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Learning Programme Unit 2/5

OXBRIDGE HOPEFULS

Theme for the Week:

Christ the King

The feast of Christ the King marks the end of the Church year and it falls on the Sunday before Advent begins. When we think of a king or a queen, we might think about someone who wears a crown, has lots of money and employs lots of servants. Jesus probably does not match up to that kind of King. The only crown he wore was not a symbol of pride, made of gold and jewels, but one made of thorns – made to humiliate him. He did not have much money, but he told people to give money away, and he did not have lots of servants, but acted as a servant to other people.

Taking Jesus as our example presents us with a difficult task – not to seek the things that others seek, such as money and material goods, but to seek ways in which we can serve other people.

*Jesus,
You are not a king as this
world knows kingship,
but the kind of king who serves
other people,
especially the poor and those
who suffer.
Help us to learn how to serve
others
in big ways and in small.
Amen*

Congratulations to our Head Boy, Michael Brockway (13MC). Michael is the first of our Oxbridge applicants this year to receive notice of his interview at Cambridge. Michael, currently studying Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry, will be interviewed at Girton College for Medicine.

Good Luck, Michael. We hope you will be the first of many this year.



HERE COMES CHRISTMAS!!!

Our big day finally arrives on Friday. Pupils will finish lessons early on Friday – but will remain in school until normal time enjoying the ‘fun of the fair’ on Friday afternoon. Girls will need to bring in their P.E. kit to change into – if they wish to have a go (or is that a throw?) on Rodeo Reindeer and the Tower of Terror. There will be a chance at lunchtime to get changed.

The doors are open to family and friends at 3pm and we hope to see you supporting it in the same numbers as last year. It was a fantastic success last year and we think we’ve made it bigger and better this year. Thanks to everyone who has supported so far in any way. There is still time to bring in your BRIC-A-BRAC. Please leave it at Reception.

Mass & Morning Prayer

As usual, Fr Nick will be celebrating Mass in the Chapel at 12.50 on Wednesday.

Morning Prayer takes place every Thursday in the chapel from 8.20 – 8.35.

You’re all very welcome – the more the merrier!

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WORD OF THE WEEK



ineffable

/ineffəˈbəl/

• **adjective** **1** too great or extreme to be expressed in words. **2** too sacred to be uttered.

I have an ineffable contempt for laziness.

The ineffable name of the Lord.

— **DERIVATIVES** **ineffability** noun **ineffably** adverb

ORIGIN Latin *ineffabilis*, from *in-* 'not' + *effari* 'utter'

Numeracy Brainteaser

Last Week's Solution : 320

Last Week's Winner : Louise Emslie, 7MW

This Week's Brainteaser:

Three dice are rolled and the scores are multiplied together. The product is 90. What were the scores on the three dice?

Answers to Miss Hodges in Room MA2 by Friday 30 November. All correct answers will be put into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for WH Smiths.

OCR BUSINESS STUDIES CLUB

The Business Studies Department is running an after school club on a Thursday from 3.30—4.30 for both Years 10 and 11 Business Studies Pupils, to help them with their course of study. Pupils will have the opportunity to complete their portfolio work, homework tasks, conduct independent research or improve the quality of their assignments with teacher support and guidance.

ICT KEY STAGE 4 OCR AND DIDA CLUB

An after school club for ICT will be held every Thursday 3.20—4.30 in ICT4, for those pupils wishing to polish up their ICT coursework.

FLASH ANIMATION CLUB

Held every Wednesday 3.20—4.30 in ICT2. All Years welcome.

WEEKLY FOCUS

Let us remember this week that true Kingship, as shown by Jesus in his life, is service to others.

We should try to remember this in our dealings with others in the community.

Literacy quiz:

The Oxford Word Challenge: Categories

1. Name 20 birds starting with the letter C.
2. Name 20 occupations or professions starting with the letter D.
3. Name 12 trees starting with the letter S.
4. Name 15 items of clothing (things to wear) starting with the letter G.
5. Name 18 musical instruments or terms used in music, starting with the letter F.
6. Name 12 things to eat starting with the letter H.
7. Name five sports starting with the letter S.
8. Name five drinks starting with the letter T.

Answers:

1. Canary, canvas-back, carrion crow, cassowary, catbird, chaffinch, chantrelle, chicken, chiffchaff, chough, cockatoo, cockat, cuckoo, condor, coot, cornflake, crane, crossbill, crow, cuckoo, curlew, cushat, cygnet.
2. Dairymaid, dairyman, dancer, decorator, dentist, dermatologist, designer, detective, dietitian, director, disc jockey, dishwasher, distiller, DJ, docker, doctor, domestic, doorman, draftsman, dramatist, draper, draughtsman, dressmaker, driver, drover, drummer, dustman, dyer.
3. Sallow, sandwood, sapling, sassaparilla, satinwood, scotch, Scots pine, sequoia, silver birch, silver fir, smoke tree, spindle, spruce, sumac, sycamore.
4. Gaiters, galligaskins, galoshes, garment, garter, gauntlet, girdle, glengarry, glove, gown, grass skirt, greatcoat, G-string, G-suit, gumboot, gumshoe, gymship.
5. Falsotto, fan dango, fantare, fantasia, fiddle, fife, finale, fingerboard, flageolet, flautist, flugelhorn, flute, folk music, folk song, forte, fortissimo, French horn, fret, fugue, furioso.
6. Haggis, ham, hamburger, hare, haricot, hash, hazelnut, honey, hot cross buns, hot dog, hotpot, humbug, hummus.
7. Sailing, shooting, skating, skiing, soccer, scramble, squash, swimming, softball.
8. Tea, tequila, toddy, Tokay, tonic.

SCIENCE CLUB

Please note that Science Club is held every Wednesday from 3.20 pm in Sc9.

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMINATIONS

We have decided to postpone the Year 11 Mock Examination period until the first week after Christmas. This is to accommodate the many rehearsals for our Christmas productions which have also meant that College Hall was much in demand. There will however be practical mock examinations taking place the week beginning the 3rd December and some intervention days for Year 11 in the following week. We will issue a Mock Examination timetable to all our students by the end of this week.
Many thanks for your support.

CLEAN SWEEP FOR NETBALL STARS!

Well done to the Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 netball teams who all won their matches against South Wirral on Thurs (22/11). This was an outstanding display of talent and team work. The girls have been very committed to their practices and this has paid off with a run of successes. All four teams are very strong and are proving difficult to beat. Well done to all of the players.

Thank you to staff that have been coming along to support the teams at their fixtures. This is very well appreciated. Thanks to Miss Youds, Mr Coogan, Miss McGowan, Miss McNally and Mrs Garland.

Sixth-Form Open Evening

Year 11 Pupils and Parents should please note that our Sixth-Form Open Evening will take place on Thursday 31 January at 7 pm. Further details of the form and content of the Evening will be made available during Assembly and Academic Review in the coming weeks. Parents requiring additional information should feel free to contact Mrs McMahon, Director of Sixth-Form, for any guidance.

Drama and Theatre Studies trip to London 22nd November 2007

The day started early in Lime Street station Liverpool for the train at 8-15 to London Euston. The party consisted of combined Year 10 and 11 Drama Students and Year 12 and 13 Theatre Studies groups. Negotiating the tube to the South Bank to Shakespeare's reconstructed Globe Theatre for the first port of call was an experience. Our guide, Emily, informed me that our students' questions and enquiries about the theatre were really intelligent and unusual compared with many groups from schools that she has to deal with. The next stop was a stunning visit to see Billy Elliot in the West End. The performances in the show were dazzling and brought the SJP Drama groups to give a standing ovation to these young and gifted performers. We were home by 11pm fatigued but pleased that the day had been so informative and enjoyable. Thanks to the students for their real team spirit and mutual support of one another and to staff for their commitment to this wonderful cultural experience.



Mr Owen Head of Drama.

Cinderella tickets are now on sale for £3 and £2 (concessions). See Mr Owen or Miss Morris during Break in the Drama Studio.