

Riddlesdown Collegiate



Learners of today, Leaders of tomorrow.



The Principal writes

I have been so impressed with how well Year 11 students have started their public exams this week and so pleased to hear them talking so positively about them afterwards. Whilst not everyone will have felt that every exam they have taken so far has gone brilliantly, it is clear that students are recognising that their hard work is paying off as they leave the exam room smiling and relieved! Many of them are choosing to study in school, which they are very welcome to do. Those who prefer to work at home can do that if that suits them better. A great start this week - I hope this continues right through to the end of the exam season.

We waved Year 13 students goodbye and wished them good luck in their final assembly yesterday. It was a special occasion with awards, messages and memories shared. I reminded students that success comes in many forms - not just exam results and qualifications - and that I hoped that they would stay in touch with us in the years to come to let us know about the very many successes they will achieve in the future. It has been a pleasure to have worked with these students over the past seven years and I hope that they will feel that their lives are better because of the time they have spent together with us at the Collegiate. I wish them the very best of luck for their exams and for everything they will go on to do in the future.

I hope that you will have seen and responded to the survey that Miss Ward, Headteacher of the CPA College, published recently about the development of an Arts School at Riddlesdown Collegiate. We are looking to build on the excellent quality of arts provision at the Collegiate by offering sessions to young people and adults in the evenings and at weekends. We think this will be popular with the community but are keen to hear your views to help us to shape our plans. If you have not already done so, I would be grateful if you spend 5 minutes on it to let us know what you think.

Finally, thank you to parents who responded to the survey that Mr Beecham recently published asking about the usefulness of different reports and communications about how well students are learning. The responses will help us to refine our approaches as we establish our calendar and plans for next academic year.

**Timetable:
Week commencing
Monday 20th May
will be Timetable
Week A**

Forthcoming Events
Wednesday 22nd May
World Challenge Meeting
Monday 27 - 31st May
Half Term Week
Monday 3rd June
Year 10 Exams begin
Tuesday 11th June
Year 9 HPV Immunisations
Friday 14th - 15th June
Year 9 D of E Assessed
19th June
GCSE Exams End
Thursday 20th June
Year 9 HPV Immunisations
Friday 21st - 23rd June
Year 10 Marwell Trip

**Collegiate Sports Fixtures
20th-24th May**
Wednesday 22nd
Cricket: Year 7 Boys Away to Ravensbourne @ Beckenham Town Cricket Club 3pm start
Thursday 23rd
Cricket: Year 8 Boys @ Home to Ravensbourne 3.00pm start

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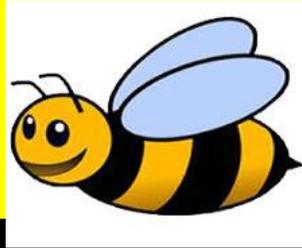
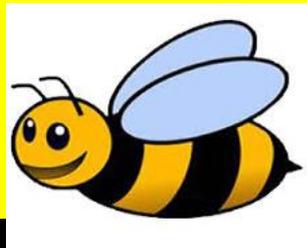
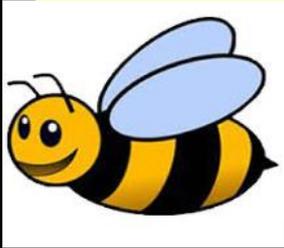


Young Writers at Riddlesdown

Riddlesdown recently submitted fifty-two entries to a *Young Writers* competition named "Mission Contamination". The judges have now contacted us to seek permission from the parents of thirty-three of our students to publish their children's poems in a regional anthology which will be printed later this year. It is at this point that *Young Writers* will announce the overall winners of the competition who will receive substantial cash prizes. It is heart-warming to see so many of our students choose to take part in the competition. They demonstrated real imaginative flair, a fantastic grasp of vocabulary and creativity in their manipulation of poetic form. I am thrilled that so many of them will be able to say they are published writers before even arriving at Key Stage 4. Well done to all our budding poets!

Miss Travis

Year 7 English Spelling Bee



We have very exciting news for all you Year 7s!!!

The English Department is running a Spelling Bee competition for ALL Year 7 students across the Collegiate. You will be given your spelling lists in your English lesson next week! Make sure you use the half term to practise them!

Round 1 starts Monday 3rd June

Round 2 starts Monday 10th June

Rounds 3 (Best Speller in each College) starts Monday 17th June

Intercollegiate Final will be Friday 28th June.

Bee-lieve in yourself and give yourself the Bee-st chance of doing your very best!



Invitation to Key Stage 3



Computing is currently recruiting Key Stage 3 students to take part in our multi-school Galactic Challenge. This first-time challenge will take place on Monday 1st July 2019, 8:30 am - 3.30pm

Additional information can be obtained on the Galactic Challenge website, <https://gchallenge.org>. This is an incredible opportunity for any student, and could inspire 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 31th May 2019.

PE fixtures round up

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!!!!!!!!!!

The Year 9 football team were crowned National Champions for the first time in Riddlesdown history last week, after winning 5-4 on penalties.

Extremely anxious and excited, the boys set off early on Thursday morning so they had plenty of time to prepare on arrival. The team had lunch together and then checked into the hotel where they were greeted with a warm welcome by friends and family. The boys took the final hour to relax before meeting by the minibus ready to make their way to the Bet 365 Stadium, home of Stoke City FC.

Riddlesdown walked into the changing room to be presented with their brand new kit and it was then that the nerves really started to kick in. Music was playing and the boys began to mentally prepare for the game. We warmed up for approximately 40 minutes and then got ready to walk out on the pitch. The last few words were spoken, the boys came together in a huddle and then made the nervous walk out to the pitch where they were greeted with a huge cheer from approximately 100 Riddlesdown supporters.

The game kicked off and literally everything we had discussed in the changing rooms had been forgotten as a very nervous Riddlesdown were dominated by Thomas Telford. Riddlesdown struggled to clear their lines and eventually Telford took the lead and could have scored more if it hadn't been for Hugo Fisher in goal. Half-time came and we headed for the changing rooms, where the boys were spoken to at length and job roles were allocated for the second half.

Riddlesdown started the second half with a bang and after 7 minutes a long throw from Fisher allowed David Ozoh and George Vincent to link up and put Ozoh through who scored the equalizer. The Year 9 students in the stands came alive and you could hear them all over the stadium. The boys were back! Chances were created at both ends but neither team could score, so the game went to penalties. The players were not keen to take penalties, but eventually the chosen 5 were Aron Sasu, George Vincent, David Ozoh, Josh Burr and Alfie Shears. Every penalty was executed by Riddlesdown and Hugo saved one which meant Alfie Shears stepped up to seal the victory and bring the trophy home.

Goal scorer David Ozoh said "to score in a National final in front of all the Riddlesdown fans was an amazing feeling. Once we had won the game it took so long to sink in that we were actually National Champions, as the first half of the game was so one sided I wasn't sure we could do it. It's a memory that will stick with me for life".

Centre midfielder Josh Burr added: "I cant believe we actually did it. This is one of the most amazing experiences and my biggest sporting achievement to date, I will never forget it".



Following their National Cup success the boys were invited to Selhurst Park on Sunday to celebrate their success on the pitch at half time. This was a lovely gesture from Crystal Palace and the boys had a fantastic time. The Palace media team read out the boys achievements and the 25,000 fans at the stadium gave them a round of applause.



The season wasn't over yet as the boys had their final game of the season on Monday 13th against Whitgift in the County Cup Final. The final was held at Leatherhead Football Club and would hopefully be the final piece of the jigsaw for the perfect season.

Whitgift started the game stronger and once again Hugo Fisher had to come to the rescue to deny Whitgift taking an early lead. It took Riddlesdown at least 20 minutes to get going and then the game became very even. 0-0 at half time and the boys came back out with a spring in their step. George Vincent soon put us

1-0 up with a 35 yard free-kick and this started 25 minutes of absolute class, as Riddlesdown scored 7 goals! David Ozoh, Aron Sasu, Josh Burr and Charlie Mark were on the score sheet as Riddlesdown ran riot. Whitgift did get two goals back, but the game was done. Riddlesdown completed the quadruple and the perfect season. Man of the match went to David Ozoh after an incredible performance.



The boys saved the best to last as they put on a show to make Riddlesdown history and not only become the first ever side to win the National Cup, but to win the quadruple too. I am so proud of what these boys have achieved and the way they pulled together throughout the season. They are outstanding ambassadors of the Collegiate and an inspiration to all students, showing them what hard work, commitment and determination can achieve. I would like to thank everyone throughout the Collegiate for their support along the journey, particularly the staff, students and families who travelled to Stoke to cheer the boys on. This has been a historic year and the squad have made memories for life and so have I. Thank you for an amazing year boys.

Athletics

On Tuesday 7th May the Year 9 & 10 Athletics squads travelled to Croydon Arena to take on Croydon's finest in the 2019 Championships. 36 students took part on the day and they did a fantastic job in what was a really long day. Shian Liburd was excellent on the day, finishing second in high jump and a special mention must go to our three winners on the day, Hugo Fisher - Triple Jump, Aidan Sisk - Long Jump and Cerys Aboagye - Shot Putt.

These three students received gold medals on the day and may now be selected for South Croydon to compete in the Surrey Schools Championships. Well done to all the students who took part against extremely tough competition. The way Team Riddlesdown supported one another throughout the day was delightful to see and even when some students were struggling, the Riddlesdown students were there cheering them on showing excellent team spirit. A special mention to Josh Lee who missed this photo as he was competing in the 100m



final. Josh Lee made a wonderful gesture to another student in his 100m final as the boy went down with injury. Josh could have sprinted past him, but he decided to pick his opponent up and help him over the line which shows you what a respectful young man he is. Well done to all on a really successful day.



Cricket

This week we had two cricket matches in the County Plate competitions. On Tuesday Year 7 hosted Reigate in a thrilling match. Riddlesdown put a score of 90 on the board after a fine batting display from Harry Sturgess, scoring his first half century for Riddlesdown. Riddlesdown bowled well, but unfortunately just missed out in the dying stages, losing by one run. Unlucky boys, next game is next Wednesday away to Ravensbourne at Beckenham Town Cricket Club.

The Year 8 boys were playing Carshalton Boys in the County Plate and again unfortunately the result did not go to plan. Riddlesdown set a low target score after being very slow with the bat in the early stages of the game. Although they fielded well, a few errors in the field were costly and they lost out. Their next game is at home to Ravensbourne next Thursday 3.00pm start.

Extra-curricular PE

We have lots of cricket and rounders competitions coming up for boys and girls after half term, so would be great to see more students attending clubs. Clubs are open to all no matter what the level you are at, so please come and join in.