

WELCOME TO TERM 4

FROM GARTH WYNNE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL



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CHRIST'S COLLEGE
CANTERBURY

Each boy at his best.

Dear parents and caregivers

It is a delight to be able to write to you at the start of a new term in the knowledge that I am not conveying a Covid-19-related process or protocol. Let us all hope that this continues. I trust that the past three weeks have allowed families to gather in some way and enjoy what is provided by term breaks.

It certainly has not been a downtime for some students and staff, and those busy with Scholarship classes. Outdoor Education camps focussed on Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journeys, endings of winter sports seasons, and the start of summer training and camps have meant there has been much activity and a wide variety of success – all of which has been reported through other platforms.



Among this, I must highlight the achievement of our Senior A Basketball team, who became the National Champion in Palmerston North at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Basketball Tournament. It has been 23 years since this accolade was brought home by a team from Christchurch and we should

Seniors – Years 12–13 end of year

The last day for Years 12–13 classes is Friday 28 October. Classes will run until 3.35pm, followed by the Senior Prize-giving and the Year 13 Leavers' Chapel Service. **Please see the routine for the day [here](#).**

The following week is study leave, in preparation for the NCEA exams starting on Monday 7 November. Teachers will be available in their classrooms to assist students during the study week, per the regular subject timetable.

Prize-giving – Seniors – Friday 28 October

4pm – Prize-giving (Uniform – suit)
6pm – Year 13 Leavers' Chapel Service

Carols on the Quad – Thursday 1 December

6pm – compulsory for Years 9–12.
Year 13 students are welcome to attend (uniform – suit for all students, including Year 13). Everyone's welcome to attend.

Year 13 Leavers' Ball – Saturday 3 December

7.30pm – Air Force Museum of New Zealand, Wigram

all be very proud of this outstanding achievement and how, with humility and sportsmanship, this exceptional team represented our school. The simplest of messages that came from our extraordinary coach, Ben Sheat, at the beginning of this campaign is one which we can all reflect on and take forward and consider in all that we do – ***Leave your imprint, trust in the process, pave the way for the future and remember that which is impossible alone can be possible together.***

I wish everyone well for the rest of the year. Term 4 is always, “short, sharp, and sweet” and asks of us all to be well organised and clear in our purpose. I especially look forward to our celebrations and conclusions of what has been another extraordinary year.

Year 11

Exams

Teachers, parents, and senior students all provided feedback – during the Diploma consultation process – that experience with examinations was an important part of preparing for NCEA Level 2.

All Diploma prep courses will have an examination in Week 5 of Term 4, from Tuesday 15 November–Friday 18 November. During this time, boys will be on study leave to focus on performing their best. Effort in these examinations is the final contribution to the Academic Engagement element of Ngā Miha. We will also review the exam results to discuss preparedness for NCEA, should any results be of concern.

End-of-year experience – Finding your pathway

Classes for Year 11 students will finish on Tuesday 22 November. Year 11s will then have a new, end-of-year experience as they complete the inaugural year of the Ngā Miha Mātauranga Christ’s College Diploma. The focus will be on the transition from the College Diploma into readiness for NCEA.

Year 11 students will spend the last days of the school year taking part in our new ‘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 the three local tertiary institutions (University of Canterbury, Lincoln University, and Ara) and local businesses in a range of industries, along with on-site workshops about careers and personal strengths and leadership development. 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 Wednesday 23 November–Wednesday 30 November.

Year 10 – end of year

Classes for Year 10 students will finish on Friday 18 November. During the following two weeks, the boys will be involved in multiple experiences, including the Ministry of Awesome Lab5 or a marae visit, and then by a Community Service programme. All of these will contribute to your son’s Ngā Miha Mātauranga College Diploma. This will conclude on Wednesday 30 November.

Year 9 – end of year

Classes for Year 9 students will finish on Tuesday 22 November. Following this, the boys will be involved in an outdoor education programme, including a three-day overnight camp and three day trips. Boys will attend a compulsory pre-camp briefing on Thursday 10 November, from 8.20am–9.20am. Please note that this is an earlier start for the boys. Camp commitments will accommodate any junior sport tournaments that may be taking place during this time. This will conclude on Wednesday 30 November.

Years 9–11 end of year

The last day for Years 9–11 is Thursday 1 December. There are no classes on this day. It is about celebrating the year. Boys will be required to be at College by 3.30pm, wearing their suit.

Prize-giving – Thursday 1 December

4pm – Prize-giving (uniform – suit).

Carols on the Quad – Thursday 1 December

6pm – compulsory for Years 9–12. Year 13 students are welcome to attend (uniform – suit for all students, including Year 13). Everyone’s welcome to attend.

Boarding

Years 9–10 Boarding Families Diploma Options Q&A Session

Sunday 16 October, 3pm – Chapman Room

As many members of our boarding community have been unable to attend the Diploma Options Evening, or have other academic questions about the Ngā Miha Mātauranga Christ’s College Diploma, we will be hosting an afternoon tea Q&A for boarding families on Sunday 16 October from 3–4 pm. [Register here.](#)

Return to Boarding Houses

Boarding drop-off is from 3pm onwards. However, those attending the Years 9–10 afternoon tea Q&A for boarding families can drop off bags from 2pm.

Summer uniform (Terms 4 and 1)

All students are expected to wear summer uniform when they return to school. The summer uniform consists of dark grey walk 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.

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](#) and go to page 6 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 2024 entry – in November this year. If you have not enrolled your son, please make immediate contact with our Admissions Registrar, [Sarah Fechny](#).

Leaving College?

If your son does not plan to return to College in 2023, please email executiveprincipal@christscollege.com to let us know by the end of Week 1, Term 4. Later notice will likely incur fees for Term 1, 2023.

Important information

Library book returns

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

14 November – Years 12–13

22 November – Years 9–11

Monday 24 October

Labour Day

Friday 11 November

Canterbury Anniversary Public Holiday – College closed

Monday 21 November

Ministry of Education Teacher-only Day
(NO CLASSES)

Events in Term 4

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

Saturday 29 October

Year 11 Semi-formal

Sunday 30 October

Chapel Service, 7pm
(compulsory for Years 9–11)

Monday 31 October

Nelson Community Visit

Tuesday 1 November

Blenheim Community Visit

Tuesday 1 November–Saturday 5 November

Rainbow's Ending – Christ's College and St Margaret's College Years 9–10 co-production

Friday 4 November

Boarding Mothers' Morning Tea
Christ's College Parents' Association Pink Lunch

Monday 7 November

Ashburton Community Visit

Tuesday 15 November

Wanaka Community Visit

Sunday 27 November

Advent Service, 7pm
(compulsory for Years 9–11)

2023 Prefects

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



Ed Davidson (F)
Head Prefect



Matthew Brett (C)
Deputy Head Prefect



Lachie Short (F)
Head of Boarding



Nate Ovendale
HoH - Condell's



Charlie Poulter
HoH - Corfe



Beau Armstrong
HoH - Flower's



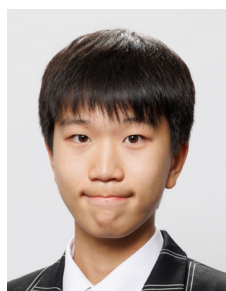
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HoH - Harper



George Cochrane
HoH - Jacobs



Tom Picton-Warlow
HoH - Julius



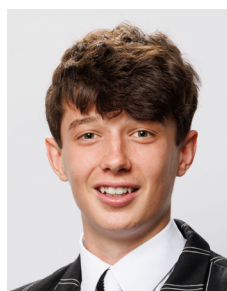
Michael Li
HoH - Richards



Jack McKeown
HoH - Rolleston



Matthew O'Connor
HoH - School



George Howard
HoH - Somes



Alexander Law (Ja)
Head of Chapel Choir



George Brakenridge (Ro)
Chapel Prefect



Edward Nye (Ro)
Chapel Prefect



Angus Gifford (Ja)
Head of Academic



William Sudell (J)
Head of Arts & Culture



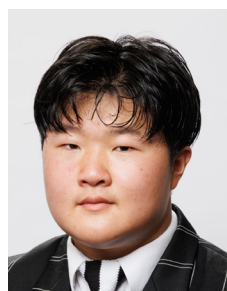
Jack McKenzie (Cf)
Head of Biculturalism



Tom Foster (F)
Head of Character & Leadership



Ben Donaldson (F)
Head of Environment



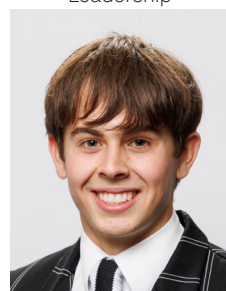
Luke Kim (F)
Head of International/
Round Square



Elliott Grey (C)
Head of Service



Lewis Whiteside (H)
Head of Sport



Finn Melhuish (H)
Head of Wellbeing