



## Newsletter for Families 9<sup>th</sup> 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 very excited about the upcoming Culture Day that will take place on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**. It is a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness and celebrate of all the different cultures we have here at Coleridge. 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 number of cultural activities taking place at break and lunchtime. A minimum donation of £2, if this can be afforded, is requested. All money raised by Year 11 will be 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.

We held our Year 9 Options Evening this week where students and families attended to find out more about the options process this year and what subjects are available. There were presentations in the auditorium and departments were available in the Radegund Hall to discuss the specifics of the different subjects. It was lovely to see so many of our students engaging with this process and



discussing their options with their parents and staff. A reminder that students need to make their option choices by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

## Year 11

After half term Year 11 will start their second set of mocks. On **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 prepare 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>

We are also very excited to confirm the date for the Year 11 Prom as **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. Our Prom Committee are busy organising fundraising events to support the planning of this event and will be confirming more information about the evening soon. We are even more excited to announce that we have launched our Prom Passport with Year 11 and that we will awarding two lucky students (and one friend each) the opportunity to arrive to the Prom by helicopter!

Each week, students will be awarded a raffle ticket for each of the following: 100% attendance for the week; no referrals to the reflection room no detentions and no lates to school or to lessons. That means a student may receive 4 raffle tickets in one week if they achieve all of these. There will also be additional raffle tickets awarded to students at SLT discretion. These may be for random acts of kindness across the school, demonstrating our school values or special recognition for something during the week.

We are asking for your support in making this the best prom ever for all our students. We recognise 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:col-enquiries@coleridgecc.org.uk) and let us know.



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