

Riddlesdown Collegiate



Timetable:
Week commencing
Monday 4th March
will be Timetable Week B

Learners of today, Leaders of tomorrow.

The Principal writes

I hope everyone had a great half term break and has enjoyed the first week back. I was pleased to speak to students in assemblies this week: the theme was consequences. My key message was that we can choose our actions, but we cannot necessarily choose the consequences of those actions and so it is important to choose our actions wisely so that we can be grateful for the consequences that follow. Sometimes, students think only of the immediate consequences of a certain action - I encouraged them to try to think further ahead to help them to judge whether a particular choice would be positive or not. I hope that students will reflect on this message and it will help them to make even better choices - for themselves, their peers and the Collegiate - in the future.

Thank you to parents of Year 9 students who attended the Parents' Evening this week. This was a very busy event and I was pleased to see such engagement and focus in discussions with teachers. I hope that these discussions will have helped students to consider their Key Stage 4 options and we are looking forward to welcoming Year 9 students and their parents again next Thursday, 7th March 2019 to the Options Evening. Invitations have already been sent but to recap, Pegasus and Phoenix students and their parents should arrive at 5.15pm and go directly to the Main Hall. Aquila and Orion students and their parents should arrive at 6.00pm and go directly to the Main Hall. Please note that all students should attend in full school uniform.

Year 8 students began the First Give initiative this week. This project will see students working in groups to identify and support a chosen charity. They will work towards presenting to their peers and to a panel the reasons to support their chosen charity and, through the Jack Petchey Foundation, the winning entry will see their charity receive a generous donation. I look forward to hearing of their progress.

Year 11 students will be taking a second set of Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) next week ([see timetable here](#)). Hopefully, students will use these as an opportunity to demonstrate their progress since PPEs before Christmas and they will help to prepare and build confidence at this crucial time. Good luck to all.

Meanwhile, Year 13 Politics and History students participated in #LordsLive, a live skype question and answer session with Lord McFall, Senior Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords. This was a great opportunity to engage with a senior figure in politics and one which students found both valuable and challenging.

I regularly make the same request to parents: **to avoid driving up to the Collegiate gates to drop/pick up their sons and daughters, if at all possible.** The vast majority of our students are very capable of walking if dropped off a little further away, either at the bottom of the hill or at least before the Derwent Drive junction (after which Honister Heights becomes a dead end and cars are forced to turn in the road). The congestion often seen, especially in the mornings, causes significant inconvenience to our neighbours and to those trying to access the site. This week, the issue was highlighted when a medical emergency at the Collegiate required an ambulance to be called first thing in the morning. **The ambulance struggled to access the site** due to the number of vehicles trying to drive towards and away from the Collegiate simultaneously on Honister Heights and was delayed in reaching the individual who required assistance. This occurred as a result of some drivers unnecessarily insisting on driving right up to the Collegiate gates. I know that some local residents are becoming increasingly concerned about this issue and may be exploring steps which would prevent or reduce vehicle access on Honister Heights at certain times. Whilst this may cause a different set of difficulties, I can understand the motivation and so would ask again: Please, please, please act with consideration and only drive up to the gates if it is essential.

Finally, today is National Offer Day when children in Year 6 will find out which secondary school they have been allocated for September 2019. Congratulations to those students who have been successful in gaining a place at the Collegiate - you will now need to confirm whether you wish to accept it. Regrettably, as we have received a record number of applications this year, there will inevitably be a greater number of students who applied for a place but have not been successful in being allocated one in the first round - even if they live close to the Collegiate. Of course, this can change as further offers are made once initial confirmations/declines are received. The appeals process is also available for parents who may wish to consider this. Whatever the outcome, I hope that every child will be happy with their allocated place and wish all applicants the best of luck with their transition to secondary school.

AQUILA

ORION

PEGASUS

PHOENIX

CPA

COLLEGE VI



Key Stage 4 Curriculum & Options Evening

I look forward to seeing all parents / carers and students at the Key Stage 4 Curriculum & Options Evening on Thursday 7th March. Please bring your copy of the Key Stage 4 Curriculum & Options Booklet with you to the evening and please note that all students should attend in full school uniform. If you have not yet confirmed your attendance then please do so by completing this [response form](#) or by contacting your child's Tutor.

Mr Osborne

Forthcoming Events

5th & 6th March

- Y10 Docklands Trip

6th March

- Y13 Politics Conference

7th March

- Y9 Options Evening
- Y9 /10 Move It Dance Trip
- Y12 Maths Enrichment
- Y13 Sociology - Old Bailey

11th March

- Y10 Dance Workshop

12th March

- Classics Trip - Parents Information Evening

13th March

- Y9 Immunisations
- Y8/9 UKMT Maths Challenge

14th March

- Y9 Immunisations
- Y13 PE Student Conference

17th March

- Y9/10 Duke of Edinburgh Training Morning

19th March

- Young Musician of the Year Final



Finalists

Alana Tocher	Jerry Needham
Tom Hinton	Martin Soosaipillai
Joel Carpenter	Maddie Lenaghan
Daniel Davies	Jacob Holland
Grace Eustace	Louisa Cooper
Laila Hulatt	Katie Hinton

#LordsLive

On Thursday 28th February, Year 13 Politics and History students were given a rare opportunity to engage directly with Parliament through a Skype link with Lord McFall, the Senior Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords. Students were able to pose questions on a diverse range of topics including reform, the role and composition of the House of Lords, electoral systems and the role of the Deputy Speaker. With a political background as an MP for Dumbarton, a whip, a junior minister, Chair of the Treasury Select Committee and a Life Peer, Lord McFall was able to provide in-depth and current answers to all questions asked. Student, Sivan Mohammad, described the event as 'very informative and interesting' as well as supporting the specifications for both Politics and History GCE.



Ms Gillam

Assistant Caretaker Vacancy

We are looking to appoint an Assistant Caretaker to work 18 hours per week (weekends) - full details can be found on our website - [Vacancies page](#).

Safe Internet Use

Following a number of news reports this week regarding the viral 'Momo Challenge', Riddlesdown Collegiate would like to further remind parents and carers about the measures that can be taken to support your child with safe internet use:

- Spend time with your child talking about the importance of using the internet safely, some applications and websites have age restrictions/ requirements in place.
- Remind your child about the importance of not engaging in communication with unknown individuals online or through Social Media applications.
- Report all concerning behaviour through the appropriate channels, this can be done through the CEOP website (<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>)
- Remind your child about the importance of keeping personal information confidential when online and not to share images that can be considered to be inappropriate.
- Delete requests to add unknown individuals to your Social Media account or requests from sources that appear to be fake or misleading.

Mr Holway

Sanderstead Library

Poetry Competition



The theme for our poetry competition is **Fantastic Beast and Animals**. Enter the following age categories 6-8, 9-11, 12-16 and adults.

Please pick up an entry form from the Library.

All entries must be handed in to the library by **Saturday 13th April**.

The winning entry from each age category will receive a voucher donated by **Sanderstead Residents Association**.

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South Croydon, CR2 0HL
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E: sandersteadlibrary@croydon.gov.uk



Invitation to Year 7



The Computing Department is currently recruiting 12 Year 7 students to take part in our multi-school, Galactic Challenge. This first-time challenge will take place on Saturday 23rd March 9.00am—3.30pm.

Additional information can be obtained on the Galactic Challenge website, <https://gchallenge.org>. This is an incredible opportunity for any pupil, and could inspire your students to become the engineers, scientists, architects, and leaders of the future!

To join please sign up with Ms Singh in A01 or Miss Certenais in X12. Alternatively you can email Ms Singh at Isabelle.singh@riddlesdown.org. This needs to be done by the 8th March.

Riddlesdown Digital Leaders

TEENTECH

Computing are currently recruiting Year 7-8 students to embark on the fantastic journey of Digital Leaders.

The group will meet at lunchtimes on Fridays in order to work on a Project for Teen Tech.

- You will create a project in response to a brief.
- The project will look at fashion, technology, design, engineering
- You will need to be keen to take part in competitions in London, Teen Tech, Robotics Challenge
- Be the avant-garde which tries out robots, VR goggles, and new project we will launch later in the year
- Places are limited to 12 students from All Colleges

Sign up with Ms Certenais in X12



Sports Fixtures Round Up

The end of winter sports season is fast approaching but there are lots of fixtures to be played. Last half term was finished in style, as the Year 9 A team progressed to the County Cup semi final. Riddlesdown took on Cheam High in a physical encounter. With several ups and downs, Riddlesdown went behind early on but battled back to comfortably win 6-2. Man of the Match was Ewan Worboys. Riddlesdown now face Hampton School in the semi-finals.

This week the sun was shining as the Year 7 team took on Quest in the District Cup quarter final. Quest were strong in all areas, with lots of pace and hit Riddlesdown early. The score was 2-1 to Quest at half time and Quest went on to win 6-1 after an excellent second half performance. This was not the Year 7's best performance and they have lots to work on. Today, they take on Hampton in the County Cup quarter finals. Good luck boys.

There were two more fixtures this week with the Year 8 A team and the Year 9 B team both taking on Woodcote on Thursday. The Year 9 B team were away and took on Woodcote's A team. There were lots of new faces in the Riddlesdown team and the boys started positively with Isaiah Nimalanada breaking through the defence and setting up Sami Ahmet who finished well from the edge of the box. Woodcote bounced back immediately and then went on to score 3 more as they led 4-1 at half time. Riddlesdown showed great resilience in the second half as they tried to get back in the game. Unfortunately we conceded a late goal and the final score was 5-1. Man of The Match went to Isaiah Nimalanada.

The Year 8 A team kept up their title challenge as they beat Woodcote 2-1 in a tight encounter. Jovelle Balogun scored early for Riddlesdown but Woodcote were determined not to give up and got themselves back in the game. Top scorer Charlie Boshier came to the rescue to seal a 2-1 victory and keep their undefeated league run going. Man of The Match went to Sava Kioufi.

The next few weeks will be really busy with rugby, netball and football fixtures & tournaments, so please check the fixture list so you don't miss out. Great to see the netball girls out early this week prepping for their competitions. Team sheets will be up in PE. All sports clubs are up and running and all students are welcome to come and join. Martial Arts will continue on Mondays and Fridays.

Over the past 3 weeks, 30 GCSE PE students have taken part in a cycling assessment to improve their practical grades. They were assessed on technique, speed, stamina and in competitive races. All students did fantastically well and the grades were excellent. Well done to all who took part.

Mr Langan



Collegiate Fixtures 4th - 8th March

Monday 4th

Football: Year 8 A v Harris CP @ home 4pm KO
Netball: Under 13 A & B Festival @ Croydon High
3.30pm start

Tuesday 5th

Football: Year 10/11 Girls v St Mary's @ home
3.45pm KO
Rugby: Year 9 Surrey 7's @ John Fisher All day
Panathlon All day @ Crystal Palace Sports Arena

Wednesday 6th

Football: Year 9 A v Harris CP @ home 4.15pm KO
Football: Year 10 A v Harris CP @ home 4.15pm KO

Thursday 7th

Football: Year 9 A v Harris Purley @ home 4pm KO
Croydon Cup
Football: Year 7 B v Harris CP away 4pm KO
Lacrosse Primary School Festival, Astro 1pm

BINGO

Friends of Riddlesdown (FORC) are holding a Bingo and Bubbles evening on Friday 29th March and are looking for some donations for raffle prizes as part of their fundraising efforts.

If you have anything that you could donate, please email Miss Ward - theresa.ward@riddlesdown.org

Thank you!



Friday 29th March 7pm



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BUBBLES EVENING

**Bring your own food - Licensed bar is provided
Tickets £10, including 6 games, your Bingo pen
& a free glass of Prosecco.**

**Lots of fun prizes to be won and extra
fun to be had - Raffle and Heads or Tails!**

Over 18 only

Tickets are available to purchase Parent Pay from Tuesday 5th March