



## July 2023 at The Colne

### Key dates

**19 July 2023** - Sports Day Years 7 & 8 between 9-11am and 1-3pm

**20 July 2023** - Sports Day Years 9 & 10 between 1-3pm

**21 July 2023** - End of academic year, finish at 12:25, non-uniform day

**1 September 2023** - Non-pupil day

**4 September 2023** - New Year 7s in school only

**5 September 2023** - All year groups in school

### End of Year Poem - Peyton Filmer, Year 8

The last day of school is here,  
It feels like you only just started your first year,

There are people scared of the new transition,  
Some see it as a brand new mission,

At school, we see our friends,  
Now we will see them in the weeks and on the weekends,

The last day of school is here,  
It feels like you only just started your first year,  
However, it's your last year.

## Year 10 Careers Trips - Ms Weaver



After several months of planning, we were very excited to see the first workplace visits taking place for our Year 10 (and some Year 9) students. These visits involved 12 different companies who provided tours of their working environment, talks about their career paths and daily routines and some exciting demonstrations.







The companies included Essex Fire Services, Ipswich Magistrates Court, Three Wise Monkeys, Colchester Zoo, Cammacks Logistics, Northern Gateway, Sizewell Power Plant, Galloper Wind Farms, Brightlingsea Primary School, Mercury Theatre, First Site Gallery and Colchester Hospital.

We would like to thank all of the companies who provided these experiences for our students and all the staff that supervised them. The feedback from students, staff and the employers has all been incredibly positive.

Thank you also to the parents/carers who supported the new initiative and to the students who represented the school in a very positive manner. We look forward to expanding our offering to our students next year.





### **Sizewell B - Careers trip**

Year 9 and 10 students enjoyed a visit to Sizewell B this month, a nuclear power station located on the Suffolk coast. It is the UK's only Pressurised Water Reactor.

Students were kitted out in safety clothing and were able to tour the site, meet different personnel and find out more about nuclear energy which links to their science curriculum and also find out more about employment in the energy sector - everything from support staff, contractors, admin personnel and scientists.

An enjoyable and informative trip with some excellent singing from students on the coach journey!

The lifetime output of Sizewell B is 243TWh, enough to power every home in Suffolk for 178 years.

Avoiding 85m tonnes of CO2 emissions, this is like taking 41m cars off UK roads for a year!

#### **More information:**

<https://www.edfenergy.com/energy/power-stations/sizewell-b>





### Lily-Summer - Year 8

Lily-Summer has been a member of Brightlingsea Cricket Club for over 5 years now and she has just been given one of the Club's first ever Jack Petchey Foundation Awards for her work in helping our coaches with the younger girl players. Recently she attended a celebration event in Harwich with fellow award winners from other organisations, where she was presented a commemorative medal.

### James - Year 7

James has raced in triathlons from the age of 7 – and over the last 4 months he has competed across the country; racing everywhere from Bath in the Southwest, through to Leicester in the Midlands, London and Brighton in the South – racking up wins and podiums everywhere.

James has had 12 races this season (so far) with 12 podiums – and three race wins.

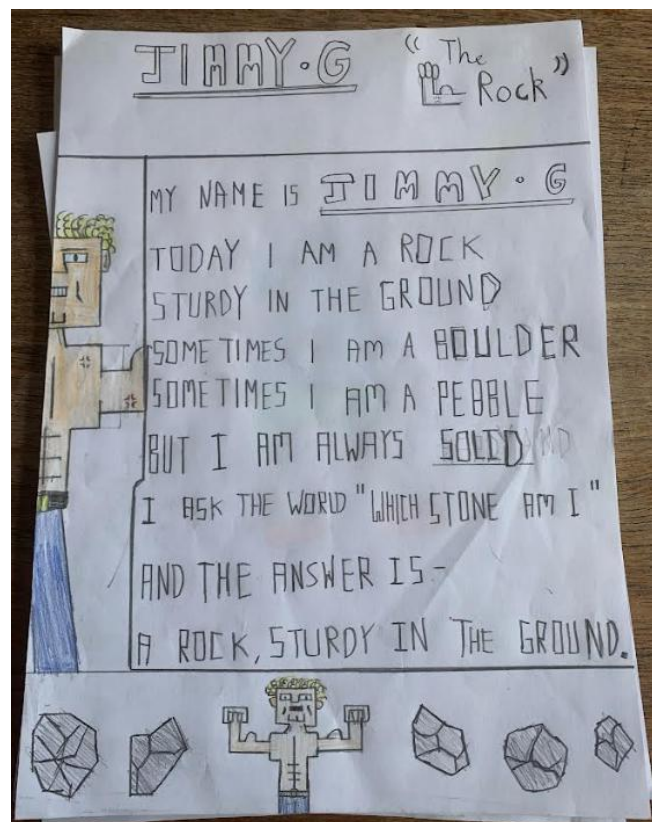
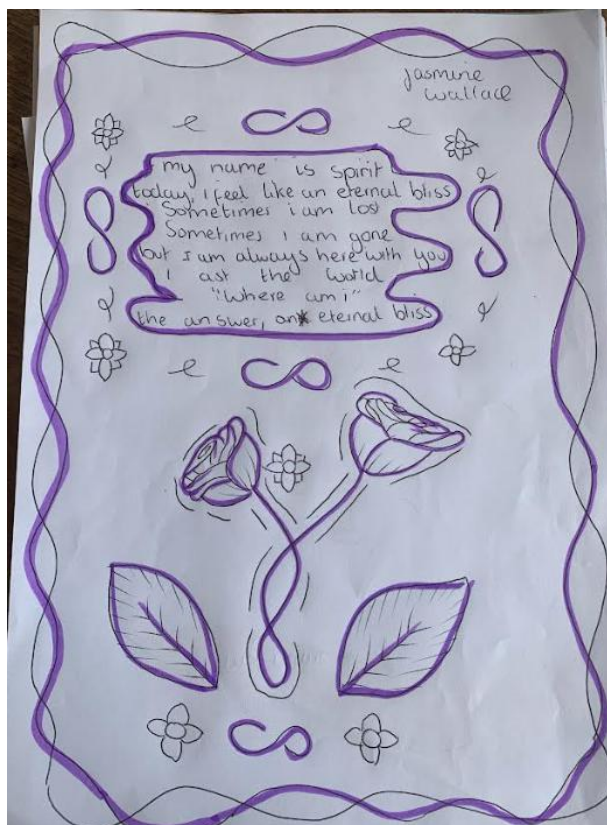
This year James is competing in the Under 13s age-group Completing a 300m Swim, a 5km Bike and a 1.8km run (with many of the races being open-water lake swims). James has performed brilliantly and qualified to represent the East in the Regional Team GB Squad later in the summer at the National Finals at Mallory Park.

We are so proud of you, James. The best of luck for your competitions in the summer!

### Poetry - Miss Reuben

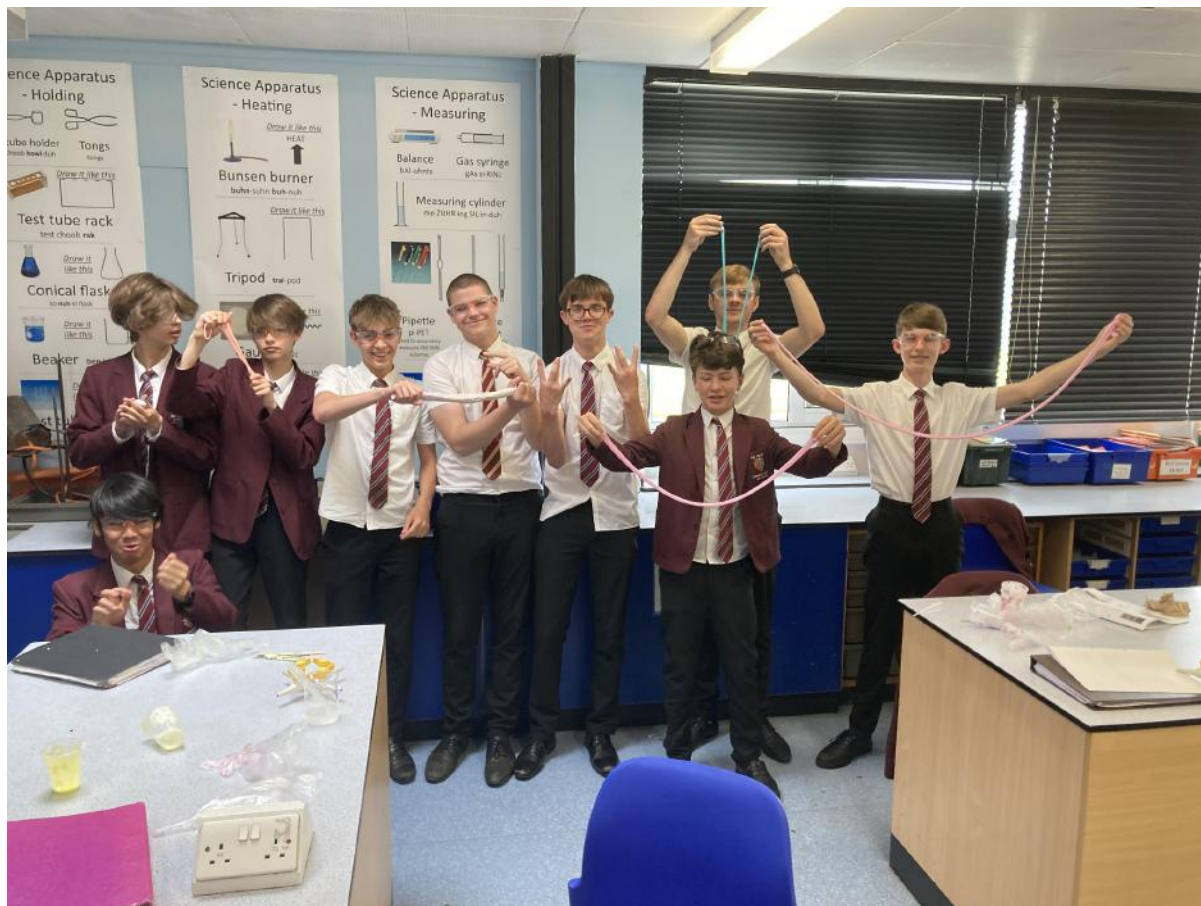
In English we have been working on poetry analysis and writing skills.

Here are some amazing pieces written by 8FJ1.



### Slime again! - Mr Job

In Year 10 Triple Chemistry we're learning about polymerisation and how to change the properties of a polymer by using additives. Naturally this led to us experimenting with different proportions of food colourings, borax and PVA to make some fantastic slime.



### I'm a Scientist - Get me out of here! - Mrs Mason

This term, a group of Year 7 scientists took part in *I'm a Scientist, Get me out of here!* After reading scientist's profiles, they got the chance to ask the people who work in the health sector about anything to do with health and health research through a live chat. Year 7 then voted for their favourite to win £500! The Health Zone was funded by the STEM Ambassadors scheme.

**I'm a  
Scientist  
Get me out of here**



## Jack Petchey Awards - Mr Grimwood



The Colne students attended the annual Jack Petchey Awards Evening at the end of June at the Columbine Centre in Walton on the Naze. The evening is designed to celebrate the achievements of many young people and Leader Award winners from across Essex. Students who attended all received a boxed gold medallion to signify their success and outstanding achievements.



The award winners from The Colne for the last academic year are all below and we are incredibly proud of these students.

Sophia, Year 11  
Hollie, Year 11  
Steven, Year 10  
Charlotte, Year 10  
Jessica, Year 10  
Henry, Year 9  
Sofia, Year 9  
Lachlan, Year 7  
Tala, Year 7



## P.E. Termly Rewards - Miss Pearson

Boys	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Achievement	James Clarke	Olly Allard	Alex Scotcher	Jacob Castle
Commitment	Tam Bradford	Tyler Williams	Finley Green	Ollie Warren
Effort	Taylor Nicholls	James Green	Harry Thompson	Henry Tither
Girls	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Achievement	Serenity Hayward	Meredith Davy	Katie Bees	Laila Culham
Commitment	Delphi Grant	Francesca Robinson	Molly Ratcliffe	Olivia Kirkham
Effort	Alexsis Rawlings	Isla King	Amber Wheeler	Daisy Warren

## Football Activators - Miss Pearson

Since March, nine Year 8 students have been involved with the Football Activators programme with Miss Pearson. This programme aims to encourage more girls playing football, with the aim that it is available to all students in every school by 2024. These students attended training sessions, and created their own training sessions and Euros competition for 5 local primary schools. They worked super hard, giving up their free time after school to attend these sessions. Miss Pearson was delighted to award them with their Youth Sport Trust Football Activator certificate on completion of the programme. A big well done to: Ava, Tessa, Imi, Leni, Lexi, Emily, Aimee, Skye, and Hettie.





## Creative Arts- Summer Spotlight

The Creative Arts Faculty have put together some ideas to keep you busy and experiencing creativity and culture over the summer. These activities are completely optional but a great way to expand your understanding of the creative subjects and get involved in some activities outside of school!



# Visual & Performing Arts SUMMER SPOTLIGHT

### Music-Summer Spotlight



We would like you to see if you can find an opportunity to see some live music over the holidays.

If do you watch some live music, write a review of the concert/performance and share this with us by 8th September. Your article might go into the School Newsletter. This could be music you hear on holiday, busking in the street, an organised performance, a festival or even a wedding!

### Music Events Locally

- [Essex Summer of Culture Guide 2023](#)
- [Brightlingsea FREE Music Festival – August 5<sup>th</sup> 2023](#)
- [Upcoming live performances in the area.](#)
- [Go to / find out about / watch on TV or BBC iplayer a concert in the BBC Proms. There is a Horrible Histories one!](#)

### Other ideas

Create a Summer playlist.  
Practise / learn an instrument in your house.  
Watch some of the sets from Glastonbury.  
Watch one of the BBC Proms Concerts.

### A Song a Day

Try and listen to a new piece on music everyday of the holiday. You could keep a journal and give each piece a 5 star rating.

# Visual & Performing Arts

## SUMMER SPOTLIGHT

### Art-Summer Spotlight Competition!



Summer artwork inspiration by David Hockney, Martin Parr and Joanne Short.

We would like you to create an original artwork or photograph based on the theme of 'Summer'.

This can be made up to A2 size maximum in a media of your choice.

Winning entries will be displayed in our new 'Colne Art Gallery'.

Please email your entry to the school or bring it in to B2 in by September by 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

### Art Events Locally

- [Firstsite Summer Holiday Fun \(Free\)](#)
- [Join Firstsite YAK \(Young Art Kommunity\)](#)
- [Martello Tower Summer Workshops \(Free\)](#)
- [Tate Online 'How To' videos \(Youtube\)](#)
- [Essex Summer of Culture Guide 2023](#)

tiny	1	16	pair
sky	2	17	shattered
slow	3	18	quite
summer	4	19	hidden
treasure	5	20	splatter
crooked	6	21	twisted
smooth	7	22	four elements
trail	8	23	dotted
gigantic	9	24	bright colors
building	10	25	underwater
gloving	11	26	some
print	12	27	clear
smudge	13	28	fancy
night	14	29	detailed
tools	15	30	music
		31	plants

### Other Competitions

[RSPCA Photography Competition](#)  
[Martello Tower Junior Coastal Open](#)

### Drawing a Day

Drawing everyday is one of the best ways to improve your skills. [Tinkerlab](#) has prompts every day to get you started. You could keep a sketchbook of your drawings, or take a photography for each one!



## Visual & Performing Arts

# SUMMER SPOTLIGHT

### Drama-Summer Spotlight



We would like you to go and watch a piece of theatre. This can either be a local event or a West End show. Below is the link you can follow to access reduced tickets.

Go and be moved by theatre, escape into a different world and learn to gauge an opinion of what you like and dislike.

### Drama Events Locally

- <https://colchester-events.co.uk/event/summer-social-2023/>
- <https://www.mercurytheatre.co.uk/event/doorstep-duets/>

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/headgatheatre/e-myigme>

## SAVINGS on West End shows

<https://www.westendtheatre.com/119463/news/inspiration/all-theatre-offers-summer-sale/>

Write a theatre review.

Commenting on the:

Set,

Costume,

lighting ,

Characters - Acting techniques.

Music

## InterAct - Resilience Training for Parents/Carers - Autumn Term 2023

Parish Hall Council Offices, **Marks Tey** – 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> Sept and 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023

Long Meadows Community Hall, **Harwich** – 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Sept and 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Hythe Community Centre, **Colchester** – 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Sept and 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Copford Village Hall, **Colchester** – 31<sup>st</sup> Oct, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023

## Summer Reading Challenge 2023

### The Colne's Summer Reading Challenge 2023



*Don't forget to log your books on the  
Colne Reading Website.*



Read somewhere  
in nature



Wake Up Early  
& Read



Read a book as  
a family



Read to a family  
member or  
friend



Read a funny  
book



Read a book  
about  
friendship



Miss Reuben



How can I get involved?

**Colne Community School**

**Our school is in the challenge!**



**National Read Aloud Challenge**  
Powered by **Fonetti**

**Readaloudchallenge.co.uk**  
**#BeProudReadAloud**

...or head on over to the Colne Reading Website for more information. Find this at <https://reading.colne.essex.sch.uk/>