

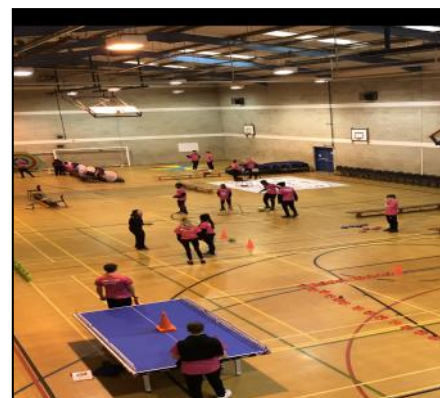
Newsletter for Students and Parents

Friday 15th November 2019

Riddlesdown Collegiate



Learners of today, Leaders of tomorrow.



The Principal writes

Next week, Year 11 students will begin their Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) - [the timetable is here](#), for reference. In order to accommodate the length of some exams and some pre-exam briefings, on some days students will need to arrive or will be dismissed slightly earlier or later than usual. Students must ensure they have checked the times and turn up to the right places at the right times. These exams will not only provide a valuable experience in advance of next summer, the results will help to guide students with their next steps and areas to focus on next term. I wish all students the very best of luck.

During assemblies this week, students have been rewarded for their positive achievements so far this academic year. Whilst students should always excel in their efforts, purely in order to achieve and succeed, we hope that some reward and recognition of their excellent attitude to learning will help to encourage and motivate towards even further success. Well done to all those who received rewards and also to all those who have not yet received rewards but are on their way - keep up the effort!

Next Tuesday, 19th November 2019, UK Power will be undertaking some essential maintenance work in the local area overnight which will affect power and services to our site. As these works are outside of normal operating hours, the impact should not be significant but please note that our website and Parent Portal will both be inaccessible from about 10pm until the following morning.

**Timetable:
Week commencing
Monday
18th November
will be
Timetable Week B**

Forthcoming Events

Friday 15th November

- Year 8 & 9 Quick Report 1

Monday 18th November

- Y11 PPEs to 29th Nov

Tuesday 19th November

- Y13 Criminology Conference
- Y10-13 Theatre Trip to Guildford

Friday 22nd November

- Y13 Biology Conference

Tuesday 26th November

- Year 8 Orion / Pegasus Parents' Evening

Wednesday 27th Nov

- Year 8 Aquila / Phoenix Parents' Evening

Friday 29th November

- Year 12 Geography Hazards Day

Sport Fixtures 18th - 22nd November

Tuesday 19th November

Wheelchair Tennis: National Tennis Centre All day

Netball: Year 10B & 11A v Virgo @ home 4pm start

Wednesday 20th November

Football: Year 10 A @ home to St Thomas The Apostle 2.15

KO

Thursday 21st November

Badminton: Key stag 4 Girls competition @ SC Sports Club 1pm start

Netball: TBC @ home to Orchard Park 4pm start

Friday 22nd November

Football: Year 10 A v Beth's Grammar away 2.45pm KO

AQUILA

ORION

PEGASUS

PHOENIX

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COLLEGE VI



Year 7 Hindu Workshops

This week, Year 7 students attended Hindu workshops led by Nabhi, a priest from the local Hindu temple. In support of their Excellence Curriculum, students were given a detailed insight into Hindu beliefs, in particular, the festival of Diwali, where students were able to retell the Ramayana through role play and audience participation. The session ended with a question and answer session to stretch and challenge knowledge of this fascinating world.

Mrs Gillam

Love in a Box Christmas Shoebox Appeal

The Children in Distress Love in a Box Christmas Shoebox Appeal for Romania helps to ensure that infants, children and adults from the poorest families, orphanages, hospices and hospitals know someone cares and receives a gift this Christmas. The Appeal aims to ensure that those living alone or in care, are not forgotten and receive a special gift box, which will mean for many, the difference between a little joy and warmth or simply not going hungry over the festive season.

The date has been extended and boxes should be delivered to the library by the end of day on **Wednesday 20th November**.

Last year we made 300 boxes and we would like to match this number for 2019 if possible. Boxes can be made for Babies, Children, Teenagers and OAPs – please annotate the form on the top of the box. There are plenty of forms available in the library. Last year we were notified that the charity ran out of boxes for teenagers so please could older years consider making some for your age group. Please decorate the box with Christmas paper and the lid separately and secure with elastic bands.

Please enclose £2 to help with transport (in a small envelope or coins stuck to the top of the box or in the box but let us know). You can gift aid the £2 if tax payers are happy to do this.

Gifts suitable for the boxes are sweets (not chocolate), soap, flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste, brush/comb, toiletries, clothing - gloves/scarf/hat, socks and tights, hair slides, small toys, small teddy bear, notebook, pens/pencils, geometry set, felt pens, colour books/crayons, puzzle ball/yoyo/toy cars, balloons, a Christmas card.



Mrs Woodworth



A festive banner for the Christmas Card Competition. It features a light blue background with white snowflakes, green and red striped bunting, and two green Christmas trees. In the center, a red oval with a white dashed border contains the text "CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION" in white, uppercase letters.

Who? Open to all students Years 7 – 13.

Where? You are welcome to work on your design in art during lunch or in your own time at home.

When? Get started your design ideas now and submit your final piece to **student services by Monday 25th November.**

Why? The winning entry will have their card printed and also used as the front cover for the Christmas carol service programme.

The strongest entries will also feature in an exhibition in the arc gallery.

How? Entries should be A4 size and **include 'Riddlesdown Collegiate' and the College colours as part of the design.** Choose materials which will showcase your technical skills. Include your full name, art teacher, tutor and age on the back of your entry.



Entries and Winners from Previous Years



PE Fixtures Round Up

On Monday our Year 10 BTEC Sport students had their first taste of leadership as they hosted the primary school Panathlon Championships at Riddlesdown. The students were paired up and allocated an activity which they had to lead, score and officiate throughout the day.

Over 30 schools took part in the Championships, with the day being broken into two sessions. The morning ran from 9.00am - 11.45am and the afternoon ran from 1.00 - 4.00 pm. The sports leaders did an incredible job all day and every school was impressed with how good they were with the children. The day was organised and delivered perfectly and the students should be really proud of what they achieved on the day. They were excellent ambassadors of the Collegiate and role models to all. Well done on a great job.



Monday night saw Riddlesdown take part in its first hockey fixture in over 18 years. Hockey has been hard to get off the ground at Riddlesdown due to lack of numbers but after trying for so long we took 9 students over to Croydon High to play their under 14 B/C team.

We had students from Years 7-11 representing the Collegiate. The game started very slowly as 4 of the students had never played a game before. Captained by Jasmine Kelly, our mixed team slowly began to find their feet after going 3-0 down. Riddlesdown showed great resilience not to give up and all the squad fought until the very end and eventually was awarded with a goal. The game finished 5-1 to Croydon High but all students had a great time and are looking forward to the next fixture. Thank you to Tom Gulliford for officiating on the day.



Tuesday saw the return of the Year 8 rugby team as they took on Wallington Boys in a tough encounter. The boys didn't get the result they were hoping for as Wallington were very good in all areas of the pitch. Mr Daniels was really happy with how the rugby the boys played and said "they are developing as players every week". Keep up the hard work boys and make the next result a win.

The other fixture on Tuesday saw the Year 9 B team take on Harris South Norwood A team, in what always was going to be a very tough fixture. Harris South Norwood are renowned for being strong and for our B team to take on their A team is a real testament to how strong this year group is at football. The boys battled hard throughout the game but unfortunately lost 4-0. Mr Bellamy said it was one of the most enjoyable fixtures he has ever taken as the boys worked so hard and never gave up throughout; their attitude was exemplary. Great effort boys and we look forward to hearing about more games in the future. Man of the Match went to Max Benham.



PE Fixtures Round Up continued ...

Wednesday was a busy night at Riddlesdown and we saw the girls return to action with the Year 9 B and Year 10 C teams playing Thomas More. Floodlights were brought to light up and both teams put in a fantastic performance with the Year 10 team winning 14-6 and the Year 9 team winning 11-3. Ladies of the match went to Grace and Sophie. This keeps all the netball teams unbeaten in the Croydon Schools Netball Leagues.



The Year 11 rugby team travelled to Wallington Boys to take on their strongest year group in what became a very physical battle. The boys made some fantastic tackles during the game but learnt a valuable lesson in how to keep the ball and were beaten 45-17. Wallington were very good and didn't stop working throughout the game. Riddlesdown kept fighting until the end but unfortunately couldn't break through in the later stages. We hope to see lots of faces at training next Wednesday to work on developing their skills.

The Year 8 A football team had a very tough week, losing out on two close games. The first game was against Collegiate Trust partners Quest. Last year this game finished 6-1 to Quest but Riddlesdown wasn't going to let that happen again. A very slow start cost the boys the game as they went 3-0 down quickly. They got back to 3-2 but Quest scored another to finish the game and win 4-2. The next day a similar thing happened in the National Cup as Riddlesdown let in three early goals to Warden Park which they couldn't chase back. The boys lost 3-1 although we created so many chances to win. Hopefully the boys will bounce back for their County Cup fixture in two weeks.

Cricket

The Croydon Schools Indoor Cricket Competition took place at Riddlesdown on Thursday and Riddlesdown had the Year 8 and 10 cricket teams in action. Competing against three strong cricket schools in Thomas More, St. Joseph's and Lanfranc. Riddlesdown were up against it and the quick hitting game isn't one of our strengths. The Year 8 team managed to win one game and finish third place and unfortunately the Year 10 team lost all three and came fourth. The nets will definitely be coming out early this season to ensure this doesn't happen again and we get back to winning ways.

Swimming

Our first school fixture is against Croydon High on Wednesday 27th November and we need 8 girls per year in Years 7-10. Please pop in and see Mr Langan in the PE office next week if you are a club swimmer and fancy getting involved.

Badminton

The Croydon Schools Championships are coming up soon and we need to fill teams. Thursday 21st is the Key Stage 4 girls competition and Thursday 28th is the Key Stage 4 boys competition. We need 8 girls and 8 boys to compete in both, so if you play and are keen to get involved, please see Mr Langan next week.

Winter

The final thing this week is to remind students to wrap up warm as the Riddlesdown wind is getting stronger every week. Students should wear layers underneath their fleeces and if they want to wear a beanie hat, please purchase online from Kukri.

Mr Langan