



MR GOVE VISITS COLLINGWOOD

The local MP for Surrey Heath, Mr Michael Gove, visited Collingwood on Friday to listen to GCSE Citizenship students lobby on an issue that they cared about.. They gave presentations on a range of issues as part of the Active Citizenship element of their GCSE.

The first group, made up of Lauren Jones, Edith Bentley and Sophie Harkness, lobbied to change the voting age from 18 to 16 years old. They argued that it would encourage good voting habits in the next generation and that their research shows that 16 year olds can be trusted to cast considered votes. Mr Gove was very impressed and responded thoughtfully to the points raised. He gave counter argument that since the average life expectancy is increasing, we should raise all responsibilities to age 18 to compensate for this.

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FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL ...

Citizenship Students

Last week our local MP Mr Michael Gove visited the College in response to our Citizenship students communicating with him about their GCSE coursework. Our brilliant students presented their work to him on the voting age, tuition fees and methods to increase voter turnout. Mr Gove was impressed with their in-depth knowledge and understanding of relevant and current issues in society at this time. A wonderful experience for our students to engage in political discussion with a local MP!



Production

Yesterday we were thrilled to host 300 primary school children to watch our magnificent production SIX and the feedback from our first two evening performances has been fantastic. The excitement in College has been incredible and all our staff and students involved in the production have been amazing. If you haven't already, I urge you to book your tickets for one of the remaining performances as soon as possible so as not to miss out on this wonderful experience.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - DON'T MISS OUT!

- Wednesday 15 March:** Industrial Action - Years 7-10 Students to Remain at Home
- Thursday 16 March:** Industrial Action - Years 7-9 and 11 Students to Remain at Home
- Friday 17 March:** Non-uniform Day in Support of Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) Production (Six), 7.30pm until 9.00pm, Kingston Theatre
- Saturday 18 March:** Production (Six) Matinee Performance, 2.00pm until 3.30pm, Kingston Theatre
Production (Six), 7.30pm until 9.00pm, Kingston Theatre
- Friday 24 March-
Sunday 26 March:** DofE Silver (Years 10/11) Practice Expedition, New Forest
- Thursday 30 March:** Academic Review Day
End of Term for Students
- Friday 31 March-
Monday 3 April:** DofE Gold Expedition, Brecon Beacons
- Monday 17 April:** Start of Term for all Students

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.

Year 11 English Revision Sessions Spring Term 2023

Date	Session Spring Term Foci: Approaches to an exam question including exemplar responses
21 March	Language Paper 2, Section A - Mr Roberts (Kingston Theatre)
28 March	Language Paper 2, Section B - Mr Baird (Kingston Theatre)



Tuesdays - 3.15pm – 4.00pm
KINGSTON THEATRE



FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL ...

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Debating Success

At the weekend we had two Collingwood College teams competing in the debating finals day at the Oxford Union. Throughout the day the teams debated with great passion against teams from the Philippines, Swaziland, Hungary, Ireland and Holland as well as top fee-paying schools from throughout the UK. We were one of the very few English state comprehensive schools taking part and our exceptional performances have ranked us in the top 10. This is simply outstanding given 116 teams competed on the day and 1000 teams entered the competition altogether.

Industrial Action

A reminder that we have a partial College closure on **Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March 2023** and that I wrote to you with the details of this last week. Please be aware that:

On Wednesday 15 March

- ◆ The College is open for Year 11, Sixth Form students and for the onsite provision for critical worker and vulnerable students.

On Thursday 16 March

- ◆ The College is open for Year 10, Sixth Form students and for the onsite provision for critical worker and vulnerable students.

In some cases work will be set on OneNote and information about available generic work will also be sent via Edulink for students to continue their learning.

Miss Watling - Acting Principal

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MICHAEL GOVE VISITS COLLINGWOOD

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Aleksander Ślęzak was the second person to present a very detailed and convincing presentation on the value of changing funding in relation to tuition fees. Mr Gove was so impressed he suggested that Alek be the Education Minister. Alek said that *“Mr. Gove’s visit was a great experience, allowing students such as myself and others to raise our views and concerns to a public figure. I was satisfied that Mr Gove listened carefully throughout, so that he could complement and raise his own concerns at the end regarding the content of the presentations.”* Alek went on to note that *“it was the interaction and his comments that I greatly appreciated and found useful regarding my Active Citizenship project”*.

Charlotte Manchester and Anna Man were the final group to present on introducing new methods of voting to increase voter turnout in elections. They presented confidently and clearly and Mr Gove was even more impressed when he realised that they were only in Year 9.

Mrs Wright added her praise and Mr Magness can be proud that diligent preparation paid off. They were very grateful to Mr Gove for taking the time to help them with their Citizenship projects and explained that they *“enjoyed the opportunity to express our opinions on behalf of the student body.”* Lauren said that *“it was “good to be challenged by Mr Gove, but I haven’t changed my mind and will continue to campaign for positive change”*.

Mrs Ospina - Social Sciences Department

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STUDENTS ENJOY CREATING VENETIAN MASKS



On Friday 10 March a group of Years 7 and 8 students attended our Venetian Mask Workshop, run by the Languages Department at Collingwood.

Students learnt about the Carnival tradition in Venice (Italy) with our Italian specialist Mx Bennington. They also created their own masks; it was a lot of fun and students looked amazing wearing them!

Miss Castro-Iglesias - Languages Department

OUTSTANDING LINGUISTS

The Languages Department would like to say a huge well done to the following Years 7 and 8 students for showing outstanding linguistic skills in Spanish or French in the last few weeks.

Year 7

7A	HALLAWAYS Jennifer
	MEARS Joshua
7B	CHENG Jayden
	ERNEST Angelina
7C	FERRONE Benjamin
	MCGRATH Isabella
7D	PRESTON Annabelle
	STURT Jacob
7G	CLIFFORD Noah
	HOLLIS Aoife
7H	MORRISON Amber
	SAVILL Molly
7J	DEWHURST Brooklynn
	WARNER Megan

Year 8

8A	COE Aidan
	ISLAM Zaara
8B	COOMBS Zach
	HARRISON Jasmine
8C	APPLETON Niamh
	MALLON Lucy
8D	SMITH Grace
	WHITELEY Elliott
8E	MOYNAN Cassie
	ROGATKA Laura
8F	SANDHU Cameron
	WILKINSON-INGRAM Cerys
8H	MAGUIRE Dylan
	ROSS Sophie
8I	HANNAY Max
	MILES Dylan
8J	HARRIS Alexander
	SYED Maryam

Ms Boudin - Head of Languages Department

YEAR 8 STUDENTS ATTEND STREET STRONG – STREET SAFE WORKSHOP



Seven Year 8 students were given the privilege to attend a workshop called 'Street Strong - Street Safe' on Thursday 9 March at Guildford's amazing Cathedral.

The workshop was delivered as part of their National Anti-aggression campaign, and included a presentation by Dean Coady. Dean's work is nationally recognised for supporting safer streets and preventing incidents. His presentation and training touched on several areas within our PSHE programme including County Lines and anti-social behaviour.

During part of the tour the students were able to take in the national monument for anti-aggression, The Knife Angel. The Knife Angel's singular objective is to bring about social change by educating children, young people and adults about the harmful effects that violent behaviour has on communities all across our nation.



The sculpture, 27 ft high made from over 100,000 seized blades, was specifically created to highlight the negative effects of violent behaviour whilst solidifying our critical need for social change. Not only does the Angel act as a catalyst for turning the tide on violent and aggressive behaviour, but it also acts as a beautiful memorial designed to celebrate those lives who have been lost through these violent and thoughtless actions.

The exhibition is open to the public every day in March.

Mrs Goggin - Year Manager - Year 8

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 2023 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

ON BEHALF OF SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL: SAFER TRAVEL SCHOOL SURVEY

Collingwood is assisting Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team to undertake research with parents on students' types of travel to and from school. This follows the huge success that the previous survey had, with over 170 schools taking part in last year's survey.

As a direct result of the previous surveys Surrey County Council has secured an additional £3 million funding to improve measures outside schools to make walking and cycling and scooting to school easier and safer.

The objective of the research is to develop a better understanding of the different types of travel, how frequently they're used and why that type is used. Once the Safer Travel Team has collected and analysed this information provided by parents, its goal is to obtain a better understanding of journeys to school, so it can continue encouraging safer and more active travel to school for all children in Surrey.

Please could I ask that you review and complete the survey using the link below or the QR code to the right. The deadline for completion of the survey is **11.59pm on 31 March 2023** and the survey should be completed for each child that attends Collingwood. If you have another child who attends a separate secondary school, please complete another survey which will be coming out shortly.



<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/environment-and-infrastructure/10d4f4fa>

Thank you for continuing to support Collingwood to improve students' journeys to school.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL TO SUPPORT STUDENTS' SCIENCE KNOWLEDGE

Is your child struggling to engage or revise for their Science Assessment in Years 7 and 8 (KS3) or in Years 9-11 (GCSE)?

Do you think they have gaps in knowledge? - then they would benefit from **SUBSCRIBING** to **YOUTUBE channel PURE SCIENCE EDUCATION** to support them.

The channel has been created for Collingwood students for the above purpose and students using the site regularly are increasing their grades. They will also automatically receive 1 **FREE video** a week, if they subscribe.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYDeVqnWJimN6BtbnPkqdCQ>

Mrs Puri - Science Department



Library Newsletter



International Women's Day

What an inspiring week we had last week! On the 8 March, the world celebrated Women's lives, careers, discovery and achievements and in the library we followed suit.

Students took time to come and see a dress made from book covers written by women authors from around the world. This was created by staff and two DofE students, Alice Russell and Elizabeth Findlay who are currently volunteering in the library to complete their DofE Bronze.

Furthermore, students and staff nominated women who inspire them. It appears that Marie Curie is still a very inspiring figure, alongside Michelle Obama, Malala Yousafzai, Ellen White (England former Professional Footballer) and many mums, sisters, best friends and family members were also nominated.



NATIONAL PET DAY

National Pet Day will be celebrated in the library during the week commencing 17 April.

Please bring a funny photo of your pet to the library before 28 March. Don't forget to include your name and name and age of the pet.

These will be displayed in the Library.

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

For More Information

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COLLINGWOOD PRODUCTIONS 2023

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Tuesday 14 March - 7.30pm

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Saturday 18 March - 2pm & 7.30pm

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

OPPORTUNITIES

10-19 March is British Science Week, a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. This year's theme - connections! Nearly all innovations in STEM are built on connections between people; two (or more) heads are better than one, after all! But as well as exploring the importance and joy in connections between individual scientists, research groups and institutions, you could discover the different ways connections appear across all areas of science.



So, what can you take part in to learn more about STEM careers during British Science Week? Check the What's On Page to view virtual events and resources. You can also use the Science Live website to see what in person events are taking place in the local area - make sure you check the location as events are all over the UK!

Join Dr Ceri Lewis and Dr Adam Porter from the University of Exeter to find out about the range of amazing life that inhabits the seafloor. This lesson focuses on the identification, classification, and adaptation of our marine life, both those species that live on the seabed, and those that burrow into the seabed. Read more and register here.

To celebrate International Girls in ICT Day, Fujitsu are running an Insight Event will focus on the technology and wider STEM opportunities at Fujitsu. You'll discover the benefits of pursuing ICT and hear inspirational stories from the professionals who did it first. With an added emphasis on well-being, you'll learn about the role that wellness plays at Fujitsu, plus how to practice it yourself! Read more and register here.



JOB OF THE WEEK



We have replaced this week's usual "job of the week" with a quiz for you to try!

Are you interested in STEM but not sure which career might suit you? Find out which STEM industry suits your interests.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Overall, since 1990, employment in STEM occupations has grown 79%— increasing from 9.7 million to 17.3 million.

Between 2017 and 2029, the number of STEM jobs will grow 8%, a higher rate than non-STEM jobs.

Read more here

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

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

OPPORTUNITIES



Interested in learning more about Fujitsu but you don't identify as female?! Don't worry, there is an event for all genders! Fujitsu is one of the world's largest IT service providers - but what do they actually do? This programme will open Fujitsu's doors and let you see inside. You'll discover smart cities and try your hand at quantum computing. On this Fujitsu WorkX virtual work experience programme, you'll learn about the company's passion for using technology to create a more inclusive and sustainable future in the Fujitsu Way. You'll get to explore various areas of the business including cybersecurity, quantum computing and automation. [Read more and register here.](#)



How do you coordinate engineering projects? What goes into designing large-scale infrastructure? Find out from world-leading design, engineering and project management consultants at Atkins! Kickstart your career today and become a 'Future Innovator'. This programme will teach you how to build a better world, including smart cities and urban development. You'll take this further by discovering aerospace defence and technology. Not only that, you'll also cover clean energy, power and sustainability so you can understand how to be part of a net-zero future. [Read more and register here.](#)



All around the world, every single day, people make decisions based on the weather. The Met Office provides weather and climate forecasts based on world-leading science and enhanced by the close working relationships they have with partner organisations around the globe. Using data and cutting-edge technology, the Met Office aims to benefit our planet, and everyone on it. Springpod has partnered with the Met Office to provide you with more insight into the behind the scenes at the organisation! [Read more and register here.](#)



The health and social care sector is one of the most rewarding career routes you can take. With over 350 roles to choose from, it can be tricky to know where to put your skills and passion. For those with a passion for science and an inquisitive mind, a career in healthcare science can be a fantastic option. But, what exactly is healthcare science? Fortunately, we're here to help! [Read more and register here.](#)

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT



UK Research
and Innovation

"UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT). Our organisation brings together the seven disciplinary research councils who operate across the UK."

You can read more about their careers [here.](#)

UNI SPOTLIGHT

We have replaced the usual "uni of the week" with information on how you can see the best ranking universities for different STEM subjects.

You can use [The Complete Uni Guide](#) - if you click "subject league tables" at the top, you can amend it to look at other subjects. It is currently showing Computer Science. You can click into each university to read more about their offer.

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