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Principal's Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 28th of June - Best in Everyone Award
- ◆ 30th June - Year 11 Celebration & Graduation
- ◆ Friday 1st of July & Monday 4th of July - Inset Days
- ◆ 14th of July - Sports Day
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Principal's Message

Good afternoon everyone, I hope you are well. This has been another busy and eventful week at Coleridge. On Monday we were fortunate enough to welcome the former Children's Poet Laureate Michael Rosen and composer Andrea Cockerton to our school along with historian Helen Weinstein from Historyworks. A big thank you to Mr Burgess for organising the event which took place in the Radegund Hall in front of the Year 7 and Year 8 students. Please do see the write-up in the newsletter from Mr Burgess for all the details but needless to say the students absolutely loved the active role they played in creating some unique poetry. The event continues on Sunday at 4pm when a number of our Drama students and the Coleridge Choir will be performing at the Refugee Fundraiser Event at the Cambridge Corn Exchange. I would like to say a huge thanks to all concerned for getting involved to raise money and awareness for this worthwhile cause.

The EcoClub led by Mr Pearce and Mrs Bright have been awarded an 'Eco-Schools Green Flag'. This is a fantastic achievement which recognises the great work the students and staff have been doing to raise environmental awareness across the school. Students demonstrate continue to plan and work on the Eco-Nature Garden, recycling schemes and waste reduction. It also highlighted the planning work that is in place to ensure that Coleridge continues to focus on the environment with significant projects in the pipeline for the new academic year. There was also special mention of how this planning linked across a variety of curriculum areas and that the organisation were impressed with the group's sustainable approach which will mean environmental matters will continue to be a priority for years to come.

I was delighted to be asked to be a panel judge for the Living Sport Dragon's Den Project. Year 8 students were tasked with planning a sport to be introduced at Coleridge that would perhaps sit outside 'traditional' sports whilst ensuring inclusivity and accessibility by all. The winning team stood to receive a cheque for £1000 towards the set-up costs. In order to win this funding, students had to demonstrate why they thought their respective sports were likely to be received positively by other students and had to think carefully about budgeting and marketing. The students were incredible and the presentations about Boxercise, Dodgeball, Tchoukball and Kinball were equally engaging. I think most impressive was the students' ability to think on their feet when they came 'under pressure' in the question-and-answer session. Kinball was the winner so I will let Mr Dixon give further details in due course about how your son or daughter can get involved in this exciting new sport. Well done to all the students involved in this event.

Tonight the Coleridge Carnival Crew will be performing in front of representatives and award winners from the many United Learning schools from around the country at the BiE Awards Evening in Leeds. I am delighted that our Coleridge Music Ambassadors will be accepting the *Team of the Year* Award. On both counts, we are extremely proud. To be able to both showcase and celebrate the talented youngsters from the school at such a high-profile event is a real honour they will do us proud tonight, just as they do when they are at school.

The Year 11 students have almost finished their exams, with only a couple of exams left on Monday for a small group of students. I know this is something I have said previously on numerous occasions, but I am so proud of how they have coped over the last few weeks. They have shown real dedication, focus and stamina and I am really looking forward to seeing them on Tuesday at 11am for the Leaver's Assembly where we will celebrate their efforts. It isn't goodbye of course as we will see them at the Prom and on the results day, but it will be an emotional event nevertheless.

As we look towards the end of term, I would like to inform you of a change of date. In the summer holidays, the school is going to be refurbished in a number of areas and this time will give the staff the opportunity to ready the school. Students will now be finishing Term 6 on **Wednesday 20th July**

at 12.30pm. I intend to send round further details in a separate letter. Many thanks for your support as always and I will be in touch again early next week.

Have a great weekend and enjoy your time with friends and family.

Best wishes,

Richard Shaw Interim Principal



Congratulations on passing your Eco-Schools Green Flag!

"Following a lengthy and detailed application process with extensive work carried out by Coleridge's EcoClub members, Mrs Bright and Mr Pearce, I am delighted to report that Coleridge has been recognised as a Green Flag school in recognition of the ongoing efforts we are making regarding the environmental sustainability of everything we do at the school. Further details of the award can be found through the link below:

[The Eco-Schools Green Flag - Eco Schools](#)



We will be flying our flag with pride!"

Modestars Travel accreditation

We are delighted to announce that for the second year in a row we have been awarded the Bronze Modestars Award.

This is to recognise the effort and focus that the staff and students have at Coleridge to travel safely and economically to and from school. We continue to work on traffic and safety out the front of school and raising awareness with students.

United Learning Best in Everyone Ceremony

Today we waved off over 50 of our students to attend the United Learning Best in Everyone Ceremony in Leeds. We are so pleased that so many students get to experience this event through performing as part of the Carnival crew or receiving the Team of the Year award for the Music ambassadors.

Coleridge Best in Everyone Awards

This week we have sent out our invites to the families of students that have been selected to receive one of our Coleridge awards this year. These range from Student of the Year, House Point Heroes, Outstanding contribution to subject awards and our 5 prestigious Coleridge awards.

We hope all families will be able to join us for the event on Thursday 14th July at 5:30pm

Key Messages

Year 7 & 8

Year 7 and 8 students had a wonderfully engaging and creative afternoon with local historian Helen Weinstein from Historyworks; former children's poet Laureate Michael Rosen and composer Andrea Cockerton as they explored this year's Refugee Week theme 'hope and healing' through poems, song and storytelling. Students have been inspired to write poems, raps and songs this week in their English lessons and some students have been selected to read them at this Sunday's civic ceremony at the Corn Exchange. They will join our school choir and drama club who will be singing and performing a piece of physical theatre. We are so grateful to have Michael return to Coleridge and for our students to experience a 'once on a lifetime opportunity'.

WYSING ARTS CENTRE

Lots of exciting **FREE events** taking place at Wysing Arts Centre on **Saturdays** and during the **summer holidays**. Please pick up a flyer in the art area, read the flyers below or look on line to find out more. Please book through their website. <http://wysingartscentre.org/>. Place may be limited so do book soon to avoid disappointment.



Monday 8 – Thursday 11 August
Re/WILD summer art school
11 – 4pm daily
For ages 13 – 19
FREE

Get creative, make friends, be wild and have fun over the summer at Wysing Arts Centre. Join to collaborate with professional artists and each other. You'll have a chance to create work using nature, sound, clay and performance and explore how we can be free to imagine.

Find out more and book
www.WysingArtsCentre.org/whats_on/young_artists

Age 14 – 18?

Join the Creative Youth Council
Supported by Wysing Arts Centre
Every second Saturday of the month, 12 – 4pm

Join this new lively group to:

- Collaborate and experiment with artists and meet new friends in a safe and supportive space.
- Let your imagination run free - share your ideas and express yourself, roam our fields, use our ceramics and recording studios.
- Get involved in arts opportunities including creating events, festivals and resources as well as your own art work.
- Build transferable teamwork and leadership skills to support college, university or job applications.

Sessions are free, book ahead.

Free travel available from:

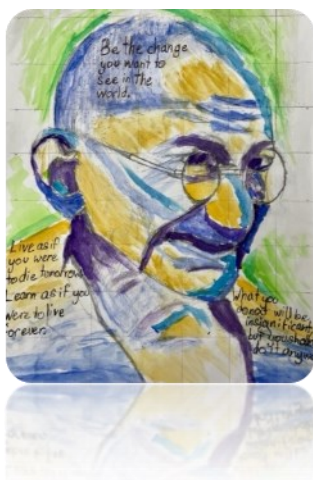
Cambridge, Cambourne and Huntingdon
£25 bursary to support session attendance.

www.WysingArtsCentre.Org/Whats_On/Young_Artists

Supported with funding from The Ragdoll Foundation, Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and Arts Council England.

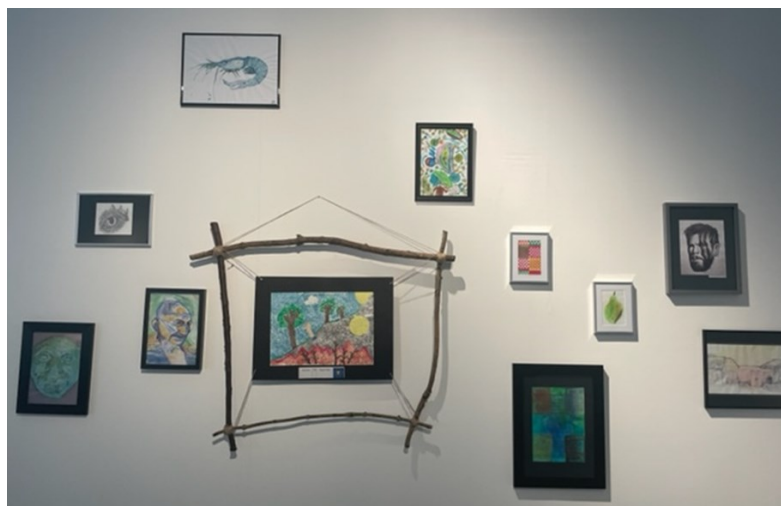


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Regional Exhibition at Wysing Art Centre

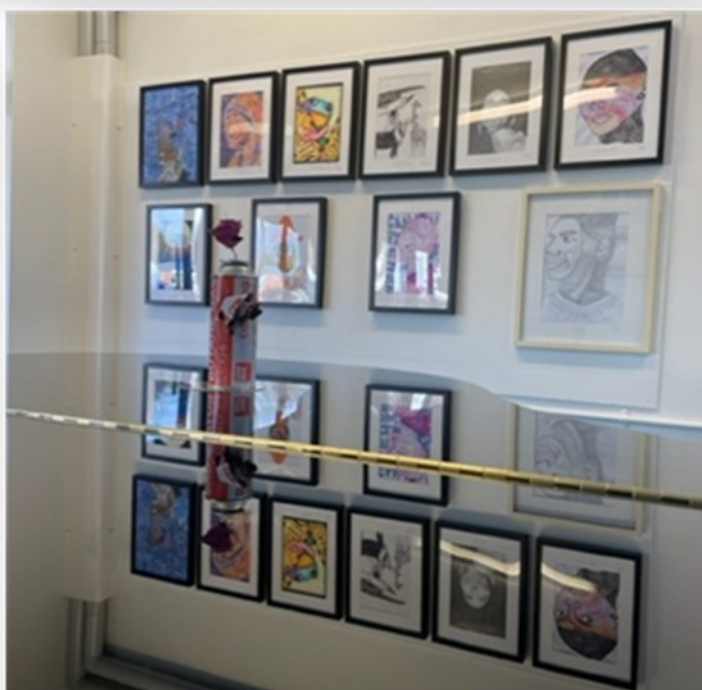
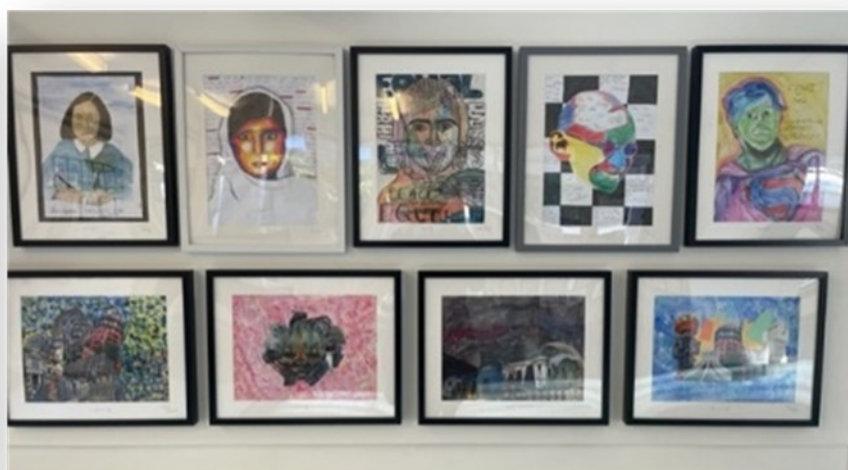
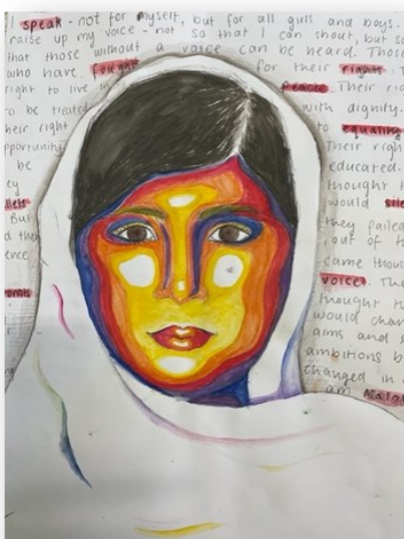
This term our shortlisted Coleridge artist are exhibiting their artwork at the prestigious Wysing Art centre <http://wysingartscentre.org/>. Wysing is a wonderful art centre in Cambridgeshire and offers a broad range of creative workshops and events for artists of all ages. We are so proud to see our students exhibiting in a profoundly professional setting which gives them a real understanding of the role of a working artist. The virtual gallery has just gone live and can be seen on the Art Bytes website. <https://artbytes.co.uk/virtual-gallery/igallery.php?year=9>



Key Messages

Art Bytes Exhibition

At Coleridge Community College we are delighted to be a part of Art Bytes. This is an art and design organisation who inspire to 'Raising aspirations for better futures by championing the creativity of the nation's next generation, using art and virtual technology. Art Bytes is an authentic event to bring young artists and schools from the Cambridgeshire area. We are extremely proud to have 30 year 9 students currently exhibiting their work throughout April – June at the Cambridgeshire Music, Histon Gallery. There is still time to pop down and take a look.



House Points Update



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Recognitions

Top House Points of the Week:

Year 7: Ollie Smith - 17 Points

Year 8: Phoebe Outlaw - 30 Points

Year 9: Shanjida Ahkter - 31 Points

Year 10: Maria Amojo - 25 Points

Year 11: Tanya Haque - 10 Points



House Competition



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House Challenge 24th June

Riddles challenge – Maths!

1. Two fathers and two sons are in a car, yet there are only three people in the car. How?
2. The day before yesterday I was 21, and next year I will be 24. When is my birthday?
3. I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?
4. Mary has four daughters, and each of her daughters has a brother. How many children does Mary have?
5. Which is heavier: a ton of bricks or a ton of feathers?



Prizes and Rewards:

1 House point for each correct answer

Send answers to
melanie.cole@coleridgecc.org.uk
all entries need to be in by
1st July