

Newsletter for Students and Parents

Friday 6th December 2019

Riddlesdown Collegiate



Learners of today, Leaders of tomorrow.



The Principal writes

Thank you to parents of Year 12 students for attending Parents Evening this week. As they come towards the end of their first term in College VI, it is great to see how well they have settled, how well they are progressing and how well they are taking advantage of the wider learning opportunities they have. In particular, I have been impressed by the attitude and approach of a group of Year 12 students who are currently working on our reaccreditation as a World Class School. Parents and students may recall that our achievement of the World Class Schools Quality Mark in December 2017 was the result of our students demonstrating the Collegiate's and their own world class qualities; to be reaccredited, students once again need to demonstrate what sets them apart from others and I have no doubt that they will be able to do this confidently. I look forward to sharing their progress with you in the coming months.

It is also a consequence of students' world class qualities that a number of Year 13 students have secured Oxbridge interviews in the next couple of weeks for courses including Law, English, Computer Science & Natural Sciences. Candidates have benefitted from bespoke support and preparation through the College VI Oxbridge Programme, which has included mock interviews to help candidates practise. We wish them the very best of luck.

We enjoyed meeting with Year 11 (Pegasus & Phoenix) students for their College VI guidance interviews this week. Clearly, they had thought carefully about their next steps and were looking forward to the excitement of post-16 studies at Riddlesdown Collegiate. We will complete interviews with Year 11 Aquila & Orion students next Tuesday - students should check meeting times with their Tutor if unsure.

Well done to our own "election candidates" who addressed their "voting public" in assemblies this week, together with the support of their campaign groups. I have been keen to hear students discussing their political views and explaining their reasons for supporting a particular political party - engagement is high and I look forward to the outcomes of our own mock election next Thursday.

We look forward to seeing parents at Year 7 Parents Evenings next Wednesday 11th December (Aquila & Phoenix) and Thursday 12th December (Orion & Pegasus). Appointments will be in The @RC and parents should park on the playgrounds. These discussions will give a good opportunity to review the progress that students have made as they come towards the end of their first term with us.

Finally, just a reminder that the consultation on changes to our admissions criteria for entry in September 2021 closes on 16th December 2019. If you have not yet shared your views, you are welcome to do so by completing the short questionnaire via this link: <http://tctorg.uk/admission-criteria>

**Timetable:
Week commencing
Monday
9th December
will be
Timetable Week A**

Forthcoming Events

Friday 6th December

- Year 7 Report home

Tuesday 10th December

- Year 12/13 History Lecture
- Years 10/12/13 Amnesty Conference

Wednesday 11th December

- Year 7 Parents Evening Aquila/Phoenix

Thursday 12th December

- Year 7 Parents Evening Orion/Pegasus

Friday 13th December

- Year 11 PPE's Home

Wednesday 18th December

- Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19th December

- Christmas Concert

Friday 20th December

- End of Autumn Term

Sport Fixtures 9th - 13th

Monday 9th

Basketball: Year 9 Croydon Cup
Championships @ Crystal Palace 2.00pm

Tuesday 10th

Netball: Year 7 & 8 B team v Oasis
Coulsdon away 4.00pm start
Basketball: Year 9 v Orchard Park @
home 4pm tip

Handball: Year 8 away to Harris CP
3.00pm start

Wednesday 11th

Netball: Year 7 A Year 8 A v Thomas
More @ home 3.30pm start

Football: Year 10 B v Harris Purley away
3.30pm start

Thursday 12th

Handball: Year 10 Girls v Harris CP away
3.00pm start

Friday 13th

Badminton: KS3 & 4 Badminton @
Riddlesdown 1.00pm

AQUILA

ORION

PEGASUS

PHOENIX

CPA

COLLEGE VI



Trip to Parliament and The Supreme Court

On the 4th of December, the Year 12 and 13 politics classes took a trip to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and The Supreme Court, taking a guided tour of both of these institutions. This trip was both highly interesting and informative for our course and revision.

We visited the Houses of Parliament in the morning, being shown around by an informative tour guide. We visited many different parts of the building, but obviously the most interesting parts were being taken inside the chambers of the House of Lords and the House of Commons. Being able to see and experience the places where all the laws are made that govern our country, as well as putting a more physical face on things we had learnt in class, was undoubtedly a rich experience.

Before leaving Parliament, we also got to complete a workshop, the theme of which was pressure groups and the impact that they have. Pressure groups are an important component of the A Level specification and, in recent years have grown in importance, so it was certainly useful to undertake this workshop.

The Supreme Court trip in the afternoon was also a rewarding experience. Only founded in 2009, the Supreme Court is a much more modern and rigidly enforced institution compared to the tradition and many conventions found in Parliament. We were able to sit in one of the official court rooms, and our tour guide presented us with examples of many difficult cases that the Supreme Court has had to decide on, relating to themes such as religion, freedom of speech, freedom of expression and discrimination.

These tough examples illustrated just how difficult it is to conclude on the sort of cases which the Supreme Court has to judge on; when presented with the eventual result of the real cases it became easier to understand how the decisions from the Supreme Court have impacted on UK law.

Overall, this was undoubtedly a rewarding and interesting trip which I can definitely see helping us in our exams and studies, as well as being a purely memorable experience.

Matthew Earl 13SCS



Careers Fair

On 17th December 2019 Key Stage 4 and 5 students and their parents are welcome to attend our annual careers fair in partnership with Harris Purley and Woodcote High School. This year the Event will take place at Harris Purley from 5.00pm – 7.30pm. Students and their parents will have the opportunity to informally talk to employers from a wide range of sectors as well as further and higher education providers and gap year companies. Some of the employers have indicated their ability to take on students for work experience, as well as discuss apprenticeships in their field, so it is an excellent chance to network with people in the local business community. There will be talks from the Department of Work and Pensions about future Careers at 5.30pm and Pearson College will deliver a talk about Degree Apprenticeships at 6.30pm.

Miss Knox



Riddlesdown Collegiate Textiles Competition

Christmas tree decoration



Who? Open to all students Years 7 – 13.

Stimuli/Theme? Textile Christmas tree decoration – think outside of the box- avoid over used Christmas themes!

Where? You are welcome to work on your Textile decoration in art during lunch or at home. Consider sewing by hand or machine, applique, embroidery, knitting, crochet, adding some sparkle with sequins and beads etc...

When? Submit your entry to student services by Monday 16th December.

Why? The winning entries from each year group will hang on the Christmas Tree in the Gallery and be congratulated in the school newsletter.

How? Please write your full name, art teacher and tutor group on to a slip of paper that is safety pinned to your entry . Have fun and get creative - good luck!

Nutcracker Competition

Congratulations to the following students whose stunning artwork was selected to be shown at London Mozart Players performance of The Nutcracker at Fairfield Halls on Monday 23rd December 2019, 2:30pm. A special mention must be given to Millie Harrison in Year 8 whose artwork was also used on the concert flyer. We hope students who won will be pleased and will be able to go along to see their artwork on the big stage. The response to this competition was incredibly impressive as there were so many imaginative entries and as usual, it was very difficult to judge. Well done and thank you to all entrants.

Year 7
Henry Cotton
Ava Smith
Alexia Calligeris

Year 8
Millie Harrison
Eralb Hyselli
Zenayne de Cordova
Fatima Kamran
Elada Lukoseviciute

Year 10
Jessica Igiebor
Erin O'Flaherty
Alice Beagley
Charlie Turner
Rhianna Cork
Katie Pritchard
Kristina Miljusevic
Elspeth Buchanan
Elena White
Katie Hinton
Roxanne Farhadi
Candace Paterson
Yasmin Abu-Seer
Isabella Alderton

Year 12
Aimee Shardlow

IMP ON THE MOVE

THE SNOWMAN AND THE NUTCRACKER

MONDAY 23 DECEMBER
2.30pm

FAIRFIELD HALLS
PHOENIX CONCERT HALL

LONDON MOZART PLAYERS
TIM HENTY *conductor*
TAMA MATHESON *narrator*

BLAKE
The Snowman
TCHAIKOVSKY
The Nutcracker Suite

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The Nutcracker drawing by Millie Harrison (Riddlesdown School)

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The iconic animated film of Raymond Briggs' *The Snowman*, with music by Howard Blake, has been a Christmas TV favourite since its premiere in 1982. As part of their award-winning #LMPOnTheMove series, Fairfield Halls' resident orchestra London Mozart Players will perform the full orchestral score live-to-picture on a big screen in the Phoenix Concert Hall, in a pre-Christmas treat that's perfect for the whole family.

The programme includes a magical retelling in words and music of Hoffman's original 1816 fairy tale *The Nutcracker*. Actor Tama Matheson will bring the enchanting story of Clara, the Nutcracker and the fight with the Mouse King in the Kingdom of Sweets to life with Tchaikovsky's beloved score as a musical backdrop. The story will be presented alongside stunning artwork animations created by art students from Riddlesdown School.

There's no better way to get in the mood for the festive season!

TICKETS
Adults £15/Under 16s £8.25*

Book online: fairfield.co.uk*
Book by phone: 020 3292 0002*
Groups (10+): 020 3292 0003

*Transaction fee applies to online and telephone bookings

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PE Fixtures Round Up

The first set of fixtures this week kicked off on Wednesday with an action packed evening of sports. The first team in action were the Year 11 boys rugby team who took on a very strong Glyn side in the County Cup. Riddlesdown held their own in what was a very physical encounter but Glyn pressed them hard in the first half and scored a few tries. Riddlesdown made the second half much closer but the final score finished 42-13 to the opposition.

The Year 11 football team made it a positive afternoon for the Year 11 boys with a 2-1 win against Harris South Norwood in the Croydon League. We only had 11 players due to absence and injury but the boys worked hard to seal the win with Tyler Crawford making some great saves in goal. Goals were scored by Darryl Van Lare and Elijah Lawes with man of the match going to Dylan Patel.

The girls also had a busy Wednesday afternoon with footballers and netballers in action. The under 13 girls football team finally got to play a game away to Coloma. The girls worked really hard in what was only their second competitive game this year but unfortunately lost 3-1 to a very good Coloma side who had an excellent goal keeper. These girls have worked so hard in training this year come rain or shine and they will definitely get what they deserve as the year goes on.



The Year 9 and 10 B netball teams travelled to Shirley High School and both put on an impressive display on for the spectators with two big wins. The Year 10 B team won 11-6 in what was a close encounter with both teams working really hard. Lady of the Match went to Talisha Crawford. The Year 9B's were dominant from start to finish winning by a phenomenal 20 points with the score finishing 22-2!!!! Ladies of the Match were Olivia Wright and Mardeyah Afzal. Well done girls on two fantastic results.



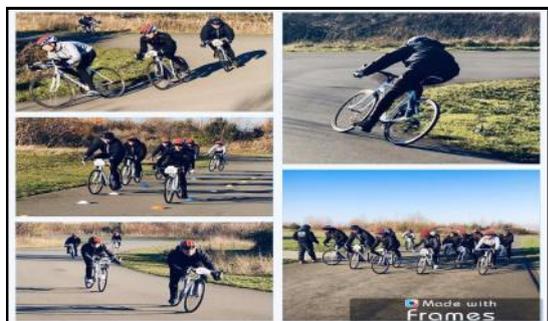
The Year 9 girls were back in action on Thursday with A and B team both playing against Coloma. Unfortunately the B team lost 11-2 against a very good Coloma team with Millie Hobden getting Lady of the Match. The A team made up for their defeat with a 19-11 win in a high scoring thriller and Olivia Wright was Lady of the Match for the second day running, amazing achievement! Well done girls.

Girls Football

On Tuesday Mr Bellamy took three committed members of the girls football team to a football marketing course in Croydon. The aim of the course is to increase numbers of girls taking part in football at schools and to give the girls ideas on how to do this within a school and they all had a great day. They also earned £100 worth of equipment that will go directly to girls football. There are more courses throughout the year and we look forward to the developments these girls bring to the Collegiate.



On Monday and Tuesday this week the final group of GCSE PE students set off to do their cycling assessment which goes towards their GCSE practical exam. Two frosty mornings made it very cold at the start, but the students soon warmed up and scored some fantastic gradings against the criteria. Well done to all who took part.



Extra-curricular clubs

In the next few weeks we have lots of competitions going on and we need girls and boys to get involved. It would be great to see new faces at the following clubs so please come along and get involved:

Girls cricket:	Tuesday	3.30pm-4.30pm	Sports Hall
Handball boys & girls:	Tuesday	3.30pm	Sports Hall
Girls basketball:	Wednesday	12.25-12.55pm	Sports Hall
Boys basketball:	Wednesday	2.45-3.45pm	Sports Hall
Badminton mixed:	Thursday	3.35-4.35pm	Sports Hall

Oliver! – REHEARSAL SCHEDULE 9th December 2019

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			
	WLR			
	ELH			Sowerberry's, Sowerberry's chorus, Charlotte, Bumble, Oliver, Noah, Widow Corney Finish 16.30 C07
	RME			
	RPD			Dancers
WEDNESDAY	SIP			
	ELH			Workhouse, Bumble, Corney, Governors 16.00
	AMC			THEATRE
THURSDAY	TKW	ORCHESTRA	ORCHESTRA	ORCHESTRA
	SIP			
	WLR			
	ELH			Fagin, Fagin gang, Dodger, Oliver, Sikes, Nancy, Bet 16.30 C07
	RME			
	AMC			Workhouse, Bumble, Corney, Governors 16.00
	FTD			THEATRE
FRIDAY	TKW			ORCHESTRA
	SIP			
	WLR			
	ELH			Whole cast patch test C07
	AMC			RUN THROUGH ACT 1 Fagin, Fagin gang, Dodger, Oliver, Nancy, Bet, Workhouse, Bumble, Corney, Governors, Sowerberry's, Sowerberry's chorus, Noah, Charlotte 17.00 Theatre
	FTD			

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas lunch with all the trimmings and a Christmas cracker

Please come along and join us.

Christmas lunch is priced at £3.00 for all students,
so please ensure you have topped up your lunch account
to avoid disappointment.

Please note our menu will be limited on this day
however Pasta King and sandwiches will still be available.

