



Newsletter for Families 2nd February 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

We are delighted to announce that our very first cultural dress day will take place on **Friday 16th February**. This is a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness and celebrate of all the different cultures we have here at Coleridge. All staff and students are encouraged to wear traditional and/or clothing specific to their culture, religion, or ethnicity on this day instead of school uniform. We recognise this is easier for some cultures than others so for any student struggling with ideas we would suggest wearing clothes which are the same colour as their country's flag or a country specific sports top.

A range of different foods will be served in the canteen on that day, and we will have a range of cultural activities taking place at break and lunchtime. A minimum donation of £2, if this can be afforded, is requested with all money raised by Year 11 going to their prom, while the rest of the money raised will go to the Unicef Gaza Crisis appeal which has been set up to protect all children caught up in the current ongoing situation.

We hope this is a day when all our community celebrate mutual tolerance, understanding and celebrate everything that is wonderful about our diverse community.



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Year 11 Prom

We have confirmed the date for our Year 11 Prom this year as **27th June 2024**. This is when all the GCSE exams are completed and will be a chance to celebrate with our Year 11 students their time at Coleridge. We will continue to update families with our fundraising efforts and hope that you will all support us in our efforts to make this year's Prom the best one yet.

Our next fundraising event is at the Year 9 options evening on Thursday 8th February where Year 11 students will again be selling cakes and refreshments for the evening. Please remember to bring some cash to spend at their stall.

We would also like to ask our community to support our students in making this the best prom experience possible. We recognize that during more challenging financial times, these events can put added pressure on families as parents and carers want to give their children the best options but may not be able to afford this. To support this, we are asking you for any donations of dresses, suits, shoes, and bags suitable for proms to allow us to run our own prom shop on site, allowing students to borrow these items for the evening. If you have any of these items suitable for donation, please bring these to the front office.

We would also like to ask if you, or anyone you know would be willing to donate some time, expertise, and skill to come and do student make-up, hair, and nails on the 27th of June. This again, would be on site, but would mean we can ensure all our students are given an equal chance to experience the excitement and thrill of getting ready for the Prom without any limitations. If you can offer your time as part of this Prom preparation, please email col-enquiries@coleridgecc.org.uk and let us know.

Year 9 Options Evening

On **Thursday 8th February**, our Year 9 Options Evening will be held from **6pm – 7.30pm**. Students and families are encouraged to attend to find out more about the options process this year and what subjects are available. There will be two presentations in the auditorium and letters have gone out today outlining to parents which of those presentations to attend. Year 9 students will also receive their mid-year reports next week allowing them to use this information to support their conversations with staff around which subjects to continue to study at GCSE level.

Year 9 families can confirm their attendance to this event here: <https://forms.office.com/e/LiV9Fi7JNa>



Year 11 Information Evening

On **Thursday 15th February**, we are inviting year 11 students and families to a Year 11 information evening in the Radegund Hall at **6pm**. This will allow us to share with students further details about their next set of mocks and also provide students with detailed revision documents to support them in their preparation for these assessments. We will also be sharing the additional support in place and what we are doing to support students as they approach their final GCSEs in the summer, as well as offering advice and guidance to families on how they can support their children in the upcoming months.

Year 11 families can confirm their attendance to this event here: <https://forms.office.com/e/yDJKhiYB9c>

National Apprenticeships Week



Next week is National Apprenticeships Week. A group of Year 10 and 11 students had the opportunity to attend the Form The Future Apprenticeships Fair at Impington Village College this week to meet local employers and training providers. Students also had the opportunity to complete a skills workshop.

All students will receive an assembly next week on the theme of Apprenticeships, making students aware of the wide range of apprenticeships available locally. This assembly will also cover the topic of Degree-Level Apprenticeships, where students can study for their degree while working, and without any student debt.

If you would like to know more about apprenticeships, please look on <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/> or <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Intermediate Mathematical Challenge



On Wednesday 31st January 2024, 97 students from year 9, 10 and 11 attended the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge.

The challenge lasted for 1 hour and had questions that encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think. Most questions were accessible yet still a challenge for those with more experience.



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It is by far the highest attendance we have ever had. We are immensely proud of all the hard work and perseverance that our students put into doing their best. Our aim is to encourage even more students to attend such competitions as math challenges can be for everyone.

Online Gaming

We would like to draw your attention to a fantastic new initiative from the NSPCC. Approximately 85% of children between 8 and 18 regularly “game” online. The Game Safe Festival is a brand-new conference style week of events hosted by the NSPCC and attended by a range of esports manufacturers and well known players. The aim is to develop shared best practices in online gaming, emphasising collective

responsibility and commitment to effective safeguarding practices.

This conference will help parents understand the risks online gaming can pose and how to keep your child safe whilst they game online. Further details can be found here:

[Game Safe Festival | Esports tournament, workshops & more | NSPCC](#)

GCSE Revision Skills: Free Seminar for Parents

Following on from the overwhelming success of their Free GCSE Science Masterclasses, Capital Tuition are excited to be offering a **Free Parent GCSE Seminar on Saturday 17th February 10:30am**.

This 1 hour session, open to all parents/carers of students preparing for their GCSE's will include:

- **Revision techniques**
- **Scheduling and timetables**
- **Dealing with exam anxiety**
- **Q&A for any specific questions**

Students are welcome to join with their families too!

Please see the attached flyer or visit <https://capitaltuitiongroup.com/freeparentgcseseminar> to find out more and book your space.

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Free Seminar for Parents

Learn key skills to support your child's revision!

Revision Techniques
Scheduling and timetables
Dealing with exam anxiety
Q&A with Education Expert

17th February 2024
from 10:30-11:30am

Book your place at
020 3478 8514
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Are you feeling that no-one is listening? Are you stuck on a waiting list needing some support?



Raising children is probably the most challenging thing we will ever do. You are probably already doing lots of great parenting but sometimes we need extra ideas and techniques, especially as the kids turn into teenagers.

The following link will direct you to a helpful site that supports schools and parents.

Please click on this link: <https://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk/>

Music



Today's Music entry for the newsletter has been written by members of the Music Ambassador Newsletter Team!

Year 9 Lucie Thulborn, Ayan Al-Hadd – and overseen by Year 11 Flora Mitchell.

Another week has passed in the Music department, and we even updated our **Ambassador Board!**

PFO 2 (Little Big Band) is an ensemble that many different students get the incredible opportunity to be a part of. The group is a combination of big band instruments (horns) and orchestral string instruments. The club is led by Miss Lewis and some of the instruments featured in **PF02** are:

Strings: Violins and Cello

Woodwinds: Alto Saxophones and Clarinets

Brass: Trumpets, Cornets, Trombones

Percussion: Drum kit and other percussion instruments

Band: Piano / Keyboard, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar



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PFO2 is a popular club at the school. If you would like to join, talk to Miss Lewis (pre-existing abilities of playing an instrument are needed to join)

What it's like to be in PFO 2:

Some of the wonderful students interviewed said that it is “an excellent group of people who make you feel welcomed, you feel you can enjoy sitting and playing your instrument because there is a range of different year groups, everyone has different skill levels, and everyone is so supportive.” Others also said that “Miss Lewis makes you feel welcome and is helpful in helping you expand and push you to your best ability. PFO 2 is also a ticket to new opportunities.” If you would like to join, we recommend being an approximately grade 1 or 2 in your instrument, but anyone is welcome.



Music at Coleridge

The incredible Music department at Coleridge is supported and strengthened by many different people including teachers, Music Ambassadors (student leaders), and students who help and participate in clubs involving Music, Drama and Art!

From our Lead Ambassadors to our Room Monitors, we all contribute to the Music department every day, in different ways.

‘A Day in the Music Department’ can start as early as 7:45 when clubs such as ‘Music Theory’ and ‘Taiko Warriors’ start. At breaks and lunch, our duty team ensures our Music rooms are accessible and clean, working hard to create a positive environment for everyone looking to use our spaces to play music. Later in the day, when school is over, many clubs - such as student-led ‘Carnival Crew 2’ - take place and our KS3 ‘room monitors’ take this time to tidy our music rooms and prepare them for the next day!

We are so thankful for all the students and staff who put so much effort into making the music department as wonderful as it is!



Save the Date - Upcoming Create Events

FIVER

HEADCHECK
CHRISTIAN SMITH & THE HERETICS
GABBY RIVERS
LAY / BYE
VINTAGE REC.
CLEEN
CAMBRIDGE JUNCTION
Friday 19 April
6:45pm (doors)
£7.50
junction.co.uk

FIVER

STAYCATIONS
BLUE CINEMA
THE BUDAPEST TAPES
KASPAR LARSEN
COOKIES AND CREAM
CAMBRIDGE JUNCTION
Friday 16 February
6:45pm (doors)
£7.50
junction.co.uk

Friday 16th 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 code **CREAM**.

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

Sunday 3rd March

Carnival Crew will be playing at the Cambridge ½ Marathon in a bid to drum up some additional energy and support for the runners. The Crew will be based on Trumpington Road, opposite the Botanic Gardens.

Thursday 7th March

Cleen is returning to play at the Portland Arms to raise money for Castle School Charity who give lots of educational support and services not normally given which means you can see some amazing live music and support a charity at the same time.

Website + tickets:

http://theportlandarms.co.uk/wp/event/rj-archer-the-painful-memories-yoke/?instance_id=11684

Friday 19th April

The fantastic **Vintage Rec** will be performing again at the Junction!

Cleen will also have their Junction Fiver debut at this event so go along to see how they do. **To get a £2.50 discount on your ticket** use code **CLEEN** or **VINREC**



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

Keep an eye on our Twitter account (CambsCreate) where we will post regular updates of what our students are getting up to, across the Performing Arts at Coleridge and in the Cambridge Cluster.

Dates for your Diary:	
Thursday 8th February	Year 9 Options Evening
Thursday 15th February	Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening
Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February	Half Term Holiday – School is closed
Monday 26th February	Year 11 Mock 2 begins
Wednesday 28th February	Year 8 HPV Vaccination

Adult Learn & Train

Adult Learn and train have a weekend course coming up next weekend – Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th February.

Venue: Coleridge Community College	
Candle Making	Saturday 10am - 2pm £60
Scripted in History: An Advance into Chinese Characters	Sunday 10am - 2pm £32
Dressmaking: How to Draft a Bodice	Saturday 10am - 4pm £57
Silver Jewellery: Bezel & Tube Stone Setting	Sat & Sun 10am - 3.30pm £113
Spring Bulb Flower Crate Arrangement	Sat 10am – 12:30pm £47.00

Find full course information on our website: www.adultlearning.education

To book call the Adult Learn and Train office on 01223 712340

As a parent (of a child in a United Learning School) remember to claim your 10% discount



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