



## STUDENTS HAVE A 'WICKED' TIME

*On Thursday 3 April, students from Years 8, 10, 11, 12, and 13 had a wickedly wonderful opportunity to visit the Apollo Victoria Theatre in London to see the sensational musical Wicked.*

From the moment the curtain rose, we were transported to the enchanting world of Oz. The performances were absolutely mesmerising, with Elphaba and Glinda's journey captivating us all. The story of their friendship, filled with ups and downs, had everyone on the edge of their seats, and the stunning costumes and set designs added to the magic.

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### Collingwood students win Parliament Challenge!

I was thrilled to receive an email from Dr Pinkerton's office over Easter to say that Collingwood College were the secondary School winners of Al Pinkerton's Parliament Competition. Hattie Barnard and Millie West both in Year 7 composed a video that was **deemed truly fantastic** by the judges. The exciting prize they have won is to spend the day with Al Pinkerton at Parliament. During their visit, they will receive a guided tour, have a one-on-one meeting with Al Pinkerton to discuss local issues and even get the chance to watch a live debate from the gallery. Absolutely wonderful news and I will look forward to celebrating with them this week!

### Easter Activities

I was delighted to hear that the Ski trip to France and the DofE Gold Expedition both went exceedingly well over the Easter break. Such activities are fantastic opportunities for students, and Party Leaders have told me how, as always, our students were fantastic ambassadors for Collingwood College.

### Behaviour and Uniform Expectations

At the start of term, staff are reminding students of our expectations regarding uniform, punctuality, appropriate language and behaviour. As you know we have high expectations of all students, and staff will be challenging them to be 'the best they can be' in every way. I would be grateful for your support in ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform every day as well as bringing all the necessary College equipment. For your reference, please refer to Edulink for uniform (within Noticeboard, College Policies and Procedures) and Super 7 (within Noticeboard, Home page) guidelines.

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

<b>Friday 2 May- Sunday 4 May:</b>	DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition, South Downs
<b>Monday 5 May:</b>	May Day Bank Holiday
<b>Wednesday 7 May:</b>	DofE Silver/Gold Expedition Presentations, 6.30pm until 8.00pm, Kingston Theatre
<b>Monday 12 May:</b>	Upper College Open Mic Night, 4.15pm until 6.15pm, Barossa Studio
<b>Wednesday 14 May:</b>	Years 12 and 13 Reports Home
<b>Monday 19 May:</b>	Lower College Open Mic Night, 4.15pm until 6.15pm, Barossa Studio

## YEAR 11 FOOTBALLERS DISPLAY SOME GREAT PLAY

***The Year 11 Boys' Football Team drew 2:2 with Salesian on Monday 31 March.***

A game that, at times, they were clearly in control taking advantage of a quality playing surface and producing some really great phases of link-up play. A side that continues to have real core strength and some highly competent young footballers.



**Team:** Dylan Hosali, Alfie Moulton, Cavan Millham, Thomas Praine, Mason Llufrio-Arnold, Eddie Drye, Joshua Edwards, Harvey Butterfield, Charlie Cowler, Dan Wearden, Thomas Oakley and Ryan Weston

**Captain:** Cavan Millham

**Next Fixture:** Courtmoor School

*Mr Beer - Head of PE / Year 11 Boys Football*



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The musical numbers were a highlight, with songs like 'Defying Gravity' and 'Popular'. The cast's energy and emotion brought the characters to life in a way that was truly unforgettable.

And with the release of the new Wicked Movie, students were shocked to see an Act 2. Almost a spoiler into Wicked the Movie, Part 2!!

Students were certainly buzzing with excitement and yet again the behaviour of Collingwood students were impeccable.

A big thank you to all staff who made this trip possible (especially at the end of a long term!). We had a wicked time that was simply Oz-some!

*Mr Green - Performing Arts Department*

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### Attitude To Learning Data (ATL)

Year	Platinum & Green ATL
7	97%
8	93%
9	88%
10	94%
11	88%

I am pleased to report to you that the recent Attitude To Learning (ATL) data is very encouraging, and mirrors our learning walk experience, which highlights **strong student engagement** in lessons. As the examination season is about to commence in May, please can I encourage you to speak to your child about attending all possible revision opportunities available to them as advertised by their teachers and in this newsletter. Internal data is promising for the forthcoming examination classes coupled with the above ATL data bodes well for the results in August!

### EduLink

Further to previous updates about our change in management information system, EduLink has now been restored. If you are having issues with access, please try the following...

The College ID is **collingwood** and your username will have been emailed to you. Please follow the instructions in the email to reset your password.

Please be aware we have temporarily turned off the behaviour and achievement sections in EduLink while we continue to migrate to our new MIS system.

If your EduLink does not work, please do the following...



To sign back into EduLink - click on the cross to sign out. You will then have to sign back in.

### CCFA (Collingwood College Friends Association) - Date for your Diary!

A reminder that our CCFA and Staff Wellbeing group are hosting a quiz evening this **Thursday 24 April in Kingston Theatre**. For those teams who have already signed up please can you bring drinks and snacks, money for the raffle and there will be a prize for the best decorated table on the evening! A special thank you to those companies that have sponsored the raffle prizes. It would be great if you are able to support this event and bring a team along for some quizzing fun!

*Miss Watling - Principal*

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## YEAR 9 STUDENTS ATTEND WCSA STEM DAY

On Tuesday 1 April Nine talented Year 9 students attended the Wellington College Student Alliance (WCSA) Year 9 STEM Day. The theme was to promote STEM subjects and team-building skills as well as an opportunity to make informed choices about possible education and career paths in STEM.



The students were provided with different challenging activities throughout the day that not only tested their general knowledge but also their resilience, participation and public speaking skills. The activities the students participated in were:

- ♦ Computer Science: using Cipher, decrypting secret codes into computer comments and instructions.
- ♦ Maths: generating numbers and sequencing them. Also, 'what is the Biggest Number challenge'. One of our students won this challenge and resolved the teacher's logic as to how the activity was designed - this led to great brainstorming and discussion for a while.
- ♦ D&T: creating a design to make the marble roll down their structure which took the longest time. This was very hands-on and showed their creative and thinking skills in action. One of our teams came second in this challenge.
- ♦ Lego: creating a Lego car and programming it to be the fastest moving object using computer programming.



Our students were great ambassadors for the College and demonstrated all skills with great confidence.

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

## 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 2025 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*

## GLOW UP! YEARS 7 AND 8 NEON DISCO ENDS TERM WITH A BANG

What better way to celebrate the last day of term than with a glow-in-the-dark dance party. On Wednesday 3 April, our Years 7 and 8 students swapped their school bags for glow sticks and hit the dance floor at our Neon-themed Easter Disco. And what an event it was!

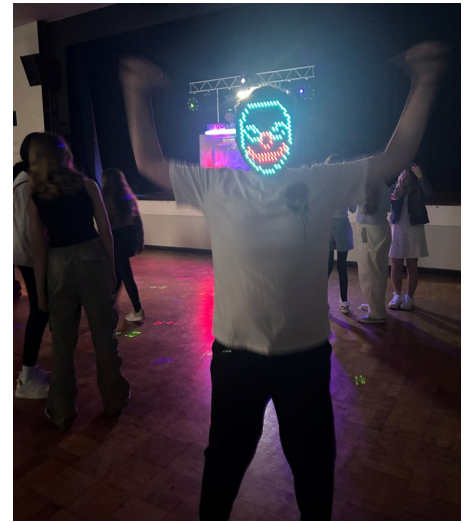
A professional DJ span all the latest tunes; laser lights flashed; bubbles filled the air and the students lit up the hall with their funky moves and glowing wristbands.

The highlight? An epic boys vs girls dance-off that had the whole room cheering. The boys brought their best moves - but in the end, the girls just edged the win with some serious choreography (and maybe a little sass).

Snacks were flying off the tables with sweets, popcorn and glow gear up for grabs. And if you thought the kids were the only ones on the dance floor, think again - several teachers were caught busting a move, much to the delight (and slight embarrassment) of the students.

It was the perfect way to wrap up the term - full of laughter, music and memories. Thank you to everyone who helped organise the event and made it a night to remember. The students said a resounding 'yes' to another one at the end of the Summer term – start practising your moves now!

*Mrs Woods - Assistant Principal / Head of English Department*



## EATING DISORDERS - ON BEHALF OF THE MENTAL HEALTH TEAM AT SURREY AND BORDERS PARTNERSHIP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST ...

***If parents/carers have a concern that a young person has an eating disorder and they have not consulted with their GP they can make a self-referral.***



We offer self referrals from parents/carers or young people themselves - please contact us directly to make a self referral (please note that a parent/carer needs permission to self refer for anyone over 16years old). Please call us on 01372 216 633. We will need an up to date weight and height to be able to triage a self referral.

Further information on eating disorder referrals can be found here: <https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/our-services/intensive-interventions/eating-disorders>

There is also links to resources here: <https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/advice-information-and-resources/eating-disorders>

# 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.

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

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL MRS TRUGLIO

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

*Mr Barker - Chair of the Governing Board*



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# 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](mailto: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.*





# Additional Needs Service showcase

**Tuesday 29th  
April 2025  
10am -3pm**

## Easter Centre

St John's Church  
Manor Farm Lane  
Egham, TW20 9HR

Free parking onsite and public transport nearby.

- ✦ Come and find out about local and national services!
- ✦ Age range 0-25 years for Children and Young People with Additional Needs
- ✦ For Families and Practitioners

If you would like further details please scan the QR code or email [localoffer@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:localoffer@surreycc.gov.uk)



**No need to book,  
just drop in!**



# RUN FRIMLEY

**SUNDAY 4TH MAY**



**FRIMLEY LODGE PARK | 9.30AM**

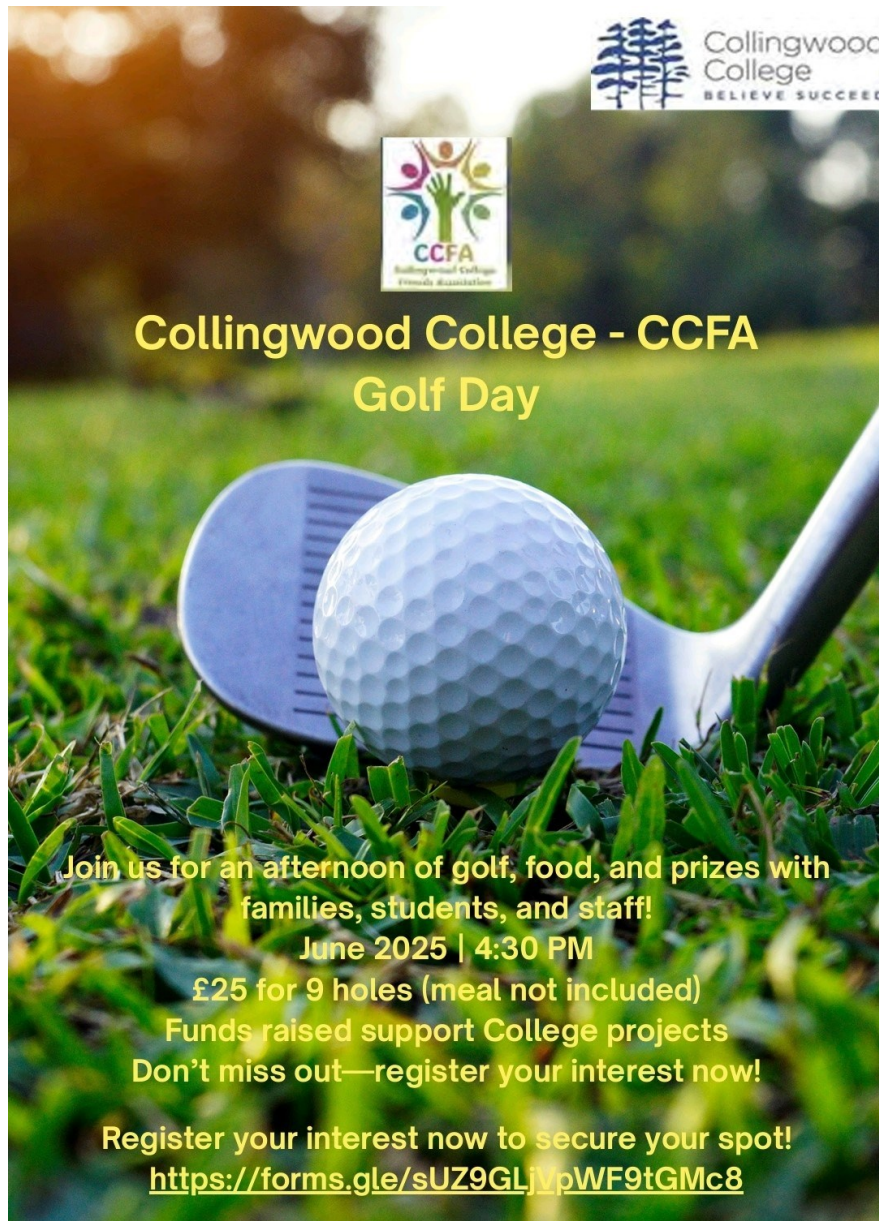
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Collingwood College - CCFA  
Golf Day

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)  
Funds raised support College projects  
Don't miss out—register your interest now!

Register your interest now to secure your spot!  
<https://forms.gle/sUZ9GLjvpWF9tGMc8>

<https://forms.gle/vvoJFgazK7rGMesr6>



**Quiz Night**

**Date:** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Location:** Kingston Theatre  
**Time:** 19:00 for a 19:30 start

**Bring your own snacks & drinks**  
(alcohol permitted for BYO for over 18s)

Prizes available, including a prize for the best decorated table

**£30 for a table of 8.**  
£5 p/person otherwise. £2 for Collingwood students.  
(Pay via Parent Pay)  
Max group size is 8.  
Open for all ages.

*In association with Collingwood College Friends Association*

# Yoga at Heatherside



**Mondays 8:00 - 9:15pm**

**Thursdays 6:30 - 7:45pm**

**£12 per session**

**Heatherside Community Centre  
Martindale Avenue, Camberley, GU15 1BB**

No drop-ins. Pre-book and pre-pay your place online.  
For more information and booking, please visit [www.yogawithedyta.com](http://www.yogawithedyta.com)  
or email [hello@yogawithedyta.com](mailto:hello@yogawithedyta.com) for inquiries.



## Sound Bath at Heatherside

slow down, unwind and immerse yourself in the  
healing power of sound & silence

**Wednesday, 8:00 - 9:00 pm**

**£12 per session**

**Haven House  
at Heather Ridge Infants School  
Martindale Ave, Camberley GU15 1AY**

For more information and booking,  
please visit [www.yogawithedyta.com](http://www.yogawithedyta.com)  
or email [hello@yogawithedyta.com](mailto:hello@yogawithedyta.com) for inquiries.





## **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.

