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Prayer Pointers



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In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.

2 Timothy 4:1-2



With the commencement of the Autumn Term schools and colleges will once more be welcoming pupils and students through their doors. Yet not in the same way as in previous years. Covid-19 continues to impact the lives of our world and nation. For schools this will mean changes. Year Group Bubbles; Teaching Staff keeping their distance from each other; different starts to the day; separate breaks to keep pupils of different ages from mixing as well as other changes to keep pupils and staff safe and well.

For CIS this term will be one of change as well. How will we take assemblies? As in the past in front of a Year Group or

live by Zoom, Teams or recorded? Will the Hubs/CU's be able to recommence? What about Pastoral/Chaplaincy work? Will there be limitations into how much time (if at all) Christopher can be physically in school?

In the uncertainties of this situation we have a certain hope that God is on the throne. In Jesus we have one who is constant, the One who is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). We can trust the One who is faithful for all that is to come.

Here are some items to thank God for and to pray for over the coming months.

Please Turn Over

Please thank God...

- ▶ that schools are re-opening their doors to pupils of all ages
- ▶ for all those involved in educating the children and young people in the schools in Letchworth and District
- ▶ for the holiday clubs and camps that children and young people were able to access on-line over the Summer, and for all that they would have learnt
- ▶ for all those involved in working with young people and children in our churches
- ▶ for the opportunities that CIS has to work in the schools in Letchworth and District, in lessons, Hubs/CU's assemblies, pastoral support and Chaplaincy
- ▶ the work of the trustees as they oversee the work of CIS

Please pray for...

- ▶ all pupils and staff as they return to school, many for the first time since March
- ▶ all those who received their A level and GCSE results as they make plans for the future, and particularly those who are going to university for the first time or going on a gap year
- ▶ wisdom for the Trustees (Chris Jenkins, Crista Haak, Kevin How, Carol Griffiths, Martin Money, Roger Aldridge, Ashley and Chris Croft

and Penny Bainbridge) as they meet together on 29th September

- ▶ forthcoming assemblies;
Assemblies:- **St. Francis College Prep.** 18th September and 12th October (via Zoom); **Etonbury Academy** week of 12th October (Recording); **Grange Academy** 23rd September and 21st October (2 assemblies each day (via Microsoft Teams); **Pix Brook Academy** 17th and 18th September and 15th and 16th October (in person in school); **Norton St. Nicholas** week of 28th September (Recording)
- ▶ Christopher as he commences another year with CIS, as he adjusts to changes in working practice and for wisdom in maintaining relationships with schools, staff and pupils

Thank you for your continued prayer and practical support

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Dates for your diaries.

CIS Annual Celebration - *Tuesday 13th October 2020 - **Postponed***

CIS Quiz - *Friday 6th November 2020 at LGCC*