



Newsletter for Families 1st December 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

This week students have been completing their final assessments of 2023. I have been incredibly proud to walk around the school and see so many of our students revising and preparing for these assessments. In the new year, Years 7 – 10 will be completing their mid-year assessments and the good habits I have observed around the school will stand them in good stead as they begin prepare. We would also like to highlight the revision guides and resources available for KS4 through Pearson Revise and encourage our students to make use of these in addition to the Knowledge Organisers that are available for all year groups as part of their preparation.

Year 11 have also completed a successful first set of mocks ending with the Art mock where students have created some exceptional pieces of work. Next week, on Friday 8th December, our Year 11s will have their first mock results day where they will be able to see how their hard work and preparation has benefitted them. We will take the time to reflect and focus on the next steps to allow them to make further progress.

This week has also been busy with lots of additional opportunities for our students to engage with their learning and development outside of the classroom and many of these are summarised for you in this week's newsletter. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all our staff who go above and beyond to ensure our students can take part in these activities and I love receiving all the enthusiastic and positive feedback from the students about their experiences.



Pearson's Revision Guide KS4


United Learning are excited to continue our partnership with Pearson which gives all our students access to a wide range of digital revision guides. Revise online includes **Edexcel, BTEC and AQA** revision guides with new titles added.

How to access your account:

1. Students login via their school email & password here:
<https://reviseonline.pearson.com/school/united-learning>
2. Select "Sign in with Microsoft" and you will be asked to create a new password for this site.
3. Go to My Account
4. Click on the *Have a school subscription? Register it here* link
5. Enter code 'united-learning'

Tea & Tour

Thank you to everybody who has already booked to attend one of our Tea & Tour dates. We would like to welcome as many parents as possible so please do book using the links below:

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	

Careers

Costello Medical hosted Year 8 students on 28 November for some experience of a career in medical communication. Coleridge students delivered an excellent pitch, presenting the Pharmacodynamics, unmet needs, clinical and economic value for the psoriasis drug Certolizumab pegol and winning the award for best pitch from the Costello Medical Staff.





Year 10 Science

Year 10 have been investigating the structure of the leaf. Whilst doing this experiment students prepared slides of the top and bottom of a leaf, with the aim of comparing the difference in its structure.

In this image, we can see two large Stomata or 'pores' on the bottom of their leaf. These Stomata allow carbon dioxide into the leaf and oxygen to leave the leaf in the process of Photosynthesis.

PE 'Dragons' Den' Project: Year 7

On Tuesday 28 November, 16 year 7 students completed a 'Dragons' Den' project.

Students attended a workshop delivered by Living Sport. In the workshop, they looked at the importance of inclusivity, diversity, project planning (including budgeting, contingency plans, marketing strategies, promotion ideas etc), what it involves running an extra-curricular club as well as learning skills on how to present/pitch and looking at how to create a persuasive presentation/pitch.

The Living Sport programme centres around youth voice and provides a platform for students to create and implement their own extra-curricular club within Coleridge.

At the end of the workshop, students presented their ideas and the panel discussed and decided that the team that presented a 'Glow' in the dark fitness session was the winner! Watch this space, the group of students will have a £1,000 funding to spend on their new extra-curricular club. Exciting!





Y11 GCSE Drama Trip to 'A Christmas Carol'

On Tuesday night, Y11 GCSE Drama students enjoyed a festive feast as they went to see the superb production of 'A Christmas Carol' at the magnificent Alexandra Palace Theatre. Keith Allen was mesmerising as Scrooge in the spooky re-telling of a familiar Christmas story. One student described it as 'the best thing I've ever seen at the theatre.' Huge thanks to Mr Burgess for organising, and to Mrs Worth for accompanying the trip.

Year 7 students are looking forward to going to see the Junction's Christmas production of Hansel and Gretel in a few weeks.

Mill Road Winter Fair:

- **Coleridge (and friends) Carnival Crew, Horns and Dancers lead the parade**

We are excited that on Saturday 2nd December, Coleridge (and some friends from Parkside and Trumpington) will be leading the official Mill Road Winter Fair parade! We will have a team of over 60 students drumming, playing (wind and brass) and dancing their way along the length of Mill Road, starting outside the Salisbury Conservative Club at 12.15pm and arriving at the Parkside Pools end of Mill Road at approx. 1/1.10pm. The Mill Road Winter Fair is always such a great event – and it would be lovely to see your familiar faces lined along the route, supporting us on our way as we take on this exciting endurance challenge! Please do come and help us get the party started on Mill Road.

Follow us (Create) on Twitter (X) to see regular updates of the parade preparations, etc. @CambsCreate

*DisFunktional will be playing (and broadcast live on air) on the Radio Cambridge 105 stage, near Parkside Pools at 2pm.

- **Thank you, costume volunteers**

On Tuesday evening, we were lucky enough to have a team of 25 wonderful parent / friend / staff and student volunteers come into Coleridge to help make the costumes (designed by parent, Suzanne Cooper) for the Mill Road Winter Fair parade. It was a lovely, creative evening with a fantastic sense of community spirit, and we are so grateful to all who gave up their time and offered their support. Thank you so, so much!





Save the Date – Upcoming Create Events

- 13th December – Coleridge Steel Pans (Y7, KS3 and KS4) at the Cambridge Train Station at the ‘Christmas Markets’ from 2 – 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 7pm. 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](#)

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

Uniform

As the weather has taken a turn for the worse and the cold weather has hit us, we appreciate the importance of students wrapping up warm for the journey to and from school. We would like to remind parents that leggings may only be worn underneath a skirt and do not count as



trousers. Please can we also request that students do not wear hoodies to school as they are not permitted as part of our school uniform.

Rewards

Our new rewards system is up and running and it has been great to see the high number of Merits and Golden Tickets that have been awarded to students this week. Our new Race to 50 attendance initiative has been a great success with improved attendance being seen across the year groups. Finally on Wednesday 20th December we will be holding extended celebration assemblies for all year groups to celebrate the amazing achievements our students have had this year and ensure we finish the term on a high.

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

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