



## SPECTACULAR 'SIX' WOWS AUDIENCES

Last week at Collingwood College the whole school production took place across four days, with a total of six shows being performed. Our cast and band blew everyone away with our production of Six, Teen Edition. The cast, band and crew of over 50 students delivered professionalism and perfection during every show. All students have been rehearsing tirelessly since October last year, and they certainly went out with a bang last Saturday night!

The musical, based around the lives of the six wives of Henry VIII, was performed by a team of 14 Queens who each delivered their own outstanding interpretation. Many staff and students came to see the show multiple times to see our Team Believe, Team Succeed, Collingwood Believe and Collingwood Succeed perform the roles of Aragon, Boleyn, Seymour, Cleves, Howard and Parr. There were not only some veteran Collingwood Production performers, but also some new members to our principal roles this year. Thank you to all the Queens and special mention must go to the Year 13s, Mia Evangelista and Gina Murphy (principal performers) - this will be their last Collingwood production!

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## FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL ...

### Production Six

After a record number of fantastic shows last week, I felt that the phenomenal cast and brilliant staff involved in the outstanding show should be mentioned again. The feedback has been simply wonderful and such an event really has brought the Collingwood community together. It was also a privilege to host our VIPs, namely Mr Halls Dickerson, Mrs Griffiths, Mr Oddie and the Mayor, Councillor Helen Whitcroft and a number of our committed governors who all thoroughly enjoyed the show and commended our staff and students for their passion and dedication to the production. Our talented cast have been inspirational especially to prospective students who cannot wait to join us in the future to have a chance to star in our productions on the 'big stage'!

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

- 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
- Sunday 2 April-  
Wednesday 5 April:** DofE Gold Expedition, Brecon Beacons
- Monday 17 April:** Start of Term for all Students

## PARKING IN LOCAL VICINITY

Just a reminder that when parking in the local vicinity to drop off or collect your son/daughter to please be courteous to our local residents by ensuring that you stop in appropriate places and do not block driveways, etc.

## 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
28 March	Language Paper 2, Section B - Mr Baird (Kingston Theatre)



**Tuesdays - 3.15pm – 4.00pm**  
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### Academic Review Day (ARD)

ARD is on Thursday 30 March where you are invited to sign up to a 15 minute appointment which can be face to face or a remote meeting using the Parents' Evening Booking System to discuss your child's progress with their Form Tutor or Mentor. All work for students will be set on OneNote for them. The booking system is now open!

### Red Carpet Event



Yesterday I had the pleasure of hosting our Red Carpet event to celebrate some of our students' achievements. The achievements included playing and scoring in the North West Surrey District Badminton Championships, representing the College at the inter-school girls' rugby match, debating qualification, LAMDA success and being selected to train with the England Judo squad. This event always makes me proud as



these students (see names further in the newsletter) exemplify our College ethos and values - inclusiveness, perseverance, aspiration, integrity and achievement.

### Power up Days

I am delighted to inform you that there will be 'Power Up Days' running on Monday 3 April and Tuesday 4 April for GCSE examination classes so for just £1 book now so that you do not miss out on some high quality revision by specialist teachers. From previous experience, students who have attended these revision sessions make good progress with their exams in the summer. Please refer to the Power Up day programme detailed in the letter sent via email to parents last Wednesday (15 March) (also available to view on Edulink (Noticeboard, Letters Home, March)).

### Debating

More Collingwood debating success at the Cambridge Union at the weekend. There were just under 70 teams, mostly from the UK, but with some from Canada, Ireland and Africa. The standard was extremely high as it is much more difficult to get through the Cambridge regional rounds than it is for any other competition. After a competitive day of debating, Collingwood were placed fourth in the entire competition and second out of all the UK teams. To put this amazing success into context, only St Paul's Girls school in the entire UK were placed above Collingwood and we were placed well above Eton, Wellington College and Westminster. A wonderful outcome for our debating team!

*Miss Watling - Acting Principal*

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Our Ladies in Waiting who formed the band were so good that many members of the audience could not believe it was not a backing track. Jake Pang (piano), Josh Carlisle (drums), Jacob Bolton (guitar) and Casey Obee (bass) were conducted by Mrs Ospina as Musical Director and supported by Miss Taylor. They each performed with exceptional talent and finesse for every show. Their dedication to this show started months before, where they all rehearsed weekly to ensure every song, reprise and bam was performed beautifully. A great team effort all round. Jake Pang first played the piano in

Gazza's band back in 2019 for We Will Rock You and we were really fortunate that he again serenaded us during this year's show. His effortless performance of Heart of Stone is one that we will carry in our hearts for years to come. We know that he will go far in life and are privileged that he has been our legendary pianist in all our productions to date.



The Performing Arts Department staff were lucky enough to have Miss Angell (Head of Media and Film) as choreographer once again, who was able to work with the newest member of the Performing Arts team, Miss Ingram, to teach the whole cast an array of dances for the show. The principal dancers this year were, once again, outstanding. Consisting of six students from Year 9 to Year 13, they performed for much of the show with exceptional performance skills throughout. In addition to their amazing dance skills, Sophia Cross even choreographed the number 'Get Down', which was a fantastic street dance number!

Several Collingwood alumni were fundamental this year to ensure the show sparkled. A huge thanks to Dan Wright, lighting designer, Rhys Barratt, sound engineer, Max Haynes, photographer, and Carys Burrows as MUA (Make-up Artist).



Collingwood College certainly does have talent, and everyone involved showed how ambitious, bold and collaborative our community can be. We could not be prouder of our amazing students at Collingwood College. A huge thank you to our fantastic audiences who came to see the show and the family support throughout the rehearsal process. Look out for more show photos in next week's newsletter!

*Mrs Vala - Head of Performing Arts and Drama*

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# DEBATING NEWS ...

**On Saturday 18 March our Collingwood debaters competed at the Cambridge Union with great success!**

There were just under 70 teams, mostly from the UK, but with some from Canada, Ireland and Africa. The standard was extremely high as it is much more difficult to get through the Cambridge regional rounds than it is for any other competition.

By the third round, we were in the top room as one of four elite teams. This room included mostly students who debate for their country, including Ellie Bean who is part of the England Team and Chloe Burrows who is part of the England Senior Development Squad.



Even in this round, we were able to take second place out of the four top teams.

After four rounds of debating we had scored enough points to break to the semi-finals.

Overall, Collingwood was placed fourth in the entire competition and second of all UK teams. In the entire UK, only St Paul's Girls are placed above us and we are placed well above Eton, Wellington College, Westminster, etc.

Ellie Bean was ranked top speaker in the entire competition, which would have included up to 2000 students from the beginning of the regional rounds.

*Mr Baird - Debating Team Co-ordinator/English Department*

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

# 'RED CARPET' ROLLED OUT FOR STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

On Tuesday 21 March students' achievements were celebrated at the half-termly 'Red Carpet' event. The Principal's special award is given for successes in various activities.

All the students received 25 praise points for this award. A full list of awardees can be viewed below.



Natasha Pedneker	7A	Being successful in the North West Surrey District Badminton Championship
Sally Grove	7B	Being successful in the North West Surrey District Badminton Championship
Brendan Fitzpatrick	7J	Selected to train with the England Judo Squad
Niamh Appleton	8C	Representing the College at an inter-school girls' rugby match
Lyla Thompson	8E	Being successful in the North West Surrey District Badminton Championship
Lucie Haslett	8F	Representing the College at an inter-school girls' rugby match
Eve Holden	8G	Representing the College at an inter-school girls' rugby match
Freya Saunders	8G	Representing the College at an inter-school girls' rugby match
Amelie Tearle	8G	Representing the College at an inter-school girls' rugby match
Megan Turner	8G	Representing the College at an inter-school girls' rugby match
Toby Gibson	9D	Being successful in the North West Surrey District Badminton Championship
Maksim Andreev	9G	Being successful in the North West Surrey District Badminton Championship
Laura Abreu	9H	Being successful in the North West Surrey District Badminton Championship
Harry Beer	9H	Being successful in the North West Surrey District Badminton Championship
Guy Claydon	9H	Being successful in the North West Surrey District Badminton Championship
Jay Harindranath	9I	Qualifying for the International Competition for Young Debater's Finals Day
Bethan Wood	9J	Qualifying for the International Competition for Young Debater's Finals Day
Zara Clark	10A	Representing the College at an inter-school girls' rugby match
Scarlett Rance	10A	Representing the College at an inter-school girls' rugby match
Emillie Edwards	10C	Being a scorer in the North West Surrey District Badminton Championship
Aric Gangar	10C	Being successful in the North West Surrey District Badminton Championship
Mike Chui	10D	Being successful in the North West Surrey District Badminton Championship
Mike Lau	10D	Being successful in the North West Surrey District Badminton Championship
Mia Degiovanni	10E	Representing the College at an inter-school girls' rugby match
Maggie Briggs	10G	Being a scorer in the North West Surrey District Badminton Championship
Oliver Morris	10G	Being successful in the North West Surrey District Badminton Championship
Eva Hill	10H	Representing the College at an inter-school girls' rugby match
Sophie Duckworth	10J	Representing the College at an inter-school girls' rugby match
Chloe Burrows	11D	Qualifying for the Cambridge Debating Finals Day
Lucy Houghton	11D	Being successful in the North West Surrey District Badminton Championship
Eliza Jesson	11D	Being successful in the North West Surrey District Badminton Championship
Autumn Hedley	11G	Representing the College at an inter-school girls' rugby match
Jasmine Byrne	11I	Being successful in the North West Surrey District Badminton Championship
Eve Marshall	11J	Representing the College at an inter-school girls' rugby match
Connie Vooght	11K	Being successful in the North West Surrey District Badminton Championship
Seren Clayton	12KG	Achieving a distinction in her grade 6 LAMDA exam
Ellie Bean	12OW	Qualifying for the Cambridge Debating Finals Day

## YEAR 9 SCIENCE STUDENTS TAKE ON CHALLENGING PRACTICAL



On Tuesday 14 March, the Science Department hosted a session for our Key Stage 4 More Able students. The session was organised and run by Mrs Puri and attended by Year 9 students. The students were given the opportunity to 'extract and create a Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) of a photosynthetic pigment'. TLC is a quick and effective method of separating pigments within leaves. The pigments run clearly on the chromatogram with little outward spread, allowing Rf values to be calculated and chlorophylls to be easily identified.

"It was very enjoyable. I would recommend the practical to anyone".  
Alfie Diggins-Barnes



"A very interesting and enjoyable practical that increased my Biology and Chemistry knowledge".  
Seb Beamish

This is a challenging A Level Biology practical with multiple complicated steps for students to follow. Students were very engaged and excited about this unique opportunity and worked really well. Their focus and attention to detail was exceptional. The students

"The TLC practical was very enjoyable and well recommended".  
Jay Harindranath

followed the practical with an excellent Q and A session. The thought-provoking questions showed that they had a very high level of knowledge.

*Mrs Puri - Science Department*

## 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/UCYDeVqnWJimN6BtbnPkdCQ>

*Mrs Puri - Science Department*

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE @ THE UNIVERSITY OF SURREY

## The University of Surrey is hosting Explore University on Saturday 13 May 2023

The day enables members from across the community to come together and explore higher education. Learners and their supporters are invited to join us on campus for a day filled with interactive activities, introducing subjects, societies and support available at university in addition to Post 16 providers. From inspirational talks, to sporting activities and even science experiments, there will be something for everyone! Explore University is FREE to attend with catering provided for all visitors. The event is open to all although we recommend the target audience as secondary school aged students to attend with their households or as a group booking.

For further information about the event, please visit:

<https://outreach.surrey.ac.uk/activity/explore-university/>

## Discover University Summer School (24 – 27 July 2023)

This amazing opportunity gives those taking part an insight into the life of a student within a supportive environment, finding out what it is like to study at university by talking to current university students with similar experiences whilst trying their hand at a range of exciting subjects and activities. During the evenings there will be a variety of social activities held on the University campus, or in the surrounding area.

The summer school runs over four days and three nights and allows the opportunity to stay in university accommodation with catering provided. The team can also make arrangements should participants only be able to visit during the day due to caring responsibilities.

This summer school is fully funded and is available for 60 students in Years 9 to 11. This year, the University of Surrey have partnered with the [Higher Education Outreach Network](#) and have reserved 40 places for participants who meet one of the following eligibility criteria:

- ◆ Are a young carer
- ◆ Have current or previous experience of living within care
- ◆ Are a Surrey Scholar.

More info and to apply can be found on the website here:

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# EXPLORING APPRENTICESHIPS WITHIN RAF LOGISTICS

If you are interested in a career in the RAF learning how to become an air/ground steward, chef, driver, etc. with the chance to travel the world gaining a qualification while being paid, a free webinar is running on Wednesday 29 March 2023 from 3.00pm until 4.00pm and students will need register using the link below. The webinar will also be available as a recording:

[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)



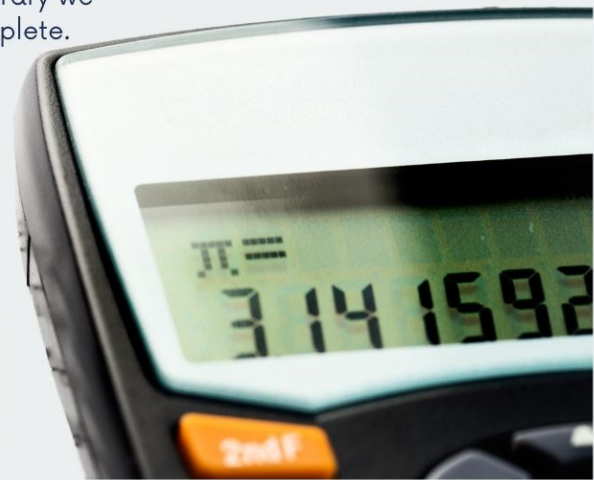
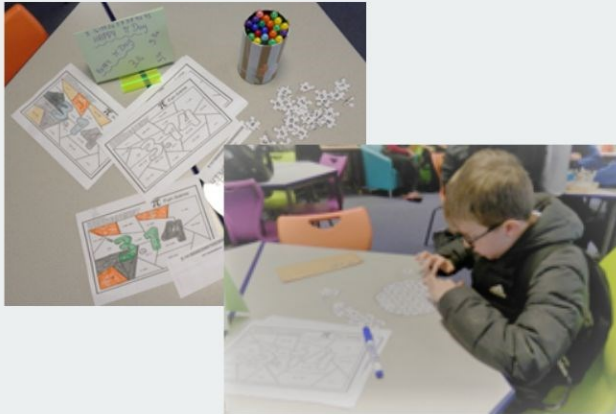




# Library Newsletter

## International Pi Day - the number that never ends .....

On Tuesday 14 March, we celebrated Pi Day. Pi Day is celebrated annually on this date because it numerically represents the first three digits of pi: 3.14. In the library we offered students a selection of fun activities to complete.



## 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](mailto:s.blay@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk)

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