

News & Views

FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Industrial Action

The NEU has announced that its members in England have voted overwhelmingly in favour of strike action in support of an increased pay award for teachers and more funding for schools. This action is not against Collingwood itself but is part of national industrial action.

The dates of the strike action are:

- Wednesday 1 February
- Thursday 2 March
- Wednesday 15 March
- Thursday 16 March.

The Department for Education expects headteachers to take 'all reasonable steps' to keep the school open for as many pupils as possible and I will, of course, comply with this as long as I can ensure it is safe to do so.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, however there is no requirement for members of staff to inform me in advance of whether they will take action on these days. This obviously makes it very difficult to accurately predict how many staff will be in College. We do have a very considerable number of NEU members, so I am planning for significant disruption to the normal running of the College on these dates.

We have carried out a risk assessment and have therefore modelled anticipated staff absence for next Wednesday, 1 February, and this has led me to the decision that we require a partial closure to ensure that we can adequately cover classes and maintain a safe and secure environment. I do not make this decision lightly, but the health, safety and welfare of students and staff has to be my main priority. It is important for me to emphasise that it remains my firm intention to try to keep the College open for as many students as possible on all the above dates.

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SUCCESS ALL ROUND AT DISTRICT BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

A very successful week for our Key Stages 3 and 4 Badminton Teams at the North West Surrey District Championships, with the KS3 Boys and KS4 Girls taking 1^{st} place, the KS3 Girls coming 2^{nd} and the KS4 boys walking away with 4^{th} .



Key Stage 3 team: Toby Gibson 9D, Guy Claydon 9H, Harry Beer 9H, Maksim Andreev 9G, Sally Grove 7B, Lyla Thompson 8E, Laura Abreu 9H and Natasha Pednekar 7A



Key Stage 4 team: Mike Lau 10D, Oliver Morris 10G, Aric Gangar 10C, Mike Chui 10D, Connie Vooght 11K, Eliza Jesson 11D, Jasmine Byrne 11I and Lucy Houghton 11D

Scorers: Emillie Edwards 10C and Maggie Briggs 10G

Wonderfully talented students who have done the College proud. Well done to all involved!

The Badminton Club takes place every Wednesday in the Sports Hall. 3.05pm – 4.05pm

Mr Beer - Head of PE Department



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - DON'T MISS OUT!

Thursday 26 January:	Celebration of Students' Achievements Evening (by invite only), 7.00pm until 9.00pm (guests arrive from 6.30pm), Kingston Theatre
Thursday 2 February:	Year 7 Parents' Evening (Virtual), 4.15pm until 8.00pm
Saturday 4 February- Sunday 5 February:	DofE Years 10/11 Silver Campcraft Training, 8.30am until 3.30pm, Sixth Form Centre
Thursday 9 February:	Year 8 Options Evening for Parents, 7.00pm until 8.30pm, Kingston Theatre
Friday 10 February:	End of Term
Monday 20 February:	INSET Day
Tuesday 21 February:	Start of Term for all Students

INFORMATION REGARDING THE 83 BUS (FROM AND TO BAGSHOT)

As you will be aware there has been an issue recently where there have not been enough seats available for all students travelling on the number 83 bus.

The Hallmark (Diamond Bus) bus company has acknowledged this problem which was a result of both their double-decker vehicles being repaired. Both vehicles are now back in service and we do not anticipate any further issues, but Hallmark has assured us that if this were to reoccur in the future the company will ensure all students on this route will be collected even if a return journey is necessary.

Mr San Emeterio - KS4 Progress Leader

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.



ROAD SAFETY

Dear Parent/Carer

We are seeking some assistance with regards to student safety and being considerate to our local community at our drop-off and pick-up times.

Firstly, can we ask you to impress upon your child the importance of sticking to the pavements when walking to and from school, and when crossing the A30 to use the footbridge. When we have staff monitoring this area we will always insist that students use the footbridge, but we cannot be there at all times. As you will probably be aware bridges are only constructed over busy and dangerous roads. This is for the children's safety and they ultimately should be using it.

Furthermore, can we ask that drivers are particularly mindful of our local residents especially in the following roads and locations:

Wimbledon Road, Mitcham Road, Sutton Road, Carshalton Road, Ballard Road, Kingswood Close, Dene Close, Maultway North and Gibbet Lane.

If you are dropping off or picking up your child and use these roads to park up, please do your best to avoid blocking a driveway or using one to turn around. May I remind you that since Curtis & Staub have ceased to operate, their whole car park can be used at the end of the College day. We have a wonderfully co-operative relationship with our community as we do with our parents and wish for those relationships to remain positive and collaborative in nature.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Cleary - Senior Assistant Principal

Year 11 English Revision Sessions Spring Term 2023

Date	Session Spring Term Foci: Approaches to an exam question including exemplar responses		
	Mocks followed by Half Term		
21 February	Language Paper 1, Section A - Mr Ballard (Kingston Theatre)		
28 February	Language Paper 1, Section B - Narrative/Descriptive - Mrs Jones (Kingston Theatre)		
7 March	Macbeth – TBC (Kingston Theatre)		
14 March NO THEATRE	Jekyll and Hyde - Mrs Woods (Q6)	A Christmas Carol - Mrs Tidley (S1)	
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			



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As you would expect we are prioritising those year groups who have external examinations this year, to be on site following their normal timetables, although with the proviso that some lessons will not be with their normal teacher.

YEAR GROUPS TO ATTEND COLLEGE ON WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY

• Year 11 • Year 12 • Year 13

Some classes will not have their normal teacher if the teacher is taking strike action. Striking staff do not have to set work in their absence so students are requested to bring work/reading materials with them to College on this day so they can make profitable use of any such lessons. The Year 11 PPEs (mock exams) will run as normal on this day, however there will be no extra-curricular activities or revision sessions.

All coaches will be running as normal as will catering facilities.

Subject to capacity, we will also endeavour to accommodate vulnerable students and children of critical workers on site, as we did during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, however students in Year Groups 11, 12 and 13 will remain in their normal lessons.

YEAR GROUPS TO REMAIN AT HOME ON WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY

- Year 7
- Year 8
 Year 10

Work will be provided via One Note for those classes where the teacher is not taking industrial action. There will be no live lessons. Given the significant number of NEU members on the staff, please expect such provision to be very limited.

Year 9

In order for us to assess demand, parents/carers of vulnerable students and those who are critical workers (Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 only), are asked to click on the link below and complete the Microsoft Form by no later than midday on Friday 27 January 2023 if they are interested in utilising the on-site provision.

https://forms.office.com/e/cu8mKrDT04

On-site provision will be operated differently to during the COVID pandemic lockdown. Students will be asked to bring appropriate work with them to complete during lessons, in the ALC or an alternative venue working on a computer with students from other year groups. Where staff are taking industrial action, no work will be set.

I recommend that you start to make provisional alternative childcare arrangements for the dates in March, although I will give you as much notice as possible regarding which year groups will be affected. As there are 4 days of industrial action planned, I will try to ensure fairness, as far as possible, in which year groups attend College on these days, however, with such significant numbers of NEU members it is going to be very difficult to have many students on site.

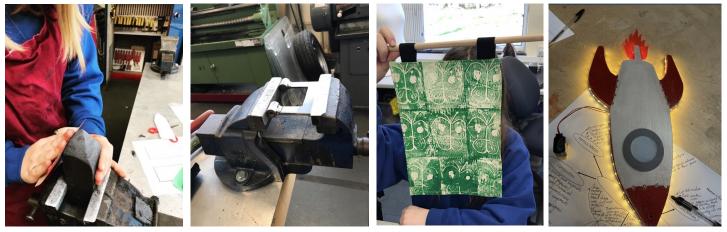
I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child or that they will experience disruption to their education, but I am sure you understand the situation we are in. I thank you in advance for your support.

Mr Tanner - Principal

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DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT NEWS ...



As we approach the halfway mark through this school year, so much has happened within the Technology Department.

We have welcomed a new cohort of Year 7 who have embraced the challenges of the Key Stage 3 curriculum projects They have been introduced to a range of skills including 2D/3D design, workshop skills, soldering, using a sewing machine and food technology.

Our Year 8 students have been very productive already; utilising their CAD/CAM skills to produce their own clocks, using circuit wizard and soldering in Electronics and becoming designers.

Our GCSE students are all in full swing developing their core skills in the manufacture of products that support their coursework elements of their subjects. There has been lots of workshop time and a hive of activity in the production of spinning tops (Year 9 Engineering), G-clamps (Year 10 Engineering). Some Year 11 students have been CAD designing and using their knowledge of different CAM processes to produce their own wheel nut wrench and tyre depth gauge and a variety of different functional designs. Years 9, 10 and 11 Electronics students have been diligently upskilling themselves with creating complex circuits. The arrival of the new etching tank means their PCBs can now be produced which will be exciting. GCSE Product Design students, under Mr Calder's guidance and tutelage, are busy turning concepts into reality having considered different design influences and movements to help inspire their creativity.

Year 12 and Year 13 A Level Product Design students continually impress the staff with their dedication and independence towards their self-study. It is always a pleasure to see them in V Block utilising the resources we have.

A new addition to V Block this school year, is the teaching and learning of textiles for Years 7 and 8 to support the amazing work of Miss Conniford in F2. The GCSE textiles students are producing top quality sketch books to showcase their learning through their coursework and evidence the development of their practical skills.

lin Barossa, Ms Adya and her students are cooking up a storm with essential life skills being taught in Years 7 and 8, and chefs of the future honing their skills and learning through their GCSE Food Technology.

Our very own Greenpower Status Racing team is in full swing for the new race season. Mr Thomas and Mrs Alley-Mohindra drove to Manchester last term to collect our new second car, 'Status Quattro'. The first race of the season will be at Mallory Park in April and the team is led by Chief Engineer, Jack Barringer (Year 12), who is busy developing the strategy for both cars. He is brilliantly supported by Sam Cox (Senior Engineer/ Finance) and Ella Mohindra (Social Media/Communications). The team has set its ambitions high and is aiming for top 10 finishes. The team is currently ranked 13th out of 1030 internationally which is truly phenomenal. Watch out for more news from the Status Racing team in the future.

For regular updates follow collingwoodtech and statusracing_collingwood on Instagram.

Mrs Alley-Mohindra - Design and Technology Department



YEAR 8 STUDENTS VISIT FRENCH INSTITUTE

"We learnt a lot that day and it has inspired us to learn more French." On Tuesday 17 January, a group of Year 8 students visited the French Institute in London where they studied the French film, 'Sophie's Misfortunes'.



During the morning, assisted by a French teacher from the institute, they completed a booklet

about the film. The afternoon was spent in the institute's cinema watching the film. A fun day out enjoyed by all!



"I absolutely loved the film and the music."

Mrs Connell & Mrs Castro-Iglesias

LANGUAGES WALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to these students who have their name added to the Languages Wall of Achievement for the Spring Half Term 1. Well done to each and every one of you!

Year 7

Kendra Belchamber Noah Clifford Arthur Delu Lennon Gay Archie Neal Jack Pilgrim Annabelle Preston Freddy Sibley Benjamin Willmore Year 8 Lily-May Burke John Childs Connie Dancy Aston Ebbs Liam Glasbey Hollie Nixon Chad Trotman Year 9

Maya Aliasgar Harry Beer Alex Brown Guy Claydon Charlie Howland Jules Kinnear Pawel Konopacki Chloe Little Finnan Loveday Alfie Moult Ethan Murphy Lottie Payne Seb Proust John Summers Amy Thompson Year 10 Beth Cooper Tv Dewhurst Faris Elharrati Erin Evangelista Benjamin Harth Oliver Henry **Emily Hind** Rayhan Hossain Maayan Jordaan Connor Kinnear Lilv-Marie Lawrence Isabelle Monk Alex Shinaler Sophie Thomas Inara Whattingham

Year 11 Katrina Arkhangelskaya Lily Bate Jasmine Chiles Chloe Hitcham Samuel Scrace

Mrs Walker - Languages Department





Chinese New Year

This week we are celebrating Chinese New Year. Some of our students of Chinese origin have kindly donated some Chinese envelopes. It is a tradition to give these envelopes filled with money to friends and family at the beginning of the year to wish them well for the coming year.

Among the activities that students have access to this week are Chinese Lantern making, word searches, crosswords and colouring.

We also have a selection of books relating to the history, traditions and the tourism of China. You will find these books on the table this week or at the reference: 915.1 on the book shelves.

Author Visit for Year 7

An author visit for Year 7 is planned for Wednesday 22 February during Period 3.

Please keep an eye out for further information and how you can purchase the Author's book.



The Library still needs your help



19 of our "Dr Who" books have gone missing from the library without being checked out which is very unusual.

If you do notice that your son or daughter has one of these books , please ask them to bring them to the library in order for us to check them out properly onto their library cards.

It is a very old collection; it has been used by 2 generations of students and is still a popular choice nowadays.

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

s.blay@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk n.teissonniere@collingwood.surrey.s





YEAR 7 AND 8 PHOTOGRAPHY

CHALLENGE



Get outside and start taking beautiful photos of nature. Consider the colours, patterns and textures you can see. You can use your phone to do this.

Email your photo to:

1.hevey@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk

Deadline for submission is:

MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY

5 winners will be selected to win a prize from year 7 and 8 and your work will be on display!

Ask your art teachers for guidance.

THE THEME: NATURE IN ACTION





Why Learn Languages?



Reason #6: Critical and Creative

Learning a language will help you think "outside the box" and improve your memory, self-discipline and self-esteem. Language learners are more likely to excel in artistic subjects, but also in scientific subjects in which problem-solving skills are an advantage.



"Knowledge of languages is the doorway to wisdom." (Roger Bacon)

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Year 11 Revision Timetable

Morning Registration:

Monday - Art, Textiles and English Tuesday - History, Art and Product Design Wednesday - Geography, Art and Textiles Thursday - Art and Assembly Friday - Geography and Art

After College Revision Sessions:

Monday - Options Subjects (If you've received a letter please go to your targeted subject)

Tuesday - English

Wednesday - Product Design, Electronics, Engineering and OCR Sports Science

Thursday - Mathematics and Textiles

Friday - Break and Lunchtime clinics for Science







UNIFORM BANK

Our second hand Uniform Bank will open over February half term on

Tuesday 14th February Wednesday 15th February Thursday 16th February

in Kingston building between

10am and 2pm

If you have any items of uniform that are no longer required, please donate these to our uniform bank (in a good, clean condition) and hand into Kingston reception during the period **Monday 6 February to Friday 10 February**.



Feel free to pop along during the above times although we cannot guarantee to have the sizes you require.

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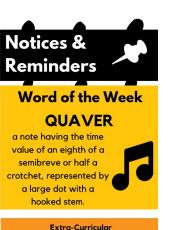




On Friday 6th January, the Arts Award students participated in a DJ workshop with Surrey Arts. The mentors gave our class an insight on how to use the DJ Deck. We were also shown different skills and how to operate the filters and buttons.

We also got to use the filters and buttons were used to increase and decrease the pitch and volume and they could also be used to speed up or slow down the songs. The students completed the workshop by working in pairs , the professionals gave them a task to load two songs on the Dec and then sync them together using their BPM (beats per minute). We were able to choose songs from a variety of different genres such as pop, rap and hip-hop. We all thoroughly enjoyed the workshop, learning the way around the DJ Dec was an inspiring, unforgettable experience.

By Nishka Kakulapati 9G



Extra-Curricular Year 7 & 8 Drama Club - Wednesday after college - H32 - Miss Hardicre

Year 7 & 8 Dance Club - Wednesday after college - Barossa Studio - Miss Ingram

SIX: TEEN EDITION CAST INFORMATION

Monday 30 January ALL CAST Barossa Studio

CONGRATULATIONS Well done to tutor group 8J

for being Miss Ingram's Dance group of the week.

YEAR 8 WORKSHOP

We have MN Academy offering a screen acting workshop for year 8s. This is a FREE workshop and well suited for those considering LAMDA as a one year option. Speak to Mr Green for more info!

ROOM CHANGES

Due to KS4/5 Mocks, please check Edulink messages for Perfoming Arts Room Changes.





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or email orla.stleger@surreycaretrust.org.uk

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TO BOOK OR FIND OUT MORE

Call Helen Placito on 07593 438137



Helpful suggestions on how to turn negative thoughts 'All the into positive' information was Charlotte 'Learned strategies to easy to help calm the worries understand and the wording to use'



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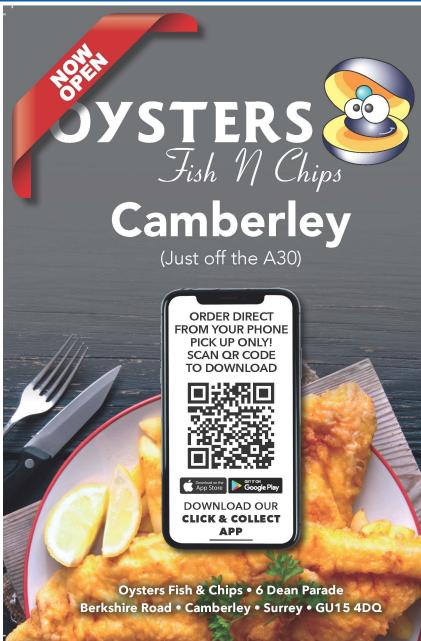
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