



STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE GREAT SKILLS DURING STEM DAY CHALLENGE

On Friday 25 April, 68 students from Years 8 and 9 took part in the RAF's 'Blast off to RIAT' STEM Day Challenge.

The event, organised by Smallpeice, was a hands-on, space-themed experience designed to develop key skills and inspire future careers in air and space. Students attended a motivational careers talk and took part in a practical challenge where they built a model capable of landing in a target area while carrying a load safely from a height. Each team presented their design to their peers.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Although last week was a shorter week, we managed to squeeze a number of fabulous events into our Collingwood calendar that have certainly got us back into College mode swiftly with our venues buzzing with energy and enthusiasm. We have also managed to host an open morning for prospective Year 7 parents, carers and students who were extremely complimentary about their tour and our provision.



Fabulous Quiz Night

The new CCFA and Staff Wellbeing group hosted a wonderful quiz night last Thursday and I would like to thank everyone who supported the event. A special thank you to Shaun Garrett who was brilliant as the quiz host and for all his thought-provoking questions!

The room was buzzing with energy, brainpower and plenty of laughs as the teams battled for the top spot which went to team Danny Squib United and the best decorated table went to Status Racing! Thank you to the CCFA for sourcing sponsorship for the great raffle prizes. The event raised a wonderful £640. We are already looking forward to our next quiz night and CCFA event!



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - DON'T MISS OUT!

Friday 2 May-Sunday 4 May: DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition, South Downs

Monday 5 May: May Day Bank Holiday

Wednesday 7 May: DofE Silver/Gold Expedition Presentations, 6.30pm until 8.00pm, Kingston Theatre

Monday 12 May: Upper College Open Mic Night, 4.15pm until 6.15pm, Barossa Studio

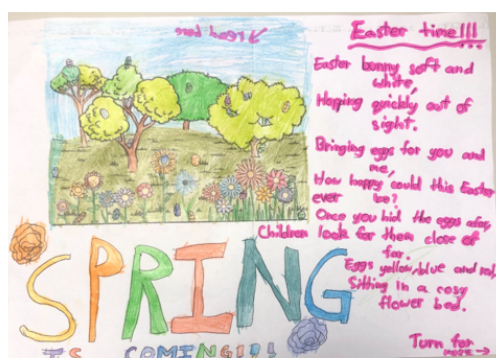
Wednesday 14 May: Years 12 and 13 Reports Home

Monday 19 May: Lower College Open Mic Night, 4.15pm until 6.15pm, Barossa Studio

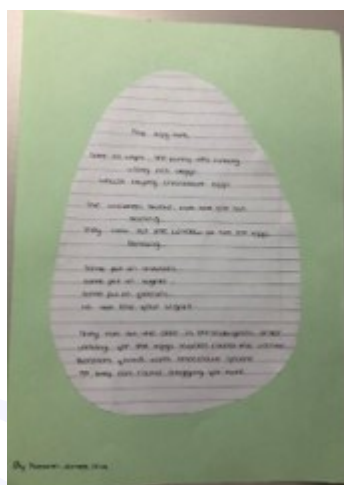
FROM THE LIBRARY ...

Easter Poetry Competition

During the month of March and April the library ran an Easter Poetry competition. I am pleased to announce that the winners are:



1st Place - Maria Pavel 7H



**2nd Place – Yasemin Kagitci,
Aimee Willson and Orla Kirby 10J**

All students received praise points and chocolate.

Overdue Library Books/DVDs

If your son/daughter has any overdue books/DVDs outstanding please ask them to return to the library as soon as possible.

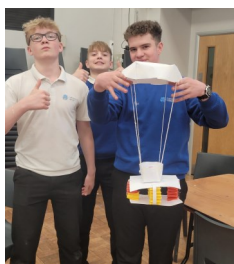
If any student is unable to return the books or DVDs to the library during the opening times then please leave with a member of staff at either Barossa or Kingston Reception for the attention of Ms Blay - Library Manager.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Ms Blay - Library Manager

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A girls' team emerged as the winners, recognised for their innovative ideas, strong teamwork, and clear, confident presentation.

Very creative and fun to act like an astronaut!
JJ Jenks Year 9

All students were great ambassadors for the College and demonstrated great skills with outstanding confidence. 'Smallpeice' was very complimentary of their attitude and positive behaviour.



I really enjoyed the day! Overall, our team worked well, and I hope they can come back again to our college.
Michael Coltman Year 9

Very interactive, engaging, and real fun. Would do it again. Making loaders was very cool.
George Hebden Year 9

All students have been awarded with a certificate and medals for first, second and third positions. They will also be awarded an additional 'Industrial Cadets' Accredited Certificate for their participation.

Mrs Pari - Science Innovation and Achievement Lead / STEM / G&T / PiXL Edge Co-ordinator

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Under-16 Girls' Football Team - Date for your Diary!

Congratulations to the Under-16 girls' football team that reached the semi-final of the National Cup and last week they reached the District Cup Final. The game will be played at Aldershot on **Friday 16 May - kick off at 6.30pm** versus Woolmer Hill. I am sure that they would love to see lots of you there to support them.

Year 11

I can confirm that all Year 11 students are expected to be in lessons until May half term. After half term, they are expected to attend the lesson until the final exam in that subject. The LRC will be supervised and open for students to use for revision after half term. Students have been informed in assembly last week and about the final revision opportunities available to support their exam preparations.

Debating Training Day

It was lovely to welcome over 70 primary school pupils to Collingwood College to experience a fabulous debating event facilitated by our amazing student debaters and it was great to see such enthusiasm and confidence from all involved!



RAF STEM Event

Our Years 8 and 9 students experienced a wonderful STEM event where Kingston Theatre was electric with excitement from our students keen to get involved with all the hands-on activities and the challenge to plan an expedition to a newly discovered planet! The organiser was very positive about our students and their impressive STEM abilities.

I hope you have an enjoyable long weekend, and the sun continues to shine!

Miss Watling - Principal

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PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS EXCEL AT DEBATING!

On Friday 25 April Collingwood held its annual Primary School Debating Day. Students from our local Primary Schools, including Lakeside, Ravenscote, Crawley Ridge, Connaught, Holy Trinity and Cordwalles, attended a day of debate training organised and delivered by members of the Collingwood Debating Society.

Bethan Wood (Year 11) led the day with a wide range of activities that were designed to develop the quality of arguments as well as inspiring confidence in our young debaters. Bethan was ably assisted by the following students:



Noah Jackson Year 7, Morgan Irving Year 7, Holly Knight Year 8, Nathan Hancock Year 10, Ahmet Yildirim Year 10, Jay Harindranath Year 11, Ellie Jones Year 11, Katie Cobb Year 12

Amongst other activities, students tried to imagine what they would do if they were Prime Minister for the day, what they would take to survive a nuclear apocalypse and then participated in lively debates in small groups as well as to the whole group. It was incredible to see such passion and confidence in our young debaters throughout the activities.

There was high energy and excitement throughout the day and our visitors were keen to continue debating back at their Primary Schools.

Mr Baird - College Debating Coach

FOCUS AND COMMITMENT FROM OUR YEAR 11 TEXTILES STUDENTS

A huge well done to our Year 11 students who sat their Textiles exams last week! Their focus, creativity and commitment really shone through, and I am incredibly proud of the effort they put into preparing for the exam.

It has been a pleasure seeing their ideas come to life throughout the course, and I wish them all the best as they continue through the rest of the exam season.

Miss Conniford - Design and Technology Department

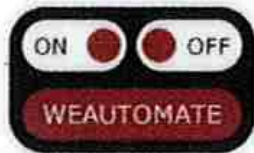
YEAR 7 STUDENT VOLUNTEERS FOR CHARITY

Ayah Alkasab (7G) travelled to Dubai for the last few days of Ramadan to volunteer with the Giving Family Charity.

This charity provides free Iftar meals to the labourers and low income workers of the city so they have a meal to break their fast with. On any given day during the month of Ramadan, up to 10,000 free meals are given via this charity. These meals are donated by companies, restaurants and shops and are put together and handed out by volunteers. The Giving Family also offers free haircuts to the labourers and raises funds to send many of them to Mecca for their Umrah pilgrimage. A trip that they most likely would never be able to afford on their own.



Ayah took part by handing out the pre-packaged meals to thousands of people along with the hundreds of volunteers that took part this year. This is the second year in a row that Ayah has attended and she is keen to repeat it every Ramadan where possible.



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OPEN MIC NIGHTS FOR LOWER AND UPPER SCHOOL

Due to popular demand, the Performing Arts Department is excited to announce that it will be holding two separate Open Mic events for Upper and Lower School musicians! The **Upper School Open Mic for Years 10-13** will be on **Monday 12 May**, and the **Lower School Open Mic for Years 7-9** will be on **Monday 19 May**. This is open to musicians of all instruments and skill levels. No audition required!

Spots are limited and tend to fill up quickly, so please ensure students sign up as soon as possible by visiting M2 or emailing Mrs Truglio.

	UPPER SCHOOL OPEN MIC		LOWER SCHOOL OPEN MIC
		MAY 12TH 4:15PM	
	MAY 19TH 4:15PM		
OPEN TO MUSICIANS IN YEARS 10-13		OPEN TO MUSICIANS IN YEARS 7-9	

SIGN UP SHEET IN M2
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Mrs Truglio - Performing Arts Department

& VIEWS

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

I am writing to make you aware that there is a vacancy on the Governing Board for a Parent Governor. The Clerk to the Governing Board will begin the nomination process shortly. All parents/carers will receive a letter inviting nominations and explaining how this process works.

As Chair of the Governing Board I wanted to explain a little more about what governors do and hopefully persuade you to consider volunteering to join us. Governors are volunteers who give their time freely to support the education and care of all Collingwood students. We do this by meeting regularly to receive reports from, and ask questions of, Miss Watling, the College's Principal, and other members of the Senior Leadership Team, enabling the Governing Board to seek assurance that Collingwood is providing the best possible learning and care for all students.

School governing boards, including those in academies like Collingwood, are now expected to recruit governors with the skills and experience required to ensure we are effective in discharging our duties. We have a diverse range of skills and experience already represented on Collingwood's Governing Board and are looking for parents who have a general interest in education, the ability to analyse and understand data, or an understanding of finance and are comfortable asking questions. Training is provided for governors and we do expect all governors to engage in their own development as a way of ensuring our effectiveness as a Governing Board.

The Collingwood Governing Board meets once a term and operates five committees, which also meet each term. Governors at Collingwood sit on two of our five committees. Our meetings are at 8.00am and our aim is always to finish by 10.00am. Including reading documents, training and attending meetings, this equates for most governors, to roughly 50 hours each year.

If you are interested in the education of all students at Collingwood and are prepared to contribute some of your time and energy to support the College's continual strive to improve our provision, then please do consider nominating yourself for the vacancies.

School governance is incredibly worthwhile and does make a difference. If you would like to find out more, or have any questions at this stage, then please do feel free to contact me, via the Clerk to the Governing Board at s.rutherford@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk

Mr Barker - Chair of the Governing Board

DIVERSITY WEEK COMPETITION WINNERS

A huge well done to the following students who are the winners of the Diversity Week Creative Writing competition. It was a really difficult decision as there were some highly engaging and original pieces! Well done again to you all!

Riley Ashe 7B
Hannah Ross 8F
Scarlett Ryan 10D
Eden Sturgess 10E

Mrs Marden - Assistant Principal

Important Reminders

Visits to School Site by Appointment Only

We would like to remind you that visits to the College site must be prearranged and approved through prior communication with College staff. This ensures the safety and security of all students and staff and allows us to manage our time and resources effectively. As we are sure you will understand, it is simply not possible for our staff to be immediately available as they have teaching, duty or meeting commitments.

Please do not come into College expecting to see a member of staff without an appointment as this will be a wasted journey for you and cause you lost time and unnecessary frustration. If you need to meet with a teacher, staff member or College leadership, please contact the College office to schedule an appointment.

3-day Response to Parental Communications

*We would also like to remind you that we have a **72-hour response** period for staff to reply to parental communications. It is obviously unreasonable to expect immediate responses to emails or messages when staff have full teaching and meeting commitments. This protocol also allows us time to investigate your communication and to reply with a detailed response to you. In all cases, we would ask parents to use the **tc@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk** email address to ensure communication is directed to the correct member of staff and to ensure an appropriate reply is made within 72 hours.*

I very much appreciate your understanding and co-operation in adhering to these procedures and thank you for your support in maintaining positive College-parent/carer relationships.

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter aims to support you when thinking about your future and provide you with access to resources that will help you to learn more about different industries and pathways. Please use the links included to read more information. Links are underlined.



SOMETHING TO...

DO

Do you know you want to do a job that helps the planet, but you're not sure what? Take this quiz to learn about green careers & consider which might suit you. 🖐️

LISTEN TO

'Networking' is just a fancy term for connecting with people who may be able to help and support you. Listen to this BBC podcast to learn how it could help you. 🎧

READ

In this blog a current apprentice, Riley, shares her journey and information on how she feels her work experience helped her to succeed. 📖

WATCH

22nd April is Earth Day. Here are videos from four different people working in green careers discussing how their job helps our planet to become more sustainable. 👁️

SPOTLIGHT ON A...



UNIVERSITY

20% of the student population at Durham University are disabled, so the uni aims to ensure their environments, policies, and practices are as inclusive as possible. They have a range of support in place for people who have Autism, Dyslexia, Physical Disabled and Mental Health conditions. You can read more about this support here.

EMPLOYER

At GWR, we're committed to fostering an exceptional workplace where authenticity and personal growth flourish. In our recent 'Our Voice' survey, an impressive 89% of our employees endorsed GWR as a great place to work. Equity, diversity, and inclusion are not just words but part of our guiding principles. You can read more here.

If you see a word you don't understand, you can use this jargon buster to search and find out what it means. If you can't find the word on there, you can use the internet to research the meaning or speak to a teacher.



CAREERS NEWSLETTER



WORD OF THE WEEK

Student Finance

Student finance refers to the financial assistance provided to students, usually in the form of loans, to help cover the costs of higher education, including tuition fees and living expenses. These loans are repaid after graduation once a student starts earning a certain amount

A FACT ABOUT EMPLOYMENT

Did you know the creative industries are the UK's fastest growing sector? Estimated to grow by 26% this year, contributing £132.1 billion to the UK economy, creative subjects don't just have to be hobbies... You can turn them into a career!

Source

SUCCESS STORIES

Yssy, who joined KPMG's Gatwick office four years ago, lives with endometriosis, a condition that causes debilitating pain every day. Despite this, she has not only excelled in her role but also found a supportive and understanding environment that has allowed her to flourish.

"Early in my apprenticeship, I was struggling balancing work with my exams," shares Yssy. Recognising her challenges, her manager took proactive steps to help.

Private chronic fatigue coaching was arranged providing Yssy with valuable tools to manage her energy levels. "KPMG also got me a supportive chair for my back and arranged 25% extra study time. I no longer go straight to bed with exhaustion when I get home. It's great."

Yssy's experience highlights the importance of open communication and an organisation's willingness to adapt.

This story was taken from the Choices magazine (page 9).

OPPORTUNITY'S CALLING...

Thinking of a career in Football? Whether you're aiming for the Premier League, passionate about grassroots football or interested in exploring other roles within the sport, [join this exclusive 2-day virtual work experience placement](#) to learn more.



If you feel ready to speak about your future and have any questions or need support to plan your next steps, please contact careers@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk.

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities.

Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in.

Links are underlined.

Remember, you can use UCAS and Career Pilot any time to research your career options, take part in quizzes and see which jobs might suit you.

OPPORTUNITIES

Earth Day takes place on 22nd April each year. The theme for Earth Day 2025 is OUR POWER, OUR PLANET, inviting everyone around the globe to unite behind renewable energy, and to triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030. **How?** By joining us in Earth Action Day, encouraging all to take action - educate, advocate, and mobilise.

Test your knowledge on important topics such as Plastic Pollution, Activism and Sustainable Fashion by using these online quizzes.



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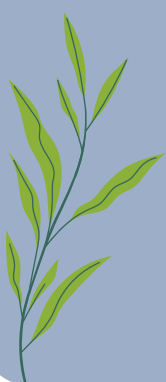
Here are videos from four different people working in green careers. Learn more about what they do, how their work helps the planet and hear their answers to questions from other students.



Want to know what it's like to do a Degree Apprenticeship in technology? Ethan from Not Going to Uni sat down with Lache from BAE Systems to chat about career opportunities, skills, and what to expect. Watch the recording here.

If you'd like to learn more about studying a subject at university that focuses on sustainability, check out these virtual subject spotlights:

- Sustainable Engineering with Dave Knapton from the University of Sunderland
- Biological Sciences with Dr Charlie Outhwaite from UCL
- Sustainable Fashion with Lynne Hugill from Teesside University
- Sustainability in Architecture and the Build Environment with Louise Ciotti from UWE Bristol
- International Relations with Professor Tamsin Bradley from the University of Portsmouth



If you have any questions or need support, please email careers@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk

JOB OF THE WEEK



Agricultural Engineer

Agricultural Engineers apply engineering principles to solve problems and improve efficiency in farming and related industries, such as forestry and horticulture.

Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

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Are you ready to embark on an exciting journey towards a fulfilling and rewarding career in the world of railways? Look no further than Network Rail! Your gateway to a world of possibilities, innovation, and endless opportunities. You can [see their current apprenticeship opportunities here](#).



Get My First Job have teamed up with Microsoft to offer four training modules that relate to [How and When to Use AI in Your Job Search](#).



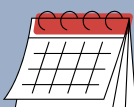
Extra-curricular activities are any events that you participate in outside of your regular academic work. They can be anything from sports and clubs to volunteering and part-time work. [Click here to read more](#) and see what extra-curricular activities you could take part in.



These events are for the parents and carers. University of Portsmouth are running a series of [online sessions called "Getting Started"](#). From understanding student finance to understanding how universities will support your young people, there is a helpful webinar for everyone.



We know that understanding how student loans work can seem intimidating and often off-putting so in this session, Falmouth University will break it down for you, give a clear overview of how the system works for UK students, and show you why it doesn't have to be as scary as it might seem. [This session](#) takes place on 7th May at 4pm.



The University of Exeter have a series of events that focus on interesting and helpful topics to help you consider courses and understand the support on offer at university. The events run from 6-7pm. Here are some topics you can register for:

- [12th May: Subject session: - Law](#)
- [22nd May: Studying as an LGBTQ+ student at the University of Exeter](#)
- [5th June: Making Friends and Creating Support Networks at the University of Exeter](#)

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

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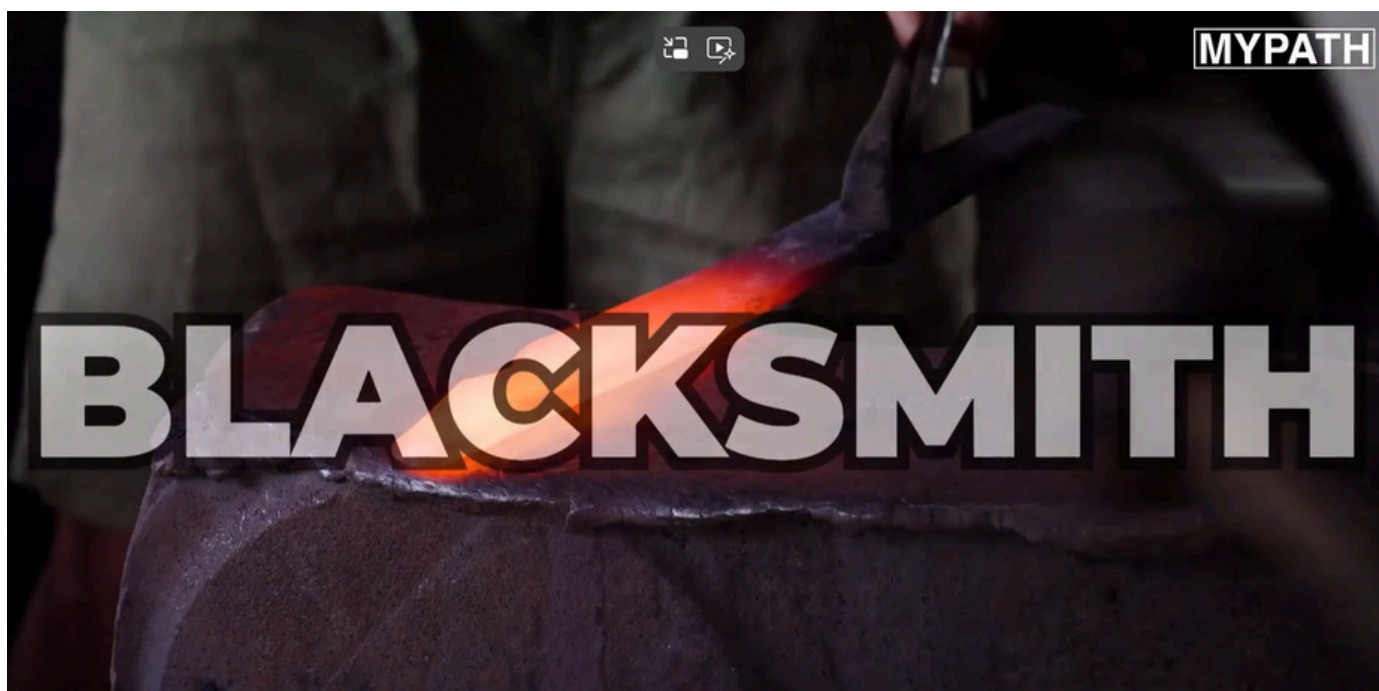
Read more about [Network Rail Careers here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"With over 25,000 students, Southampton is home to a vibrant community. You'll be taught by expert academics and have access to some of the best teaching facilities in the UK. Most of our degrees are made up of 8 modules each year. We allow you to study from another subject as part of your optional modules."


Read more about [University of Southampton's Courses here](#).

If you have any questions or need support, please email careers@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk



Wondering about your child's best next step? Not quite sure how to support them?

Check out our parents and carers' guide to careers decisions in secondary education

 **Access your copy:**



This was produced by Cornwall Council. However, it includes very useful information and general links appropriate for anyone.



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Parenting Wellbeing Service

Surrey



Providing support to parents/carers whose young people are experiencing difficulties with their emotional health and wellbeing.



What we offer

Barnardo's Parenting Wellbeing Service (PWS) offers advice, guidance and support to parents and carers across the county of Surrey.

PWS provides parenting support including:

- Providing a safe space to share parenting experiences
- Sharing advice and approaches to parenting
- Creating a toolbox of strategies for parents
- Building on parent/carers strengths to achieve positive change
- Onwards signposting & referrals if required



PWS is an early intervention service, which does not include clinical or crisis support.

The aim of PWS is to upskill parents/carers and empower them to explore new strategies to make effective change. PWS encourages parents/carers to use a goal-based approach, building on their existing knowledge to support their child(ren) to thrive.

Parents/Carers are offered up to 6 weeks of support. This is usually provided through one 60-minute session per week. Parents/Carers can receive this support either online, over the phone, at home or out in the community.

Referral Process

The Parenting Wellbeing Service works closely with Mindworks under the Surrey Wellbeing Partnership. We accept referrals from:

- 🌈 Surrey Mindworks Access and Advice team
- 🌈 Education
- 🌈 GP Surgeries & healthcare providers
- 🌈 Community Services
- 🌈 Parents/Carers themselves

Referrals can be completed electronically or through paper form.

Both can be found here:

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/get-support/services/parenting-wellbeing-service-pws-surrey>



How to contact us

PWS@barnardos.org.uk

Parenting Wellbeing Service

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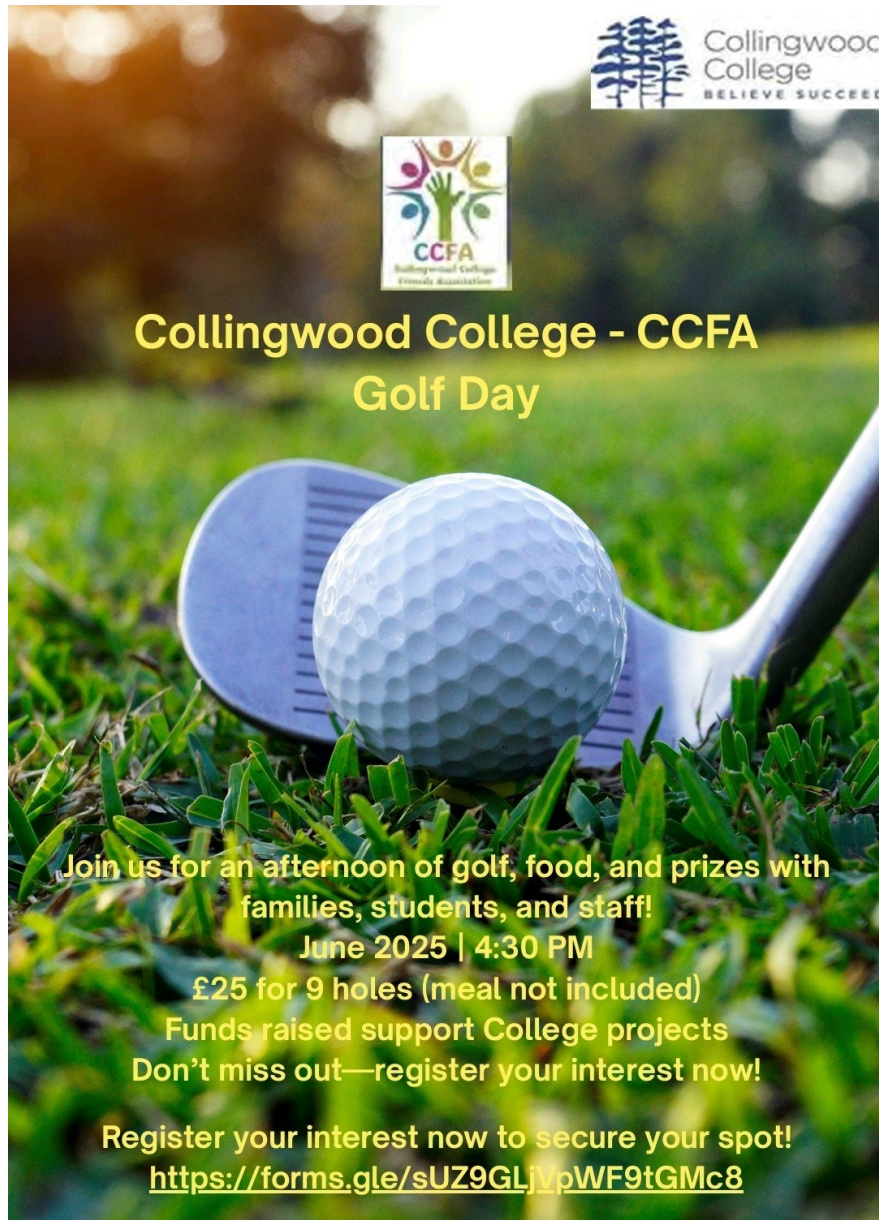
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Leatherhead,

Surrey,

KT22 7PL

Please note this is an administrative hub and not a drop-in venue





Collingwood College - CCFA Golf Day

Join us for an afternoon of golf, food, and prizes with families, students, and staff!

June 2025 | 4:30 PM

£25 for 9 holes (meal not included)

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POLITE NOTICE

Please treat our staff with the same respect you would expect to receive.

Verbal and physical abuse will not be tolerated, in person or on the telephone.

We reserve the right to ask anyone giving verbal abuse to members of staff to leave the premises or end a telephone call. (The conversation will be continued at a more suitable time).

Please remember that all our staff are always trying their best and are here to help you and your children.

