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Welcome to Collingwood

It is a real pleasure to welcome you to Collingwood College. We are a high-performing, inclusive, and forward-thinking community, committed to nurturing responsible, aspirational, independent, and well-rounded young people. At the heart of everything we do are our students - their development, wellbeing, and success are our top priorities.

We believe that by actively listening to our students and involving them in shaping their educational experience - alongside staff and governors - they become empowered contributors to our culture of continuous improvement.

At Collingwood, we offer a flexible and stimulating curriculum that supports academic excellence while promoting personal growth. Our students benefit from a wide range of leadership opportunities, enrichment programmes, and extra-curricular activities that inspire, challenge, and engage.

Our recent Ofsted inspection (April 2026) confirmed that Collingwood College meets the Expected Standard in all seven key areas, with safeguarding assessed as 'met' under the new, more rigorous inspection framework. This achievement reflects our commitment to excellence and highlights the high-quality education, care and opportunities we provide for every student. We are proud to be a school where young people thrive and a trusted choice for families in our community.

Academic outcomes at both pre- and post-16 levels are consistently strong. In 2022, our ALPS progress score was an 'Outstanding 3' for both GCSE and A Level—placing us in the top 25% nationally. This success is a testament to the dedication of our students and the exceptional support provided by our teaching and pastoral teams.

There are countless reasons why I am proud to lead Collingwood College. I warmly invite you to visit us and experience first-hand the energy, ambition, and care that define our community.

Miss Karen Watling
Principal



Our Values

Collingwood College is a community shaped by shared values that guide how we learn, support one another, and grow together. These values are at the heart of everything we do - whether in the classroom, through extracurricular activities, or while using the digital tools that support learning.

Integrity

We have high standards for ourselves, are open, honest and do what is right, not just what is easy.



Aspiration

We are forward-thinking and committed to continuous improvement, innovation and acting on curiosity.



Perseverance

We work hard to overcome challenges, achieve, and exceed expectations.



Achievement

We celebrate successes and support everyone to reach their goals. Academic results are just part of the story – we strive for excellence in everything we do.



Inclusiveness

We believe that diversity of backgrounds, cultures and ideas strengthens our community – one in which everyone is treated with kindness, empathy and fairness.



Our approach

We believe that every student deserves an engaging, ambitious, and inclusive education - one that inspires curiosity, builds confidence, and prepares them for a successful future. Our approach to teaching and learning is rooted in high expectations, thoughtful curriculum design, and a commitment to supporting students of all abilities and



We offer a broad and carefully sequenced curriculum that encourages deep understanding of subject knowledge while developing essential learning skills. Through applied learning strategies, students are supported to make meaningful connections across topics and subjects, helping them to become independent, reflective learners. Our aim is not only to help students achieve excellent academic outcomes, but also to nurture responsible, aspirational, and well-rounded young people.



Our curriculum is both innovative and flexible. With a two-year Key Stage 3, students are introduced to a wide range of subjects before making informed choices for Key Stage 4. This structure allows us to offer a rich selection of qualifications, including the opportunity to complete a GCSE selected from a wide range of options in Year 9 and a GCSE in Religious Studies in Year 10. We also promote the English Baccalaureate as a valuable academic pathway, while ensuring

We are proud to offer a strong focus on STEM subjects - Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and ICT - alongside a wide range of high-quality options in the arts, humanities, and languages. Our curriculum is designed to reflect the diverse interests and ambitions of our students, whether they are aiming for university, apprenticeships, or direct entry into the world of work.



We also place great emphasis on the development of key life skills. Our subject leaders have carefully mapped their curricula to highlight the “big ideas” in each discipline, while embedding vocabulary development, careers education, and diversity throughout. This ensures that students not only gain knowledge, but also understand how their learning connects to the wider world.

Above all, our approach is about creating a learning environment that is challenging, supportive, and enjoyable. We want every student to feel inspired, valued, and equipped to take the next step in their journey with confidence.





Pastoral care & SEND

Students thrive when they feel safe, supported, and known as individuals. Our pastoral care system is designed to provide every student with the guidance, encouragement, and structure they need to succeed both academically and personally.

A strong foundation

From the moment students join us in Year 7, they become part of a form group that offers daily continuity and a sense of belonging. Each form is led by a dedicated tutor who gets to know their students well and serves as a consistent point of contact throughout the school year.



Dedicated year group teams

Every year group is supported by a specialist pastoral team, including a year manager who works with the same cohort from Year 7 through to Year 11. This continuity allows for strong relationships to develop and ensures that students receive tailored support as they grow and progress through the school.

Leadership and oversight

Each key stage is overseen by a progress leader, who monitors academic progress and works closely with staff and families to maintain high standards of behaviour and engagement. In addition, every year group has a member of the senior leadership team assigned to them, providing strategic oversight and ensuring that pastoral care remains a central focus of school life.





Personalised support

Students also benefit from the expertise of our dedicated student support team, who provide targeted assistance with emotional wellbeing, mental health, and any barriers to learning. Working closely with pastoral staff, they ensure that every student has access to the right support at the right time.

A whole-school commitment

Pastoral care at Collingwood is not the responsibility of one team - it's a whole-school commitment. From classroom teachers to senior leaders, every member of staff plays a role in creating a nurturing environment where students feel respected, listened to, and empowered to reach their potential.



Special Educational Needs

We are proud to be a community where every student is valued, supported, and encouraged to achieve their full potential. We understand that some students may face additional challenges in their learning journey, and we are committed to providing the right support, at the right time, in the right way.

Our approach to SEND is rooted in understanding, collaboration, and high expectations. We provide tailored support for a wide range of needs. Support is delivered through a combination of high-quality teaching, targeted interventions, and personalised strategies.

We work closely with students, families, and external professionals to ensure that every young person receives the support they need to thrive - academically, socially, and emotionally. Our SEND team includes experienced and highly qualified staff, and we regularly review and adapt our provision to ensure it remains effective and inclusive.

Sport & Performing Arts

Sport

Sport is a vital part of College life at Collingwood, offering students the chance to stay active, build confidence and develop teamwork and leadership skills. Our extra-curricular sports programme is inclusive, diverse and designed to support both participation and excellence.

Opportunities for all

We offer a wide range of sporting activities throughout the year, ensuring that every student can find something they enjoy. Whether joining a team, attending a club or trying a new sport for the first time, students are encouraged to take part, stay active and have fun. Our programme includes football, netball, rugby, basketball, athletics and many other sports, all delivered in a supportive and engaging environment.

A culture of excellence

While participation is at the heart of our approach, we are also proud of the outstanding achievements of our students in competitive sport. Collingwood teams and individuals regularly excel in regional, national and international competitions, reflecting the talent, dedication and high standards nurtured by our PE Department. These successes are a source of pride for the College and inspire younger students to aim high and pursue their sporting ambitions.



Championing girls' sport

We are especially proud of our strong and well-established programme of girls' sport, which continues to thrive and achieve success across a wide range of disciplines. Girls at Collingwood have access to high-quality coaching and competitive opportunities in a wide range of sports, including football, rugby and cricket. Our girls' teams consistently perform at a high level, with many students achieving recognition for their skill, teamwork and leadership both within and beyond the school.

Performing Arts

Performing Arts plays a vibrant and inclusive role in life at Collingwood, offering students a wide range of opportunities to express themselves creatively through dance, drama and music. Whether performing on stage, working behind the scenes, or simply exploring a new interest, students are encouraged to develop their confidence, creativity and collaboration skills. Performing Arts activities at the College are not only a source of enjoyment and self-expression, but also a powerful way for students to connect with others, celebrate their individuality and contribute to the wider school community.





Opportunities for everyone

We believe that every student should have the chance to experience the joy of performing, so we offer a varied and welcoming programme of extra-curricular activities throughout the week. From dance clubs and drama rehearsals to music ensembles and choir, there's something for everyone - regardless of experience or ability. These opportunities help students build friendships, discover new passions and grow in confidence in a supportive environment.

Showcasing talent

Performance is a key part of the Collingwood experience. Each year, students take part in a wide range of events that celebrate their creativity and hard work. These include our much-anticipated whole-college musical, as well as smaller productions tailored to different key stages. Seasonal showcases, open mic nights and celebration evenings provide regular opportunities for students to perform in front of peers, families and the wider community, creating lasting memories and a strong sense of achievement.



A musical community

Music is a cornerstone of our Performing Arts provision. Whether students are singing in the choir, playing in a band, or performing solo, they are encouraged to explore their musical interests and develop their skills. Our inclusive approach means that all students are welcome to take part, regardless of their musical background. Events such as the Carol Concert, Candlelight Soirée and various open mic nights bring the school community together and highlight the diverse talents of our students.

Enriching experiences

Beyond the classroom and the stage, students benefit from a wide range of enrichment opportunities that broaden their understanding of the arts. Regular theatre trips allow students to experience professional performances and gain inspiration from the wider world of performing arts. These experiences not only enhance students' learning but also deepen their appreciation for the cultural and creative industries.



Opportunities to lead and inspire

Leadership is a key part of personal growth, and at Collingwood, we offer students a wide range of opportunities to step forward, take initiative, and make a meaningful contribution to school life. Our student leadership system is designed to empower students to lead with confidence, act as role models, and help shape a positive and inclusive College community.

Student leadership

Student leaders play a vital role in the day-to-day life of the College. Whether they are helping to organise events, supporting younger students, or representing the College at open evenings, they are trusted ambassadors who lead by example.

Through their involvement, students:

- Develop leadership, communication and organisational skills
- Gain confidence and experience in working with others
- Build a strong sense of responsibility and pride in their College
- Contribute to a more connected and respectful school environment



Debating

Debating at Collingwood gives students a dynamic platform to develop confidence, critical thinking and powerful communication skills. As one of the country's leading debating schools, we attract 30–40

students each week from Years 7–13 for lively debates, open-floor discussions and tailored training sessions that help every student find their voice.

Our students regularly excel in prestigious national and international competitions, winning major awards and ranking among the top schools in the UK and worldwide. With experienced coaching and inspiring opportunities — including students who have represented England at the highest level — debating at Collingwood equips young people with the skills, ambition and belief to succeed.

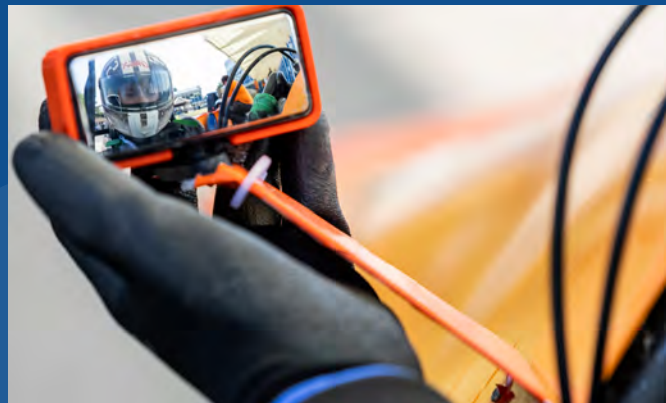
Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Collingwood gives students the chance to build confidence, independence and resilience while taking on new challenges beyond the classroom. With expert support from our trained DofE team, students develop teamwork, communication and leadership skills as they complete the programme's key sections, including volunteering, skills development, physical activity and a two day expedition in the Surrey Hills. The award is open to all and accessible to everyone, with many students continuing from Bronze through to Silver and Gold. The experiences, friendships and achievements gained through DofE stay with students for life and help them stand out in future applications.



Engineering & Innovation

Collingwood offers outstanding opportunities for students to immerse themselves in engineering, robotics and competitive design through our Status Racing and Robot Wars programmes. stand out in future applications.



Robot Wars

For students inspired by robotics and engineering, Collingwood's Robot Wars team offers the exciting challenge of designing, constructing and competing with their own combat robots. Students lead every stage of the process—planning, building, testing and refining their designs—while gaining hands-on experience in mechanics, electronics and CAD. Collingwood teams have earned national recognition, with appearances in major competitions and on television, showcasing their talent, creativity and determination on a larger stage.

Status Racing

Our in house Status Racing Team is one of the most successful state school Greenpower teams in the world, giving students the chance to design, build and race high performance electric cars. From engineering and electronics to marketing, logistics and project management, students take on real world roles that develop creativity, teamwork and problem solving skills. With over a decade of innovation and competition success, participation in Status Racing provides invaluable experience and a strong platform for future careers in STEM and beyond.





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