

Riddlesdown Collegiate



**Timetable:
Week commencing
Monday 7th October
will be Timetable Week B**

Learners of today, Leaders of tomorrow.

The Principal writes

We were delighted to welcome Year 11 students and their parents, both from Riddlesdown and a number of other local schools, to our College VI Open Evening this week. Thank you to everyone who attended - I hope that you found your visit useful in helping to make key decisions about your next steps. With a far greater number of external students than we have seen in previous years, we needed to repeat our talk! Clearly, the strengths, quality and reputation of College VI are growing and I hope that all our visitors could see why we say that College VI is the place to be for Sixth Form success. If Year 11 students need some more guidance with making course choices, they should speak to Mr Weeks, Director of Learning in College VI. For any other College VI queries, Mr Smith, Headteacher of College VI, or a member of his team will be pleased to assist. Thank you also to the staff and students who contributed to the success of the evening. A reminder that the deadline for applications for internal students is 8th November and for external students is 13th December - [all applications online](#) via our website.

Year 7 students have quickly settled into their new teaching groups this week. Well done. I am now looking forward to seeing them perform at the Choir of the Year competition in two weeks time - seats will be available for parents soon.

Tomorrow, we will be holding the Entrance Exam for students applying for a place in Year 7 next year who wish to be considered under the ability criterion. We are expecting 600+ candidates and will have a maximum of 49 places to offer. We wish them the very best of luck.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming parents of Year 10 students to an information evening next Tuesday at 6pm. I hope that this event will help parents to better understand GCSE courses and how they might support their sons and daughters over the next two years. If you have not yet told us that you will be coming, [please do so here](#).

Please take extra care when driving to and from the school and ensure you driving at a slow speed in the approaching roads. Please take extra care when manoeuvring and be aware of students and other pedestrians walking and residents cars accessing their driveways.

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 8th October

- Year 10 Welcome to GCSE Evening

Wednesday 9th October

- Opening Morning - Year 7 Entry September 2020
- Year 13 Geography Trip to Wales

Friday 11th October

- Year 11 report 1 (ATLs)

Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 8th October

Rugby: Year 11 v Royal AA away
3.45pm KO
Football: Year 7 A v Woodcote home
3.45pm start
Football: Year 9 A v Woodcote away
4pm start
Football: Year 8 A v The Beacon home
3.45 KO

Wednesday 9th October

Football: Year 7 B v away Harris CP
3.30pm KO
Football: Year 11 B v St Andrew's @ home
3.45pm KO
Netball: Under 14 & 15 Surrey Schools all day

Thursday 10th October

Football: Year 9 A v Woodcote Away
4pm KO
Football: Year 10 B v Woodcote @ home
3.45 start
Rugby: Year 7 v Rutlish @ home
3.30pm KO

Friday 11th October

Football: Year 10 A v Orleans Park away
1.30pm KO
Rugby: Year 8 v Rutlish away
3.30pm KO

Current Vacancies at Riddlesdown

www.riddlesdown.org/vacancies

Facilities Assistant Required asap

Student Supervision Assistant
Required for November 2019

AQUILA

ORION

PEGASUS

PHOENIX

CPA

COLLEGE VI



Visit to the Royal Opera House

We were very fortunate to receive heavily-subsidised tickets to a performance of the ballet 'Manon' at the Royal Opera House. Forty Year 9 and 10 students, alongside staff, were captivated from start to finish. We can't wait to go to the next Schools' Matinee performance!

"The ballet was a beautiful, moving and powerful story. The dancers were graceful, elegant and every move was performed to perfection and completely flawless. The music was astonishing, powerful and told a story in itself. The orchestra really helped the audience understand what was going on by the emotional pieces they were performing." Bliss Sherry and Jaydun Dervish



FINAL CALL FOR ENTRIES - DEADLINE MONDAY 7TH

Competition time: London Mozart
Players 'Nutcracker' at Fairfield Halls

LMP are seeking talented artwork to be used as a backdrop for scenes in their production of the 'Nutcracker' at Fairfield Halls. Submit your entries to Mrs Chinsman (C12) on Monday morning with your full name, tutor group, chosen scene and chosen picture number on the back.

To get started, open this attached [document](#) and choose a scene and a backdrop picture to create and fit the story of the 'Nutcracker'. Images from this link may also help you

https://www.google.com/search?q=nutcracker+stage+performance+set&rlz=1C1GCEA_enGB865GB865&source=lnms&tbn=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjksvfspYLIahVFSBUIHUDxBhwQ_AUIEigB&biw=960&bih=484&safe=active&ssui=on

Winning entries will be blown up and projected, so please consider the following tips for your design:

Bright colours

Bold images

Clear and well defined

A real Christmas feel to the images

Out of the images used for Fairfield, 4

will be selected and made into

Christmas cards to be sold at LMP

events from 12th October

Riddlesdown Cre8

MUSICAL THEATRE

MIXED MEDIA ART

Drama

October Holiday courses

Ski Course 2020

We would like to invite parents of those students going on the **April 2020 Ski Course** to an information evening on **Monday 25th November 2018 at 6.00pm** in the **School Main Hall**. There will be an opportunity to purchase ski wear from 5.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you all parents and students there.

YEAR 9 ART CLUB

HAVE FUN AND EXPERIMENT WITH MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES TO BROADEN YOUR SKILLS IN ART.



**WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIMES IN C16 12.20 PM – 12.55 PM
WITH MRS MILLER.**

RIDDLEDOWN MARTIAL ARTS

NEW CHALLENGE / NEW SKILLS / NEW FRIENDS



JU-JITSU CLASSES



EVERY MONDAY AND FRIDAY

FIRST 2 CLASSES FREE

COME AND LEARN HOW TO ENHANCE YOUR BEST DEFENCE MECHANISM, **YOUR BRAIN!**

REGULAR GRADINGS / COURSES

COME AND TRAIN / NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

CONFIDENCE DISCIPLINE FUN LEARN SELF DEFENCE

VENUE: RIDDLEDOWN COLLEGIATE (GYMNASIUM)

EVERY MONDAY AND FRIDAY 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Available To All Students Years 7 & Above

RIDDLEDOWN MARTIAL ARTS INSTRUCTOR IS PATRICK WALSH WHO HAS TRAINED FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND CURRENTLY HOLDS THE GRADES OF 5TH DAN JU-JITSU, 2ND DAN JUDO AND 2ND DAN KARATE.

CONTACT DETAILS: 07949 012545 | Riddlesdownmartialarts@gmail.com

Living In Poetry Festival – Saturday 12th October 2019

October 2018 saw Croydon's first two-day festival celebrating the power of the spoken and written word at Stanley Halls, South Norwood, with a spectacular range of activities including scratch performances, panelled discussions, workshops, masterclasses, family fun and showcases for all ages and abilities.

We are back to continue the amazing vibes on Saturday 12th October 2019 at the newly refurbished Fairfield Halls, Croydon.

BOOK YOUR TICKETS www.lipfestival.com

LIVING IN POETRY FESTIVAL

SPOKEN WORD, REMIXED

Saturday 12th October 2019
Fairfield Halls, Croydon

POETRY PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP
(11 - 14 year olds)
Russeni Fisher
11am - 12pm
The Recreational

POEMS, RHYMES & LUNCH
Got poems? Join quickfire wordsmiths **Miss Yankey, Woody and Broken Pen**
1.30pm - 2.30pm
Arnhem Foyer

THE FUTURE IS HERS
Acclaimed wordsmiths **Zena Edwards, Speech Debelle, Amani Saeed** and **Debris Stevenson** discuss claiming space with **Joy Francis**.
4.30pm - 5.30pm
SCT Suite

BOOKS & BISCUITS: TALKING CRIME
Prize-winning novelist **Stav Sherez** discusses crime writing with host **Joy Francis**
11am - 12pm
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Suite (SCT)

OWN IT: BRITISH HIP HOP PIONEERS IN CONVERSATION
Rodney P, Ty, Blak Twang & **Speech Debelle** discuss owning your voice with **Symeon Brown**
2.30pm - 3.30pm
SCT Suite

DON'T MENTION IT
LionHeart, Shocka, Nathaniel Cole, Franklyn Addo & Tanaka Fuego discuss masculinity, wellness & creativity with **Symeon Brown**
6pm - 7pm | SCT Suite

BOOKS & BISCUITS: RISE UP
Jude Yawson, co-author of **Stormzy's** autobiography *Rise Up: The #Merky Story So Far*, in conversation with journalist **Symeon Brown**
12.30pm - 1.30pm
SCT Suite

RHYME X REMIX
A special one-off collaborative show from Grime poet **Debris Stevenson** and beat maker/DJ **Mina**, exploring poetry, dance, lyrics and MCing
3.30pm - 4.30pm
The Recreational

HIGH RISE ESTATE OF MIND
A stunning new show from the makers of **BAC's Frankenstein**, exposing young people's fears of where they will live and is owning a home just a modern day pipe dream for many?
7pm - 8pm | The Recreational

SEE OUR VOICES
Students from Riddlesdown Collegiate showcase their stunning responses to pioneering UK Hip Hop groups **London Posse** and **King Dem**
11am - 7pm | Arthur Davison Suite

Limited free tickets: www.lipfestival.com

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PE fixtures round up

I would like to start this weeks report with a huge thank you to all the students who helped out with open evening in PE. We had over 60 students helping with martial arts, fitness, badminton, netball, football, table-tennis and trampolining. The students worked so hard throughout the evening and were all really tired by the end. The prospective parents were so impressed with what they saw. Our martial arts instructor Patrick Walsh added, "the demonstration lasted 3 hours, where the students did syllabus work, throw for throw, ground defence techniques, ground fighting and lots of punch bag work. A typical Black belt grading lasts on average 3 hours so they have had a taster of what to expect when that day arrives. All of them put in 100% ". This is a picture of the first set of Riddlesdown students who completed a 3 hour grading session last year. It would be great to see more students sign up soon.



Biathlon

On Friday 27th September, Riddlesdown entered their first ever Biathlon which took place at Croydon High School. Streatham and Clapham school joined us on the day and girls from Years 7-9 took part. Riddlesdown's squad was made up of two Year 7 girls, one Year 8 and three Year 9s. To enter the team event, we needed four students per year group so our girls entered as individuals. The Year 7 girls had to swim 50 metres and then complete and 800 metre run and the Year 8 and 9s had to complete a 100 metre swim and a 1600 metre run. The event was absolutely fantastic and all the girls did an amazing job both in the pool and on the track. Croydon High won all the team events but in the Year 9 event Daisy Rumble finished third to win bronze and Emily King finished second to take silver. Well done girls on an excellent first Riddlesdown Biathlon. This event will take place every year from now on and we hope to get more girls involved next time.



Croydon Schools Cross-Country Championships

On Tuesday 1st October this prestigious annual event took place at Lloyds Park. Riddlesdown had over 50 students competing on the day, competing against Croydon's finest runners. The Year 7 kicked off the day and Riddlesdown took 25 keen and eager students excited about taking part in their first Championships. The girls raced first and all 14 of them did really well, all managing to finish in the top 50. All of them worked really hard and this paid off in the team event, as the first four runners actually managed to claim second place overall. This team consisted of Casey Damo 4th, Amelle Jdouri 10th, Olivia Stevens 17th and Eva Collins 18th. An excellent achievement girls and well done to all the girls who took part.

11 boys took part in the Year 7 event, with all runners finishing inside 53rd place. The boys had to run a bit longer than the girls and they found this very tough as lots of them had not competed in a race like this before. Unfortunately the squad didn't finish in the top 3, but we are hoping they finished 4th and await results. The top four runners that made up the first team were Harrison Sexton 18th, Ryan Mitchell 22nd, Will Gray 32nd and Jacks Evans 33rd. Well done to all boys on a great effort.



The Year 8/9 students took part in the afternoon and as usual the bar was raised and the competition was even tougher. The girls set off first and every single one of them did amazingly. Seven runners took part and although we don't know the overall results yet, we are hoping the girls managed to pick up second place again. The top four that made up the first team finished really well, Eloise Clare 7th, Amelie Van Aalst 9th, Eloise Sullivan-Flatt 10th and Emily King 11th. The boys followed on immediately and also put in a great shift and picked up our only medal of the day. Riddlesdown had four students who finished in the top 12 and we eagerly await the overall results to see where we finished. The top four finishers were Tom Harmer 2nd, Max Lorke 5th, Eralb Hyselli 11th and Daniel Murray 12th. Well done to all Year 8/9 students and in particular, Tom Harmer on his silver medal.



Cross-Country continued

The final event of the day was the Year 10-13 race. Riddlesdown had five Year 10 students competing on the day and as we arrived the rain came down. This was shortly followed by thunder and lightning and teachers had to call a meeting as whether we should continue. We delayed the race by 10 minutes, the sun returned and the race went ahead. Girls and boys ran together this time and from all four year groups. This meant the standard was extremely high for our Year 10 students, but they all did really well. Star of the day was Jenna Hooper who finished 5th, closely followed by Jasmine Kelly who finished 11th. Ewan Worboys was first back for the boys in 22nd and Josh Brenard and Patrick Boniface finished 25th and 26th.

Well done to all students on being outstanding ambassadors of the Collegiate on a great day. In addition, I would like to thank the 7 Year 12 students who helped with officiating, marshalling and leading the teams at the start.



Netball

The girls worked hard all week again during training sessions and matches. The early morning and after school sessions were well attended. The Year 10 A team had a fantastic week with two very big wins. The first coming against Hayes School where the girls won 26-7 in an excellent team performance where Eleanor Rea was crowned Lady of the Match. The next day the girls travelled to Thomas More to play their Year 11 team in the Croydon League. The girls managed to score 26 points once again and won the game 26-12 with Amelia Purnell getting Lady of the Match. Well done on two great results girls.



There were two other netball matches this week which saw our Year 11 A team and College VI girls in action against Coloma. The newly formed College VI girls played very tough opposition and although they didn't win, the work rate, passion and commitment cannot be questioned. The Year 11 A team made it two wins from two with an excellent performance. The girls showed great team cohesion to secure a 9-7 win and remain undefeated in their final year. Well done to all girls who got involved and to the rest of the girls who have trained so hard this week.

Football

The football match of the week saw the Year 11 A team take on St Andrews in the Croydon Cup. Riddlesdown were dominant throughout the game and scored very early to set the tone. Seb Wyllie was instrumental in all attacks, causing the St Andrews defence many problems. Riddlesdown led 5-0 at half time and went on to win 9-0 with goals from Seb Wyllie (4), Zak Groth Anderson (2), Jaden Sandiford, Daniel Creenan and Dylan Patel. This is the best start these boys have had to a season and are now through to the quarter finals of the cup. Well done gentlemen, great performance and worthy winners.



The Year 9 A team got their National Cup campaign off to a winning start, with a 2-0 win over the Fulham Boys School. The boys had to travel to Barnes to play the game and were solid from start to finish. Two goals from Daniel Murray put them in to round 3 where they will host Warden Park school from Mid Sussex. The Year 8 B team took on Harris Crystal palace B team in an end to end thriller. This game could have gone either way, but an outstanding performance from Sam Lines in goal kept Harris out and two excellent goals from Harry Sturgess gave the boys a 2-1 win. Well done boys on a fantastic week of football.



Kick-Boxing

Eloise Sullivan-Flatt had her kickboxing K1 England trial last weekend in Luton and although the session was tough, she loved every minute. The trial was very intense and the children involved had to take part in a rigorous test of technique, strength and fitness which the coach likened to Special Forces training! The Head Coach was very impressed with her and she has been invited to take part in team training at the end of October with a view to possibly competing at the WKO European Championships in Birmingham at the end of November, all being well. Well done and good luck in October Eloise.



Hockey - Hockey club runs on Tuesdays after school and we really need lots of new faces to join as we have fixtures set up after half term. All girls and boys are welcome and we supply sticks.