

December

NOTABLE DATES

- 1st** World Aids Day
- 2nd** International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
Advent begins (Christian)
Hanukkah begins (Jewish)
- 3rd** International Day of Persons with disabilities
- 5th** International Volunteer Day
- 8th** Rohatsu (Bodhi Day) (Buddhist)
- 10th** Human Rights Day
Hanukkah ends (Jewish)
- 14th** Christmas Jumper Day
- 18th** International Migrants Day
- 21st** Winter Solstice, Yule—Litha (Pagan)
- 24th** Christmas Eve (Christian)
- 25th** Christmas Day (Christian)
- 31st** New Year's Eve

Slavery ... today ?

More than 200 years after the abolition of the slave trade there are still an estimated 40.3 million men, women and children trapped in modern slavery, at least 13,000 potential victims in the UK alone. Human trafficking is very real and hidden in plain sight, in our communities, in your city, town and even village.

Most commonly people are trafficked into forced labour in industries such as agriculture, construction, hospitality, manufacturing and car washes. Many women and girls are trafficked for sexual exploitation.

Many people, again mostly women and girls, also end up in domestic slavery. Others, particularly children, are forced into crime such as cannabis production, petty theft or begging.

Many charities and organisations are working to end modern-day slavery, to work with its victims i.e. [The Clewer Initiative](#) Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby says *'William Wilberforce convinced his generation that slavery was a sin. That belief has not changed. The sin lies in our ignorance to its existence around us. With this in mind I am delighted that the Church of England has set up the Clewer Initiative to help detect instances of modern slavery and to provide care to its victims.'* The current campaign is Safe Car Wash - read more how you can get involved [here](#).



Another charity supporting education and victims is Stop The Traffik ... did you know buying your favourite [chocolate bar](#), [clothing](#) and

even [tea bags](#) could all be contributing to slavery?

Click the links to find out how and what you can do to make one change in your behaviour that will change the lives of others across the world.

Christmas is coming

Students and staff will be participating in national Christmas Jumper day fundraising throughout the week commencing 10th December, culminating on Friday 14th January with a Christmas lunch at English Bridge with all the trimmings.



The Student Executive have devised a box dressing completion to encourage food (both human and pet), Christmas treats and bedding for the charities below. There are collection points at each campus and students will deliver the goods in the winning boxes before the end of term.



World Aids Day plus ...

Combined focus around each campus in early December was what the College has to offer to support sexual health awareness i.e. C-Card scheme and SH:24 (free and confidential sexual and reproductive health services 24 hours a day).



Also to highlight the increasing level of unawareness of HIV/AIDS and the growing incidents of STIs.

Fundraising too for World Aids Day 'Rock the Ribbon' campaign.