

## Newsletter for Students and Parents

Friday 20th September 2019

# Riddlesdown Collegiate



*Learners of today, Leaders of tomorrow.*

### **The Principal writes .....**

Our Open Mornings this week have seen 500+ visitors coming to see the Collegiate at work, with tours of the Colleges and opportunities to ask questions to students and staff. Thank you to everyone who has visited so far. Next week, we have our annual Open Evening on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 5.30-8.30pm and we look forward to welcoming many more visitors to this event. Booking is not required but please note that we expect it to be a very busy evening! Visitors will have a guided tour and will have the opportunity to see all aspects of our work to better understand who we are, what we do, how and why we do it. Visitors should note that there will be a [one way system](#) in place on local roads which will require cars to come up Buttermere Gardens and Derwent Drive only and down Ingleboro Drive and Dalegarth Gardens only and that all parking should be on the Collegiate site. We hope that this will help to keep the traffic flowing. As we will need some time to prepare the site, students will be dismissed at 2.40pm – many of them will return to help during the evening and their contribution is both vital and appreciated. All students should then return to the Collegiate at 8.30 as usual on Friday.

In addition to our Open Morning visitors, we were honoured and privileged to welcome HRH Princess Maria of Romania to the Collegiate this week. The Princess is the patron of the charity, *Children in Distress*, which the Collegiate has supported through the *Love in a Box* project for a number of years now. Her visit was to meet and thank the community who have donated so generously and, through their kindness and care, have made such a positive impact on the lives of so many children in Romania whose hardships are far beyond our own. I was delighted to show our royal visitor around our school and she was very pleased to meet with students and talk to them about the importance of philanthropy in our world. I was very proud of the very positive impression that our students made and am grateful to everyone who helped to make the royal visit such a success.



Thank you to parents of Year 7 students who attended the [Welcome to Year 7 Evening](#) this week. I hope that you found it useful and that it will help you to help students at this important time of transition and progression. On Monday, parents have an early opportunity to meet briefly with their child's Tutor during our *Meet the Tutor* event, 3-5pm. Appointments have been made directly with students. If arriving by car, please park on the playgrounds and you will be guided from there.

We are also looking forward to meeting with parents of Year 11 students at the [Post-16 Transition Evening](#) next Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 6.00pm. We will talk about Post-16 options and the process for the year ahead, before inviting students and parents to the **College VI Open Evening** the following week on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019, 6-8pm**. This event is for parents only as we will have spoken to Year 11 students directly on Monday.

Finally, I wanted to comment on the great numbers of students who have been participating in extra-curricular activities since the start of term – especially older students who have decided to try something new. Clearly, they are responding to my earlier statement: just turning up to an outstanding school does not guarantee success. I am pleased to see so many students engaging with the opportunities they have, making the most of them and consequently enjoying success. In particular, I know that hundreds have been auditioning for our Collegiate production of *Oliver* in the last couple of weeks – the cast list has been published and we are looking forward to another spectacular show. Well done to all.

Timetable:  
Week commencing  
Monday 23rd September  
will be Timetable Week B

**Current Vacancies at Riddlesdown—full details [www.riddlesdown.org/vacancies](http://www.riddlesdown.org/vacancies)**

Director of Media Studies (Required for January 2020)  
Teacher of English (Required for January 2020)  
Senior Science Technician (Required asap)

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## **Forthcoming Events**

### **Monday 23rd September**

- Meet the Tutor

### **Tuesday 24th September**

- Post 16 Transition Evening
- Year 11 GCSE Geography Trip

### **Wednesday 25th September**

- Berlin Trip Parent Information Evening

### **Thursday 26th September**

- OPEN EVENING
- Year 11 GCSE Geography Trip

### **Wednesday 2nd October**

- Year 9 & 10 Trip to Royal Opera House

### **Thursday 3rd October**

- Y10 Classics Trip
- College VI OPEN EVENING

### **Friday 4th October**

- Y10 Classics Trip
- FORC QUIZ

### **Saturday 5th October**

- ENTRANCE EXAM — Year 7 Entry September 2020

## **World Class Schools Essay Writing Competition**

Over the Summer, Year 9 and 10 students were invited to enter an essay writing competition run by the World Schools Group. Students were challenged to think about what drives change in human societies; the head judge, Dr Philip Knox of Ambridge University, quoted Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg's assertion that 'we can't change the world by playing by the rules' as an inspiration for the composition. The title of the essay was: 'Does breaking the rules change the world?'


Thank you to all the students who submitted an entry. I enjoyed reading them and was impressed by your ideas and your excellent writing skills. I selected two of our entries as being worthy of being sent to Dr Knox to be considered amongst the international group of finalists. Well done and good luck!

**Winner - Alisha Ria Sethi 9APT**

**Runner-up – James Stubbs 9NMP**

**Mr Cameron**  
**Director of Learning - English**



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## **Riddlesdown - Young Musician of the Year**

**Round 1 Auditions:**  
**Years 7 - 9: 25th September 2019**  
**Years 10-13: 27th September 2019**

**2.40 - 4pm Music Department**



**Composition Prize**  
Compositions can be in any style.  
You will need to submit a recording of your entry closer to the final in March so get composing!!

## **SKI COURSE EASTER 2021 – Folgarida / Marilleva ITALY Ski Course**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Miss Baker and Mrs Langan have visited Year 8 and 9 Tutor Groups this week promoting the 2021 Ski Course.

All parents should have received the letter via in touch and there is also a copy on our website. This will give further detail about cost and what is included.

If your child is interested please can the form be completed and returned to Students Services by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

### **Fixtures Round Up**

A fantastic week was had by students and staff in both lessons and after school, with the sun shining down all week. Once again we had over 500 students attending extra-curricular clubs this week and the standard of sport was excellent.

Tuesday night was the start of the Netball and Rugby fixtures this year. The Year 8 boys came together to take on Hayes School from Bromley. The Year 8 boys had to work very hard from the start in warm conditions as Hayes scored early tries to build a lead. Riddlesdown fought back with some good handling work, but one Hayes player had exceptional speed and ran in a few tries back to back. The

final score finished 55-20 to Hayes. Thursday night is training night for Year 7 and 8 and we hope to see lots of boys attending to work on their skills.



The Netball season is officially up and running with some great fixtures to start the year. Unfortunately the Year 9 girls started with a defeat to a very strong Croydon High team on Tuesday night. The girls worked really hard in the shining sun, but couldn't overcome our local rivals. The Year 8 girls took on Wallington Girls on Wednesday, winning one and losing one. The Year 8 A team won 13-4 after an excellent performance and the B team lost 6-0 against good opposition. Ladies of the matches went to Darcy Russell and Kaya Kabyanga.

The Year 8 and 11 Football teams played their first games of the year and both started off with impressive wins. The Year 8 A team took on Shirley High and were 5-1 up with Lucas Laws causing them lots of trouble on the wing and scoring two early goals. Riddlesdown went on to win 10-4 and put themselves top of the league after one game. The Year 11 A team hosted Thomas More in a much closer affair where both teams created lots of chances. An impressive performance from Ben Allgate on the left wing allowed Riddlesdown to score 5 goals. Thomas More did get 3 back, with Riddlesdown finishing 5-3 winners.

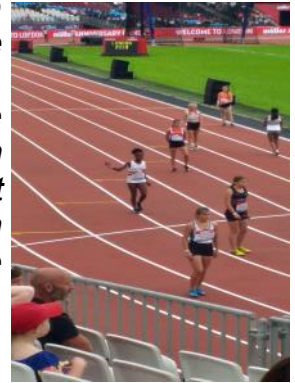
Thursday was another glorious evening for sport and the Year 9 Rugby team travelled to Hayes for a very close encounter. Both sides were very physical and managed to score 3 tries each. Unfortunately Riddlesdown didn't convert two of the tries and lost the game by 4 points, 19-15. The girls were back on the courts and pulled off some impressive wins. The Year 9 girls took on Wallington Girls Year 10s with the A team winning 15-9 and the B team just missing out, losing 11-8. The Year 10 teams took on Wallington Year 11s with the As winning 24-10 and the mixed squad winning 12-1. These were all exceptional results for the girls and shows what strength in depth they have. Ladies of the match went to Tamiah Burke, Talisha Crawford, Millie Hedgecox and Mardeyah Afzal.



## Anniversary games

During the Summer holidays, Inessa Atta-Fynn, a current Year 8 student, was selected to represent Croydon's under 13 relay team and compete at the Olympic Stadium. Here is a write up how she got on at such a prestigious event:

*The Anniversary Games are an annual competition that started after London 2012. In the anniversary games the top eight fastest relay teams in each age group (U13, U15, U17 and U20's) get selected to run at the anniversary games. Every competition leading up to the Anniversary games is a chance to get the fastest time in the UK. On the day, you make your way to the Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Enfield. Your team will warm up before being escorted into the stadium. My team were all slightly nervous as we lined up waiting to be called to run. After what felt like hours we were finally called into the stadium. We went to our positions (me on third leg). The race took a while to start but when it did, we were slightly ahead of the other teams. The second changeover was fairly quick. As my teammate sprinted towards me, I got ready to take the baton by wiping the sweat off my hands. It as a successful changeover and I overtook everyone on the bend. We were ahead. It all came down to the final changeover..... we did it and were in front but Reading were quickly closing in it was a battle to the finish and everyone awaited the results. Reading had just managed to take it But we (Croydon) came second by 0.08 seconds. Next time we will beat them.*



Well done Inessa on such an amazing achievement and lets hope you win gold this year!

## College VI

Nuffield Leisure Centre is giving all College VI students the opportunity to use their gym for free for a week. This will take place during the first week of October half term, 21st-27th. All College VI students need to do is show their Riddlesdown ID badge and they will be given free entry. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to get active.

College VI sports clubs are up and running and we would like to see more faces attending our after school clubs to raise the profile of sport in College VI. Clubs run on the following days:

Tuesday	3.45-5pm	Football
Wednesday	2.45-4pm	Netball
Wednesday	2.45-4pm	Rugby
Friday	12.25-1pm	Basketball

Come along and join in

## Biathlon

If any girls in Years 7-9 compete regularly for swim clubs and would be keen to get involved in doing a biathlon, please see Mr Langan in the PE office on Monday 23rd September.

## Sports Fixtures - 23-27<sup>th</sup> September

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Netball: Year 10 A-C @ CHS 4.00pm start

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Rugby: Year 8 v Royal Albert @ Home 3.45pm KO  
Football: Year 9 A v Thomas More @ Home 3.45pm  
Girls Football: Under 13 v UCL Academy @ Home 2.30pm KO

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Netball: Year 11 A & B & College VI v CHS away 3.45  
Football: Year 8 B v Harris Purley @ TBC 3.30pm KO

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

Rugby: Year 11 v Hayes @ home 3pm KO  
Biathlon: Year 7-9 girls @ CHS 2.50pm

# Sanderstead Community Day

Sanderstead Rec, CR2 9EA

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019

11am – 6pm

BBQ, Vegan, Kebabs, Jackets

Police & Fire Brigade

Fun Family Dog Show

Wine & Beer Tent

Cake & Ice Cream

Inflatables & Softplay

Live Music and Dance

Crafts, Ceramics & Activities

Zorbing

Health & Beauty

Sports & Fitness

Homeware

Community Groups



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Café & Bakery  
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& Selsdon

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