

Newsletter for Students and Parents

Friday 14th December 2018

Riddlesdown Collegiate



Learners of today, Leaders of tomorrow.

The Principal writes

I had the very difficult job of judging this year's Year 7 Mathematical Advent Calendar Competition this week. The twelve finalists' entries were fantastic, demonstrating real creativity and mathematical imagination. I would like to thank and congratulate all twelve finalists, whose designs are now on display in my office. Well done to...

Hayley Searle 7NMC - Aquila Winner
Samuel Lines 7SAG
Emma-Louise Horn 7SRC &
Amelia Willmott 7SRC

Zeya Patel 7FZU - Pegasus Winner
Rohan Patel 7LSC
Alicja Chodubaska 7LSC

Ameli Holland 7SCC - Orion Winner
Serhan Savash 7JRH
Ben Wallace 7SCC

Mae Wilson 7DAB - Phoenix Winner
Poppy Brown 7EAP
Sebastian Robertson 7EAP

As we approach the end of term, we are looking forward to a traditional Christmas lunch next Wednesday in The Diner. Year 7 & 8 students will have an extended lunch on that day to ensure that everyone who would like to buy Christmas lunch is able to enjoy it. Please ensure that accounts are topped up in advance to speed up the service.

We are also looking forward to the College Carol Services on Monday and Tuesday and a very special Christmas Concert next Thursday evening, where many students will be performing for their peers, families and friends.

Year 11 students received their PPE Results this morning and these have now also been made available to parents via the Parent Portal. As usual, we saw a mix of emotions with many students delighted by their success, whilst others were concerned that they may not have achieved as well as they would have liked. My message to students was simple: the grades in their envelopes today are less important than the learning that students will now have the opportunity to focus on as a result of what their PPE performances have told them. And, all students, irrespective of how they feel about today's results, should be planning on how to improve over the coming weeks and achieve results in the summer which are even better. Their PPE results are encouraging and give us confidence that we can expect another superb set of results next summer.

To confirm, the last day of term (21st) will be a non-uniform day. Students should bring £1 for charity. Students will be dismissed at 12.15pm for the Christmas break. The Collegiate will then re-open for the new term on Monday 7th January 2019. Students should return at the later time of 10.30am on the first day and report directly to their Tutor Rooms before lessons begin with Period 3 (Week A).

Timetable:
Week commencing
Monday 17th December
will be
Timetable Week B

Forthcoming Events
Wednesday 19th December
• Christmas Lunch
Friday 21st December
• Non-uniform day
• Years 7,8,9,10, 12 & 13 Reports home
• Last Day of Term

Sports Fixtures
17th - 21st December
Tuesday 18th
• Football: Year 10 A v Oasis Shirley Park @ home 1.30pm start
• Basketball: Year 7 Boys v Tenison's @ home 4.00pm start
Wednesday 19th
• Football: Year 10A v Harris Purley away 3.30pm start
• Basketball: Year 11 v Harris Invictus @ home 3.30pm start

Current Vacancy
We are looking to appoint a *Student Supervision Assistant* for January 2019, to work term time only.
Full details can be found on our [website](#)



Senior Maths Challenge

Students at Riddlesdown Collegiate achieved **10 bronze, 4 silver and 1 gold awards** in this year's UKMT Senior Maths Challenge. Over 80,000 students from across the UK returned scripts for the Senior Maths Challenge with the top 10% receiving a gold certificate, the next 20% silver and the next 30% bronze.

Approximately 7,000 of the top students are invited to sit one of the follow-on competitions, the B1MO1 or the Senior Kangaroo.

A huge congratulations to all of those that took part and achieved awards – it is great practice for the new A-Level Mathematics course. A special mention to Wojciech Sowinski who achieved a gold award and an invitation to the Senior Kangaroo which he has now sat and is awaiting the results of.

SAMPLE QUESTION FROM THIS YEAR'S SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE:

The positive integer 2018 is the product of two primes.

What is the sum of these two primes?

A 1001 **B** 1010 **C** 1011 **D** 1100 **E** 1101

Mr King

A-level Art student sponsored by The Arts Society to attend The Art Academy Summer Course

Course name: Painting for all

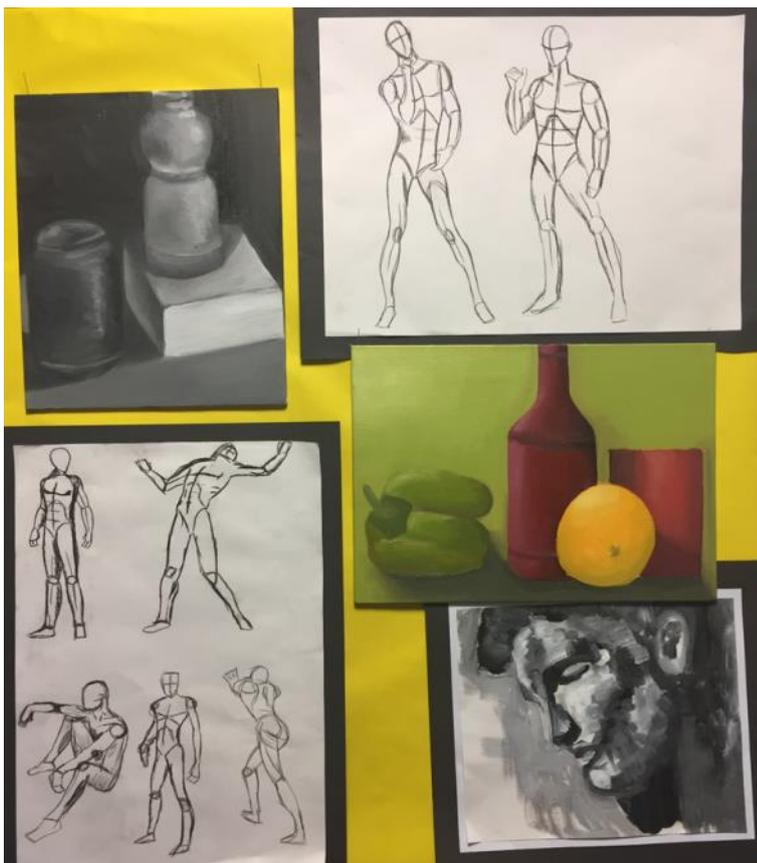
Tutor: Eigil Nordstrøm

Duration: 5 days

Location: The Art Academy, 165A Mermaid Court, SE1 1HR

The course I did at the art academy was insightful, engaging, inspiring. It was a great opportunity for me to explore my creative abilities, while expanding my knowledge on how to use oil paint. The week started with basic charcoal drawings of a nude model to gain an understanding of body and face proportions. Eigil was a great teacher and gave informative demonstrations on how to draw bodies accurately and quickly. Next, we were introduced to oil paint and observed a demonstration on how to properly mix colours. To start, we painted a monochromatic piece of bottles and rectangular objects to learn about depth, lighting and perspective. Then, we painted an observational study of objects such as cans, glasses, tins and fruit. The group of people doing the course were all very nice and gave useful constructive criticism. It was also great to see other people's style and get advice from experienced artists. Lastly, I did a monochromatic portrait of the model but used a loose style to experiment with texture.

Overall, I had an amazing experience at The Art Academy and I have continued to use my knowledge that I learnt throughout my A-Level portfolio. After I finish school, I would love to go to university to study archaeology and anthropology after taking a gap year to work. During my gap year, I want to continue painting with a focus on portraiture.



Isabel Burton, 13EAJ

PE Fixtures

There was a big finish to last week's fixtures with the Year 9 football team making it through to the last 64 of The National Cup with a 3-1 win over Trinity. Trinity took the lead early but skipper George Vincent soon equalised leaving the scores 1-1 at half time. Charlie Mark scored two in the second half to seal a comfortable win for the boys with Ashley Armitage winning Man Of The Match.

On Saturday morning Mr Edwards and Mr Daniels were up early to coach the Year 7 and 9 rugby teams in our first ever rugby fixtures against Glyn School. It was great to see so many parents on the side lines cheering the boys on in two competitive fixtures. Glyn came out victorious in both games, but all four teams played fantastic on the day with the Year 9s losing out by one point!

The final rugby fixture of the season took place on Tuesday with the Year 7/8 team in action against Wilsons. This was the boys' finest performance of the season, winning by 4 tries to 0. The boys played some fantastic rugby throughout the game and looked like winners from the start. These boys should be really proud of their achievements this term as they have come so far. Their commitment to training and fixtures has been exceptional and this has been reflected in their performances on the pitch. We look forward to more success in the new year.



The netball girls were up early every morning this week and showed their Christmas spirit by training in their Christmas jumpers and onesies.

The girls showed great enthusiasm every morning as they trained hard for the final sessions of the year. On Tuesday the Year 7 & 8 A teams were in action, with one win for each school. Both teams played really well and deserved to come out with wins but a few missed chances denied us two wins.

The final netball session of the Year took place on Thursday evening with the Year 10/11 girls being moderated for their GCSE practical grades. The girls worked really hard to show off their talents and pick up some fantastic grades. A huge well done to all the netball squads in this busy first term. The girls' commitment to morning, lunchtime and after school sessions is fantastic and we look forward to hearing more about their development and progress next term.



The football fixtures are nearly finished for 2018 and it has been an up and down close to the year. On Monday, the Year 10 A team came back from 3-0 down to beat Grey Court School on penalties in The Surrey Cup. The boys started very slowly but bounced back to an exciting climax to reach the last 16. They now face Oasis Shirley Park next Tuesday at Riddlesdown. Unfortunately, the Year 11 girls squad was not as successful as they took on Glenthorne in The Surrey Cup. The girls has several chances to score but missed chances cost them the game as they lost 8-4 in an end to end game.

The final two football fixtures came in The National Cup. College VI took on Gordon's School in the last 64 but unfortunately lost 4-2. The boys started well taking the lead twice, but Gordons equalised both times to leave the scores level at half time. Gordons got the better of the second half and came out victorious. The whole team were impressive on the day and on another day could have won. Hopefully The Surrey Cup will bring more success this year. The Year 9 A team took on The Beacon School in the Surrey Cup and although they dominated the first half, only just won the game 3-2. Goals came from Charlie Mark (2) and George Vincent, with Hugo Fisher making two outstanding saves in goal.

The final fixture report was for the Year 11 Basketball team who took on St Mary's on Tuesday. A very slow start had Riddlesdown on the back foot and were 14-0 down within 5 minutes. Yashvir Singh helped steady things up in the game and Riddlesdown started to score some points. Romeo Green and Rio Golding helped get Riddlesdown back in the game, but unfortunately St Mary's were too strong throughout and came through to win 33-14.



Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 19th December 2018

Roast Turkey

Quorn & Vegetable Wellington

Roast Potatoes, Pigs In Blankets

Sage & Onion Stuffing, Parsnips

Brussel Sprouts, Carrots, Peas & Gravy

*Chocolate Fudge Cake & Cream
or Fruit Cake Slice & Vanilla Sauce*

Fresh Fruit Available

£3.00

Christmas Cracker Included With Your Meal

