

Riddlesdown Collegiate



Learners of today, Leaders of tomorrow.

The Principal writes

Thank you to parents of Year 12 students who attended the Parents' Evening yesterday. I hope that discussions were useful. Following their great exam results this summer, Year 12 appear to have made a great start to their studies in College VI and I am looking forward to seeing how they build on their successes over the next two years.

Meanwhile, Year 11 students can relax this weekend, having come to the end of the Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs). It is clear that so many students put so much effort into doing their very best. Many found the experience tough, but all will have learnt from it and I hope that when students receive their results on 14th December 2018 that they will feel that their hard work has been justified. Before then, Year 11 students will be invited to guidance interviews following their applications to College VI. Senior staff are looking forward to meeting with students from Phoenix College and Pegasus College next Tuesday and from Orion College and Aquila College the following Tuesday.

Year 10 students have also had a taste of a PPE this week as they sat their RE exam, in preparation for their GCSE next summer. This was the first time that Year 10 students have taken an exam in a formal setting, under strict public exam conditions, and they managed themselves and the process very well. They will also receive their results before the end of term.

As we head towards winter, I would want to remind students of the need to be prepared for colder weather. Students in Years 7-10 may wish to wear a plain black v-neck jumper (students in Year 11 already wear their College coloured jumper or cardigan) and a plain outdoor coat (to be worn over their blazer, not instead of it). Students are also reminded that non-uniform items, such as hoodies or caps, should not be worn or brought to the Collegiate at all and will be confiscated if seen.

**Timetable:
Week commencing
Monday 3rd December
will be
Timetable Week B**

- ### **Forthcoming Events**
- Monday 3rd December**
- KS5 Art Study Day
- Tuesday 4th December**
- Y12 Psychology Conference
- Wednesday 5th December**
- Duke of Edinburgh - Parents' information Evening
- Friday 14th December**
- Y11 PPEs Home

Costumes - Wizard of Oz

If you would like to help make costumes for the Wizard of Oz, please come to Textiles Club in C10, Thursdays after PDT.

Miss Pochin

AQUILA

ORION

PEGASUS

PHOENIX

CPA

COLLEGE VI





40 Riddlesdown Students from year 7 – 13 made successful applications to Croydon Council's takeover Challenge, and for one day, got to step into the shoes of some of the top people in Croydon Council. Students got to have their say in matters important to them, and had the chance to make a positive change in Croydon. The areas taken over ranged from creative and marketing, policing and law, public health, town planning, black and minority ethnic forum, community organisations, safeguarding, education, revenue and customs as well as councillors and even the Chief Executive Officer of

Croydon Council. London Live covered the event and a short clip featuring some of our students can be watched here. <https://www.londonlive.co.uk/news/2018-11-23/croydon-youth-takeover>

Miss Knox

Zara Bennett, 9CJB

The Croydon Takeover Challenge was a great experience and an excellent opportunity to expand our knowledge of possible future careers. We got to meet the people who run the borough of Croydon and spent the day in their position. I was in the area of Public Health and studied the importance of mental health and being sugar smart. We presented our ideas to the Director of Public Health and gave our views. You could pick other areas such as adult/child social care, policing and law and helping the community. I would definitely do the Takeover Challenge next year and would recommend it to other peers too.

Kumiwa Aberdeen, 8YRW

I was involved in an organisation called Reaching Higher, who help youth get involved in things they enjoy instead of being out on the streets. We mind mapped many issues that young people tackle on a daily basis, for example, issues such as social media, bullying, make up and crime. I think it was an amazing opportunity and would 100% recommend it to anyone as it taught me another skill – adapting to other people's experiences and learning how to help.

Aaliya Patel, 9CLK

As soon as I arrived at the hall to begin the Takeover Challenge, many people were welcoming me and answering questions that I had about the upcoming events of the day. They registered me and showed me to my assigned group and group leaders that I would be with for the day. Not long after, my group leaders began to show us where they worked and how a day in their life goes. I not only learnt how to speak confidently when talking to a stranger, but I made lots of new friends as well. Part of my day consisted of asking people in the hospital how they felt about the service and experience in the hospital. At first I didn't want to try as I was nervous about talking to someone that I didn't know, however after a demonstration from one of the group leaders, I gave it a go and began to enjoy it. Overall the Takeover Challenge was an amazing experience where I learnt new skills and made new friends.



Year 7 Hindu Workshop

On Wednesday 21st November, Year 7 students were given a fascinating insight into Hinduism, through a visit from Nabhi, a priest from one of the local Hindu temples. In support of their recent curriculum study, students discussed ideas relating to beliefs about Diwali. For students, a particular highlight of the event was engaging with story of The Ramayana, through role play, in order to more fully understand its moral message. In class, students will now reflect on how the Ramayana links to their themes; Rama's attitude to the use of power i.e. responsibility and personal accountability, and Rama's role as a 'teacher' and how this links to leadership and personal responsibility.



Ms Gillam, Curriculum Leader RE

Croydon SACRE Award for Schools

This year Croydon SACRE is running a competition for school age pupils. We would like pupils to write an essay on the subject of '**Torn from Home**', which is the official Holocaust Theme for 2019. The essay should be minimum 2 and maximum 4 sides of typed A4 for Secondary pupils and minimum 1 maximum 2 sides of A4 for Primary pupils.

The essays will be judged by the SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education) committee and credit will be given for quality of thought, perception, expression and inspiration and the winning pupils' schools will receive some Jewish Artefacts as a prize. Certificates will be given to all entrants.

The two winning essays will be read out at the Holocaust Memorial Day Event at the Town Hall on 28th January 2019 and all entries will be on display at the event.

Entries should be scanned and sent to penny.smith-orr@croydon.gov.uk by 8th January 2019.

Ski 2020 Austria

We have the last remaining places available for the 2020 Ski Course.

We are accepting students in Year 7, 8 and 9.

Please see the letter and consent form on our website. It is a fantastic opportunity for students and one not to be missed.

Mrs Langan



Year 7 Silver Smarties Fundraising Challenge

Year 7 are being set a fabulous fundraising challenge by FORC! On Friday 23rd November every Year 7 student was given a free tube of Smarties!! The easy bit (and treat) is to eat the contents of the tube but then their super challenge is to refill the tube with 20p pieces donated from family and friends. Every 20p will go directly to buy new sports equipment for the students. They have two weeks to complete the task with the tutor group raising the most, winning a pizza party! The 'Silver Smarties' should be returned to Student Services with your tutor group clearly marked on the tube any time up until Friday 7th December. Go Year 7 Go!!!

Miss Ward



Labores Ludorum

Inter-College Finals

This year there will be semi finals and finals in all events with the top tutor group in each College competing. The final will take place next week during lunchtimes. Finalists should leave lessons at 12.15 in order to get changed. Boys will be on the astro and girls will be on the courts.

Monday Year 8

Football	GBT v ISC	ACW v OLO
Netball	YRW v KET	YCH v ISC

Tuesday Year 9

Football	ICS v HMB	CLK v RME
Netball	RMA v HMB	CJB v RME

Wednesday Year 7

Football	SAG v LSC	EAP v JRH
Netball	SRC v DAB	LSC v YZG

Thursday Year 10

Football	GAD v ARM	WLR v CMT
Netball	CMT v CCW	IBD v JEB

Friday Year 11

Football	EIC v VMA	HJH v JMP
Netball	JMP v MMG	ALD v EIC

Good luck to all involved.

Riddlesdown Collegiate Sports Fixtures 3rd - 7th December

Monday 3rd

- Handball: Year 10/11 Girls v Oasis Coulsdon @ home 3.30pm start

Tuesday 4th

- Handball: Year 8 Girls Tournament @ Harris CP 4pm start
- Basketball: Year 7 Boys v Shirley away 4pm start
- Football: Year 8A v Tonbridge Grammar @ home 2pm start

Wednesday 5th

- Netball: Year 7 A & B v Woldingham away 3.30pm start
- Basketball: Year 11 Boys v Tennison's @ home 3.30pm start
- Football: Year 7B v Quest away 3.30pm start

Thursday 6th

- Netball: Year 8 A & B v Wallington @ home 4pm start
- Football: Year 7 A v Whitgift away 2.30pm start
- Swimming: Year 7 swimming trials @ Whitgift school 1pm

Friday 7th

- Football: Year 9 football v Trinity away 4pm start

Wizard of Oz Art Competition

- ▶ Most of the settings for the Wizard of Oz will be big projections on the screen at the back of the stage
- ▶ We would like students to design these backdrops
- ▶ Your entry should be A3 size and must be handed in to Student Services **BEFORE** the end of term on 21st December
- ▶ The best entries from each category will be displayed in the foyer and the winners will be used for each scene in the show

PE fixtures Round Up

Last week finished on a negative for Riddlesdown, as the Year 11 football team went out of the National Cup. The boys travelled to Guildford to take on Christ's College. The game was a close one with the final score being 1-1. The game went to extra time and in the last minute Christ's College scored to steal the win. This was the start of a bad week in the National Cup, with the Year 8 B team losing to Hampton 1-0 on Monday, Year 7 A team losing on penalties on Tuesday and the Year 8 A team losing on penalties in the Elite Cup on Thursday. The lesson learned here is that we must finish the game in normal time or work on our stamina for extra time! All games were played in great spirit and we were unlucky to go out in all. We still have the Year 7 A team in the Elite Cup, the Year 8 A team in the National Cup, Year 9 A in The National Cup and College VI in the National Cup. Good luck to all involved.

The Year 7 A team took part in the Regional 5-a-side competition on Monday and played some excellent football. The boys won their group without conceding a goal and then beat Oasis Coulsdon in the semi-final. The final did not go to plan and the boys were beaten by a strong Harris Crystal Palace team in the final. The boys did bounce back later in the week, when they took on new Croydon School Coombe Wood in the District Cup. The boys got back to winning ways with a 3-1 win to reach the quarter finals.

On Monday the Year 8 girls had a tough netball fixture against Royal Russell. The game was very physical and the girls battled hard in tough conditions. Unfortunately the girls lost out but should be extremely proud of their conduct and positive attitudes throughout the game. I'm sure they will bounce back next time. Tuesday was an exciting day for the Collegiate with our wheelchair athletes travelling to The National Tennis Centre in Roehampton. Our students got to meet Wimbledon champion Alfie Hewett and play tennis against him. Alfie was an excellent guest and the students made memories that will last a lifetime. A huge thank you must go to Croydon Schools Sports Partnership for making this day possible and Mrs Johnson for taking the students.



Tuesday saw the start of two excellent rugby fixtures this week. First game was for the Year 10/11 boys who are part of the Harlequins Project XV. Riddlesdown had 8 boys involved in a fixture against Trinity School under floodlights. The rain was hammering down, but this didn't stop the boys putting on a show. Although the boys lost out by one try, they should be really proud of the progress they have made in one year as rugby players. Thursday it was the Year 10s first County Cup fixture against George Abbot School. Mr Edwards and Mr Daniels could not compliment the boys enough on what was an outstanding performance. The squad was made up of Year 9/10 boys and some of these boys had never played a competitive game before. The boys won 41-10 and are now through to the quarter finals. Well done to all involved.

The last of this weeks round up came in sports we don't usually compete against other schools in. Wednesday our KS3 and KS4 badminton squads travelled to South Croydon for the regional championships. The boys played some superb badminton throughout the day and showed real class in every game. The KS4 team finished 3rd overall and the KS3 team were crowned champions winning the gold medal. Later that day the Year 8 boys handball team travelled to Woodcote to compete in this years tournament. This was their first ever competitive matches and the boys worked so hard, but were up against boys with



lots of experience. The boys failed to win on the day but it was great to get vital experience under the belt for future years. The final competition of the week was the under 13 and under 15 girls indoor cricket competition. Riddlesdown took two squads of 6 to Lanfranc school for an exciting tournament and all the girls got to meet England international and World Cup winner Bryony Smith. The girls were mixed in experience and ability and some had never played cricket before but their performance on the day was exceptional with the under 13s coming 3rd and the under 15s being crowned champions! Well done girls!

A huge well done to all students who took part this week, the weather wasn't good but it was another action packed busy week at the Collegiate with some exceptional wins. If there are any school fixtures during the school day that parents want to spectate, please can you make sure that you sign in and out reception for safeguarding reasons.



Thank you to the PTA and FORC for their kind donation of new table tennis, badminton and handball equipment. This is really useful and provides our students with more opportunities to take part and compete at the appropriate level in sport.

MAKE YOUR MYTH!



A University of Cambridge Classics Competition Open to Year 7 and Year 8

Have a look at this statue of the goddess Diana.



- What is she doing?
- How is she standing?
- What else features around her or on her?

Using this image as inspiration... Let your imagination go wild and

MAKE YOUR MYTH!

The competition is open to all students in Year 7 and Year 8.

We are looking for creative entries that have been inspired by Diana in the form of:

1) **CREATIVE WRITING** (poetry, short story, letters, etc. of up to 500 words. Illustrations or decorative borders are welcome, but not compulsory.)

OR

2) **ART WORK** (paintings, drawings, etc)

- Please hand in your entries to Mrs Wakelin by 8:30 on **Monday 10th December**. Her office is on the Aquila corridor.
- Three winners will be selected and awarded with prizes. These entries will then be sent on to be judged in the national competition at the University of Cambridge.

Good luck! We can't wait to see what you will come up with!