



Newsletter for Families 6th October 2023

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's been another very good week at the school – Year 7 had an excellent trip to Thorpe Woodland where they completed team building and adventurous activities, Year 8 had a National Cup fixture away in Colchester and we hosted our Open Evening. I would like to say a huge “thank you” to students and staff for their time, support, and enthusiasm – the feedback I have received from Year 6 students and parents has been overwhelmingly positive, describing our school community as vibrant, aspirational, and supportive.

Our attendance, whilst still much better than this time last year, has taken a slight dip in the last fortnight, especially in Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11). We began the academic year at a daily average of over 94% and we are now averaging about 91%. We all know that students learn best in school with teachers there to guide and support them. I would ask that we all pull together to do the very best to maintain our excellent start to the year in terms of attendance.

I have again received an email from a local resident expressing their concern about the conduct of some of the drivers of cars who are dropping off and collecting children. In particular they state “The biggest issue I see is that cars wait for 20-30 minutes before school closes, with their engines running and loud music on – but not only does it block up the roads for long periods, but it is also really noisy and bad for pollution levels which the kids then leave the school building to



breath in.” Additionally, I have been approached by the City Council about the number of complaints they are receiving from local residents. Can I ask that we are considerate about these issues if we are using a car to transport children to or from school, in particular I would request that parents do not turn around in the road outside of the school as this can be dangerous and frustrating to other motorists, cyclists and pedestrians (who are often our children).

Year 7 Thorpe Woodland

On Monday and Tuesday this week we had our Year 7-day trips to the beautiful Thorpe Woodlands outdoor adventure center. Throughout the day students participated in team building challenges, water-based activities, and a high based activity. It was great so many students were able to attend the trip. During the day students showed great courage, determination, problem solving skills and teamwork when participating in all the activities. It was a lovely opportunity for students to work with their peers from their tutor group and form tutor.



House Event - World Language Day, 26th September

To celebrate World Language Day, we held two competitions for students to take part in last week. The first was held in form time, where forms had to guess the teacher speaking and the language being spoken. 8CC came out on top with a score of 26/30, 10CC and 10CD shared 2nd spot with 23/30, 11CA were close in 3rd with 22/30 and in 4th were 9CT with 20/30.

The second competition was where students had 13 languages stuck to classroom doors and they had to work out what it was. Davies had the most entrants, followed by Attenborough, Clarke, and Taylor. Attenborough and Taylor came out on top with Aimee (9CA), Anna (9CA) Maria (8CA) and Zizz (9CT) scoring 11/13. Clarke and Davies came in joint 3rd with 10/13 from Cerys (10D), Saffron (7CD), Ross (7CD), Anja (8CC), Aisha (8CC) and Marta (8CC).



House Event – McMillan Cake Sale, 29th September

Students brought in a variety of cakes and cookies to sell and celebrate the MacMillan Cake Sale last Friday. Well done to Attenborough, Clarke, and Taylor for bringing in a lot of cake!! Overall, we raised just over £210. A fantastic £100.06 by Clarke House, followed by Taylor raising £59.17, Attenborough with £44.75, and Davies in 4th with £30.26.



Results therefore after the first two house competitions are in:

Taylor 118
Attenborough 138
Davies 90
Clarke 134

Today our students have been taking part in the House Rowing completion. We will update you on how that has gone next week.

Cambridge Green Schools

On Sunday October 1st a group of students from Coleridge Community College attended the Cambridge Green Schools Conference at Parkside school. Over 100 students attended from



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schools across the city and participated in workshops from range of external providers such as The Wildlife Trust, Solar For Schools and Kids Against Plastic as well as the main political parties.

Healthy and passionate debates followed on a number of key topics and all students and staff came away with a real drive and determination to improve aspects of our sustainability at individual, school and community levels. Coleridge students were, as ever, exemplary in their engagement, participation, and commitment to this event.



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