



THE COLNE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL & COLLEGE

April 2024 at The Colne

Key Dates

9th May - Year 8 Parents Evening

6th May - Bank Holiday - school closed

27th - 31st May - May half term

3rd July - Year 11 Prom

11th July - Year 10 Parents Evening

17th July - Summer Showcase (Music, Dance, Drama)

19th July - Last day of the academic year

London Marathon - Mrs Green

Hello Everyone!

On Sunday 21st April, I ran the London Marathon for The Children's Society, an amazing national charity working to transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect. The Children's Society supports them through their most serious life challenges and campaigns tirelessly for the big social changes that will improve the lives of those who need it the most. I feel honoured to have supported this charity by taking on the challenge of the London Marathon.

It was an amazing experience; all the hard work and training paid off and I finished in 5:31:19!

If you would like to make a donation to my Just Giving page, I would be most grateful and you can find the link [here](#).



Jack Petchey's "SPEAK OUT" Challenge!

Jack Petchey - Speak Out Competition

On 18th April 2024, Freya Rudkins, Year 10, represented The Colne at the Jack Petchey Speak Out Competition. A judge from the panel said:

"Freya delivered her speech with confidence and clarity. As someone with Autism, the subject matter resonated with me greatly and it was brilliant and brave to hear such a personal story be delivered and a clear love for her brother shine through. Freya represented the school in a way that should make everyone at the Colne extremely proud but most of all Freya should be proud of herself!"

We are all very proud of Freya!

New Mural in the Art Corridor



We are pleased to reveal the brand new mural covering one wall in the Art corridor. This mural was created collaboratively between our Art Ambassador team and art teachers. We started by sketching ideas and then combined everyone's ideas into one final design.



The mural features quotes about art such as *'Create your future'*, *'Art Makes Children Powerful'* and *'Everything in Art is Autobiographical'* - the theme being that Art is all about our students and the role they play in creating work. The mural even features a mirrored camera lens so that students can see their own reflection in the camera as they walk past.

Our Art Ambassadors from Years 7-11 helped to draw the mural onto the wall and paint it with acrylic paint and paint pens. We are really pleased with the finished mural and hope it will inspire students for years to come!



Countdown to Prom - Wivenhoe House Wednesday 3rd July 2024 - Mr Rudkins

With the exams just around the corner, what better way to celebrate after all the hard work than a wonderful night out with all the friends you have made over the years.

Just to remind you, arrival at Wivenhoe House is from **6.30pm**. As with other years, we would like to advise parents/carers that there is space at the entrance for families to take photographs of their child arriving on the red carpet. Once your child has entered the event, we respectfully request that parents/carers leave the premises to allow the celebrations to continue in the grounds. Students can make their own way home so long as they inform a member of staff. If you are collecting your child from the premises, departure time is no later than **10.30pm**.

As we are all aware, many families are facing financial difficulties currently. With this in mind, I would like to bring to your attention a 'pop up prom shop' which stocks **free prom attire** in all different sizes and styles. It can be found at the following dates and venues:

Sunday 28th April 9.30am - 2pm - Harwich Arts and Heritage Center, Main Road, Dovercourt, CO124AJ (next to the Mayflower School).

Saturday 4th May 9.30am - 2pm - Elim Pentecostal Church, Clematis Way, Greenstead, CO4 3PY

Sunday 5th May 9.30am - 2pm- Anti Loo brigade, Lakelands Community Centre, 2 Western Approach, Colchester, CO3 8DX

Monday 6th May (Bank Holiday) - Harlow Great Parndon Community Centre, Abercrombie Way, Harlow, CM18 6YJ

Saturday 11th May - Maldon Plantation Hall, Heybridge, Colchester Road, Maldon, CM9 4AL

Sunday 19th May - Great Clacton Community Centre, 16-26 Valley Road, CO15 4AR

Payment for prom tickets should be made online using ParentPay by **24th May 2024**. If you are unable to pay by ParentPay and need a barcoded letter, please contact the Colne main office on 01206 303511. If you have any questions regarding the prom, please do not hesitate to contact me via mail@colne.school.

If you have any concerns about payment for prom, please do contact me directly via david.rudkins@colne.school as it would be a real shame if anyone was not able to attend.

I look forward to seeing you on 3rd July 2024 for this memorable evening.

Mercury Theatre - Ms Sargent

On Wednesday 24th April 2024 some of the cast from Beauty and the Beast were treated to a drama workshop by Gecko Theatre Company who have partnered with The Mercury Theatre Company. The purpose of this workshop was to explore the theme of 'what it means to be safe'.



Students were a credit to the Visual Arts Department, they walked in with confidence, humour and eagerness to learn.



The workshop started with warm up games. The students were captivated by the fun and energy of Gecko's practical work. This led students to learn a phrase of movement which encouraged them to "learn the Gecko way" which showed soft vocal "whispering" words with strong breathing and whole body movements to represent the theme.

Following up on this workshop, students have been asked to audition for a summer production led by Gecko and Good Chance.





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PE Clubs Timetable



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DAY	PE CLUBS	YEAR GROUP	VENUE
Tuesday after school	Sports Leadership Award PE Exam Revision	Year 9 (invite only) Year 11	Sports Hall Room A6
Wednesday after school	Cricket club Rounders club	All years All years	Astro Astro/Field
Thursday after school	Athletics club	All years	Top field
Friday After school	BTEC Sport & Coursework catch up	Year 10 & 11	Learning Centre

Clubs will start from Tuesday 23 April and run from 3.10pm until 4.15pm
All students welcome, just bring your kit and meet in the changing rooms.