

June 2023 at The Colne

Message from Mr Crane

As you were undoubtedly aware, Ofsted visited Colne last week. This inspection was long anticipated and I was confident in our school. I am, however, currently unable to share the finer details with you as we await the final quality assurance process. This being said, I fully expect to be able to send you the report early in September. The overall inspection was a positive experience for the inspectors and the school and following my debriefing I feel you can rest assured, when published, the report will give an accurate picture of what it is like to be a student at our school. I would like to thank all the staff for their efforts over the past five years in improving the school and also thank our community for supporting us. Above all, I would like to thank the students who were impeccable and were described by one inspector as exceptional. Well done everyone!

Key Dates

6 July 2023 - Year 10 Parents Evening

7 July 2023 - Strike day - online learning

13 July 2023 - Sports Awards Evening

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

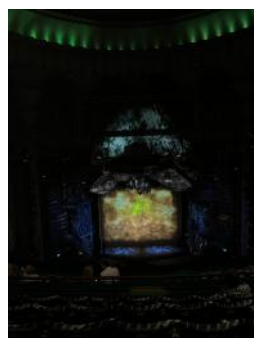
21 July 2023 - End of academic year, finish at 12:25 (more information to follow soon)

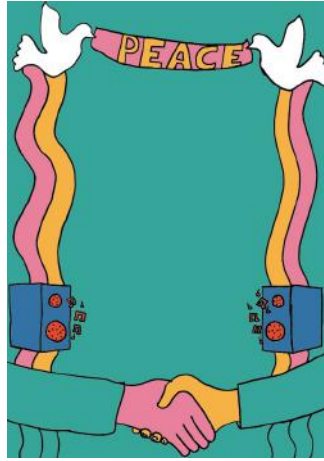
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Wicked Trip - Ms Sargent

On Wednesday 7 June 2023 the Visual Arts Department organised a trip to Wicked. A musical that is truly 'wonderful'. The trip 'defied gravity'. It was 'one short day' but fun was had by all. The musical is a 'popular' choice for students to see. We didn't 'mourn the wicked' when we left.



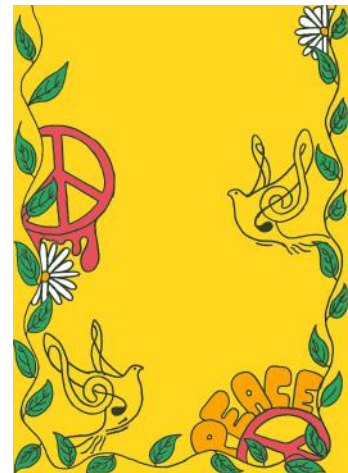
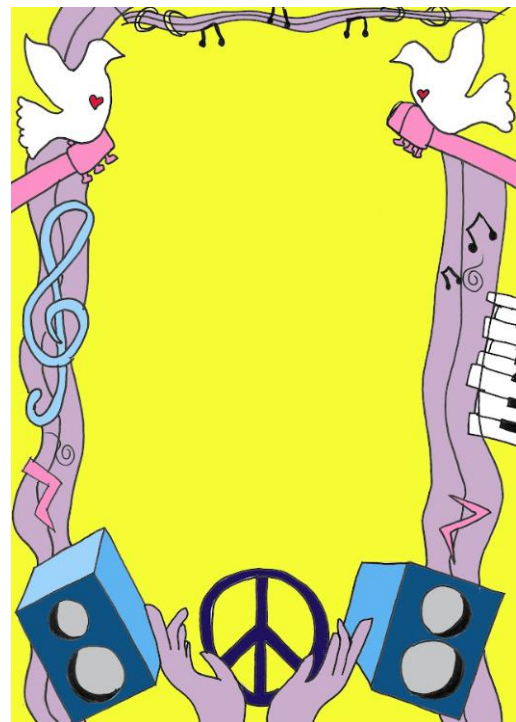


Brightlingsea Music Festival Poster

Our Year 9 students created these digital poster designs for this year's Brightlingsea Music Festival. The committee asked them to make designs based on the theme of 'peace and unity'.

As always, the organising committee were amazed by the quality of the designs created, but could choose only one to be the winning design.

This year they chose the design made by Maisy Fletcher to be made into the official poster. Well done to Maisy, pictured to the right, and everyone else who entered.



Tendring Show Programme Competition

Our Year 8 students entered a competition to design the front cover for this year's Tendring Show Programme. The theme this year was 'Creativity in the Countryside' and Year 8 made mixed media designs over a water colour base in an after school workshop.

The competition is open to all primary and secondary schools in the area and there were hundreds of entries. We are pleased to say that two of our Year 8s were shortlisted; Amber Blyth was chosen as the runner up and Polina Fedorenko's design was given 'highly commended'. Well done to them and all of the other Year 8s that entered.

Trampolining - Hollie

Hollie won individual 1st place in the Eastern Regional Final in Cambridge at TRA level 1 13-17 year category. She also won Team 1st place in the same category with her lovely teammates at Hi-Tension Trampoline Club Colchester and Hollie also secured a place on the Eastern Regional team to represent them at the Inter-Regional Challenge Cup Final in Birmingham in September too. Keep it up, Hollie!



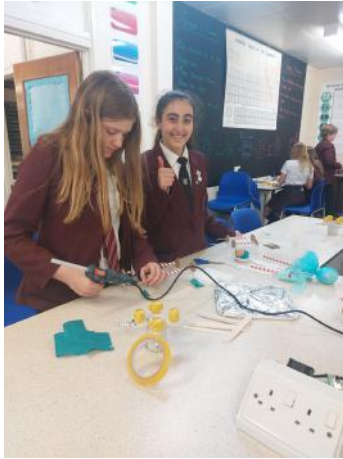
Showjumping

This month the school equestrian team consisting of Cassie Braithwaite, Maisey Bond and Lily Twigg went showjumping at Beechwood equestrian centre.

They all entered the 80/85 cm class as a team and won!

Cassie was also 1st individually and Lilly 3rd. Lilly won her 75cm class and Cassie won her 90/95cm class.

STEM - Miss Elliott



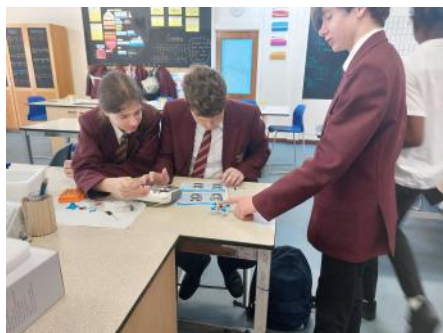
Year 7 STEM Club

Our Year 7 STEM Club has been having a blast this month with egg-citing activities. They've been busy creating badges to showcase their love for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. They've also been designing and crash testing their own egg-cars, learning about physics and safety along the way. The club's enthusiasm and creativity is truly inspiring.



Year 9 Students Take Flight with Drone Workshop!

Some of our Year 9 students had an incredible opportunity to participate in a thrilling drone workshop this month. They assembled their very own drones, learned the basics of drone flight, manoeuvred the drones and even linked the drones to a



VR headset. It was an immersive experience that sparked their interest in technology and aviation. The workshop also encouraged teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills.



Biology Challenge 2023 Results - Mrs Mason

115 Year 10s recently took part in the 2023 Biology Challenge.

The competition consisted of two multiple choice papers with questions set on the school curriculum.

The Colne achieved 53 awards! Congratulations to all our award winners but especially to **Noah Ali, Benjamin Kelly and Billy Wiggins** for achieving **Gold**.

All participating students have been awarded a certificate and are now eligible to receive free Royal Society of Biology BioNet membership for one year.



The Colne Music Performance - Mrs Pipe

On Thursday 15 June, the Colne had its first music performance for a number of years. Covid has made events like this difficult to plan and organise, so it was great for our students to have this opportunity to perform. This was an informal recital for students to gain experience in performing to a smaller audience. For over half of them, this was the first time that they have ever performed on their own in public, so it was great for them to be able to display their talents and gain confidence. We hope this will be the first of many more as we move through the next few years. Well done to all of the students involved and we look forward to more students joining in for the next one! Watch this space...





Brightlingsea Community
Speed Watch

Volunteers NEEDED



Got a question?



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Email Us
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Are you concerned about speeding in Brightlingsea?

Join our volunteer team of Brightlingsea residents, aiding in speed monitoring with equipment provided by Essex Police. Our work helps educate speeding drivers and enhance road safety. Interested? Attend our Volunteer Open Day in August, or reach out directly via email or phone. Make a difference in our community today!

- ✓ No commitment
- ✓ Meet new likeminded people
- ✓ Help make our streets safer
- ✓ Make a difference



Saturday, 19 August at
Andrew Watson Sailmakers,
Tower Street
Come anytime between
1:00pm - 2:30pm