

Newsletter for Students and Parents

Friday 18th October 2019

Riddlesdown Collegiate



Timetable:
Week commencing
Monday 4th November
will be Timetable Week B

Learners of today, Leaders of tomorrow.

The Principal writes

As we head into the half term break, I am reflecting on the excellent start to the academic year that students and staff have made over the last seven weeks. Students' engagement with learning, inside and outside of lessons, has been brilliant and I continue to be impressed by their positive and ambitious attitudes. At the same time, so many students have taken opportunities to widen their experiences and contribute to the life of the Collegiate. In particular, I must thank the many students who have helped during Open Mornings, Open Evening, College VI Open Evening, Parent Information Evenings and numerous other events - as always, they have been excellent ambassadors for the Collegiate. This week saw our final Open Morning where we have welcomed Year 6 children and their parents: over the last month, we have seen roughly 3000 visitors! A reminder that the deadline for applications for a place in Year 7 in September 2020 is 31st October 2019.

We know that the process of applying for secondary schools can cause anxiety for some families and we recognise that a number of families who have visited us recently may have really liked our school, but might have left feeling frustrated that they may be unlikely to be offered a place as a consequence of our popularity and heavy over subscription. In particular, we recognise that this has been a growing concern for some families who live relatively close to the Collegiate. Therefore, immediately after half term, The Collegiate Trust, who act as the admissions authority for Riddlesdown Collegiate, will begin a consultation on some proposed changes to the admissions criteria for entry to Year 7 in September 2021. Please note that this consultation and any subsequent changes that may be made would not affect children in current Year 6 (currently making applications for entry in September 2020). Further details will be sent to parents and posted on our website after the break.

Thank you to parents of Year 11 students who attended the GCSE Parents' Workshop this week. We hope that you enjoyed this interactive event and found it to be useful. Year 11 students have now received the timetable for their Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) which begin on 18th November 2019. Over the break, it will be important for Year 11 students to spend time revising for these exams, as well as enjoying some rest.

Over the half term, we have two groups of students on international educational visits: Computer Science students are going to San Francisco and some Historians are going to Berlin. We wish them safe travels and look forward to hearing of their experiences. Also over the half term, we are pleased to be running our first Riddlesdown CRE8 classes. Riddlesdown CRE8 will be an extra curricular arts school, based at Riddlesdown Collegiate and stemming from our superb CPA College, providing engaging arts learning opportunities to young people and adults. For more information and details of future courses, please contact [Miss Ward, Headteacher of the CPA College](#).

Finally, I would like to congratulate all Year 7 students for their enthusiastic participation in today's Choir of the Year competition. The standard of performance was high and the audience of Year 7 parents and Tutors were also treated to performances from the Jazz Band and Chamber Choir. Well done, in particular, to the winning choir, Green Dream, whose rendition of Thank You for the Music especially impressed the judges and to The Phoenix Flyers, who won the coveted Most Spirited Performance Award. Overall, it was a win for Orion College, who proudly took the first trophy of the year. The event was a wonderful way of marking the end of the first, very successful half term for Year 7 students - well done to all and thank you to everyone who came to support.

The Collegiate will now be closed for half term. I hope everyone has a restful break. I look forward to seeing everyone back on 4th November 2019 at 8.30am.

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Forthcoming Events

Mon 21st Oct - Fri 1st Nov

- HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 4th November

- Return from break

Wednesday 6th November

- Y13 Geography Lecture

Friday 8th November

- Deadline - College VI Applications for current Riddlesdown Students

Friday 15th November

- Year 8 & 9 Quick Report 1

Monday 18th November

- Y11 PPEs to 29th Nov

Tuesday 19th November

- Y13 Criminology Conf
- Y10 - 13 Theatre Trip

Friday 22nd November

- Y13 Biology Conference

Uniform / Equipment

Thank you for your on-going support by ensuring your son/daughter wears the correct uniform every day. Please take the opportunity over half term to ensure that any items of uniform or equipment that need replacing are replaced and that students spend some time ensuring that their exercise books have been kept neat and tidy with contents pages updated, worksheets stuck in and responses to feedback made. A reminder that hoodies must not be worn instead of a coat and skirts should not be rolled at the waist or worn at an unacceptably short length. Socks or tights can be worn but not both, and only one small stud should be worn in an earlobe. Mobile phones and headphones will be confiscated if they are seen – to avoid this, please encourage students to leave these items in their lockers. Thank you for your support.

Vacancies at Riddlesdown

Teacher of English - Required for January 2020
Invigilators - Required as soon as possible
Student Supervision Assistant - required for November 2019
Full details - www.riddlesdown.org/vacancies

Riddlesdown Cre8



October Holiday courses

PE Fixtures Round Up

The Year 8, 9 and 10 boys all had National Cup fixtures in the past week, against tough opposition. The Year 9 team took on Warden Park who travelled from Mid Sussex. Riddlesdown took a 3-0 half time lead and looked set for a win, but in windy conditions the second half didn't go to plan as Warden Park got back into the game. Warden managed to strike whilst Riddlesdown heads were down and went on to win 5-3 in a game of two halves. The boys will need to bounce back for their County Cup fixture after half term.



The Year 10 A team travelled to Twickenham for the first defence of their National Cup and found themselves 1-0 down very early after a defensive mistake. On a tight pitch we struggled to get back into it but in the second half managed to score 3, thanks to George Vincent and James Anderson, and the boys won 3-2. When you are ranked number one in England everyone will want to beat you, so the boys will have to step it up every game.

The Year 8 boys travelled to Havering for their second round tie against Sanders School. The boys were very dominant from start to finish with Kristofer Mahinov and Lucas Laws linking up very well to take a 3-0 lead at half time. Three assists for Kris and a hat-trick for Lucas. Kris got a fourth assist in the second half and Toby Baines completed the scoring to make it 4-1. Sidione Yakan A Kissock was Man of the Match.

There were two other football matches played throughout the week. The Year 10 A team progressed to the quarter finals of the District Cup after a 5-2 win against Harris Purley. Four goals from

George Vincent and a solid display from Josh Burr in midfield was good enough for the boys to go through. The Year 7 B team played their first game of the season against our Collegiate Trust partners Quest Academy. Riddlesdown were dominant from start to finish and a very quick hat-trick from Taylor Cushing helped the boys take a 5-0 lead at half time. Jack Evans was instrumental in helping Riddlesdown finish with a 9-1 win.

Rugby

Year 8 and 9 played against Royal Albert & Alexandra this week and unfortunately both came out on the losing side. The Year 8s fought till the end but came away losing by three tries to one. The Year 9 team had lots of new faces and faced a very tough first fixture which had them on the back foot from the start. We hope to see lots of progress next half term from both squads.



Surrey Schools Netball

The Year 9 and 10 girls travelled to Kingston on Wednesday 9th October to play in the prestigious Surrey Schools netball tournament. Both teams were nervously excited as they warmed up ready to get themselves prepared. The Year 9 girls showed great team spirit to win two games on the day but unfortunately didn't progress to the next round after a few defeats. The Year 10 girls won 4 lost 1 and drew with local rivals Croydon High. They had to wait 5 days to find out the results, but were absolutely

ecstatic when they found out they had qualified and will be going to the Surrey Schools Finals on 8th March! Both sets of girls were great ambassadors of the Collegiate and did us proud.

Well done to all players and we can't wait to hear how the girls get on in the finals.



PE Fixtures Round Up continued...

On Wednesday 16th Year 11 and College VI took on Surrey's finest netball players. In miserable conditions both sets of girls were made to work really hard against extremely tough opposition. Unfortunately neither team pulled off a result on the day but both teams kept their spirits high and fought until the end in every game.

The other netball fixtures which took place this week were against Caterham where the 10A, B and C teams were all in action. The A and B team lost to very strong opposition but the C's worked hard to pull off a great win on the night, with Lady of the Match going to Shaznae Skerrit-Herry.

The Year 11 girls finished off the netball half term with a game against a mixed Caterham team it was great to see the girls finish off with a win and they all played in a positive manner to cap off a very busy half term. Ani Broom and Sophie Hill were joint Ladies Of The Match.



Labores Ludorum

The first team events of the Collegiate Cup, Labores Ludorum, start after half term. Students will compete in Tutor Groups against one another to see who will be crowned number one. The girls will be playing netball and the boys will be playing football. All PE lessons from the 4th to 8th November will be Inter-Collegiate based. Good luck to all Tutor Groups and Colleges.

Nuffield Leisure Centre

Final reminder to all College VI students that you can use Nuffield Leisure Centre for free all next week. Nuffield have said that any College VI students can attend the gym from Monday 21st to 28th as long as they show their College VI ID badge. This is a great opportunity and a good way to fill your time during half term. Exercise is a great form of stress relief and can be a great way to clear the mind. Students can go down in groups and take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

WINTER IS COMING

Next term we will start to feel the Riddlesdown wind once again so please can students ensure they have layers for PE lessons. To all new Year 7 students, the fields can get very cold so please wrap up warm. Kukri will be coming in for a sale during November so it may be a good time to get a Riddlesdown woolly hat for lessons.

Finally I would like to say well done to all the students who have taken advantage of the excellent opportunities we provide at Riddlesdown. There have been over 600 students actively engaging in sport every week. Its great to see so many new faces taking on a new challenge. Next half term there will be some minor changes to the timetable and some new sports added. Please keep your eyes open and get involved.

Mr Langan

Sports Fixtures - Week Commencing 4th November

Tuesday 5th

Netball: Year 11 A & Year 10 v Tenison's @ home 4pm start

Wednesday 6th

Football: Year 7 A v Kingsford home 2.15pm KO

Thursday 7th

Football: Year 9B v Thomas More away 3.30pm KO

Netball: Year 9B v Virgo Fidelis away 4pm start

Friday 8th

Football: Year 11 A v Woodcote @ home 3.15 KO

Oliver! – REHEASAL SCHEDULE 4th November

DAY	Staff	LUNCHTIME 12.20 – 1.00 (unless otherwise stated)	PDT time Tuesday/ Thursday	AFTER SCHOOL 15.30 Tuesday, Thursday. 14.40 Wednesday, Friday (check individual days for finish times)
MONDAY				
TUESDAY	TKW	ORCHESTRA	ORCHESTRA	
	SIP			Bumble and Widow Corney Finish time 16.30
	WLR			
	ELH			The Sowerberrys, Charlotte, Noah, Oliver, Bumble Finish time 16.30
	RME			
	AMC			
	RPD			Core dancers
WEDNESDAY	SIP			Oliver Finish time 16.00
	WLR			
	ELH			The Sowerberrys, Charlotte, Noah, Oliver, Bumble Finish time 16.00
THURSDAY	TKW	ORCHESTRA	ORCHESTRA	ORCHESTRA
	SIP			Whole Cast Finish 16.30
	WLR			
	ELH			TBC Finish time 16.30
	AMC			
	FTD			
	RME			
FRIDAY	TKW			ORCHESTRA
	SIP	Governors 12.20 – 1.00		Whole cast Finish time 16.00
	WLR			
	ELH			TBC Finish time 16.00
	AMC			
	FTD			

TKW, SIP, WLR – Music

ELH, ACM, RME, FTD – Drama

RPD – Dance