

Riddlesdown Collegiate



Timetable:
Week commencing
Monday 11th March
will be Timetable Week A

Learners of today, Leaders of tomorrow.

The Principal writes

Thank you to Year 9 students and their parents for attending the Options Evening this week. I hope that it was useful. Students certainly appeared very engaged, asking great questions to support their decision making. Students should not hesitate to ask their Tutors or subject teachers for further advice, if necessary. Options must now be submitted via the electronic form by 22nd March 2019.

Well done to Year 11 students for their focus and effort during a second set of Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) this week. In terms of their approach and maturity, this Year Group has made significant progress over the last six months and I hope that this will be reflected in their achievements. There will not be an official PPE2 Results Day - teachers will mark and return scripts as soon as they are able to and results will then be sent home at the end of term. I am looking forward to seeing the progress that students have made since PPE1s before Christmas and I hope that these results and the associated feedback will motivate, encourage and support students in their final few weeks. I should, at the same time, say well done to Year 10 students who took their second PPE in RE this week. The opportunity to sit and achieve one GCSE a year before the others is to be taken full advantage of and I wish them the best of luck too.

Congratulations to the Year 9 Boys Football Team who have surpassed their final position last year by reaching the semi-finals of the National Cup. In a quarter-final match which they clearly dominated throughout, the boys stormed to a 3-1 victory on home ground, paving their way to a place in the final four. Reaching the semi-finals is a fantastic achievement but not a new one for these boys who, two years ago, became the first Riddlesdown team to secure a place in the final. As the boys prepare for their next match, we wish them the very best of luck as we would love to see them in the final again.

Congratulations also to the very able and very brave Year 7 students who represented their Colleges in the Modern Foreign Languages Spelling Bee. Students had to learn the meanings, pronunciations and spellings of 100 French or Spanish words. Then, in front of a large audience in the Main Hall, they were tested, needing to be entirely accurate in order to score points. All participants should be commended on their efforts but particular congratulations to **Mae Wilson 7DAB**, **Brogan McCarthy 7FZU** and **Aaminah Bokhari 7DAB** who came 1st in French, 1st in Spanish and Best Runner-up, respectively. They will now represent the Collegiate at The London Regional Spelling Bee Finals on Monday 25th March. Bonne chance! ¡Buena suerte!



Forthcoming Events

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



AQUILA

ORION

PEGASUS

PHOENIX

CPA

COLLEGE VI



World Challenge

World Challenge are having a two Film night on the 27th March (Aquaman) and the 3rd April (Creed 2). Tickets are for sale via ParentPay at £3.50 or £5.50 with popcorn and a drink. Please help support as all money raised goes to the World Challenge Activities in a local community in Belize.



Mrs Singh

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**.

Sanderstead Library
Farm Fields
South Croydon, CR2 0HL
T: 0203 700 1015
E: sandersteadlibrary@croydon.gov.uk

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



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



Football

YEAR 9 BOYS REACH NATIONAL CUP SEMI-FINAL!!!!

The Year 9 boys finished last week in style, with an exceptional performance to beat Enfield Grammar 3-1 and reach the National semi-finals. Riddlesdown started the game explosively, with David Ozoh and George Vincent scoring early. The back four were solid throughout with Hugo Fisher commanding in goal. Josh Burr and Tom Kelly were exceptional in the middle of the pitch, breaking down play and releasing Aron Sasu and Charlie Mark to cause the opposition problems in defence. Riddlesdown led 2-0 at half time.



Riddlesdown started the second half the same way, solid in all areas and putting pressure on the Enfield defence. Eventually we scored a third after Vincent assisted Ozoh who finished superbly. Enfield did get one back, but the boys held out for an exceptional win and now take on Cirencester Kingshill School from Gloucester in the semi-finals. Well done boys and good luck in the next round.

This week was heavily dominated by football fixtures, as we played our block fixtures against Harris Crystal Palace. The first game had our year 8 team in action as they travelled to Crystal Palace. The boys put in a fine performance to win 3-0 in muddy conditions. The boys put in a fine performance and are now only two wins away from winning the league again. The Year 9s and 10s were in action on Wednesdays in very windy conditions. The Year 9s were held to a 1-1 draw and the Year 10s lost 4-1 in two very tough games. On Thursday, the Year 7B team travelled to Crystal Palace and did superbly to win 4-3 and keep their promotion surge alive. The last football fixture of the week saw the Year 9 football team progress to the District quarter final after a win against Harris Purley.

Rugby

The Year 9 Rugby team travelled to John Fisher this week to take part in the Surrey 7's competition. The boys had a very tough day competing against some well established rugby schools, but came away with a couple of excellent wins against Epsom College and Emmanuel School. Mr Edwards was very proud of the way the boys battled all day and said they scored some exceptional tries along the way.

Panathlon

At the Panathlon on Tuesday, our students joined with those from The Priory and St Giles to form the Croydon team. The students competed across a range of different events. With only one event left – relays, 2 points separated 4 teams. 6 relays and 4 wins later, Croydon were through to the London Final at the Copperbox in June. Our narrowest victory yet! Students from Riddlesdown brought back gold medals for precision bean bag, wheelchair slalom, and table cricket. A fantastic team effort from Jaimeson, Michael, Erin, Scarlett, Jess, Luke and Ciriaco. Well done!



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