



## Newsletter for Families 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

*Our vision is to create an excellent school that gives every child no matter their background or beliefs, the opportunity to live happy and fulfilling lives, go to university or pursue the career of their choice.*



### Principal's Message

It has been great to welcome students back after the Christmas holidays – and the school has felt focussed and purposeful this week. Teachers are busily preparing Years 7-10 for their Mid-Year exams and Year 11 for the second set of mock exams in February.

In my assembly with students on Monday we explored the importance of Resilience and Determination as behaviours for effective learners. We discussed a range of examples from Ellen MacArthur to Jesse Owens and the Wright Brothers to Archimedes who at some point must have thought to themselves “I can't do it...yet”. It is vital that students accept failing as part of learning – we describe this as the First Attempt in Learning, and we recognise that only by failing, learning from failure and keeping going when we experience failure can we learn.

### New Years Honours Celebration

We are thrilled to announce that Yassamin Sheel, who is the lead for our teacher training programme, United Teaching, has been honoured in the King's New Year's Honours List. She has been awarded an MBE for her services to education through her work as a teacher for 30 years and for her amazing work as a teacher educator. Students and staff will have seen Yassamin in school visiting our trainee teachers. Yassamin was instrumental in making our training programme one of the few to be awarded an Outstanding grade by OFSTED.

If you or someone you know is interested in training to teach with us, don't hesitate to get in touch. You can email via: [germaine.varney@coleridgecc.org.uk](mailto:germaine.varney@coleridgecc.org.uk)

Or visit the page on our website: [Coleridge Community College > WORK WITH US > United Teaching \(coleridgecc.org.uk\)](https://www.coleridgecc.org.uk/work-with-us/united-teaching)



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**Music Spring Term, 2024**

We are so pleased to be back in school and there are lots of things for students to get involved in this term.

### **Music Clubs**

Clubs will be starting again from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Click here for the list of Music Clubs:

[Music Clubs 23-24.pdf](#)

### **VOX – Open Rehearsal – Weds 17<sup>th</sup> January – 4 – 5.30pm, Radegund Hall**

VOX is our chamber choir and is usually an ‘audition only’ ensemble – but we will be holding one **open rehearsal** on Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Jan, where interested singers can come along and have a go / enjoy a taster of the club. We strongly encourage any student who particularly enjoys singing and is committed to working hard as a singer to a) master a variety of genres and styles, b) develop their singing technique, and c) sing in harmony within an ensemble. Students do not need to sign up to this rehearsal – they can simply turn up and join in.

### **Instrument lessons**

We have one-to-one tuition available for a variety of instruments. If your child is interested in starting instrument lessons (brass, woodwind, strings, voice, guitar, piano, drums, etc), please complete this Microsoft Form and then we will be in touch with more details:

<https://forms.office.com/e/LDr7p3AX05>

### **Junction Fiver – Vintage Rec.**

We had a fantastic start to the year when local band (Coleridge students!), Vintage Rec. performed at the Junction on 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. Vintage Rec. played to a huge audience, and gave a high-energy, top-quality performance. You can see video footage on our Twitter (X) account - @CambsCreate.



Well done to Y11 boys, Sid, Frank, Lewis and Isaac (and ex-student Ellis)! As a result of this gig, the boys have been invited back to play at the April Fiver – watch this space!





## Save the Date – Upcoming Create Events

### Junction Fiver

Whilst the **Junction Fiver** is a non-school event, we are proud that two of our Coleridge bands have been 'scouted' and invited to perform in this programme of events.

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> February** – the fantastic Cookies and Cream will be performing, and we would love for them to have a huge and supportive audience. If you would like to go along and support the boys, tickets can be bought via the Junction website. **To get a £2.50 discount on your ticket use the code CREAM.**

Website + ticket link: <https://www.junction.co.uk/events/the-fiver-february/>

### Create: United Learning Winter Art Competition 2023

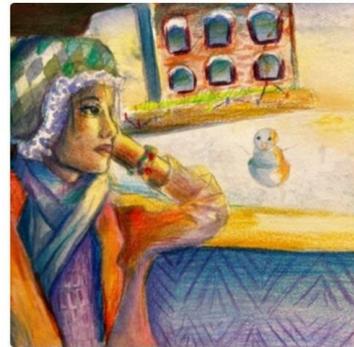
Earlier this term all the students in KS3 (Year 7 - Year 9) took part in the United Learning Winter Art competition. The entries were incredible, showing off a wide range of artist strengths in a variety of different medias, drawing, painting, pastel, collage, mixed media. The students were shortlisted within their houses and three students' pieces were picked to represent Coleridge Community College in the national competition.



Aurora 7T



Matteo 9T



Deepthi 9D

A selection of the artwork is currently on display within the Radegund hall and school reception, as we celebrate the artistic talent within the school.





Dates for your Diary:	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January - Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 7 – 10 Assessments
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 8 and Year 9 HPV Vaccination
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 11 Parents Evening 4pm - 7pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 9 Options Evening

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