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Each boy at his best.

Dear parents and caregivers

In the first week of the term break, I, along with several staff, attended the 2023 International Boys' Schools Coalition (IBSC) annual conference, hosted this year by Westlake Boys High School in Auckland.

The conference brought together more than 640 boys' educators from around the world, exploring the theme of 'Dream beyond limits'.

There were several highlights, including keynote speakers of the calibre of Sir Ian Taylor, Director of Animation Research Ltd, Westlake BHS alumni William Pike, who is the founder of the William Pike Challenge Award for primary school students – for many, a precursor to the Duke of Edinburgh Awards – and Dr Tony Fernando, a psychiatrist and sleep specialist, Buddhist monk, and recipient of the Chair's Award from the New Zealand Medical Association. The latter is the highest association recognition given to any doctor for his work on physician wellbeing.

A wide range of workshops facilitated professional learning and conversation. I was very proud that three staff members made contributions. Caroline Black, our Director of Wellbeing Education, spoke on *A Wellbeing Lens Specific to Boys' Education*, Chris Waugh presented his Action Research, that has taken place over the last 12 months, titled *Pull a Seat up to the Table: The Enfranchising Effect of Placing Queer Students in*

Important dates

Monday 17 July, 8.30am–5.30pm

Years 12–13 NCEA parent/teacher/student online meetings by appointment (NO CLASSES for Years 9–13).

Sunday 23 July, 7pm

Chapel (Evensong)

Sunday 30 July, 6.30–7.30pm, St Andrew's College Chapel

Combined boarders Chapel service.

Monday 31 July, 7–8.30pm, Assembly Hall

NCEA Options Evening for parents and boys of Years 11 & 12 – [Register here](#)

Wednesday 2 August, 6–8pm, Bully Hayes

Akaroa Community Visit – [Book here](#)

Sunday 6 August, 7pm

Chapel (Eucharist)

Tuesday 8 August, 6–8pm, Giant Public House

Hawke's Bay Community Visit – [Book here](#)

Charge of Teacher Development, and Nicole Billante, our AP – Curriculum, presented on *The Challenges and Rewards of Implementing a Holistic Curriculum (The Christ's College Diploma – Years 10 and 11)*.

IBSC continues to be a mission-aligned organisation for Christ's College, providing professional learning for staff with an international lens and the opportunity to build relationships of value. This is exemplified in the upcoming football tour to the United States where all games have been facilitated by relationships forged by Matt Cortesi, our MiC of Football, and IBSC member schools.

Term 3 promises to be another dynamic period for the boys, with a particular focus on academic programmes for those in Years 12–13 and the wonderful opportunities that House Drama brings for all. There is also Tournament Week for many winter sports, adding a real energy and focus.

Finally, my thanks to our Director of Drama, Hannah Clarkson, and other dedicated staff for leading a group of more than 30 boys on what has been hailed as a very successful drama tour to the UK during the term break. Such tours only happen because of the willingness of staff to give of their time and energy, and, along with the boys and families who benefit, I am thankful for such dedication.

Independent investigation

Following Board Chair Hugh Lindo's email yesterday, I want to let you know the independent investigation into the employment of Connor Matthews (Taurapa), a former residential tutor at Christ's College, is now under way.

I will be addressing all staff and boys on Tuesday.

If you have any relevant information you would like to share with Janna McGuigan, who is leading the independent investigation, please email janna@jannamcguigan.co.nz to initiate a discussion. All correspondence will be confidential and will not be seen by anyone at Christ's College.

Garth Wynne
Executive Principal

Enrolments

The demand for places at College continues to climb. We will be interviewing the siblings of present students – for 2025 entry – later this year. If you have not enrolled your son, please do so immediately by [clicking here](#).

Course selection evenings

While we are only at the halfway mark with the academic year, Term 3 is an important term for starting to look ahead. Two key dates to keep in mind are the course selection evenings (listed below). This is the opportunity for boys and parents to speak to the relevant department representatives about the courses they are considering. While there will be a brief introduction about the option choice process, the evenings are designed for one-to-one conversations with subject experts (and, therefore, will not be live-streamed). If you have any questions, please make the most of the opportunities and join us at the respective events.

NCEA OPTIONS EVENING

Monday 31 July

DIPLOMA OPTIONS EVENING

Monday 14 August (NEW DATE)

Important dates continued...

Tuesday 8 August, 6.30–9pm, Assembly Hall

REACTION House Plays Festival, Night One
(Condell's, Jacobs, Julius, Harper, Somes)

Thursday 10 August, 5–6pm, Dining Hall

Combined boarding House parents' drinks and canapés – [Book here](#)

Thursday 10 August, 6.30–9pm, Assembly Hall

REACTION House Plays Festival, Night Two
(School, Flower's, Richards, Corfe, Rolleston)

Monday 14 August, 7–8.30pm, Assembly Hall

Diploma Options Evening for parents and boys of Years 9 & 10 – [Register here](#)

Thursday 17 August, 5.30–7.30pm, Chapman Room

Business Banter with ANZ Chief Economist Sharon Zollner – [Book here](#)

Sunday 20 August, 7pm

Chapel (Evensong)

Monday 21 August–Friday 25 August

Derived Grade Examinations for Years 12 & 13

Monday 28 August–Saturday 2 September

Winter Tournament Week

Wednesday 6 September, 7.30–9pm, Assembly Hall

Christ's College & Rangī Ruru Girls' School
Contemporary Music Evening

Friday 8 September, 10.15am–12pm

Grandparents' Day – [Book here](#)

Staff movements

Ian Stevenson

After 22 years of service to College, Ian Stevenson has decided to resign at the end of the year with the intention of moving into professional coaching. Ian's contribution has been diverse over the years and he leaves us with fond memories in his final phase as Corfe Housemaster, which he reflects on as his most satisfying and fulfilling contribution.

Paul McCarthy

We farewell International Student Manager Paul McCarthy this term as he returns to full-time teaching at Ellesmere College. Thank you Paul for your commitment and dedication to the international programme for the past two years. Paul joined us at a challenging time during Covid-19. He has shown his flexibility by assisting in teaching various subjects, including ESOL, guiding new students, and providing pastoral care for our current students.

Sarah Davidson

Our new International Student Manager, Sarah Davidson, joins us mid-August. She is a skilled academic coordinator, services manager, student liaison officer, and programme and sports administrator. With experience in both the secondary and tertiary education sectors – along with a strong commitment to diversity and inclusion – Sarah brings a range of talents to the role. Her most recent position has been with the University of Canterbury Students' Association, where she has held the role – since 2019 – of academic coordinator, providing a link between students and various university departments and advisory groups, including international, Māori, and Pasifika. Previously, she managed the rugby programme at Rangiora High School and was the academic services manager at the Massey University College of Business.

Dan Richards

We farewelled Dan at the end of Term 2 and thanked him for his significant contribution to College and our co-curricular programme. Dan returns to the UK to study sports coaching and physical education.

Marcus Allan

We welcome Marcus Allan, who is coming to us from Bristol in the UK. Marcus will be with us until July 2024.

Leaving College?

If your son does not plan to return to College in 2024, please email executiveprincipal@christscolllege.com to let us know by the end of Week 1, Term 4. Later notice will likely incur fees for Term 1, 2024.

Boarders return to Houses

It is great to welcome boarders back from 3pm on Monday 17 July when the boarding Houses reopen. We will also welcome a group of Immerse & Inspire students from 4pm on Monday 17 July. We have a busy term ahead as we approach internal examinations, winter Tournament Week, and the transition of leadership within our Houses to Year 12.

Register 2022

Members of our boarding community will receive their copies of *Register 2022* via post over the coming weeks. Our dayboy families will receive their copies via their sons at the start of Term 3. *Register 2022* provides an annual record of the school and involves an incredible amount of work by those who create the content and edit and produce the final copy. I would particularly like to acknowledge Advancement team members. Thank you also to the many contributors to this wonderful record of College life.

Important dates continued...

Friday 8 September, 7–10.30pm, Assembly Hall

Christ's College Parents' Association Spring Bling – [Book here](#)

Saturday 9 September, 8–9.30am, Dining Hall

Year 9 Father and Son Breakfast – [Book here](#)

Saturday 9 September, 7.30–11pm, Te Pae

College Senior Ball

Sunday 10 September, 7pm

Chapel (Evensong)

Wednesday 13 September, 7–8pm, Assembly Hall

Independent Schools Encore Choral Festival Concert

Friday 15 September, 3–4pm, Chapman Room

Diploma Q&A for boarding parents – [Register here](#)

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[BOARDING KEY DATES 2023](#)



Year 9 Father and Son Breakfast

We would be delighted if you could join us for our Year 9 Father and Son Breakfast.

Saturday 9 September, 8–9.30am
Christ's College Dining Hall

[Register here](#)



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Business Banter

WITH CHRIST'S COLLEGE

ANZ Chief Economist Sharon Zollner
Thursday 17 August, 5.30–7.30pm

Welcome drinks 5.30–6pm, followed by presentation and Q&A

Hear from highly regarded ANZ Chief Economist, commentator, and modeller Sharon Zollner as she shares her economic update, along with her views on what may lie ahead amid a rapidly changing business environment.

[Register here](#)



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