferred school via the Sefton Council online form.
March	Parents and pupils are informed on National Allocation Day via email/letter that they have been allocated a place at CTK.
April/May	A good luck message is sent out to our new pupils at the start of SATs week. Staff that form part of the Transition team at CTK including our SENDCo will contact the Year 6 teacher of every pupil to discuss the key information required to help make the transition as smooth as possible. Our Transition Programme begins. A new Year 7 parents coffee morning is hosted for each parent to discuss their child with a member of the Transition team.
June/July	A New Starters' Induction Evening event is hosted for parents and pupils (uniform and PE kit will be on sale from our suppliers at this event). Parents will hear from key staff about transitional activities and we will provide the answers to frequently asked questions. Pupils will go to their form room to meet their form tutors and their peers that they will spend the start of each day with.
	Our new intake pupils will be invited to spend a day at CTK as Sefton schools host Year 6/7 National Transition Day. Our new pupils will experience a range of lessons and to become familiar with our school site.
	Any pupil who has been highlighted as being anxious about the transition from primary to secondary or with SEN needs will embark on a programme of additional transition activities with our SEN team. Year 7 Transition Information Evening will be hosted in school.
August	Tasks accessed via our school website and CTK email. Summer school.

Year 7

September	First day as a pupil of CTK! Only Year 7 pupils are in school on this day for their induction program.
	School photographs with Tempest.
	Our carefully planned Year 7 Induction Programme will start and pupils will follow their timetable and become familiar with their new school whilst meeting all their subject teachers. A team-building event in school. Year 7 Retreat Day
October	Parents are invited to our CTK Meet the Form Tutor event to discuss how their child has settled into CTK in the first month and to provide an overview on their child's start in all of their subjects
	Year 7 CTK Welcome Mass. Parents/carers are invited to attend.
	Barnstondale Residential Visit (one night).
Spring-Term	Year 7 Parents Evening is hosted so that teachers can provide a report on your child's attainment and attitude to learning
June	Year 7 and 8 Awards Evening to celebrate successes for attainment and effort in every subject area.
July	Sports Day.
	End of Year Rewards Trip.



Wider-Curricular Opportunities

There are numerous volunteering opportunities and clubs/ organisations to join at CTK that are offered by our dedicated staff to our Year 7 pupils to widen their experiences, to help find new talents and to encourage them to make new friends with similar interests to their own.

An example of some include - Team Sports, Cross Country Running, Dance, Drama, School Productions, Science Experiments, Chess, Mental Health Discussion Groups, Musical Instrument Tuition, Robotics Club, School Council, Horrible Histories, Gardening club, CTK Mass, Engineering club, Youth Speaks Public Speaking, Book club, Cookery, Faith in Action, Student Librarian and Buddy Systems. Many more clubs are offered throughout the school year.

Visits out of school are offered by most subjects, usually for a monetary contribution. These can be subsidised if necessary. Trips offered will vary depending on year group. Pupils can participate in Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and overnight residential trips including the Year 7 Barnstondale outdoor activities 2 day camp plus many other exciting tours including Berlin, Real Madrid Football camp, Rome, Lourdes, Edinburgh, London, CERN, Avila and European skiing.

Class Charts App

Effective parental engagement is a key to success and the Class Charts App provides information about your child's school day instantly. It is a convenient way for school to communicate with you and for you to be involved in your child's education.

Class Charts can be accessed from a smartphone, tablet or a PC. You will be able to monitor your child's learning, timetables, attendance, behaviour and progress.

"Pupils enjoy a calm and respectful environment that helps them to study and learn.."

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