



8th May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

May Updates

I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing bank holiday weekend and were able to enjoy some quality time together in the sunshine. It is hard to believe how quickly the days are passing, as we are now well over halfway through this half-term. The school is buzzing with activity, and it has been a pleasure to see the students remaining so focused and engaged as we head into these final busy weeks before the break. We have now reached a significant point in the academic year with both practical and written examinations currently taking place across several year groups, encompassing both internal assessments and public exams. We are mindful of the focus and resilience required during this time, and we are proud of the way our students are conducting themselves.

Alongside these academic milestones, the sheer variety of activities offered to our students over the past two weeks has been wonderful to see. From the impressive talent on display during the Live Lounge performances, to the fantastic trip to see Hercules, to the logical rigour of the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge, there has been a real sense of vibrance within our community. My thanks also go to those students who took part in the Vocal Workshop here and the ongoing Computer Science Workshops at the Royal Institution. These opportunities are vital for our students' development beyond the regular curriculum, and we value your role in helping them make the most of these experiences.

Summer Exams

Exam season has officially stepped up a gear this week and it is so important to stress that attendance at every lesson is vital. Your child's class teacher remains the most valuable resource for providing tailored support, clarifying misconceptions and mastering exam techniques. Furthermore, we encourage a focus on wellbeing to sustain this momentum and prioritising consistent sleep, a healthy diet, and balanced revision schedules is essential for mental clarity. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's Tutor or College Team if they require additional guidance. Thank you for the support you are providing your child during this period.

More Sporting Success!

It has been an exceptional period of sporting success across the Collegiate, with several teams achieving remarkable accomplishments at district, county and national level. The Year 8 Boys' football team have enjoyed an outstanding cup run, reaching both the District and County Cup Finals after impressive victories over Carshalton Boys and Woodcote. Unfortunately, the boys lost on penalties to Whitgift this Thursday in the County Cup, but have the District Cup to look forward to after half term. On the tennis courts, the Year 8 and Year 10 boys were crowned Surrey County League champions last week at St George's, Weybridge. Special recognition goes to Toby Love, Henry Rata, Nathan Tovey and Leo Calligeris for their excellent performances and contribution to the team's success.

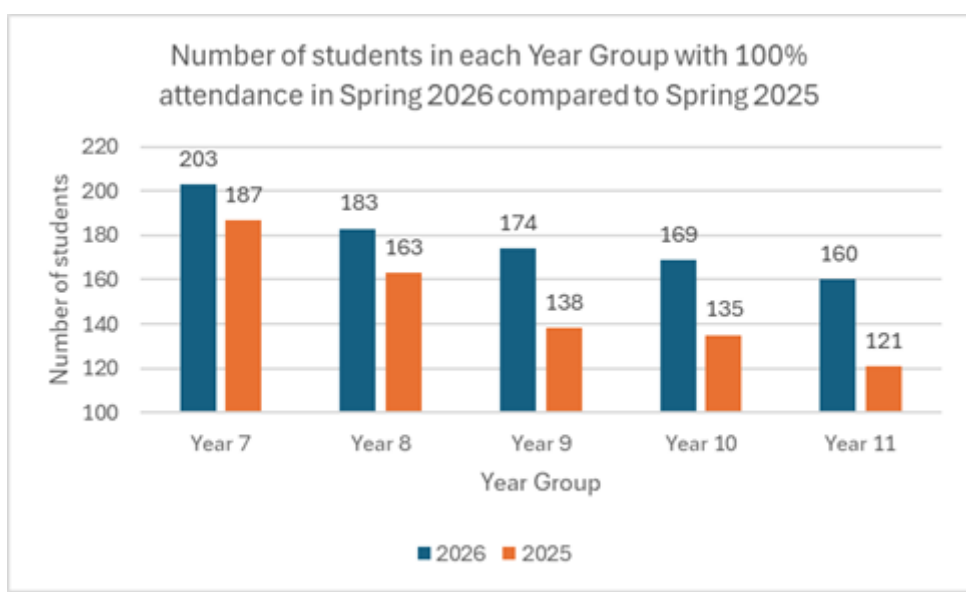


The Year 11 Boys finished their season in style, becoming District League and Cup champions following a hard-fought 2–1 victory over St Joseph’s in the final. Meanwhile, the Under 18 Teknika boys were also crowned District champions after an emphatic 5–2 win against Coombe Wood in their final. Adding to an incredible year of achievement, the Year 10 boys made school history by reaching a second National Final, producing a superb 3–0 victory over St Thorpe’s School in Norwich. They now travel To Stoke City at the end of this half term for both finals. Congratulations to all players and staff involved on these fantastic achievements and for representing the school with such pride and determination.

Attendance: Countdown to Easter Success

A huge well-done to all our students for their incredible effort during our Countdown to Easter attendance challenge. 896 students in Years 7-11 had 100% attendance in the final 3 weeks of the Spring term (see graph below). This initiative has led to a fantastic 20% increase in the number of students achieving 100% attendance compared to the previous year. This means more students are consistently in class and maximising their learning. Furthermore, this improvement means students gain the confidence that comes from a steady learning routine and feel more connected to their friends and the school community.

All students who achieved 100%, were entered into a raffle to win a Love2Shop voucher or a pizza lunch. The Love2Shop vouchers were handed to winners on the final day of the Spring Term and the celebratory pizza lunch will be on Tuesday 12th May. If your child was successful in the ballot for the pizza lunch, they will receive their official invitation on Monday morning. Please remind them to check with their form tutor to see if they have won. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring your children are in school every day. Let’s keep this momentum going for the rest of the summer term.



Thank you for your continued trust and cooperation. We truly value the partnership between home and school, and we look forward a season of shared successes. Wishing you and your family a restful and happy weekend ahead.



Safeguarding Briefing

Attendance and Wellbeing

Good attendance is not only important for learning, but also for safeguarding. Children who are not in school regularly can become more vulnerable to a range of risks, including emotional distress or exploitation. We understand that there may be times when children find it difficult to attend school. If this is the case, please let us know as early as possible so we can work with you to provide support.

If your child is struggling with their emotional wellbeing, there are services available. Kooth (www.kooth.com) offers free, anonymous online counselling, and Childline (0800 1111) provides confidential support for young people. Small changes in attendance can sometimes signal that something is not quite right. By working together, we can ensure children feel safe, supported, and able to attend school regularly.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Osborne
Principal

Riddlesdown Collegiate



The RDWN Creators is a group of Riddlesdown students dedicated to creating open and welcoming events for the community. They are currently planning our upcoming summer festival, taking place at Riddlesdown Collegiate from the 9th-12th of July. This will be a community-based event, designed for local families, residents and businesses for three days of celebration and fun! They would be delighted to invite your business to be involved in the summer festival.

The festival is a locally led, school supported initiative aimed at creating a safe, inclusive and enjoyable experience for the community. They are expecting at least 1,500 - 2,000 people to come to the event every day. This is a non-profit event, it's about reinvesting into the wider community and connecting the community to local groups, artists and organisations. All proceeds will go directly towards this year's festival, allowing us to access national bids for the longevity of the project.

The realisation of this festival is a joint effort. **Learning Stages** brings vital industry knowledge and mentorship to the project, ensuring a lasting legacy for the festival. This professional support is bolstered by the initial financial contributions made by both **Learning Stages** and **Riddlesdown Collegiate**, which have collectively secured the festival's start.

We are now looking for a final £30,000 in funding or sponsorships from local businesses- and this is where you come in.

We welcome support in a variety of ways:

- Financial sponsorship
- In person support (goods, services, activities etc)
- Cash Donations

In return for your support your business will benefit from; promotion before and during the event, engagement with the community, and positive brand recognition.

If this is an opportunity you'd like to be involved in or to find out more then please email our producer Sasha Bonner - sasha@learningstages.co.uk

Thank you for your time and support, The RDWN Creators Team

The RDWN creators team are now looking for performers ready to take on the professional stage! This can be musicians, dance groups, comedy acts and anything theatrical.

This will be a family-friendly, community festival open to the public with fun summer vibes to celebrate the end of another fantastic year. We are looking for performers ready to put their work on a professional stage and experience what it might be like to be a touring artist.

We are looking for work that celebrates the inclusivity and diversity of our community and allows your talents to shine through.

If you have any questions, please contact our producer, Sasha: Sasha@learningstages.co.uk.

DEADLINE: 18th May, 5pm.

Thank you

Miss Theresa Ward
Assistant Principal, Headteacher, CPA College

The background of the poster features a warm sunset gradient from pink to orange. At the top, there are strings of glowing yellow string lights. A large, bright yellow sun is positioned behind a black silhouette of a palm tree. The word 'SUMMER' is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters across the trunk of the palm tree, and 'Fest' is written in a pink, cursive font on a sign attached to the trunk. At the bottom, there is a black silhouette of grass.

SUMMER

Fest

**JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE SUMMER FULL OF
MEMORIES AND ENDLESS ENTERTAINMENT!**

REMEMBER TO SAVE THE DATES:

9TH JULY - 12TH JULY



Riddlesdown Collegiate

RDWN CREATORS