

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

### Celebration Evening – Collingwood Has Talent!

This is one of my favourite events in the Collingwood calendar where we celebrate our wonderful students' achievements and best of all our senior prefect team take control and I can relax! There were nearly 100 awards presented to Collingwood College students past and present by the wider leadership team, the mayor, Sarbie Kang, our Chair of Governors, Mr Barker and Mr and Mrs Hempson, punctuated by wonderful student performances. We were also given a taste of our forthcoming musical 'Footloose' with a fabulous performance from the Collingwood cast of 'Holding Out for a Hero'.



The magical evening was a testament to our College values where all award recipients had epitomised them in their pursuit of excellence, these being **aspiration, integrity, perseverance, inclusiveness and of course achievement**. I certainly could not be prouder of everyone last night who made it such a wonderful evening. Tickets are now on sale for our amazing production, Footloose!!

Year	Platinum/Green
7	99%
9	90%
11	87%

### Internal Data

#### Attitude To Learning Data (ATL)

We have just been analysing the first set of reports of the academic year and I am delighted by the outstanding figures for ATL from our students which was clearly evident in our recent learning walks. I am thrilled with how Year 7 have settled and their ATL just confirms the excellent start they have made to Collingwood College! Furthermore, I am pleased with our one-year GCSE students in Year 9 and our Year 11 students with their application to lessons which should bode well for next summer. Years 8 and 10 reports are to follow so I will update you once we have analysed these fully!

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## STUDENTS ATTEND ANNUAL 'TASTE OF FRIMLEY' EVENT

**On Tuesday 19 November, a group of Years 12 and 13 students went to Frimley Park Hospital for the annual 'Taste of Frimley' event.**

Students experienced a lecture in the Post Graduate Education Centre at the Hospital, where guest speakers presented their roles within the NHS. From doctors to midwives and biomedical scientists, students gained a breadth of knowledge about the different healthcare professions available for future jobs.

*We got an exclusive tour around three different departments of the hospital. We started in Midwifery, where we got to listen to a model baby's (not real) heart rate through a stethoscope. We then went to the Pathology Lab, where we saw how samples are tested and saw the robots and machinery that was behind screening the samples. Furthermore, we went to the Radiology Department where we took an x-ray of a model's broken leg and were taught how to use an ultrasound machine.*

*It was a very interesting and insightful evening, where we were able to speak to many healthcare professionals and got to ask any questions we had.*

*Lexie Coster - 13LB*



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

<b>Wednesday 27 November:</b>	Year 13 Reports Home
<b>Thursday 28 November:</b>	Year 10 Parents' Evening (Virtual), 4.15pm until 8.00pm
<b>Friday 29 November:</b>	Autumn Showcase, 7.00pm until 8.30pm, Kingston Theatre
<b>Thursday 5 December:</b>	DofE Award Ceremony (By Invitation Only), 7.00pm until 9.00pm, Kingston Theatre
<b>Friday 6 December:</b>	Candlelight Soiree, 7.00pm until 9.30pm, Kingston Theatre
<b>Tuesday 10 December:</b>	Nasal Flu Vaccines, 8.30am until 1.30pm, Kingston Theatre
<b>Thursday 12 December:</b>	Christmas Open Mic Night, 4.15pm until 5.30pm, Kingston Theatre
<b>Friday 13 December:</b>	Festive Jumper Day, in support of Save the Children Nasal Flu Vaccines, 8.30am until 1.30pm, Kingston Theatre
<b>Friday 20 December:</b>	End of Term, Early Closure - finishing at 12.20pm

## YEAR 11 MATHS REVISION - AUTUMN TERM

Monday 3.05pm-4.05pm	Topic	Foundation Grade 4+ Mrs Harbour - G30	Intermediate Grade 5+ Ms Akbar - G23	Higher Grade 7+ Mrs Brockett - G26
2 December	Factorising and Solving	Linear expressions and equations	Quadratics, Completing the square	Quadratic Formula, Completing the square where $a \neq 1$
9 December	Angles	Angle Rules	Angle Rules	Circle Theorems
16 December	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision

## PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

Parents/carers will be aware that nominations were invited for the two Parent Governor vacancies on the Governing Board. Two nominations were received by the closing date and an electronic Ballot will not, therefore, need to take place.

Mr Steven Payne has been elected to serve a further 4-year term of office when his current term ends on 3 January.

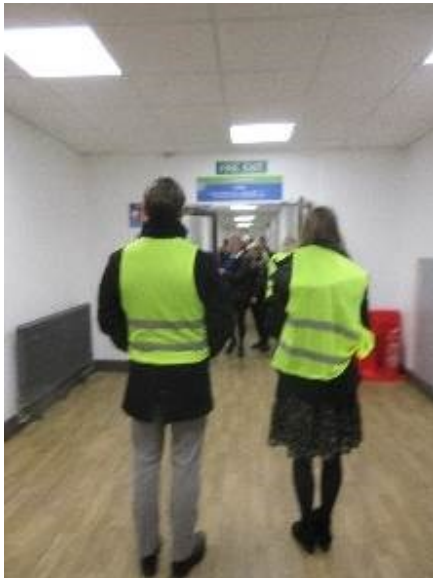
Mr Chris Mould has been elected to serve a 4-year term of office from 6 January 2025.

*Mrs Ratherford - Clerk to the Governing Board*



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### Alternative Arrangements for the Start of the College Day Drill Conducted Today

Many thanks for your support with today's trial of alternative arrangements to open the College if snow makes it impossible to follow our normal procedures. The arrangements went well, helped by the co-operation and exemplary behaviour of the students, and we will now reflect on any improvements that are necessary to ensure we are fully prepared if snow arrives overnight in the forthcoming months.

### Important Reminder: Visits to School Site by Appointment Only

I 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 I am

sure you will understand, it is simply not possible for our staff to be immediately available as they have teaching, duty or meeting commitments.

If you need to meet with a teacher, staff member or College leadership, please contact the College office to schedule an appointment.

I very much appreciate your understanding and co-operation in adhering to this policy and thank you for your support in maintaining a safe and organised learning environment.

### CCTV Consultation

A reminder that we have launched a consultation of additional CCTV provision in the College and would be grateful if you could respond to this consultation by midday on Friday 6 December (letter sent to all parents/carers today). Many thanks.

### Collingwood College Friends Association (CCFA)

I am delighted to say that our new CCFA has had their first meeting last night, and we are up and running! We are planning our first CCFA-led partnership event on Friday 13 December for Year 7 parents so look out for the flyers. If you missed this exciting opportunity or would like to join us and get involved, please contact [tc@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:tc@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk).



*Miss Watling - Principal*

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# FROM OUR MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM ...

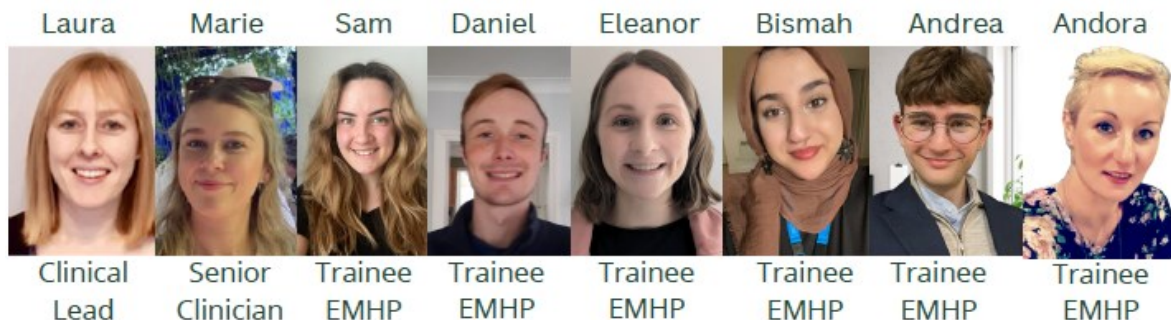
Dear Parent/Carer

We are the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) who work in Collingwood. We are part of Mindworks and offer advice, training and support to the school as well as Psychological support for students who may be experiencing difficulties with their mental health or emotional wellbeing. Every year we ask parents, staff and students to complete a brief questionnaire to help inform us of their understanding of what the school offers in terms of mental health and wellbeing, and how we can shape our offer to benefit parents, staff and students at Collingwood. The survey takes around 5 minutes to complete and can be accessed via this link <https://forms.office.com/e/v52xTX1ii4>

If you would like to find out more about the MHST offer, please do speak to your child's Year Manager or supply an email address or phone number on the survey in Question 16 with a brief message and we can contact you to discuss further.

Thanks for your support.

## We want to hear from you!



Surrey Heath MHST

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Adverts must be suitable for publication in a newsletter of this nature and payment should be made in advance of publication by cheque (made payable to Collingwood College) or by bank transfer (details will be provided once advert has been approved).

Please address payment envelopes to: 'Newsletter Adverts', c/o Kingston Office and email a copy of your advertisement to [tc@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:tc@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk)

**We are also happy to advertise goods for sale on behalf of parents and students for £4.00/week.**



# YEARS 7-11 STUDENTS - NASAL FLU IMMUNISATION - TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER AND FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2024

Thank you to all parents/carers who have provided consent for their student/s to receive the Nasal Flu vaccine.

There have been approximately 1000 responses to date which is a brilliant response.

However, there are a further 500 still outstanding.

If you have not yet provided consent for the Nasal Flu vaccine and you would like your child to receive the vaccine, please log onto the Surrey Immunisation website and complete the on-line consent.

[www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk](http://www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk) - **The school's unique code is SR136828**

If you **do not** want your child to receive this immunisation, then please fill in the 'No' box of the consent.

If you would like to discuss this vaccine with one of the Surrey Immunisation Nurses please call direct on: 01483 362568.

## From the Immunisation Team:

*If you do not want your child to receive the nasal spray vaccine due to the porcine gelatine, please fill in the 'No' box indicating this, and you will be given the opportunity to consent for an alternative vaccination. This vaccination is delivered by injection into the arm and does not contain any porcine gelatine. We will deliver this in school when we visit, if however you would like your child to receive this vaccination in a clinic, please contact us on the above number or email.*

## ON BEHALF OF SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL ...

### Flu cases are currently highest among school children.

As of 22 October 2024, the rate of confirmed cases of flu among school children aged 5 to 14 years is more than twice the rate of any other age group. Flu can be very serious for some younger children and puts many thousands in hospital every year.

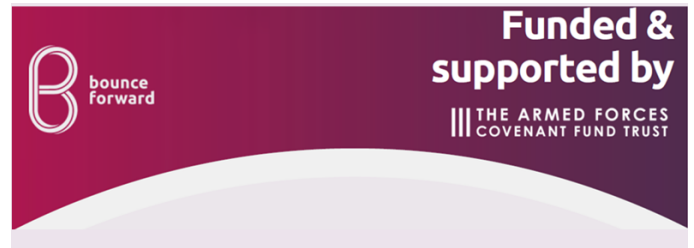
Over two million school-aged children (R to Year 11) have received a flu vaccination so far this Autumn in England. Children respond well to the flu vaccine, which reduced hospitalisation in 2–17-year-olds by 54% in winter 2023. As flu cases rise, this will also help to protect others who are more vulnerable such as grandparents and infant siblings.

Parents/Carers play a crucial role in the success of the school-aged flu immunisation programme by supporting school clinics run by the Surrey School Immunisation Team.



## FOR SERVICE FAMILIES ...

We are very pleased to inform you that registration is now open for the next **Anxiety Unravelled** course for military parents and carers, funded by **The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust**, which starts on the Tuesday 14 January 2025.



This is the third of three courses being delivered in response to what military parents told us they need, both for themselves and for their children. There are more than 100,000 children with parents actively serving in the British Armed Forces, and the number of children seeking support for mental health problems is rising.

Wellbeing of the adults impacts children, if adult wellbeing is poor, then it can pass on through to their children. Children are often the forgotten service members with limited research into the impact they feel, so they are often left to struggle alone. This course helps parents to understand and recognise how best to develop resilience in their children.

**Places are FREE of charge**, and there are 500 funded places.

100% of parents who joined the two previous courses strongly agreed or agreed that the course:

- Was useful personally
- The skills will be useful for their children
- Would help improve things at home
- Would recommend the course to other families.

*I really appreciated the background knowledge to anxiety, the psychology and physiology of it. Knowing its causes, symptoms, methods to avoid it and ways to manage it effectively in just three webinars demonstrates just how comprehensive and effective they were. I really enjoyed Lucy Miller's approach, background knowledge and personal experiences and the value these added to the sessions.*

*I found this a really wonderful experience. To know you aren't alone when dealing with difficult situations arising from anxiety in your child is very helpful. The way the course was delivered was perfect in my view.*

*Anxiety comes in many forms. Quite honestly whilst we were serving this kind of thing wasn't available and we struggled for years with no support or help for our daughter and now we are veterans we can see that mental health is becoming more and more recognised as something to nurture and we are glad we've been able to still tap into this to help look after the mental health of not only our daughter but our sons and ourselves.*

**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW**



## Year 11 English Revision Timetable - Key Skills: Autumn Term

*Where & When? Wednesdays - Kingston Theatre - 3.10pm – 4.00pm*

<b>Wednesday 27 November</b>	<b>Zooming &amp; Analysing Quotes Effectively – Literature &amp; Language</b> Mrs Duddy
<b>Wednesday 4 December</b>	<b>The Importance of Meaningful Context - Literature</b> Mr Roberts
<b>Wednesday 11 December</b>	<b>How to Tackle Unseen Poetry – Literature</b> Mrs Woods
<b>Wednesday 18 December</b>	<b>Argumentative Introductions &amp; Thesis Statements – Literature</b> Mrs Marden

*\*No revision session on Wednesday 13 November due to mocks.*



**“Nothing will work unless you do.”**

**- Maya Angelou**



**COLLINGWOOD COLLEGE FRIENDS  
ASSOCIATION**

**FESTIVE JUMPER  
DONATIONS**



**In preparation for Festive Jumper  
Day the CCFA are seeking donations  
of unwanted festive Jumpers**

**Please drop your festive jumpers  
donations to Kingston or Barossa  
Reception by**

**3pm on  
Monday 9th December**



# COLLINGWOOD COLLEGE FRIENDS ASSOCIATION ....

**Calling all Year 7 Parents and Carers**

**The CCFA Invites you to their first Partnership Meeting**

**Come along for a coffee and festive mince pie on:**

**Friday 13th December  
10:30 - 11:30**

**Please confirm your attendance by completing the form below**



Meet Miss Watling, the Principal, along with other members of the College Community on Friday 13 December from 10.30am until 11.30am.

There will be a chance to swap festive jumpers and pre-loved Collingwood College uniform will be available.

Please confirm your attendance by completing the following form <https://forms.office.com/e/D0CNK1L384>

We look forward to seeing you there.

*Collingwood College Friends Association*



# LIBRARY INFORMATION ...

## Students Receive Book Fair Vouchers

The following students have been nominated by their Year Managers to receive a £5 Book Fair Voucher to spend at the Library Book Fair:

Isabelle Wilson 7C  
Noah Stevens-Gray 8I  
Otto ward 9G  
Daisy Moody 10G  
Alfie Diggins-Barnes 11A


Congratulations!

## Overdue Library Books/DVDs

If your son/daughter has any overdue books/DVDs outstanding from the Summer break 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.



If you enjoy reading, come and join our

## READING CLUB

Please see Ms Blay in the library who will add you to the list. The club will take place on Wednesdays from 3.05pm until 3.55pm.

Praise Points and biscuits will be on offer.

Join Today



**CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS BY ENTERING THE LIBRARY CHRISTMAS POEM COMPETITION.**



**DO YOU HAVE A WAY WITH WORDS? SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT THROUGH POETRY AND WIN A PRIZE.**

**HAND YOUR POEM INTO MS BLAY IN THE LIBRARY BY MONDAY 16 DECEMBER. THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER. ALL POEMS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE LIBRARY. PLEASE REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR NAME AND FORM.**



*Ms Blay - Library Manager*










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Level 3:	Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

Please go to our website address above, for more information.

\*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that MUST be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.



# SIXTH FORM

## News

### Year 12 Robot Wars Tournament

Students in Year 12 advanced their Product Design skills and participated in what can be called the Sixth Form first ever in-class Robot Wars. Students worked in groups to design and build robots from recycled materials which they programmed and put into a battle.

The arena was electric as mechanical bots battled head to head in a flurry of action. Each robot was different and demonstrated something new, from a flipping arm, or a pushing tool still in experimental stage. Destruction was evident as robots smashed through each other while opponents were flipped over and lost body parts during the battle.

The final match which was the best and brightest moment of the tournament lured the crowds. Two of the strongest robots fought it out in a combination of driving and engineering. A mid-battle twist appeared when the robot with a pushing weapon short circuited due to a design error. A few sparks flew but it was nothing that couldn't be controlled which allowed the tension to be heightened right to the very end of the tournament. But of course, the whole exercise was never about who took home the trophy, it was about imagination and engineering, determination, teamwork and creativity.

By Evangaline Hill



### Attendance Awards

The 5 top attending Sixth Form students for Autumn Term (1) are:

Year 12 - Susie Williams, Matilda Rice, Janos Kuhn and Mathu Rakavan

Year 13 - Charlie Mackay, Nesdon Rebello, Toby Lawrence, Hannah Reeve, Nathan Byrne

### Seminar Programme

KS5 Seminar, Autumn Term (2)  
Wednesday, Period 3

06.11.24 - Y13 Mock Week  
13.11.24 - Y12 Prevent Agenda & Staying Safe  
20.11.24 - Y13 Current Affairs with Mr Webster  
27.11.24 - Y12 Student Voice & Study Skills  
04.12.24 - Y13 Apprenticeships with Pathways  
11.12.24 - Y13 Key Marginal Meetings  
(selected students only)  
18.12.24 - Y12 v Y13 Football Match (2)

### Y13 Geography Trip

On the week of the 11th of November, we travelled to Nettlecombe Court in West Somerset and spent 5 days there completing our data collection for our NEA coursework. Over the course of these 5 days, we visited two locations, Minehead and Porlock Bay, where we would learn several data collection methods, both physical and human geography. Some of the methods included were: sediment analysis, beach profiling, Gilbert's 8 Way Thinking and natural environment surveys. We had two amazing tutors, Ed and Maria, along with Mrs Edwards and Mrs Everson who all helped aid us in obtaining the best data for us to complete our NEA. We were lucky enough to stay in a manor house with beautiful scenery surrounding us and we had a lovely time.

By Hannanh Reeve



### Football

#### 5-a-side League Table

Team 1 - Y13	2
Team 2 - Y13	12
Team 3 - Y12	5
Team 4 - Y12	6



## CHRISTMAS CARD PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Dear budding photographers!  
We would like to give you the opportunity to take a photograph for the Collingwood College Christmas card

- Take a photograph of something festive with your camera or phone
- Don't include people
- You can manipulate your photograph, using an app or photo software
- Be as creative as you want

E-mail your entries to  
[e.wilk@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:e.wilk@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk) by  
08.25 on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December



## *Presentation of The Duke of Edinburgh's Awards*

**THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**7.00pm for 7.30pm**

**KINGSTON THEATRE**

Our guest will be the Mayor of Surrey Heath

**Awardees must arrive by 7pm prompt  
with their guests taking their seats by 7.30pm**

**ATTENDANCE AT THE CEREMONY IS BY INVITE ONLY**



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Collingwood  
Productions  
2025

# Footloose

the musical

**13th – 15th March 2025**

**£10 Adults**  
**£5 Students\***

\*plus small fee per booking

SCAN ME



Stage Adaptation by **DEAN PITCHFORD** and **WALTER BOBBIE**  
Based on the Original Screenplay by **DEAN PITCHFORD**  
Music by **TOM SNOW**  
Lyrics by **DEAN PITCHFORD**  
Additional Music by **ERIC CARMEN, SAMMY HAGAR, KENNY LOGGINS** and **JIM STEINMAN**

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/collingwood-college>

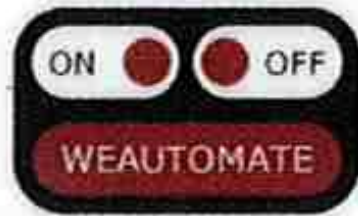


The Autumn Showcase is 29 November at 7pm in Kingston Theatre, showcasing musical talent from across the College. This event is free, but we do ask that you book a ticket so that we can monitor capacity. Free tickets can be booked at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/camberley/collingwood-college/autumn-showcase-2024/2024-11-29/19:00/t-eadllky>



SIGN UP SHEET IN M2. FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL [M.TRUGLIO@COLLINGWOOD.SURREY.SCH.UK](mailto:M.TRUGLIO@COLLINGWOOD.SURREY.SCH.UK)





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## Sound Bath at Heatherside

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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.





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

National T Levels Week will take place on Monday 2nd – Friday 6th December 2024. The week will focus on continuing to raise awareness of the many T Level subjects now available and showcase the success of the programme.

If you aren't sure what T Levels are, here are a range of resources to help you learn more:

- [Rapid Read: What are T Levels?](#)
- [What are T Levels Film](#)
- [T Levels Case Study – Digital Production, Design and Development](#)
- [T Level Case Study – Design, Surveying and Planning](#)
- [T Levels Parents and Carers' guide](#)



Are you thinking about applying for a T Level but don't know what to expect? [Take this short course](#) and see if it's the right pathway for you!



Most law firms that accept trainees offer opportunities for Sixth Form pupils to get involved and see whether a legal profession is right for them. The [LawCareers website](#) has put together a round-up of firms and what events and work experience placements are available.



Check out The Uni Guide podcast episode: '[Get university ready - turn potential into performance](#)' Episode 35: Kamal from Aim a Little Higher chats with student panellists Ishan and Leah about turning potential into performance. This motivational episode is packed with insights and available directly on UniTasterDays and on all major podcast streaming platforms.



If you have ever thought to yourself 'when should I start preparing for an apprenticeship' or 'how can I prepare for an apprenticeship', [this is the video for you!](#)

## JOB OF THE WEEK



### [Judicial Law Clerk](#)

A Judicial Law Clerk, also known as a Law Clerk or Judicial Assistant, is a professional (often a lawyer) who provides direct counsel and assistance to a lawyer or judge by researching issues and drafting legal opinions for cases before the court. Watch the video to learn more about working hours, salary and qualifications needed.

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The average salary for the Legal industry in the UK is £48,476 per year, but it can pay up to £91,724 (and beyond!).

There have been 166,485 vacancies in the past year and the industry is set to grow by 5.75% over next eight years.

[Source](#)

If you have any questions or need support, please email [careers@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:careers@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk)



# CAREERS NEWSLETTER

## OPPORTUNITIES



Check out this [list of employers currently recruiting for Higher and Degree Apprenticeships](#). It is not inclusive (unfortunately, there isn't a way to see every available apprenticeship in one place at the moment) but the list is very extensive. To find more information on any opportunities that you're interested in, search the name of the company followed by the word "Apprenticeships" which should take you to the best page of their website to find more info.



Here are some [upcoming Speakers for Schools webinars](#) that you may find useful. Please note: Registration for our livestream events is open until 12 pm the day before the scheduled broadcast date.



### 3rd December: Why You Should Focus On Practical Skill Development

In this session, we will chat about the importance of building practical skills that go beyond academics. Martin will explore how hands-on experiences, like those encouraged by The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award can help develop confidence, resilience, and a sense of achievement in young people. This talk is a fantastic opportunity to learn how practical skill development can open doors, build character, and prepare you for whatever path you choose.



### 9th December: The World of Journalism And Presenting

Curious about what it's like to be a journalist or a radio presenter? Join Nick Robinson, the presenter of BBC Radio 4's Today Show, for an exciting talk about the world of journalism and broadcasting. Nick will share his journey from starting out as a journalist to becoming one of the leading voices on British radio. Learn about the skills needed to break into journalism, the importance of asking the right questions, and how to tell impactful stories that keep people informed.



### 11th December: Ready for Takeoff: Launching a career in Aviation with the CAA

The Aviation industry is huge and there's so much to get involved with! Learn from a panel of the CAA team and their different roles as they unpack their journeys and experiences into engineering, legal routes, and tech. There's more than meets the eye, let's unpack it together!

## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"We pride ourselves on giving new lawyers a truly unique experience. Whether you're a student or graduate we aim to give you the tools and experience to forge a successful career in law."

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# Bridge the Gap Series



Discover exciting music careers! Watch 10-15 minute videos from UK Music and hear from industry professionals about songwriting, production, events, therapy, and more.

	<p><b>How I Became an Award-Winning Music Graduate</b></p> <p>Emily Pugh, Music Business graduate from University of Gloucestershire tells us about her experience organising events and festivals in the music industry and her journey to winning the UK Music OMG Awards!</p>	
	<p><b>A Career in Music Composition</b></p> <p>Meet David Lowe, the music composer mastermind behind some of the UK's most memorable and iconic tunes. Composers work behind the scenes to make catchy songs that shape your daily lives, from TV and adverts to movies, games and radio. Watch this session to discover how composers bring stories to life with music and get an insight into what it's like to be a composer.</p>	
	<p><b>Being Authentic in Today's Market</b></p> <p>Shao Dow is an award-winning rapper, manga author and occasional ninja. He makes anime and gaming inspired music and raps in both English and Japanese. In this video, he shares his journey to finding his passion and living his best life. Whether you're into music, art, or just want to discover your own authentic path, this video is a must-watch!</p>	
	<p><b>The Power of Music for Wellbeing</b></p> <p>Did you know that 71% of people think that music makes them more productive when they're working or studying? 🧠 Music can help people to regulate their emotions, exercise, relax and get through tough times. Watch this with Hannah McLennan from UK Music to discover the ways that you can harness the power of music to be your best self! ✨</p>	





# Your Career Puzzle

## Questions to Shape Your Journey

### Ask yourself...

**What are my core interests?**  
Identify the activities and topics you are genuinely passionate about.



**What is my desired income?**  
Establish your financial goals and understand how they align with various career paths.

**How important is work-life balance to me?**  
Decide how much of your time you are willing to dedicate to work versus leisure or family.

**Am I willing to relocate for my career?**  
Think about whether geographical flexibility is an option for you.



**What kind of impact do I want to have?**  
Consider the broader implications of your work on society or the environment.

**Which subjects do I excel in?**  
Consider the subjects you enjoy and perform well in as potential career indicators.



**What are my strengths?**  
Recognise your soft skills (e.g. communication, teamwork) and hard skills (e.g. technical abilities, writing).



**How much stability and security do I need?**  
Evaluate your risk tolerance in terms of job security and industry fluctuations.

**Who do I know who can provide information into careers that interest me?**  
Identify contacts for informational interviews to learn more about different fields.

**Am I looking for a job or a long-term career?**  
Decide if you're seeking immediate employment or planning for a longer-term professional journey.

**How can I gain relevant work experience?**  
Plan ways to acquire the necessary skills and experience through internships, volunteering, or shadowing professionals.

**Do I want to work in a team or independently?**  
Assess whether you thrive in a collaborative environment or prefer to work alone.



**What are my values?**  
Reflect on what you value most, such as helping others, innovation, or financial stability.

**Am I interested in entrepreneurship?**  
Think about whether starting your own business aligns with your career aspirations.



**What kind of work environment suits me best?**  
A structured, corporate environment? A flexible, creative atmosphere? Or remote work?

**Which careers align with my long-term goals?**  
Visualise where you want to be in 10-15 years and which careers can help you get there.



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