



# Principal's Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you have all had a restful and happy Easter break with friends and family and that the change in the weather has put smiles on faces all round. May I say 'Ramadan Mubarak' to those of our community celebrating this special occasion and 'Chag Pesach Sameach' to members of the school celebrating Passover. I would like to thank all of you for meeting with me at the Town Hall event last term and it is a pleasure to be able to communicate with you here with in the weekly newsletter. I will endeavour to use this forum to outline key developments and celebrate the many successes along the way.

Week one has been a real pleasure. I spoke with every student on the first day about my plans for the coming year and I was overwhelmed by the polite, kind and positive response I received. Their openness and warmth demonstrate the values that we all strive to instill in our youngsters. The success of a school, or of anywhere for that matter relies on the positive relationships between people.

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## Principal's Message Continued

As a Spanish teacher, I feel a real sense of pride and happiness seeing students engage with their learning and to recognise that learning takes courage, a sense of wonder and significant resilience. However, we do not learn alone, we all need assistance along the way. The level of commitment I see here tells me a great deal about the ethos of the school I have joined. A culture of support and inspiration is what we all aspire to for our children, and I am delighted to say that Coleridge is a vibrant and enthusiastic school where this truly is the case. I spoke in the assemblies about a number of people that have changed my life in some way from an early age and who went out of their way to ensure I was supported and motivated to give of my best. My first impressions of the school are that we are blessed with outstanding members of staff who go above and beyond every day to do exactly that. Special mention of late goes to Mr Dixon, Mr Palmer, Miss Lalley and Mrs Worth for organising the England football trip, Miss Lewis for the 24-hour Musicathon and Mr Pearce and Mrs Bright working with your children to develop the Eco Garden area and the staff who came in during the holidays to deliver revision sessions to the Year 11 students.

Whilst talking about the great staff at Coleridge, I would like to congratulate Mrs Amner who has been promoted to Vice Principal and to Mrs Sutton who will work alongside me as PA this year. As you would imagine they have both been a great help already. I would also like to welcome Ms Vollenhoven to the Coleridge Community as our new SENCO and Mr Sayce as Lead Practitioner in Maths.

When asked recently what I want for the students of Coleridge, I considered what I want for my own daughter who is in Yr 8 currently. When I ask her about her day, I want to hear about all the ways she has engaged in enjoying school life. I want her to feel challenged so that she feels she has achieved something positive each day. I want her to feel that she making progress, however incremental that improvement might be. I want her to actively participate in what the school has to offer and ultimately, to enjoy her school days, with her friends and with the teaching staff in a safe, calm and positive learning environment. To that end, my time here will be focused on making positive changes that will make a difference to the day-to-day experience of your children.

High levels of enjoyment and engagement are essential factors. In terms of expectations, I'm very sure mine are the same as yours. We want to ensure the students at Coleridge have the opportunity to work hard and to achieve in a supportive environment. I will also support staff to deliver stimulating and academically challenging lessons with rigour and high standards to ensure students make the progress they are capable of and that they make every day count, being the best they can be.

Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to speaking with you again next week.

With best wishes

Richard Shaw

Interim Principal



## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 10th May Year 10 Parent's Evening
- ◆ 11th May Year 7 Career Event
- ◆ 17th May - Year 8 Career Event
- ◆ 24th May - Year 10 Mock Interviews
- ◆ 7th June— Year 8 Parents Evening

## Key Messages

### Year 10 Parent's Evening:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 4 - 8pm. Year 10 parents will be able to book 5 minute online video appointment with each of their child's subject teachers. The booking system will open on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of April and will close on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of May - a link will be sent when the system opens to be able to book your appointments.

### School Drop off and Collecting Reminder

Please make sure you do not park on the double yellow lines outside the front of the school.

The Zebra crossing should remain clear at all times.

### Online Safety

There is a big rise in students using the service Omegle and we want to raise awareness of this with all of our parents and carers to ensure we have knowledge of this platform and are able to safeguard children as effectively as we can.

'What is Omegle?

Omegle is an online chat platform that connects a user with random strangers from all around the world. After login, the app pairs the user with a "Stranger" based on shared subjects of interest. They can chat together privately through text, video, or using a built-in microphone. A user has two options to video chat: monitored chats and unmonitored. In monitored conversations, a moderator filters out explicit content to reduce the risk of exposure to vulgarity. If a user chooses to enter an unmonitored chat, they will come across whatever kind of content the stranger posts.'

Please find further information about this platform - <https://www.bitdefender.com/blog/hotforsecurity/parents-need-know-omegle>

We are pleased to update parents and carers with the good news that ['Cyberflashing' to become a criminal offence](#)

'Cyberflashing' will become a new criminal offence in England and Wales, with perpetrators facing up to two years behind bars under new laws to be introduced by the Government.

The practice typically involves offenders sending an unsolicited sexual image to people via social media or dating apps, but can also be over data sharing services such as Bluetooth and Airdrop. In some instances, a preview of the photo can appear on a person's device – meaning that even if the transfer is rejected victims are forced into seeing the image.

# Key Messages

## First House Point Badges of the Term

Excitingly we have our first House Point badge winners already for the Summer Term. A huge congratulations.

300 House Points - Bronze

London, Billy	7CA
McBrien, Cerys	7CD

200 House Points - House Badge

Shah, Noah	9CD
Barham, Marley	8CD
Start, Sophie	9CC

## Join the My School Fund initiative to help boost our budget

We're pleased to announce that Coleridge is part the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows us to boost our school's budget with your help.



### How does it work?

Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By adding a credit/debit card and linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

### How to get involved

Visit [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org) to register for free, link to Coleridge and add your credit/debit card. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own! Sign up today at [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org)

### Adding a credit/debit card

Once you have registered you will be asked to link a card to your My School Fund account. This information is protected using bank level encryption. The site does not ask you to provide any card information that will allow anyone to make a payment on your card - i.e. it does not ask for the card security code (CVC or CVV). More information about data protection and security is available in the FAQs section of the My School Fund website when you are logged in to your account.

# House Points Update



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## Recognitions

### Top House Points of the Week:

Year 7: Billy London - 38 points

Year 8: Rostyslav Yanikin - 36 points

Year 9: Sarah Rosenfield - 27 Points

Year 10: Cherish - Crystal Weedon Hardman - 17 Points

Year 11: Leah Mason - Chambers - 12 Points



### Cluster Girls Football Event

On Wednesday 20 April, over 25 Coleridge girls (Year 7-10) took part in a cluster inter-campus football event hosted at Coleridge, with teams attending from Parkside, Trumpington and NCA. The Year 9/10 girls went on to win their individual event.

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