

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Government Announcement on Restrictions in Schools from September

As you may be aware, on Tuesday, the Government announced that the need for face masks, social distancing measures and staggered start and finish times in schools will be scrapped from September. Mr Williamson, the Education Secretary, said that the COVID testing regime for pupils will be transferred to the NHS track and trace system and, instead, secondary schools will be asked to offer pupils two COVID tests at the beginning of the Autumn term, as a one-off event.

We are currently examining the guidance on the start of term testing and I will inform you of further details next week.

Of course, I should point out, that all our procedures and plans for September are subject to change if further government guidance is received or local COVID conditions result in Public Health advising us to reintroduce specific actions.

Consultation on the Structure of the College Day 2021-22

The consultation has now ended and produced the following results:

- ◆ 53% of staff prefer the two-way split break/lunch structure (105 responses)
- ◆ 80% of students prefer the two-way split break/lunch structure (255 responses).

It is clear that there is strong support for the current split break/lunchtime structure from the student body and a majority supportive view from staff. I therefore believe there is a mandate to continue with this structure next term with the proviso that we will continue to monitor it and could 'tweak it' or revert to the traditional structure if we feel we need to.

We will publish the new structure shortly. Of course, all subject to change if new government guidance is received over the summer holidays!

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YEAR 7 STUDENTS COMPETE IN SPORTS DAY

On Monday 5 July we were delighted to see so many Year 7 students taking part in Sports Day and representing their form groups so valiantly. Blessed with perfect weather and good conditions under foot, all the track and field events took place and it was good to see Years 10 and 11 students so keen to support the event with measuring, timing and data recording.

A massive well done to all the students that were involved and congratulations to the medal winners. Results and winning form groups to be confirmed later this week. Please click [here](#) to view more photos from our Year 7 events.

The PE Department would like to extend their thanks to the support staff and students who worked so hard to make this event a real success. Details to follow of Year 8 and Year 9 Sports Days next week.

Mr Beer - Head of PE Department



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - DON'T MISS OUT!

Wednesday 7 July:	Year 9 Sports Day (STUDENTS ONLY), Collingwood Sixth Form Field, 3.30pm until 5.30pm
Thursday 8 July & Friday 9 July:	LAMDA Exams, Kingston Theatre and Barossa Studio
Saturday 10 July & Sunday 11 July:	Year 9 DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition, Surrey Hills
Tuesday 13 July:	Year 8 Sports Day (rescheduled), 3.30pm until 5.30pm
Wednesday 14 July:	Reports to Parents via Edulink
Friday 16 July:	Early Closure, finishing at 12.30pm, END OF TERM
Wednesday 1 September:	INSET Day
Thursday 2 September:	Start of Term for Years 7-11 and 13
Friday 3 September:	Year 12 Enrolment
Monday 6 September:	Year 12 Lessons Start

CAREERS NEWS ...

I would like to remind parents/carers that the monthly careers newsletter is available to view on our website. Please click on the link below:

<https://www.collingwoodcollege.com/page/?title=Newsletters&pid=784>

Mrs Clelland - Information, Advice and Guidance Co-ordinator

LOST PROPERTY

Has your child lost their coat, jumper, PE kit or other item of College uniform this term?

If so, please ask them to check the lost property rail which will be in the undercover area directly outside Barossa reception's main doors. Parents are welcome to come to check too!

We have many items of clothing which is either un-named or the name cannot be read. Please note that all unclaimed lost property will be donated to charity at the end of term.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you to clearly name all items your child brings into College. Any named lost property is returned by sending a message to your child in registration.

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Changing for PE Lessons Next Year

With the recent announcement from the government regarding the removal of social distancing and other COVID-related measures we have decided that, as from September, students will again use the changing rooms to change into their PE kit for their lessons. This will allow the department to revert to their full curriculum as well as for the College to return to the previously high standard of College uniform compliance which has, understandably, been difficult to maintain given the current situation.

Awarding Grades Update

Please refer to your emails or to the Letters Home folder in Edulink for a letter about Results Days, the Appeals process, and The Autumn Exam Series. I apologise for the length of the letter but there is a significant amount of detail we need to bring to your attention, and I urge you to read it in full!

Due to the lifting of lockdown restrictions on Monday 19 July we are planning to hold both Results Days on the Sixth Form field. Further details of these events will be circulated by Mr Webster for Sixth Form and Mrs Goggin for Year 11. Please encourage your son/daughter to check their emails regularly for updates.

Sports Day

We look forward to returning to 'normal' routines in September and this week our PE Department, along with staff from across the College, reminded us of how wonderful this will be with organising Sports Day for Years 7-9 in their bubbles. The Year 7 event was a pleasurable and successful event that saw the Collingwood community working together with students enjoying both watching and participating in competitive sport. Let's hope the rain stays away for the Year 8 (Tuesday 13 July) and Year 9 (today, Wednesday 7 July) events. Details of results and highlights of performances to follow...

Parking in Gibbet Lane and Surrounding Areas

Could we again please ask parents to help us maintain our good relationships with our local community and refrain from parking/dropping off on double yellow lines and/or obstructing entrances and exits to driveways and the Fire Station. We would be very grateful for your co-operation and thank you in advance for your understanding.

Mr Tanner - Principal

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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Please be respectful and supportive of our admin colleagues who may call you to collect a symptomatic child.

If your child attends College and presents with any of the main COVID-19 symptoms, you will receive a call for you to collect your child, along with any siblings that live in the same household.

Although your child may have taken and received a negative lateral flow test, if they are showing any of the below symptoms, **they must, as well as all members of your household, self-isolate immediately.**

Staff at Collingwood continue to follow strict government and Public Health England guidelines to safeguard all students, staff and their families.

We therefore ask that you accept calls of this nature, respond with respect towards our staff in these challenging circumstances and arrange collection of your child/children at your earliest convenience. We are grateful to the many parents and carers that have been extremely supportive of College staff during the current difficult time.

The symptomatic child will need to self-isolate immediately and arrange to have a COVID-19 test. Siblings and any other family members in the same household must also self-isolate immediately.

If the symptomatic child receives a negative test result and has not had a temperature for 48 hours, all members of the household can stop self-isolating. If testing is not possible or there is a delay in receiving results, the symptomatic child must self-isolate for 10 days after their symptoms started. All other household members will need to self-isolate for 10 days from the same date.

COVID-19 Symptoms

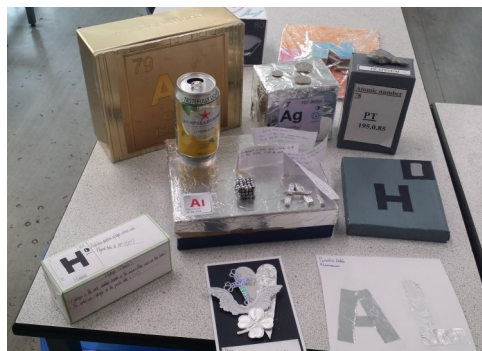
PLEASE: Do not leave your home if you or anyone in your household has Coronavirus symptoms and do not send your child to College if anyone in your household is showing ANY of the following symptoms of COVID-19, even if their symptoms are mild:

- ♦ **A high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- ♦ **A new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- ♦ **Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

YEAR 7 SCIENCE STUDENTS CREATE MODELS OF ELEMENTS

Year 7 Science students were set a home learning task to make a model of an element. The students have been so creative and innovative in making these models. It has been a real pleasure to see so many outstanding models especially by Form 7G.

Well done to all students for their effort and creativity.



Mrs Pari - Science Innovation and Achievement Lead / STEM Co-ordinator

TASSOMAI WEEK 2 LEADERSHIP BOARD

In Science, we are trialling a programme called 'Tassomai'.

Tassomai is an intelligent online learning program helping students at all levels achieve outstanding results. It is used to build core subject knowledge, boost confidence and reduce exam stress.

In the second week of the Tassomai competition for Year 10 students, the winners are 10H. Well Done!! A treat will be delivered to your form group.

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The Platinum Jubilee emblem competition



**Would you like to see your artwork
on posters, flags and big screens
across the country?**

**The Royal Household in
partnership with the V&A is
inviting young people aged 13 –
25 to design an emblem for The
Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.**

**The winning emblem will be
prominent at celebrations
marking Her Majesty's 70 years as
Monarch, including street parties
and televised national events.**

**To enter, you'll need to register an
account. Once you've registered,
you can start your entry (save it
in-progress), and submit your
entry to be judged.**

www.vam.ac.uk/info/the-platinum-jubilee-emblem-competition

**The closing date
for submissions: 16 July 2021 at 18:00.**

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