

# Newsletter for Students and Parents

Friday 8th February 2019

# Riddlesdown Collegiate



**Learners of today, Leaders of tomorrow.**

## The Principal writes .....

Thank you to parents of Year 13 students who attended the Year 13 Parents' Evening this week. Although students are now into their final few months of their time at school, they benefit from the support of parents and the partnership between parents and the Collegiate just as much now as they ever have. Year 13 students collected their PPE (Pre-Public Exam) Results on the same day and whilst many were encouraged by their performance at this stage, others were disappointed and now need to make clear plans for how their study, revision and focus will improve so that they can enjoy better success this summer. Most students now have conditional offers from universities which we hope will encourage them to work towards top grades. At the same time, we have seen more students receive unconditional offers from universities. Whilst this is great news and a real reassurance for students, I would not want any students to achieve anything less than their very best and, therefore, irrespective of the next steps that students intend to take, I hope that everyone will try as hard as they can to achieve the best that they can, simply for the satisfaction in knowing that that is what they did. With a late Easter holiday this year, there will be very little time after the Easter break before public exams begin and so it is crucial that students quickly respond to the advice they will have been given this week following their PPEs and are determined to make the most of remaining lessons over the next half term.

In advance of the half termly meeting of Croydon Secondary Headteachers at the Collegiate this week, we were pleased to welcome Robert Henderson, Executive Director of Children, Families & Education in Croydon. Mr Henderson is new to post, having joined the council shortly before Christmas. Whilst he has a broad remit, he recognised the key role that schools play in looking after children and young people and he was both impressed by what he saw at the Collegiate and appreciative of the contribution that we make to the standard of education in the borough.

Well done to the 100+ students in Year 11 (and some in Year 10) who participated in the UK Mathematical Trust's Intermediate Maths Challenge this week. This tough test is designed to stretch the most able mathematicians and so I was pleased to see so many trying their best. Results will be back with us soon.

Finally, it is nearly showtime! After several weeks of rehearsals, we are now looking forward to four performances of our Collegiate production, *The Wizard of Oz*, next week. Students and staff have been working incredibly hard and will continue to do so in a full tech run through this weekend before the matinee on Monday and then three evening performances. The yellow brick road is ready and so we'll be off to see the Wizard! I am very much looking forward to it.

**Timetable:**  
Week commencing  
Monday 11th February  
will be Timetable Week B

## Forthcoming Events

**Tue 12th - Thu 14th Feb**

- *Wizard of Oz - Whole School Production*

**Fri 15th - Mon 18th Feb**

- *Iceland Geography Trip*

**18th - 22nd February**  
**HALF TERM BREAK**

**26th February**

- *Y9 Parents Evening*

**27th February**

- *Barcelona Parents Information Evening*

- *Y10 Latin Trip to Bath*

**28th February**

- *KS3 French Study Day*

**1st March**

- *A Level Spanish Conference*
- *MFL Y7 Spelling Bee*

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## Year 13 Greek Theatre Workshop with the Actors of Dionysus

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January the Year 13 Classics students had the opportunity to take part in a Greek theatre workshop run by the Actors of Dionysus. Following a warm up exercise of "Samson, Delilah, Lion" (Rock, paper, scissors but more over the top), we created freeze frames based on two of the plays we are studying, Sophocles' 'Oedipus Rex' and Euripides' 'Bacchae'. We also had the chance to perform key scenes from 'Oedipus Rex' and we were taught how to use over the top actions and speech in a similar way to how the Greeks would have. The workshop was very enjoyable and helped us gain a new perspective as well as a greater understanding of the plays we are studying.

**Charlotte Earl 13MPL**



Riddlesdown Collegiate



**Riddlesdown  
Young Musician  
Final: 19th March - 5pm  
Venue: Theatre**



### Finalists

**Alana Tocher**  
**Tom Hinton**  
**Joel Carpenter**  
**Daniel Davies**  
**Grace Eustace**  
**Laila Hulatt**

**Jerry Needham**  
**Martin Soosaipillai**  
**Maddie Lenaghan**  
**Jacob Holland**  
**Louisa Cooper**  
**Katie Hinton**



### Riddlesdown Young Musician of the Year

With over 50 willing students from across the Colleges willing to showcase their musical talents and with 2 rounds of auditions, 12 have been selected to take part in the final of Riddlesdown Young Musician of the Year. The competition was strong this year, with a range of musical genres demonstrated by singers and instrumentalists. Well done to all that took part, showing resilience through the audition process. The competition will run again next year, so get practising!

The following students will take part in the final on the 19th March, 5pm in the @RC Theatre. **Alana Tocher - Phoenix (Violin)**, **Tom Hinton - Orion (Trumpet)**, **Joel Carpenter - Orion (Drums)**, **Daniel Davies - Orion (Electric Guitar)**, **Grace Eustace - Orion (Voice)** **Laila Hulatt - Phoenix (Clarinet)**, **Jerry Needham - Phoenix (Piano)**, **Martin Soosaipillai - Aquila (Voice)**, **Maddie Lenaghan - Phoenix (Flute)**, **Jacob Holland - Phoenix (Piano)**, **Louisa Cooper - Aquila (Voice)**, **Katie Hinton - Orion (Flute)**

Entry is Free for students, parents, family and staff. Please can you request numbers of seats if you are planning to attend via: [susan.surbey@riddlesdown.org](mailto:susan.surbey@riddlesdown.org)

**Mr Rees**

## **PE Fixtures**

This week was the start of a very busy week for the Year 8 netball squads as they took part in the Croydon Festival And Surrey Schools competitions. On Monday the Year 8 A & B teams travelled to Croydon high to take on Croydon's finest netball teams in a round robin format. The competition was tough from start to finish with the results going either way throughout. The girls showed great spirit and determination from start to finish and all had a great evening. Although the girls did not come out winners, they showed excellent potential for next year.

On Wednesday the Year 7 & 8 A teams set off to compete in the prestigious Surrey Schools competition against the strongest schools in the County. Both teams were drawn in really tough groups against excellent schools, which meant they were up against it from the start. Both teams came close in several games, but unfortunately didn't get to win a game until their final games. They played some excellent netball throughout the day and showed great resilience in every game. Well done to all the girls involved.



The only other fixture of the week took place on Wednesday, where the Year 10 rugby team took on Salesians School in the County cup quarter finals. This was a fantastic game with both sides playing some great rugby throughout. Salesian scored 3 points to take an early lead, but Elijah Lawes scored a try shortly after to make it 5-3. The game then went from end to end with Salesians scoring tries and Josh Lee scoring two for Riddlesdown. The game could have gone either way right at the end with Riddlesdown 24-22 up with minutes to play. Unfortunately for us, Salesians broke through and scored to make the final score 27-24 to them. Well done to all the boys who played with MOM going to Teddy Cock.

**Mr Langan**

## **Riddlesdown Collegiate Sports Fixtures 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Monday 11th**

Basketball: Year 9 v Orchard Park @ home 3pm tip

### **Tuesday 12th**

Netball: Year 9 A, B & C Netball Festival @ Croydon High 4.00pm start

Football: Year 9 A v Hinchley Wood @ home 2.15pm start

Football: Year 8 B v Quest away 3.00pm start

### **Wednesday 13th**

N/A

### **Thursday 14th**

Netball: Year 7 A & B Netball Festival @ Croydon High 4.00pm start

### **Friday 15th**

N/A