

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

### Ofsted

We are pleased that the inspection visit has now ended and we look forward to the publication of the full report which should be released no later than Wednesday 29 June. Thank you to all of you who completed the questionnaire which was overwhelmingly positive. Your support was greatly received.

### Capital Funding

I am pleased to report that the College has recently secured approximately £1.2million in additional capital funding for upgrades to fire alarms and electrical infrastructure in Kingston building. Work on the project is expected to commence in the summer holiday. This represents another significant enhancement of our facilities, building on the fire safety upgrades that have been taking place over the course of this academic year and other recent refurbishment works. Further exciting plans are under development and we expect to learn the outcome of another major funding application towards the end of 2022.



### Visit from Michael Gove (Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and MP for Surrey Heath)

Last Friday Michael Gove visited Collingwood and met with Mr Baird and a group of students from our Debating teams. They told Mr Gove about their debating experiences and were able to raise with him some areas of interest. I also spent 20 minutes with him and took the opportunity to talk to him about our recent Ofsted inspection, the Government's White Paper, school finance and the key issue of teacher recruitment.

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## YEARS 10 AND 11 SILVER DOFE STUDENTS SHOW GREAT TEAMWORK AND TRUE GRIT!

Seventeen Years 10 and Year 11 students set out in September 2021 on their journey of the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. There are four sections: Physical, Skills, Volunteering and Expedition.

Each section develops the young person to strive to learn a new skill, raise their heart beat in physical activity and giving back to their community by volunteering their time to support a good cause.



For the expeditions they spent weeks planning their routes, learning about camp craft skills; food for nutrition and how to cook it, understanding and respecting the countryside code, how to pitch a tent, navigate a map, planning a route, orientation skills and using a compass, to mention just a few.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - DON'T MISS OUT!

<b>Friday 27 May:</b>	End of Term
<b>Monday 6 June:</b>	Start of Term
<b>Wednesday 8 June:</b>	Sports Day, 5.00pm until 8.30pm, Bracknell Athletics Track

## PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

A reminder that the nomination forms for the Parent Governor vacancy should reach the Clerk to the Governing Board by 5.00pm on Wednesday 25 May, either by post or email.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me via email:  
[s.rutherford@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:s.rutherford@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk)

*Mrs Rutherford - Clerk to the Governing Board*

## NON-UNIFORM DAY IN SUPPORT OF CANCER RESEARCH UK

Many thanks for your donations for our last Non-uniform Day. The money raised (nearly £1000!!) will go directly to Cancer Research UK to help support the vital work that they do.

This charity was specifically chosen by the student body and your continued support is very much appreciated.

*Mr Chaahar - Senior Assistant Principal*

## ATTENDANCE - LEAVE OF ABSENCE/ HOLIDAY REQUESTS

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority, they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

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Mr Gove was very complimentary about our students and said that he would like to attend a future Debating competition to support our team.

### Start of the Examination Season

The exam season has now started, and the invigilating team have already mentioned that our students are very well-behaved and engaged during their exams. We anticipate some very good results from our students this year and getting this initial feedback regarding their focus in the exams is very encouraging.

There has been considerable media attention on the issue of schools finding it exceptionally difficult to find external exam invigilators this year and, in some cases, some schools are having to resort to using parents, teachers and older students. I just wanted to reassure you that we have a full compliment of very experienced invigilators who do an excellent job for us in ensuring our exams are carried out in line with Exam Board regulations.

*Mr Tanner - Principal*

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## STEM DAYS - CALL FOR SUPPORT

Following on from the success of our first Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Days at College in July 2019, I am planning on organising two further STEM days at Collingwood on Monday 11 July and Tuesday 12 July.

**Do you know of someone in industry or a company where you or representatives of your company would like to come and set up a stall/display or activities at the school on one or both days?**

The day will run from 9.00am until 3.00pm with a morning break and a lunch break. Lunch will be provided.

I look forward to hearing from you. My email address is [s.puri@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:s.puri@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk).

*Mrs Pari - Science Department*

### Maths After College Revision Topics 2021-22

(General Revision run every Monday in G9 with Mrs Vassallo)

Date	Topic	Foundation Grade 1-4/5 Mrs Walker – G24	Intermediate Grade 4-6 Mrs Murphy – G26	Higher Grade 7-9 Miss Taylor – G10
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Exams	Paper 2 Revision	Paper 2 Revision	Paper 2 Revision
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Exams	Paper 3 Revision	Paper 3 revision	Paper 3 revision



# YEARS 10 AND 11 SILVER DOFE STUDENTS SHOW GREAT TEAMWORK AND TRUE GRIT!

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In March they set out on their Practice Expedition in the New Forest; they learned to come together as a team and navigate through the forests and marshland, to camp in sub zero conditions and survive the hunger and sore feet from carrying their 15 kg+ rucksacks. Some struggled



to maintain their energy levels and enthusiasm, however they always rallied and supported each other to succeed in reaching their daily and final goals.

By the time they embarked on their Qualifying Expedition, only 6 weeks after their Practice, it was evident

that they had learned a great deal. Their planning of meals was much more priority on making sure they had enough food to last their full expedition; that their packing of their bags was more efficient and definitely not so heavy, e.g. Without the 10 packets of custard that nobody ate!!



With the qualifying expedition came an extra day of walking they showed resilience, how to be an independent leader of the group, working as a group to make some difficult decision, taking risks and then working out whether their risk was a valuable one or not. All life skills for young people and if they complete their whole awards they will put themselves in the top 20 percent of young people in the world.



We are incredibly proud of the young people that took part in the silver Award this year and we look forward to hearing about what they learned about themselves along the way. On Wednesday 11 May they present their final expedition projects to Senior Leaders, Assessors and their peers to complete the expedition section of their Award.

Well done to:

Lilian	Brewer	Leona	Miles
Charlotte	Edwards	Leo	Soutter
Cecilia	Goodchild	Samuel	Wragg
Eve	Marshall	Ryan	de Ruijter
Emily	Thomas	Owen	Diton
Jamie	Bundock	Izzy	Gainsbury-Smith
Constance	Currie-Rogers	Eliza	Jesson
Oliver	Ferrone	Harrison	Taylor
Emily	Green		

*Mrs Goggin -  
DofE Co-ordinator*

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# STUDENT WELLBEING RESOURCES

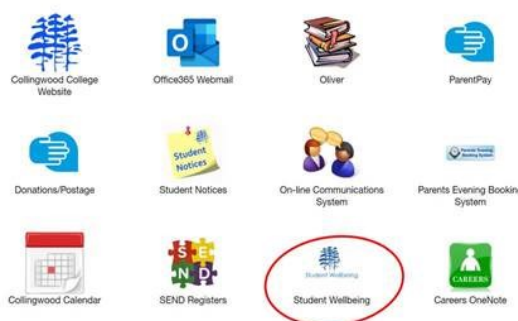
A reminder that the Student Wellbeing resources OneNote remains available to all students, parents and carers via Edulink and amongst other recent updates, we have added an exams stress hub to help support students and parents during the forthcoming exams season, which includes:

- ♦ BBC Radio 1 / Bitesize video: Beating 'the fear'
- ♦ NHS video: students talk about how they feel about and cope with exams season / advice for parents too
- ♦ Student Minds: How to cope with exams
- ♦ Mind.org: Young people share their wellbeing and revision tips to maximise success and mental wellbeing.
- ♦ Charley Waller Trust resources (recommended by our Mental Health Support Team): Looking after yourself during your GCSEs.



The OneNote can be accessed from Edulink (see right). Please do take a moment to see what is there and check back regularly for updated content.

*Mr Batterbee*



## EXAM CERTIFICATES

Exam certificate postage payment is available on ParentPay. Please ensure payment is made as soon as possible to ensure your child receives their exam certificates for the Summer 2022 season. This is of particular importance for those students in Years 11 and 13 who are leaving the College.

To avoid certificates being lost in transit or left crumpled at the bottom of a school bag, we encourage payment to be made for Years 9 and 10 too.

For those that make payment for postage, exam certificates are usually despatched in December using Royal Mail's 'Signed For' service.

Certificates will be required by future employers and further education institutes. If you don't have your certificates when you need them in later life, the exam boards can provide a replacement statement of results but it is very costly.

*Collingwood Exams Team*

## BOOK SALE FOR CANCER RESEARCH BY PIXL EDGE STUDENTS

My sincere thanks to all parents/carers for their contribution to Cancer Research by purchasing a book for their son/daughter. We raised £100 for this worthy cause and hopefully it will make a small difference.

A massive thank you and well done to all PiXL Edge students from Years 7-9 who made this happen by visiting form groups to sell the books. A special mention to Ava Beckett, Maayan Jordaan and Mathu Rakavan (Year 9) and 7F (Mrs Samouelle) for their extra efforts in promoting the book sale.

*Mrs Pari - PiXL Edge Lead*

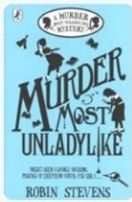




# Library Newsletter

Why read? Reading is good for your communication skills. It gives us something to say, it helps us understand other people, it increases our vocabulary, it strengthens the brain and it can give us the ability to make a point.

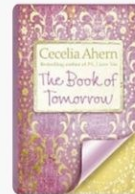
## Books of the Week



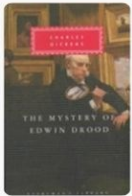
**Year 7 & 8 – Murder Most Unladylike by Robin Stevens**

A new book series requested by some of our students has landed on our shelves, and what a good choice it is for fans of murder mysteries.

**Year 9 and above – The Book of Tomorrow by Cecelia Ahern**



Tamara Goodwin has always lived in the here and now, never giving a second thought to tomorrow. Until a travelling library arrives in her tiny village, bringing with it a mysterious, large leather-bound book locked with a gold clasp and padlock. What she discovers within the pages takes her breath away and shakes her world to its core. A mesmerising story about how tomorrow can change what happens today..... Source: Collingwood College Library.



**Classic Title – The Mystery of Edwin Drood by Charles Dickens**

Another murder mystery in our newsletter, this one was left unfinished when Charles Dickens died and published in 1870, since then many authors have tried to complete his work. Well worth a read.

## Non-fiction

Section 614.4 -618.1 is the Health section. In this section of the library, you will find information on many health issues including mental health, world health and sports health.

## Library Event

Celebrating "Fight against loneliness".

What a popular activity this was: you could either leave a message in the jar or pick one out and keep it!

Students from all years took part, it was heart-warming.

In the library we have a display called: "look after your mental health" with a list of information and phone numbers.



**Birthday of the week: Charles Baxter, American novelist, essayist and poet. 13 May 1947**

Can you please encourage your son/daughter to return any overdue library books/DVDs as soon as possible to avoid possible behaviour points. If you have any issues, please email: [s.blay@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:s.blay@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk)

## For More Information

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# SPORTS DAY 2022

**Years 7, 8 and 9**

JOHN NIKE ATHLETICS TRACK, BRACKNELL  
WEEK 2 WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE  
5PM-8.30PM





# PLATINUM JUBILEE COMPETITION

There are 4 categories in our Platinum Jubilee Competition:

- Best bunting / flag / banner
- Best food item
- Best piece of literature
- Best creative item

Students should bring their entries to the Conference Room in Kingston building on Tuesday 24th May. Please label with the student's name and Form Group. Prizes will be awarded for each category. Winners will also be invited to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee by being part of The Queen's Green Canopy where they will plant a tree for the jubilee.

**JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY.**

**STUDENTS SHOULD COLLECT THEIR ENTRIES AT THE END OF THE DAY ON WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY.**

## Queen's Platinum Jubilee Competition

Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. In the run up to the Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend which takes place from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June, we would like to invite students to get involved in our competition.

There are four categories:

**Best bunting / flag / banner** - Create bunting, a flag or banner on paper or card using felt tips, paint etc.

**Best food item** – make cakes or biscuits and decorate them in Union Jacks for example

**Best piece of literature** – write a poem or create a WordArt using words associated with the Jubilee

**Best creative item** – make a crown, badge, bag, cross stitch or create a mosaic using small scraps of paper from magazines

Students should bring their entries to the Conference Room in Kingston building on Tuesday 24 May. All entries should be labelled with the student's name and Form Group. Judging will be held on Wednesday 25 May. Student should collect their entries at the end of the day on Wednesday 25 May.

Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each category. Winners will also be invited to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 by being part of The Queen's Green Canopy where they will plant a tree for the jubilee.

By submitting an entry you are agreeing for Collingwood to use these in all forms of media. If you do not wish your child's name to be included on any publicity, please let us know when they submit their entry.





## Science Influencers!

This week's science influencer is this Nobel Prize winning scientist. Have a read and see what he won his Nobel Prize in.

### Shinya Yamanaka (1962 - )



Yamanaka was born in Osaka, Japan. As a child, science was one of Yamanaka's favourite lessons and one that he excelled in. Each month, he would read the latest edition of his much-loved science magazine and used the various kits it came with to carry out different scientific experiments.

Yamanaka took part in pioneering research into **stem cells**, which can develop into any type of specialised cell. Prior to his research, it was thought that specialised cells could not return to their **pluripotent** state in which they were able to develop into several different cell types.

In 2006, Yamanaka identified a small number of genes within the mouse genome that proved key to maintaining pluripotency. He successfully reprogrammed skin cells from mice to give rise to induced pluripotent stem cells, which could grow into different cell types within the body.

In 2012, Yamanaka, along with fellow scientist John Gurdon, was awarded the **Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine** for his work on stem cells.

Science Department - Ms S Islam

## Drama at Collingwood

AMBITIOUS BOLD Collaborative

### KS3 Drama Club!

Year 7 - Wednesday after school -  
H32 - Miss Hardacre

Year 8 - Wednesday lunch time - H32  
- Mr Green

## Drama Word of the Week

### RELAXATION

Stanislavski believed in relaxing his actors to help them with their role. He said relaxation is the foundation upon which the "the house of method acting" is built.

## What are we studying?

With Year 9 preparing for their upcoming LAMDA exams, it's been great to get a flavour of their performances. Having the opportunity to present their solo work to an audience is a really important experience as not only does it support line learning and characterisation, it also helps develop students use of key terminology and descriptive language which aids with the knowledge interview which forms part of the exam. As we get closer to the exam, we look forward to seeing how student work progresses and develops.



## LAMDA TOP TIP!



Record yourself & watch it back. You'll be able to see what is going well and what needs developing.

## ROOM CHANGES

Kingston Theatre is now closed for the summer exam season. Students should regularly check Edulink One for details on Drama room changes.

