



Principal's Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really busy, but exciting, week in school. We have been continuing our recruitment and this week appointed a Second in Department for maths and also a Computing Lead Practitioner (who will both join our staff team in September) which will hugely benefit our curriculum and teaching and learning within the school. We also welcomed Dame Yasmin Bevan, the Chair of the United Learning Trust. As part of her visit she toured the school, visited lessons and met with staff and students. She reflected positively on the improvements made in the school and noted how calm the school was with orderly lessons. She particularly commended the students she met with on the Student Panel who were "delightful and articulate". This was echoed by the visiting teachers who were here for interview who were impressed by how "confident" and "eloquent" our students are and "proud" to show off their school.

For our CREATE department there have been some fantastic opportunities for students this week. Our Carnival Crew, as you may have seen (or heard!) were brilliant at the Half Marathon; Year 8 students competed in the English Speaking Union school finals with a monologue/duologue from Shakespeare and we will announce the winner from that round in assembly on Tuesday; Year 9 students were able to participate in a professional dance workshop; and we are proud to learn today that we have been selected from all United Learning schools to work with internationally renowned company 'Frantic Assembly' to create an original piece of physical theatre! Within PE, we have been thrilled with the response to the Ski Trip and will next week complete the ballot for places due to it being so popular. Further information will come out to families next week.

Please remember that Monday is a training day so we will see students back in school on Tuesday.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Stoneham



Upcoming Events

- 14th March - INSET day
- 15th March - Year 9 Virtual Options Event
- 18th March - Red Nose Day
- 21st March—Brilliant Club Launch
- 29th March—Wembley Trip
- 30th March—Parents' Town Hall Meeting

Key Messages

Year 11 Holiday School – Save the Dates!

Next week we will be sharing our Easter holiday revision schedule with students and families. This will detail all the subjects that are being offered to students to help them prepare for their GCSEs. We will be running sessions from Monday 4th April – Thursday 14th, so please save the dates.

Tackling Online Hate (*Please see attachment*)

Online hate can affect anyone. Sharing hateful messages can have serious consequences for individuals and for groups in a community. It is an easy forum to target vulnerable people. It is important that children know how to respond to this unpleasant behaviour online and how they can set a positive example.

Dance Workshop

This week we were lucky enough to have Bar Groisman in this week to do a Contemporary workshop with some of our year 9 students. It was a wonderful event with students showing a real zest for Dance and the opportunity to work with a Company director.



Keeping Safe

We've been made aware of an incident reported to the police where a young lady was followed by a man on a scooter as she walked through Cherry Hinton Park. May we please ask parents to share this information with their children and ensure that students are being very careful and safety conscious when they walk home from school, or when they are out on their own. This advice from the police may be helpful to discuss with them: [Keeping yourself safe | Avon and Somerset Police](#)

Calling all Books!

Do you have any good quality reading books that you are looking to rehome? We would love to take them off your hands and give them a new home in our library. Please drop them into our Reception any time and we will make sure that they are read and loved once again.



Year 9 Options Evening (virtual)

Our Year 9 Options evening will be taking place virtually this year on Tuesday 15th March starting at 6pm. Please use this link to confirm your intention to attend: <https://forms.office.com/r/YHZYwJ8PYC>. This event will begin with a presentation at 6:00PM about our curriculum for Key Stage 4 and the options process. Even if you have had friends, or older children, who have been through this process, please note that our curriculum offer and the options process does develop annually and so it is really imperative that you attend to receive the accurate information for your child currently in Year 9. This will be followed by option subject presentations in 15 minute slots, starting at 6:30 which can be accessed here: [Coleridge Community College > LEARNING > Curriculum > Options \(coleridgecc.org.uk\)](#)

Student Council

At the beginning of this term Tutor Reps fed back to all students the impact from their last Student Council meeting. We host this as a 'you said, we did' forum.

You Said

Golden Tickets don't work as well as they could.

First Impression cards aren't used effectively and don't have the impact they were intended for

Red Nose Day should have lots of fun things going on like non school uniform, sports events, displays, competitions...

We'd like the school to be more Eco

Homework doesn't work well in all subjects

We did

Redesigned the cards so that they're golden; celebrate them more frequently in the Newsletter and assemblies; staff reminders about when/how to issue them to make it fairer

These have been removed

We will celebrate Red Nose Day on the 18th march with a red themed non-uniform day. There'll be dodgeball competitions and red nose design competitions and more—posters are around the school to advertise this.

Introduced a sub-committee to lead on this within the student council.

This was really important feedback and is being looked at still by the Leadership Team to make this better.

The next meeting will be at the end of term where we are discussing: equipment checks; lunch time and dining hall provision; tutor time programme; homework; site mural designs.

Curriculum Spotlight

Safeguarding and Welfare

The SWAP team (Safeguarding, Welfare and Alternative Provision) can be found in the safeguarding office and we deal with day to day statutory safeguarding processes as well as co-ordinating the school's welfare approach.

Our goal is to create a culture of kindness and acceptance within the school and to ensure that all students have someone they can talk to when things are hard.

We hold daily wellbeing drop-ins between 8.00-8.20am where we can offer students information on help with their emotional health. We signpost students to external resources, such as Kooth, Centre 33 or The Kite Trust, although many students like to just drop in for a chat.

We have good relationships with local agencies, such as Romsey Mill and the Early Help team and are able to refer our students for further external support where needed. This year, we have also been able to offer in school mentoring and counselling from Think for the Future and The Acorn Project.

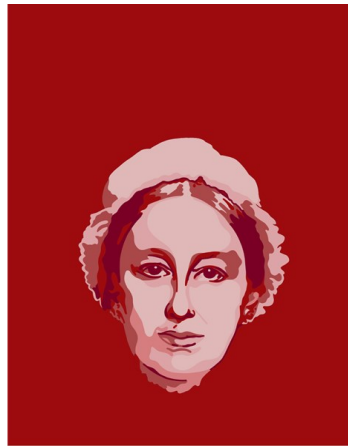
Our work with parents is a very important part of the work we do and we welcome communications from them. Parents can follow us on Twitter at @CCCInclusion or email us at welfare@coleridgecc.org.uk.



House Points Update



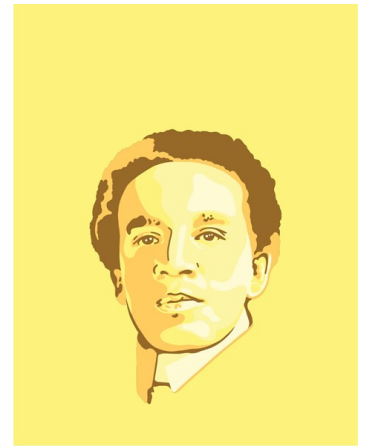
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Recognitions

Top House Points of the Week:

Year 7: Dori Beck - 13 points

Year 8: Adam Wallman - 16 Points

Year 9: Sarah Rosenfield - 20 Points

Year 10: Fatima Ortega - 14 Points

Year 11: Zayne David - 7 Points

House Competition



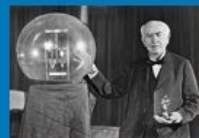
HOUSE CHALLENGE

7th March 2022

1- Marie Curie



2- Thomas Edison



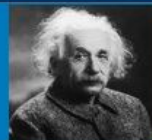
3- Isaac Newton



4- Watson and Crick



5- Albert Einstein



6- Alexander Fleming



Name the scientists. Enter here