



10th July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

July Updates

As we approach the final stretch of the term, the energy and opportunities at the Collegiate continue at an incredible pace. The last few weeks have been nothing short of exceptional, packed with enriching experiences for our students. We had the absolute pleasure of hosting our Induction Evening and Induction Day, welcoming our next cohort of Year 7 students, who were incredibly enthusiastic, eager, and a joy to have at the Collegiate. Our passion for extending learning beyond the classroom was on full display with an array of fantastic trips. History students visited the Battlefields in France and Belgium, Geography students completed field work on the coast in Hove, Dance students performed at the Step into Dance Event, Computer Science students enjoyed a brilliant joint visit to the RAF Museum, and our Drama students enjoyed an unforgettable trip to see Warhorse. To top it all off, our Year 13 students celebrated the end of their journey with us in spectacular style at their wonderful Year 13 Prom at the Coulsdon Manor Hotel. Each of these experiences reflects the best of what we aim to offer at the Collegiate; broad, inspiring, and meaningful opportunities that build confidence and create lifelong memories.

An Unforgettable Summer Concert!

This year's Summer Concert was a truly historic occasion for the school as, for the first time ever, we took the music outside for an open-air performance! While the musical talents of our students were as amazing as ever, the spectacular outdoor setting made the evening feel even more special. It was wonderful to see our community come together to enjoy an incredible night of live music under the summer sky. A massive thank you goes to all the staff who gave up their time to support the event, and to Learning Stages for their fantastic support with the venue. Most importantly, a huge congratulations to all our student performers and helpers, we are incredibly proud of every single one of you!

Behaviour & Standards

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, we have recently updated our [Behaviour Policy](#). These changes reflect both the natural evolution of our internal approaches and the latest Department for Education (DfE) guidance, ensuring we maintain a safe, focused, and flourishing environment for all students. We strongly encourage you to read the updated policy in full; however, we ask that you pay particular attention to the sections detailing our uniform expectations and our new mobile phone policy to ensure absolute clarity ahead of the new term. We are incredibly grateful for your ongoing partnership and support, and we firmly believe that by working closely together, we can continue to provide the best possible educational experience for our students.

Countdown to Summer – 7 days Until Summer

As part of our Countdown to Summer competition which started on Monday 29th June, we are excited to launch '**7 days Until Summer**'. In the final 7 school days of this year, we have 7 exciting

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events taking place across the Collegiate for students to enjoy.

Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th July	College Reward Assemblies
Friday 10th July	Collegiate Culture Day
Monday 13th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 14th July	Anti-Bullying Ambassador Bake Sale
Wednesday 15th July	Year 8 Jaiden Memorial Tournament Afternoon
Thursday 16th July	Lunchtime - Staff vs Students (dodgeball, tennis and rounders)
Friday 17th July	Mufti Day

Countdown to Summer - 100% attendance club

- Students who have **100% attendance** from Monday 29th June to Friday 17th July, will be included in the 100% club at the end of the term.
- All students who achieve this, will receive a 100% attendance letter home on the last day of term.
- All students who achieve this, will also be entered into a prize draw to be invited to a pizza lunch served at lunchtime on Thursday 16th July in school or win a **£30 Love2Shop voucher or an Amazon Voucher**.

Sports Day – Monday 13th July

A reminder that Sports Day will take place on Monday 13th July. Students should arrive at 8:30am, in PE kit, and bring:

- A refillable water bottle
- Sunscreen
- A hat

Refreshments will be available throughout the day, and both the Diner and College VI Café will be open at lunchtime. Students will be dismissed at 3:00pm. We look forward to a day filled with fun, friendly competition, and fantastic team spirit!

Riddlesdown Festival

Learning Stages, in partnership with Riddlesdown School, has announced the cancellation of the Riddlesdown Summer Festival, which had been due to take place this Sunday, 12 July. The decision follows an Amber Heat-Health Alert issued by the UK Health Security Agency, covering southern and eastern England and remaining in effect until 9:00pm on Sunday. Forecasts indicate the weekend will remain very hot and dry, with conditions expected to pose a significant risk to public health. The advice is to avoid direct sunlight during the hottest parts of the late morning and afternoon. The Preloved uniform sale is still going ahead and will take place in the Main Hall from 11am-1pm. SORC will be on hand with some great, preloved items for you to purchase.



End and Start of Term Arrangements

As the end of term is fast approaching, I want to follow up on the schedule for our final day on Friday 17th July. Students are expected to arrive at school as normal by 8:30am and must be fully prepared for Lessons 1 to 3. Following an extended Tutor Period during Lesson 4, students will be officially dismissed by their Tutors at 12:00pm. As the school day is finishing early, it is incredibly important that all parents and carers are fully aware of their children's arrangements after dismissal. Please take the time to discuss their plans for safe travel home or alternative supervision ahead of Friday, ensuring they can travel safely and smoothly.

Please see below for the full details of the upcoming dates and staggered start times for our phased return in September:

- Tuesday 1st September: Staff-only day.
- Wednesday 2nd September: Phased return for Year 7 and Year 12 only. Please note the specific timings below:
 - Year 7: 10:40am – 3:00pm
 - Year 12 (New Joiners Only): 10:30am – 12:45pm
 - Year 12 (Internal Students): 11.10am – 12:45pm
- Thursday 3rd September: All students return.

Thank you for your cooperation, partnership, and support in ensuring a safe and positive end to the academic year for all our students.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Osborne
Principal

Safeguarding Briefing

Preparing for the Summer Holidays

As we approach the summer holidays, routines often change and young people may have more unstructured time. This can increase exposure to online risks, community safety concerns, or changes in peer groups. We encourage families to talk about staying safe, both online and offline. Knowing where children are, who they are with, and how to seek help are key messages.

If you have safeguarding concerns during the holidays, you can contact Croydon Children's Services (MASH) on 0208 255 2888, or the Emergency Duty Team (0208 726 6400) outside of working hours. In an emergency, always call 999. Working together, we can help ensure all young people remain safe and supported over the summer.