

Spring 2005

## WELCOME TO THE FIRST CTK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS UPDATE!!



This twice-yearly collection of news, comments, articles and letters has no name - we need your suggestions, so send us something suitable, please. No prizes – just the glory of knowing that your name was chosen.

### WHY AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION?

We want to:

- Maintain the feeling of community among all our students (and staff): we all belong to the CTK family, we all share the experience and we want all to know we are always welcome back.

- Improve information and mutual support, and use the experiences gained from our Alumni members for the benefit of others.

- Enable past students to meet up for a chat about old times and new: a face-to-face reunion once in a while - the first is planned for Thursday ,20th October 2005, at 6.00-8.00pm. Come and meet old friends and members of staff. Click [HERE](#) to confirm your attendance.



**CTK is growing! Each year sees more students, more university applicants, and more buildings.**

The College now has 1380 students, an enlarged LRC and Careers Library, a new chapel, Sports Hall, and two lifts under construction.



**Mr Potter** is delighted with the new Sports Hall – a vast space compared with the old gym. Mr Potter has added to his team; in addition to Mr Francis, Nicole Beckles joined the college in

September. She is running a series of sports classes for students and staff - and the salsa class is most popular!

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## Christ The King College 1992 – 2005



Since opening in 1992, Christ The King College has gone from strength to strength. It now educates over 1,300 students annually and its popularity continues to grow year on year. This year over 5,000 people visited our three open evenings and we have received in excess of 2,560 applications.

The College owes its success to all the staff and students who have been members of its community over the years. Our reputation is the result of the tremendous achievements of its former students, who year on year produce pass rates above the national average and who go on to be successful in their chosen careers.

Our sense of community is fostered through our links with partner schools, parents, parishes, universities and employers and we want to extend this to our former students. We would be delighted to hear from you and find out about what you are doing now. By joining the association you'll be able to keep in touch with the College and with former friends. As well as our newsletter and link-up services we hope to host reunion and other events. We are interested in what you would like to see in place and very much look forward to hearing from you.

**Jane Overbury**  
Principal

## A Word from the three Principals in CTK's 14-year history

### Kieran Fagan - 1992 - 1998

As I look back over the first years of Christ the King College happy memories spring to mind. Students and staff worked hard together to establish a supportive community as the Sixth Form College was created on St Theresa's site to take over from the Sixth Form Centre at Charlton.

Remember the fun of interfaculty competition on Foundation Day, the joy of community celebrations led by Father Doug and our links with Ahotokrum, the cringing embarrassment of the Oscars, the fashion show, the everlasting football game, the incredible success of you, the students, year after year and all the friendships made.

These memories sing louder than pink late slips, leaking roofs, broken boilers, catch up time and smokers' corner. I am delighted to have the opportunity to greet again all you past students and staff who saw the College through its formative years from 1992 to 1998.

It was a privilege to know you and I hope many of you will take the opportunity to stay in touch and share your own set of memories.

### Colleen Chater - 1998 - 2003

It is wonderful to be able to communicate with you again. I have very happy memories of working with you during my five years at Christ the King. The College had a real sense of community and was always full of energy and enthusiasm, particularly during the 5 aside football tournaments, the Leavers' Day, Christmas Concerts, at break times around the grand piano in the Hall; but appropriately silent in the LRC. The best day was always results day in August with, anticipation about the contents of exam slips, but wonderful levels of achievement and progression.

During my period as Principal, the new Chapel and Chaplaincy area was created, the Library and Learning Centre was refurbished and extended and plans for the Sports Centre were also prepared. I hope you enjoyed some of the benefits of these developments.

I am now Principal at The Sixth Form College, Solihull, which has 2450 students. This provides different challenges from Christ the King, although they are still focused on providing the best possible teaching and learning experience.

If you would like to contact me, please do not hesitate to do so. Best wishes for the future.

### Jane Overbury - 2003 - Present



I became Principal in November 2004, having been Vice Principal at the College since September 1998. I am extremely privileged to lead such a successful College and am proud of the achievements of all our students. The College has received many accolades and having received Beacon College status last year, I was honoured to represent the College at a Downing Street reception given to celebrate the work of successful Colleges such as ours.

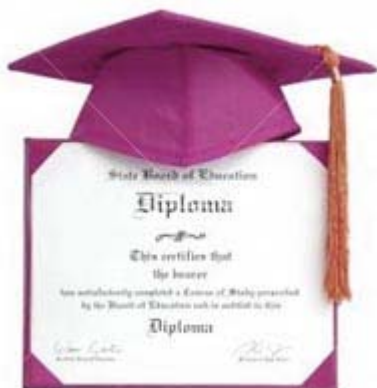
The College campus has developed over the years and our new sports centre was opened in September 2004.

Our current building project will convert the old gym into two floors, add a new third floor bridge between the north and south block and provide lift access so that all floors of the College are accessible.

I hope that in the future you might come back to the College and see all the new developments as well as meet old friends and teachers. I wish you all the best and hope that, in the spirit of our college motto 'Ut Vitam Habeant', you are living life to the full.

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## Are you graduating this year?



If so, there is some good news for you: research by the Association of Graduate Recruiters predicts that there will be 14.5% more graduate vacancies in 2005 than last year. In particular, vacancies will increase in *accountancy, law, investment banking, retail management, engineering, IT, general management and in the public sector*. Starting salaries are also expected to be higher in many areas, so your debts could be paid off quicker – maybe? When you begin your jobsearch, don't stick to the large organisations with household names, look at some SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprises) where some excellent opportunities can be found.

**What are your memories of CTK?** What was the funniest thing that happened while you were here?

**Have your plans changed since you left us?** Did you go on to study English and convert to Engineering, or start at Edinburgh and transfer to Exeter?

**What has been fun, unexpected, difficult, rewarding - at university, on a Gap year, at work?** Whatever your experiences, we'd like to know, and so would your old friends you've lost touch with – send us your memories, and ideas for Alumni events or for the next edition of this magazine.

### Several former students have found they just couldn't stay away!



Tayo Adedeji studied Graphic and Media Design at the London College of Printing after she left CTK in 1998 - and then went off to Thailand to teach English and enjoy the food. Tayo has been a

member of our LRC team since October 2003; she admits she found it strange at first, helping students and telling them to be quiet, rather than being on the receiving end, but she soon settled into the familiar and friendly atmosphere. Tayo is now studying for a PGCE - so she could take on a third role here, as a teacher.



Amanda Condron has been teaching here for four years. It was very different for her working alongside Miss Ford in the Performing Arts studio rather than being taught by her, but Amanda very quickly transformed herself from student to

teacher and she is a popular addition to the college staff. Amanda's degree was in Dance and Drama at King Alfred's College, Winchester and focused on educational aspects of the subject. This helped her decide to teach dance and drama at post-16 level, CTK needed another teacher in the department and so... back to college.



**Vicky Semakula** started at CTK on the NVQ level 2 Business course from which she was the first student to progress to the Advanced GNVQ. She left us in 1999 and went on to the Business Studies degree at

Greenwich University, but switched to Human Resource Management after one year. Now she's back, married, and working hard in our main office, gaining experience in a range of admin and student recruitment activities.



**Frank Manorahan** was at CTK when it opened in 1992, and he went on to study Leicester University's Electrical and Electronic Engineering degree. After engineering technician jobs in Leicester and Greenwich, Frank

travelled the world for a year, then took a CISCO course in networking. By the time he began his current job as Network Administrator his experiences had removed him from the student frame of mind but he too finds the college environment a good one to be part of. Like all our returners, his time in college is busy, and well spent.



**Warren Scott** went to Ravensbourne in 1998 after CTK where he followed an Art Foundation course with an HNC in Broadcasting Post Production, then to Bournemouth for his degree in New Media Production. This led Warren to begin work as a freelance cameraman. He now has two part-time jobs, one as an Art Technician at CTK, the other in Graphics and Presentation at MTV. His advice to anyone wanting to work in television? - talk to people, make contacts, network, network, network ...

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### Christ The King Alumni Association Members

The former CTK students below have already joined the on-line Alumni Association; if you would like to find out more please go to [www.ctlk.sfc.ac.uk](http://www.ctlk.sfc.ac.uk) and follow the Alumni/former student link. We look forward to hearing from you.

First Name	Surname	Left CTK	What we are doing now
Frances	Overall	1994	Working as contracted PA at the Met Police via an IT consultants company called logicCMG
Fred	Senyonjo	1996	Working for Nokia Telecoms
Abena	Duah-Boachie	1997	Work with the awarding body Edexcel as an Assessment Leader for GCSE/Applied GCSE Art and Design
Leon	Hulyer	1997	Work for Charlton Athletic FC
Paul	Paget	1997	Company Director
Antony	Philomin	1997	Working in Financial Services
Samantha	Prince	1997	On maternity with my 11 month old son
Tolu	Fatukasi	1998	Pharmacist
David	French	1998	Working full time providing support for people with complex needs. Board member for a housing association, trustee of a charity.
James	Garry	1998	Writing films scripts, poetry, working part time at Goldsmiths College library and part time at an eating disorders clinic
Gare	Kekeke	1998	Working at Sky Sports. I work as an editorial assistant and have been there since July 1999.
Paul	Medhurst	1998	Building Project Co-ordinator
Neil	Ming	1998	Chef
Caroline	Ogunmuyiwa	1998	Post Graduate Diploma in Guidance with QCG
Kolpona	Begum	1999	Trainee Accountant
Michelle	Devall	1999	Working
Andrew	Lau	1999	Conference Production
Jon	Sydney	1999	Handyman/Ecologist
Leanne	Taylor	1999	Applying for PGCE English Course
Harriet	Thomas	1999	Working part time in a law firm, studying part time for LPC
Christina	Evwierhoma	2000	Graduated from Uni, going overseas with a voluntary organisation VSO in 2005 to do volunteer work
Million	Girmay	2000	London Metropolitan University
Khusrao	Hakimi	2000	Multimedia Technology BSc
Sanjan	Haque	2000	MA International Studies and Diplomacy
Walter	Johnson	2000	Working in Brighton but applying for jobs in London
Candice	McKenzie	2000	DJ Events Coordinator
Tim	Otway	2000	Property Manager
Micahel	Pecha	2000	General Manager
Sally	Rendall	2000	MSc in Occupational Psychology at Goldsmiths University
Sean	Rooney	2000	Working
Chi	Tang	2000	University
Anthony	Akingbade	2001	Web / Product Design
Simon	Cattermole	2001	IT Development Manager
James	Bailey	2002	Motor Mechanic
Martha	Costa-Sherwood	2002	Roehampton University, studying Business and Psychology
Salvatore	Landolina	2002	BA International Studies
Philip	Ogunleye	2002	Kingston University
Kieran	O'Keefe	2002	I am a Recruitment Consultant, specialising in the recruitment of financial professionals.
Simi	Sekhon	2002	Law at Queen Mary's University

Gemma	Smith	2002	Film and Television degree at Roehampton University
Daniel	Osei-Bonsu	2003	Currently at Lewisham College studying Psychology, law, sociology and English, all AS
Michael	Situ	2003	Studying Law at University of Essex
Jake	Thomas	2003	University
Martha	Amegadzie	2004	Nursing at East London University
Stephanie	Barton	2004	Working for an interior design company on Pall Mall
Stephanie	Barton	2004	Working for the Foreign Office
Tom	Brown	2004	Studying Art at Ravensbourne College
Gary	Butler	2004	Degree in computer animation at Ravensbourne College of Art and Design
Zoe	Cassell	2004	Tailoring course at the London College of Fashion
Abiodun	Egerton-Shyngle	2004	University of Leicester studying LLB Law
Rachael	Ezinwa	2004	University
Kimberley	Ferron	2004	At University
Zachary	Fihosy	2004	Foundation Studies in Art & Design (Diploma)
Christine	Forsmark	2004	Degree in Marketing and PR at London Metropolitan University
Luke	Francis	2004	French Degree at Reading University
Daniel	Jerinic	2004	BA Accounting & Finance
Anique	Leomine	2004	Law degree at Brunel University, Uxbridge
Sheena	Ngo	2004	Studying Consumer Marketing at Manchester Metropolitan University
Kiet	Nong	2004	BSc Computer Science with a year abroad at KCL, London
Gbenga	Odejayi	2004	BSc Marketing Degree at Roehampton University
Adebayo	Olaiwon	2004	Degree at Bradford University in Pharmacology
Aramide	Osunwo	2004	Buckingham Chilterns University
Belinda	Owusu	2004	Gap Year
Lucy	Owusu-Darkwah	2004	University
Claire	Pearce	2004	Working in the Institute of Psychiatry and studying Animal Technology and BTEC in Biology
Dinithi	Perera	2004	Studying Law at University of Kent
Latoyah	Prempeh	2004	Art Foundation Course at The London College of Fashion
Natoya	Raymond	2004	BA (Hons) in Media & Cultural Studies at Kingston University
Edwin	Selvaratnam	2004	Medicine extended at Kings College, London
Melissa	Smith	2004	I am currently studying BA English Literature at Goldsmiths University
Nicola	Tilling	2004	A diploma in stage management at The Academy of Live and Recorded Arts.
Jade	Walker	2004	Acting Degree at Guildford school of Acting
Jade	Yebra	2004	Art Foundation at Ravensbourne

Don't forget our reunion on Thursday, 20th October 2005 between 6.00 - 8.00 pm

## ARCHBISHOP OPENS JAMES JACKSON SPORTS CENTRE



HIS GRACE, The Most Reverend Kevin McDonald, was the principal celebrant at a service to celebrate the naming and opening of the James Jackson Sports Centre.

The service took place at the College on 29 September, 2004 and was attended by more than 150 guests. The James Jackson Sports Centre provides state of the art facilities including a fully equipped fitness suite and a large gymnasium consisting of badminton, basketball and netball courts as well as cricket nets and a five-a-side football pitch.

The Centre is named in memory of James Jackson, a former student at the College, who tragically died four years ago, aged 19. James had a real passion for sport which he longed to share with others, and was in the first term of a PE teaching degree when he sadly died.

Speaking after the service, Mrs Jane Overbury, Principal of Christ the King College, said "We are honoured that our new sports centre will bear James' name. His enthusiasm and his love for sport will be used to inspire others. These excellent facilities will benefit all members of our community here at Christ the King, and we thank His Grace, Archbishop Kevin McDonald, for his blessing on what is an important day in the life of the College."

