

# WELCOME TO TERM 4

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**CHRIST'S COLLEGE**  
CANTERBURY  
Each boy at his best.

## Dear parents and caregivers



### Tēnā koutou katoa,

Next Monday, I will embark on my role as Christ's College's 19th Executive Principal. I am filled with excitement and a deep sense of responsibility as I step into this position. I look forward to continuing the excellent work done before me and ensuring that College continues to set the benchmark for outstanding education in New Zealand.

Since our founding in 1850, Christ's College has evolved in many ways. Still, its core purpose, as articulated by pioneers such as Bishop Harper and Henry Jacobs, has remained steadfast: to be an educational institution with an unrelenting focus on academia, to educate boys to become men of virtuous character who make a positive contribution to society, all within the context of our Christian faith. These principles will remain. However, we will continue to be a forward-thinking school that enthusiastically embraces innovation and new opportunities as they arise, finding inspiration in the balance between tradition and progress.

My commitment is to ensure that Christ's College continues to be an exceptional learning environment where students develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to make meaningful contributions to society. By offering outstanding opportunities and experiences inside and outside the classroom, I believe we will continue to inspire our boys towards lifelong growth and self-improvement. My goal is to foster an environment that encourages academic rigour, personalised pastoral care, and unrelenting aspiration grounded in our Christian faith to ensure that 'each boy is at his best'.

### Important information

#### Term 4 dates

Click [here](#) to view the routine for the first day of Term 4.

#### Textbook returns

All textbooks must be returned before the end of Term 4 to avoid replacement charges. All non-returned textbooks will be charged to December accounts.

#### **Years 12–13 – Friday 22 November\***

(excluding Japanese – due Wednesday 27 November)

#### **Year 11 – to be advised at the start of Term 4**

#### **Years 9–10 – Tuesday 26 November**

\*Students requiring textbooks for Scholarship exams after this date need to email Mx Stilwell with the name of the textbook and the date of the exam.

#### **Monday 28 October**

Labour Day

#### **Friday 15 November**

Canterbury Anniversary Public Holiday – College closed

I look forward to working with the outstanding staff at College once again. I believe they are the most important factor in determining student outcomes. Only through our staff's dedication, professionalism, and expertise will we inspire our students to become tomorrow's movers and shakers.

I am grateful to our Board Chair, Hugh Lindo, Bishop Peter Carrell, and the Fellows of the Board for their support throughout my appointment process. Their encouragement has been invaluable to my family and me during this transition. I also wish to acknowledge my predecessor, Garth Wynne, for his years of dedicated service and the strong position he has left Christ's College.

My wife, Shelley, and my daughters, Sophie and Millie, are looking forward to contributing to, and becoming part of, the Christ's College community.

With best wishes,

**Joe Eccleton**  
**Executive Principal**

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## Staff movements

### **Stephen Dods**

Having spent 35 years involved with schoolboy, university, and club sport, Stephen 'Dods' Dods has decided it is time to find one more career challenge after leaving his nine-year role as MiC of Cricket and Rugby at Christ's College at the end of September.

Among his many highlights during his College tenure, Stephen is particularly proud of co-founding Tamai Sports with former Head Prefect Max Goodwin. A non-profit organisation, Tamai helps those children who face barriers in trying to get into sports. He has also helped to nurture the careers of All Blacks Sam Darry and Dallas McLeod, as well as numerous other provincial representatives, during his time at College. His many highlights include College winning the 2022 Gillette Cup, the national secondary schools cricket competition.

### **Rob Clarke**

PE & Health Head of Department Rob Clarke returns from his sabbatical at the start of Term 4. Thank you to Matt Thatcher for filling the role in Rob's absence and Liz de Latour for covering his classes.

### **Warren Lidstone**

Warren Lidstone returns to teaching History at the start of Term 4. Warren has been busy writing a College book, covering the school period from 1997–2025, in time for the 175th celebrations. With Warren's return, we farewell Liz Hay from her fixed-term role in the History Department.

### **Llorne Howell**

Llorne Howell will be MiC Cricket until the end of Term 1 2025 following Stephen Dods' departure.

### **Charlotte de Roles**

English teacher Charlotte de Roles has been appointed Jacobs Deputy Housemaster.

## Remembering Karen Adams – Flower's House Matron

We have started the term on a very sad note, with our wonderful Flower's House Matron, Karen Adams, passing away. Karen was at the very heart of our boarding community, supporting and caring for so many of our boys for 15 years. No matter the need, Karen was always there, ready to listen, act, or find the best way to support and nurture thousands of College boarders, along with becoming a special figure in the lives of our many international students. Often far away from their own families, our boys could always turn to Karen for comfort and care.



## Christ's College mail delivery address update

We have been advised by NZ Post that mail will NOT be delivered to the physical address of Christ's College. As a result, please ensure that any mail sent to the school, students or staff at Christ's College is addressed correctly.

**You can find the correct address for ALL mail to the school below:**

Christ's College  
Private Bag 4900  
Christchurch 8140

Any mail addressed to College's physical address will not be delivered.

## Year 11

### Exams

All College Diploma prep courses, where appropriate, will have an examination. Exams will run from the end of week 6 into week 7. During these exams, boys will be on study leave to focus on performing at their best. Exam results will be used to determine their readiness for chosen NCEA subjects.

### End-of-year experience – Finding your pathway

Year 11 students will then have their end-of-year experience as they complete the Ngā Miha Mātauranga – Christ's College Diploma. The focus will be on the transition from the College Diploma to readiness for NCEA. Year 11 students will spend the last days of the school year taking part in our 'Finding your pathway' programme. Graduating from the Diploma into NCEA study is a good time to start thinking about the post-College options available. The programme will include visits to Lincoln University and Ara and local businesses in a range of industries, along with on-site workshops about careers from College Old Boys. This programme has been designed to broaden boys' thinking about potential education and career pathways at an important transition time. This programme will run from Monday 2 December–Thursday 5 December.

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## Year 10

### End of year

Classes for Year 10 students will finish on Tuesday 26 November. During the following seven days, the boys will be involved in multiple experiences, including the Kōhitiia programme or a marae visit, and then a community service programme. All will contribute to your son's Ngā Miha Mātauranga – Christ's College Diploma. This will conclude on Thursday 5 December.

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## Year 9

### Final week

Classes for Year 9 students will finish on Wednesday 27 November. Following this, the boys will be involved in an outdoor education programme, including a two-day overnight camp and four day trips. Boys will attend a compulsory pre-camp briefing, with the date confirmed later in Term 4. Camp commitments will, where possible, accommodate any junior sport tournaments or co-curricular activities that take place during this time. This will conclude on Thursday 5 December.

### *2023 Register* magazine

At the end of Term 3, *Register* magazine was sent home with all Years 10–13 boys.

## Years 12–13 end of year

The last day for Years 12–13 classes is Wednesday 30 October (Term 4, Week 3). The following week is study leave, in preparation for NCEA exams starting on Tuesday 5 November. Teachers will be available in their classrooms to assist students during the study week, per the regular subject timetable. The exam timetable can be found [here](#).

### Prize-giving – Friday 6 December

Junior and Senior  
Year 13 Leavers' Chapel Service

### Carols on the Quad – Thursday 5 December

6pm – compulsory for Years 9–13.  
Everyone's welcome to attend.

### Year 13 Leavers' Ball – Saturday 7 December

7.30–11pm – Christchurch Art Gallery

## Years 9–11 end of year

The last day for Years 9–11 is Friday 6 December. There are no classes on this day. It is about celebrating the year. Boys will be required to wear their suits.

### Prize-giving – Friday 6 December

Junior and Senior  
Year 13 Leavers' Chapel Service

### Carols on the Quad – Thursday 5 December

6pm – compulsory for Years 9–13.  
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## Term 4 Chapel services

### Sunday 20 October

Years 9, 12, and 13

### Sunday 3 November

Years 10 and 11 (and any Years 12 and 13 students still needing to make up a Chapel service)

### Sunday 1 December

Years 9 and 10 (and any Year 11 students still needing to make up a Chapel service)

Please note that Years 9 and 10 are expected to attend two Sunday Chapel services during Term 4, and Years 11, 12, and 13 one service.

## Final term focus

As we move into Term 4, it is important to focus on the wellbeing of our boys as we prepare for a busy exam period and a time of change for our seniors. College wants to take this opportunity to acknowledge the leadership of our 2024 Prefects and looks forward to working with the 2025 senior student leaders.

It is important to remind families that boys need plenty of sleep, and to eat well and exercise as they navigate the exam period.

### Sunday 13 October

We look forward to welcoming back all of our boarders from 3pm. All boarders are due back in the Houses by 8pm.

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## End-of-year celebrations by House

### Corfe House

Dinner and prize-giving

Tuesday 22 October, 7pm, Dining Hall

### Condell's House

Dinner and prize-giving

Tuesday 29 October, 7pm, Dining Hall

### Flower's House

Prize-giving

Thursday 5 December, 4pm, Flower's House

### Harper House

Dinner and prize-giving

Thursday 17 October, 7pm, Dining Hall

### Jacobs House

Dinner and prize-giving

Thursday 31 October, 7pm, Dining Hall

### Julius House

Dinner and prize-giving

Tuesday 15 October, 7pm, Dining Hall

### Richards House

Dinner and prize-giving

Thursday 5 December, 7pm, Dining Hall

### Rolleston House

Dinner and prize-giving

Thursday 24 October, 7pm, Dining Hall

### School House

Dinner and prize-giving

Friday 1 November, 6.30pm, Chateau on the Park  
a DoubleTree by Hilton

### Somes House

Dinner and prize-giving

Friday 1 November, 7pm, Dining Hall

### Year 13 Boarding Parents' Breakfast

Friday 6 December, 9am, Dining Hall

[Book here.](#)

## Summer uniform (Terms 4 and 1)

All students are expected to wear the summer uniform when they return to school. It consists of black shorts, with a black belt, and short black socks with two white stripes. Boys can wear long trousers in the summer if they wish. When shirt sleeves are rolled up, they must sit neatly above the elbows. Students must wear blazers to Chapel on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and to Assembly. Suits are to be worn to Sunday Chapel and prize-giving.

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## Looking smart for Term 4

Please ensure that all boys return to school clean shaven and with the appropriate haircuts and hair lengths. Click [here](#) for further guidelines.



## Enrolments

The demand for places at Christ's College continues to climb, and we will be interviewing siblings of present students – for 2026 entry – in November this year. If you have not enrolled your son, please contact Admissions Registrar [Sarah Fechney](#) as soon as possible.

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## Leaving College?

If your son does not plan to return to College in 2025, please email [executiveprincipal@christscollege.com](mailto:executiveprincipal@christscollege.com) to let us know by the end of Week 1, Term 4. Later notice will likely incur fees for Term 1, 2025.

*The*  
**PINK**  
*Lunch*

with guest speaker  
Gillian Simpson

Friday 25 October, 12pm  
Christ's College Dining Hall

Tickets \$50  
Bookings essential by 23 October

**MUSHROOM  
COMPOST**  
*for sale*

Dig deep to support the Christ's College  
2025 Basketball Tour Fundriaser

Help us to grow the boys' basketball skills while also  
helping to grow your garden by buying a bag or two –  
or trailer-load – of high-nutrient mushroom compost.

**PURCHASE HERE**

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## Events in Term 4

Please go to the [Upcoming Events page](#) on the College website for more details.

**Wednesday 16 October**  
'Runt' movie fundraiser for Māia Health

**Sunday 20 October**  
Scholarships and study in the United States

**Wednesday 23 October**  
South Canterbury Community Visit

**Thursday 24 October**  
Ashburton Community Visit

**Friday 25 October**  
Boarding Mothers' Morning Tea  
Christ's College Parents' Association Pink Lunch

**Tuesday 5 November**  
Nelson Community Visit

**Tuesday 5–Saturday 9 November**  
*Puffs* – Christ's College & St Margaret's College  
Year 9 & 10 production

**Wednesday 6 November**  
Blenheim Community Visit

**Tuesday 19 November**  
Wanaka Community Visit

**Friday 6 December**  
Year 13 Boarding Parents' Breakfast

**14–16 February 2025**  
175 Years Celebratory Weekend & CCOBA Reunion

Christ's College & St Margaret's  
College Year 9 & 10 production

**PUFFS**  
BY MATT GOO

OR  
**SEVEN INCREASINGLY EVENTFUL YEARS  
AT A CERTAIN SCHOOL OF MAGIC AND MAGIC**

ARCHIBALDS EST. 1916 HIGGS CONSTRUCTION BROOKSFIELD

**5-9 NOVEMBER | CHRIST'S COLLEGE OBT**  
Dont miss out - book your tickets now

# 2025 Prefects

Congratulations to next year's Prefects, announced at the final Term 3 Assembly.



**Ihaka Cate (So)**  
Head Prefect



**Aaron Kwak (Ro)**  
Deputy Head Prefect



**Harrison Laing (R)**  
Head of Boarding



**Jack Hastie**  
HoH – Condell's



**Ben Campbell**  
HoH – Corfe



**Max Airey**  
HoH – Flower's



**Fynn Harrington**  
HoH – Harper



**Luke Hearne**  
HoH – Jacobs



**David Wayne**  
HoH – Julius



**Seb Hailey**  
HoH – Richards



**Logan Ainsworth**  
HoH – Rolleston



**Will Richards**  
HoH – School



**Alf Markham**  
HoH – Somes



**James Hadden (S)**  
Head of Academic



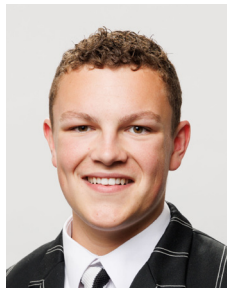
**Daniel Wilson (H)**  
Head of Arts & Culture



**Tai Mckenzie (Cf)**  
Head of Biculturalism



**Sam Belcher (So)**  
Head of Chapel Choir



**Frank O'Gara (F)**  
Head of Character & Leadership



**Tinura Gajamange (Ja)**  
Head of Environment



**Benson Geng-Wang (J)**  
Head of International/  
Round Square



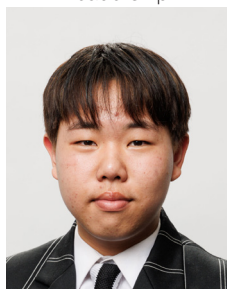
**Tomas Coberger (Cf)**  
Head of Service



**Henry Hiatt (Ja)**  
Head of Sport



**Edward Elworthy (J)**  
Head of Wellbeing



**Kennedy Xiao (C)**  
Chapel Prefect



**Luke Edmonds (R)**  
Chapel Prefect



**Che De Luca (Cf)**  
College Prefect