



Newsletter for Families 24th November 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

Earlier in the year I discussed opening the school up for parent and carer visits and I am delighted to announce that we have identified some time for what we will be calling 'Tea and Tours'. As the name suggests, the visit will be split into sections – firstly a tour of the school with either myself or one of the Vice Principals followed by an opportunity for an informal conversation or questions over a cup of tea or coffee.

The purpose of Tea and Tours is to allow parents and carers direct sight of the fantastic work that is taking place inside the school, to see lessons in action, to meet with a senior leader of the school and answer any questions you might have. We really want to share with you all just how proud we are of Coleridge Community College.

As you will see from the information below, we have chosen to allocate each year group a specific time and date for their Tea and Tour, and we would like parents and carers to sign up so that we can make arrangements specific to group size. However, if you are not able to commit in advance do feel free to come into the school on the day allocated to your year group.

Tea & Tours Invite Days:

Year 7	Monday 4 December	
Year 8	Friday 8 December	
Year 9	Monday 11 December	
Years 10 & 11	Friday 15 December	

Book Here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/SHqyzvCRTQ>



New Rewards System – Monday 27 November 2023

On Monday 27th November the College will be launching our new rewards system. Students will be receiving merits linked to our school values in lessons, tutor time and extra-curricular activities. Further merits will be awarded on a weekly basis for attendance and positive behaviour. We will also be using Golden Tickets to reward students for exceptional performance in lessons and around the school.

All Merits and Golden Tickets will be linked to our rewards ladder (Mountain Points). Each time a student reaches a milestone they will be acknowledged in Assembly and receive a specific reward.

Mountain (Merit) Points	
	Points
Excellent Behaviour (Half-Termly)	20
Excellent Report (Termly)	30
Excellent Attendance (Weekly)	3
Golden Ticket	3
Representing CCC at an Event or in a Performance	3
Showing Ambition	1
Being Caring	1
Showing Integrity	1
Contributing to lesson or activity	1
Random acts of kindness	1
Attendance of extra curricular club	1



Award Name	Points	Presented
Ben Nevis	50	Assembly -Ongoing
Eyjafjallajokull	100	Assembly-Ongoing
Vinson Massif	150	Assembly-Ongoing
Mount Elbrus	200	Assembly-Ongoing
Mount Kilimanjaro	250	Rewards Assembly
Mount Denali	300	Rewards Assembly
Mount Aconcagua	400	Rewards Assembly
Mount Everest	500	Best in Everyone Evening

After school catch-up sessions

Students are issued after school catch up sessions when they fail to complete their homework. We have had an increase in students arriving at the after-school catch-up session saying they cannot attend the session for whatever reason. Please be aware that all students are required to attend the catch-up session on the day it has been set for. Students will not be allowed to miss this catch-up session unless prior agreement has been made by parents with the Head of Year or Mr Baynes (Vice Principal).

School Trips & Visits:

Careers



On Tuesday 21st November, a group of Year 10 students were invited into the offices of Cambridge University Press and Assessment.

The students were given an opportunity to begin planning their personal statements for

college applications, by considering their qualities, skills and achievements.

They were also given a mock job interview to prepare them for potential interviews for work experience. While they waited in the museum for their interviews, they had the opportunity to learn about the history of printing machines.

Cambridge University Press are one of our local providers of Work Experience. Heidi from Cambridge



University Press and Assessment will be presenting to Year 10 during their assembly next week about how to stand out from the crowd when applying for work experience.

Create - Carnival Crew at The Big Switch-On



On Sunday 19 November our fantastic Carnival Crew 1 performed as part of the city's 'Big Light Switch-On' in the market square. Friends, families, and the public turned out to support our wonderful drummers as they brought great energy to the Christmas Lights celebrations through their usual vibrant and colourful rhythmic display. One couple in the crowd even donated their amazing (and very fancy!) rainbow coloured umbrella to the crew because they were so impressed with the performance! Keep an eye out for it in future Create events.

This performance on Sunday was particularly exciting because it saw the debut of ten Y9 musicians who have worked their way up through Carnival Crew 2 and into this ensemble – anyone who saw the performance will agree, I'm sure, that they made a brilliant start to their Carnival Crew 1 'career'. Bravo, Y9!

It was also great to see DisFunktional, our alumni Funk Band performing as part of the event.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for making this event possible, to Mrs Greenwood's son, Shaun, for transporting our equipment, and to our wonderful families for providing the best support. Huge congratulations to the crew - you were brilliant, as ever!





Mill Road Winter Fair Saturday 2 December

Our next public Music performance is on Saturday 2nd December, when our Carnival Crew 1, horn players and dancers will be leading the official Mill Road Winter Fair Parade at 12.15pm. We'd love to see lots of you there and to hear your support as we take on the endurance event that is marching / playing / dancing from one end of Mill Road (starting outside the Conservative Club) to the other (ending at Parkside Pools). It always promises to be a fantastic event – one not to be missed! [Mill Road Winter Fair](#)

Save the Date – Upcoming Create Events

2nd December – Mill Road Winter Fair Parade (12.15pm) – Coleridge drummers, dancers and horn players leading the way. DisFunktional will also be playing at the Cambridge 105 stage – live on the radio from 2.00 pm.

13th December – Coleridge Steel Pans (Y7, KS3 and KS4) at the Cambridge Train Station at the 'Christmas Markets' from 2.00 – 3.30pm. Do come along and support – join in the festive steel pan vibes.

14th and 15th December – **Winterfest**. Two (almost) identical shows celebrating the creative output of students from the Cambridge Cluster of United Learning schools. These concerts will take place in Coleridge's Radegund Hall starting at 7.00 pm. Tickets will go on sale soon (watch this space) with priority being given to the families of those students performing each evening.

6th January – **Junction Fiver** – one of our Coleridge Bands has been booked to perform at the Junction Fiver. This is a non-school event but we are so proud of Vintage Rec for being invited to perform and would love for them to have a huge and supportive audience. If you'd 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 VINTAGEREC. DisFunktional will also be playing in the Fiver that evening. [The Fiver - January 6th | Cambridge Junction](#)

THE FIVER

Keep an eye on our X (Twitter) feed for regular updates and insights into the world of Create at Coleridge and across the Cluster @CambsCreate



Black Friday

We are sharing this advice as on online shopping at this festive time and hope it will be useful both for yourselves and for you to discuss at home with your children. Navigating through the influx of bargain deals inundating your inbox and social media feeds can be challenging, especially when distinguishing between legitimate offers and potential scams. Exercise extra caution when it comes to Black Friday deal emails that land in your inbox. Take the time to thoroughly verify the sender's details and inspect all links before clicking on them.

Instead of just following the link provided in the email, it is advisable to visit the retailer's website directly. This precautionary measure can help you steer clear of any potentially malicious links, ensuring a safer online shopping experience.

Classic signs that a Black Friday deal may be a scam:

- Unrealistically low prices, so always check that the price of the item is consistent with other websites.
- Being promoted on a recently created website without a privacy policy, postal address or an 'about us' page. Use a domain checker like who.is to check when the website was created, a newly created website should ring alarm bells.
- Being posted from a newly created social media account.
- Only allowing you to pay via bank transfer which offers very limited protection in the event of a scam, so opt for credit or debit card or PayPal instead.
- Bad reviews can be a giveaway, but make sure you know the signs of a fake review.
- An impersonated URL - check that the website URL is that of the official brand as it will only have one official website.

Dates for Diary:

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Year 9 Parents Evening	Thursday 30 November 2023
INSET day	Friday 1 December 2023
Mill Road Winter Fair - Carnival Crew, All horns and dancers performing	Saturday 2 December 2023
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 7 December 2023
Christmas Lunch	Monday 11 December 2023
Steel Pans at the Train Station	Wednesday 13 December 2023
Winterfest	Thursday 14 & Friday 15 December 2023
Celebration Assembly and End of Term (students will finish at 12.40 pm)	Wednesday 20 December 2023



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★ **DON'T MISS OUT – LAST CHANCE** ★

The Parent Survey is closing on 1st December. It only takes 10 minutes to have your say. The survey is being run by an independent company and you can opt in for the chance to win a **£25 Amazon voucher**.

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