

Riddlesdown Collegiate



Learners of today, Leaders of tomorrow.



The Principal writes

I hope that everyone has had a great first week back as we begin the final term of the academic year. With such a late Easter this year, this half term is very short - only 19 more school days! - but it is a crucial time as most students prepare for and undertake public or internal exams. Irrespective of tests, however, I am looking forward to seeing students engage with new learning, challenge themselves in new ways and continue to demonstrate the highest standards of personal conduct at all times.

I spoke to students in assemblies this week about investments. Not wanting to limit their thinking to money matters, I encouraged students to consider how they invested their time, energy and care and also asked them to reflect on the qualities and characteristics they possess which make them more likely to be invested in. In summary, I concluded that collegiality, reliability and honesty were amongst the most important attributes which make an individual more investable. I hope that students will have reflected on these messages and both considered how they can demonstrate such attributes themselves and be more discerning about the investments which they choose to make.

Thank you to parents of Year 8 students who attended the Parents' Evenings this week. I hope that discussions were constructive and that students will be able to act on the advice that their teachers have given.

Well done to Year 8 students who presented during the First Give Final today. Groups of students addressed a packed hall, including a critical panel of judges, to persuade the audience that their selected charity was worthy of the £1000 donation that was being offered by the Jack Petchey Foundation. All students did a great job but particular congratulations to **8ARe2 - Renee Perez, Joshua Olowu, Donnell Scarlett, Maisie Fitzsimons and Tamara Thomas** whose entry in support of **Lives Not Knives** was awarded first place. Thank you especially to our visiting guest judges, Sandeep Shan, The Jack Petchey Foundation and Phillip Holt, International Speaker, for their time and contribution.

Congratulations also to the Year 9 Football team who won the District Cup in a great final, 4-0 against The Quest Academy, the other secondary school in The Collegiate Trust. Hopefully, this success will pave the way for further victory in their National Cup Final match in Stoke on 9th May 2019. And well done to the College VI Football team who played their final match together, sadly losing 2-1 in extra time in the Cup Final match. The players have been great ambassadors for the Collegiate over a number of years and we wish them well in the future.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of staff who accompanied school trips over the Easter break. The Collegiate had 21 members of staff accompanying just over 200 students on educational visits to four different countries: the Ski trip to Italy, the Spanish trip to Barcelona, the Football tour to Holland and two Classics trips to Greece. All of these fantastic opportunities were invaluable learning experiences, thoroughly enjoyed by those who participated. Learning does not only take place in classrooms and we are fortunate that at the Collegiate, our size and approach to delivering an exceptional education for all enable such high quality learning.

**Timetable:
Week commencing
Monday 29 April
will be Timetable
Week B**

Forthcoming Events

Monday 29th April

- Y13 Sociology Workshop

Tuesday 30th April

- Y8 UKMT Maths Challenge

Wednesday 1 May

- Y10 GCSE Study Day BFI
Friday 3 May

- Y10 Spanish GCSE Study
Day **BFI London**

Tuesday 7 May

- Y10 Parents Evening

Friday 10 May

- Y11 References Home

Sports Fixtures

29th April- 3rd May

Monday 29th

- Football: Year 9 v Oasis
Arena @ home 3.30pm KO
- Athletics: Year 7 girls @
Croydon High 3.45-5.30pm

Tuesday 30th N/A

Wednesday 1st

- Football: Year 8 B v Oasis
Shirley @ home 3.30pm KO
- Football: Year 10 B v Shirley
@ home 3.30pm KO
- Athletics: Year 8 & 9 Girls @
Croydon High 3.30-5pm

Thursday 2nd N/A

Friday 3rd

- Football: Year 9 A v
Thomas More away 3.30pm
KO

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PE fixtures round up

The final week of the Spring term finished with the last few football fixtures. Last Friday the Year 9 team progressed to the County Cup final after a 2-0 win against Hampton. They made it three cup finals on Monday beating St. Joseph's 1-0 to reach the District Cup Final. The Year 8 team fell short at the final hurdle after losing to Woodcote 4-2 in the District semi-final.. They did bounce back on Monday though and beat Harris Purley 11-3 to be crowned A league Champions for the second season. Well done boys! College VI also reached the District final this week, beating a very strong Woodcote team 2-1.

The final two games of this half term were for the Year 11 and Year 8 B teams. The Year 11s played St. Josephs last Friday and lost 4-3 in what was an absolute thriller. A win would have seen Riddlesdown win the league, but in such an open game, the boys lost out. The Year 8 B team took on Tennison's A team on Wednesday and lost 6-0 against a really good side. Tennison's have several players who play for the District and the boys battled hard to make things difficult at times.

This term there are a few football fixtures left, but cricket and athletics will take over with fixtures for boys and girls. The first week clubs will be dedicated to cricket and athletics trials as fixtures start very soon. Well done to every one who represented the Collegiate last term, the commitment and dedication of the students is what makes our school so strong at sport.

The summer term started in with a competitive edge as College VI and Year 9 football teams travelled to Croydon Arena for the District Cup Finals. The College VI team was made up predominantly of Year 13 players and this would be their last ever game for Riddlesdown.

The game started slowly with both teams cancelling each other out. Neither team created many chances but then out of nowhere Riddlesdown took a 1-0 lead after Sam Edwards flicked on to set up Ben Staples. Unfortunately Trinity equalised within two minutes and that was to be the last goal in normal time. Dan Hill made some outstanding saves to keep Riddlesdown in the game.



The game went to extra time and the Riddlesdown boys really started to feel it, as Trinity piled on the pressure. There was only 5 minutes left when Trinity managed to squeeze the ball into the net and win the game 2-1. It was a sad way to finish but I would like to commend these boys for their contribution to school sport over their 7 year journey. They have been outstanding ambassadors of the Collegiate and an absolute pleasure to work with since Year 7. The PE team wish you all the best for the future and thank you for your dedication to sport at Riddlesdown

The second District final was a Collegiate Trust final as Riddlesdown took on the Quest Academy Year 9. Riddlesdown started this game in style putting pressure on Quest from the first minute. This soon paid off as skipper George Vincent finished to make it 1-0. Quest's head went down and our boys capitalised on this immediately as Tom Kelly scored his first goal of the season with a drive from outside the box. George Vincent soon made it 3 with a 30 yard free kick and David Ozoh completed the first half making it 4-0 from the penalty spot.



The second half was a much closer affair as Quest fought back, but Hugo Fisher wasn't letting anyone beat him on the day. Riddlesdown went close three more times but the final score finished 4-0 with Josh Burr getting MOM.

Well done to all the boys involved yesterday on a solid performance to win their first trophy of the season. They now have four games left with three trophies at stake. The league will be decided next week with a game on Monday @ home to Oasis Arena and hopefully a league decider on Friday away to Thomas More.

Congratulations to Year 9 student Aron Sasu who won the Gallini World Cup whilst playing for AFC Wimbledon in the Easter holidays. This is a prestigious competition where professional clubs from all over Europe travel to compete. AFC won on penalties in the final and Aron scored the first. Well done on a magnificent achievement.



Holland Football Tour 2019

On 6th April we set off for our annual football tour and this time the destination was Holland. 23 students and 3 staff were on tour this year and the tour was a great success from start to finish. We travelled over by coach and ferry and the first day went very smoothly. We arrived early afternoon and checked in with no problems.

Day two started with our first fixtures against Ultimate Football Academy. The Riddlesdown boys had to adapt to some very unique guidelines that they use in Holland for youth football. In Holland, players ref their own games to encourage fair play, there are no throw ins, players just dribble back on to speed up game play and there are no off-sides to develop awareness in defenders. These rules really confused our boys to begin with but it definitely made the games more exciting with the under 13's winning 11-10 and the under 15's winning 8-2. Both games were played in great spirit with man of the match awards going to Dylan Patel and Taylor Curtis Bulmer for his wonder goal.



Day three the boys had a professional training session with Ultimate Football Academy staff. The boys were put through their paces as they worked hard on technique, possession, accuracy and attacking play. The sessions were great and the boys finished their session off with small sided games. It was then off to Amsterdam to visit the Ajax stadium. The atmosphere around Amsterdam was great as the locals were all very excited about the Champions League fixture coming up. As we toured the stadium we went into the away changing room and whilst we were there, UEFA signage team stuck up the Juventus team board on the door, as they were going to be in their the next day! Ajax was a great stadium and the boys learnt a lot about the history of Dutch football and the success of the club.



The Final day of the Tour was a Riddlesdown training session followed by fixtures in the evening. Training was great and the boys had good fun doing different challenges and games. The evening games were very different to the first set and this time the Under 13s faced a couple of Ajax academy players and were given a masterclass in how to play football. The boys worked hard but unfortunately lost 5-3 in a tough encounter. The Under 15s had the opposite experience, coming up against a weaker opposition and winning 12-0 with Elijah Lawes and Dylan Patel securing double hat-tricks on tour.

The next day was travel day and a tired group of boys boarded the coach and made the journey home. This tour was a success from start to finish and I would like to commend all the boys for a great few days. We look forward to the next one.

Mr Langan

Classics Trip to Greece

On the Greece trip we attended sites such as Olympia, Sparta and the Parthenon in Athens. We went inside multiple museums where Mr Weeks and Mrs Wakelin told us mythological stories of each place's unique founding. While waking around the museums, we all participated in photo competitions that would be judged by the teachers. There were multiple chances for students to contribute their knowledge to the talks and to answer questions. One night when we were in Tolo we all participated in a quiz run by Mr Weeks and another night there about 20 of us joined in a game of Werewolves, which was fun. The archaeological sites were beautiful and the trip to the beach (although cold) was so much fun also. The long coach journeys were made more entertaining by some karaoke from the older students, however I'm not sure the teachers would agree. On the way to Athens we attended a beautiful shop where we all bought presents for our families, which was a lovely thing to do and really gave us a good start to the day. Even though the sites were sometimes busy and the weather wasn't always great, all the teachers made it so much fun and the food was amazing (if you haven't tried a gyros, I would recommend it very highly). The hotels were very nice and the rooms were even nicer. My favourite site was Mycenae because the views were amazing, it was sunny and the myths which Mrs Wakelin told were very cool. We all had a great time and didn't really want to leave.



Abbie Forteath

	Tennis	Rounders	Fitness	Table Tennis	Athletics	Trampolining	Cricket	Martial-Arts	Disability	Dance
Mon 14:45 15:45	Year 7 & 8 APR		Yr 7 Fitness Room (BN)					2.50-3.50 Gym		
Tues 15:40 16:40			Girls Only Fitness Room (PJL)	Boys Gym Lunch DM	Years 7 & 8 EAJ, DAB,DM,	3.40-4.40 pm Gym Twizzlers Year 7 & 8	Year 9 & 10 AJE & JAC Girls cricket All years PJL/JG/LCM		Wheel Chair Basket Gym Lunch	KS4 RPD
Wed 14:45 15:45	Year 9 & 10	All Years	Y 8 - 11 Fitness Room (JC)			3-4pm Gym Twizzlers	Year 7 & 8 DAB/GAD/D M			
Extra-Curricular Timetable – Summer Term 2019										
Thur 15:40 16:40			Yr 8 – 11 Fitness Room		Years 9 & 10 AR, PJL,GAD, JG					
Fri								2.50-3.50 Gym		



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

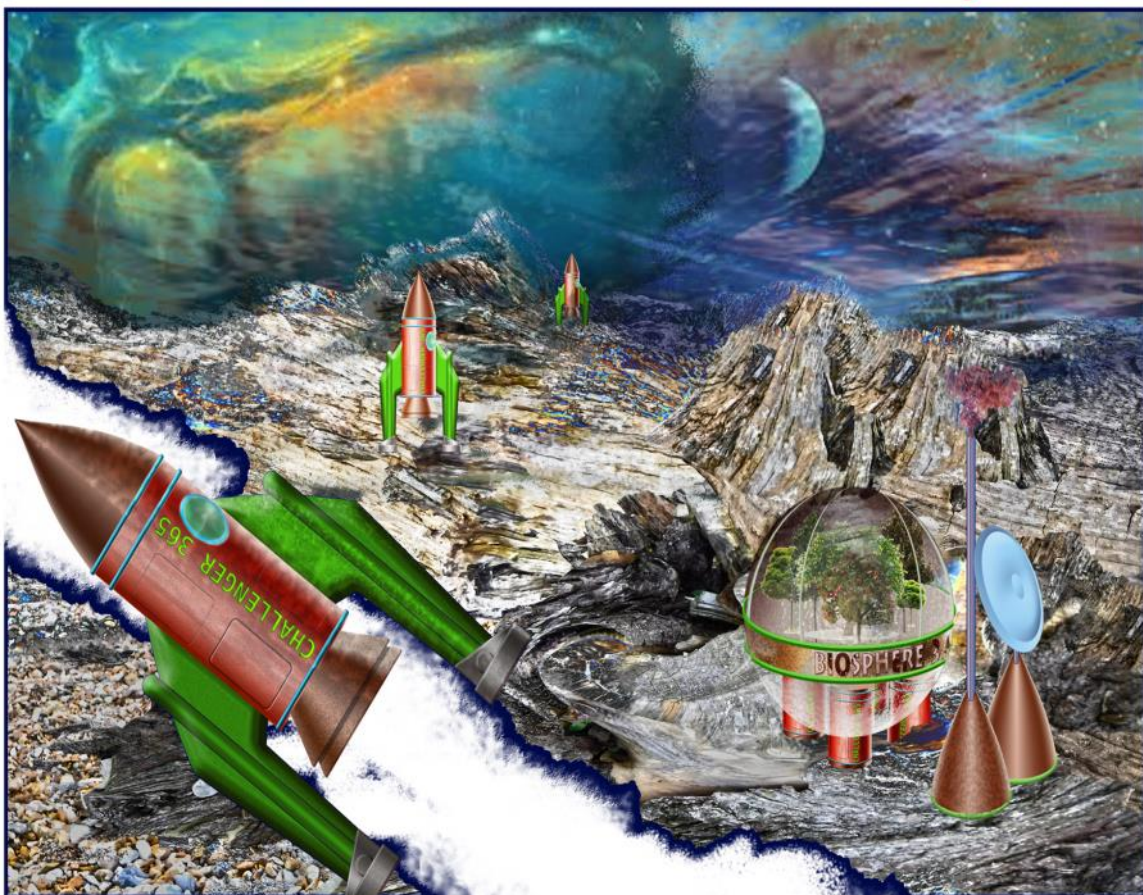
Additional information can be obtained on the Galactic Challenge website, <https://gchallenge.org>. This is an incredible opportunity for any student, and could inspire students to become the engineers, scientists, architects, and leaders of the future!

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.



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