



**THE COLNE**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL & COLLEGE

# INSIGHT



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## THE COLNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

It seems hard to believe that the Easter Holidays are now upon us and we come to the end of yet another busy half term which has seen students and staff striving hard to be extraordinary.

Over the past few weeks the school has had two successful and well attended parents evening for Years 7 and 10 as well as the Year 9 Options Evening, where we were able to offer a broad selection of subjects for our students.

Students showed great resilience in taking part in the Sport Relief mile last week during tutor time, as well as kindness in raising money for other good causes.

We were also treated to an amazing Dance Show held at the Westcliffe Theatre, Clacton in which students showcased their talents. All of the pieces showed great choreography and skill and thanks must go to the staff who worked incredibly hard behind the scenes to support our young people.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Easter, and say it is a real privilege to work with the students, staff, parents and Governors of the Colne community and I look forward already to returning after the holidays.

Daniel Fox  
Associate Head of School



# Happy Easter

# Art Trip – Amsterdam 9 to 11 February

The Netherlands is renowned for producing some of History's greatest artists such as Rembrandt, Vermeer and Vincent van Gogh all hailed from the Netherlands. On a chilly weekend in February, the Dutch city of Amsterdam, already home of the aforementioned artists, was fortunate enough to host fifteen students (and two teachers) from the Colne Community School and College.

As teachers, myself and Miss Kelly could not be prouder of how excellently composed the students were for the entirety of the trip. The Colne school of Art students visited the Rijksmuseum, the Stedelijk museum and the Foam museum and studied the work of artists from across the globe, producing sketches and detailed drawings of their observations. We toured the cities canals on a river cruise and enjoyed sketchbook evenings with copious amounts of tea. We also toured the house of Anne Frank, a harrowing experience that allowed students to experience some of Amsterdam's (and Europe's) darker past.

The study tour to Amsterdam was an educational, enlightening and exciting experience for all involved. Students were inspired by the collections of art in some of the world's greatest galleries and produced brilliant work which has helped them progress in their GCSE and A-Level exams. Most importantly however, students were able to experience and immerse themselves in Amsterdam's cultured history, from not just its art, but also stroopwaffles



# NEMOs Champions

Last evening we travelled to Harwich and Dovercourt High school to compete in the Year 7 North Essex Mathematical Olympiads (NEMOs).

After three hectic rounds of number crunching and problem solving the team, consisting of Thomas Imrie, Thomas Ashley, Teddy Belcher and Emily Corke (pictured left to right) were crowned clear winners with an impressive 84points.

They represented the school amazingly well and displayed all the values of ARK throughout the evening.

If you see them around or in your lessons, can you please congratulate them on their awesome achievement!

Mr S Hickey



# Up and Coming Skating Champions

## Ed and Elliot Appleby



Ed and Elliot both received international allocations to represent NISA and GBR at Advanced Novice level at the Golden Bear, Zagreb, Croatia (in October 2017). Ed placed Third in the Short programme and Elliot placed Fifth in this event. In the Free event Ed placed Third, with a new personal best score and Elliot placed Sixth. Following this, Ed and Elliot went on to compete at the Oxford Open in the Advanced Novice Mens and Junior Mens events where Elliot placed Third in both the short and free events at Advanced Novice Level and Ed placed First in both the short and free events at Junior Level.

The key national event in UK singles figure skating is the British Figure Skating Championships that was held in Sheffield at the end of 2017. Both Ed and Elliot qualified for this event, competed and gained podium places (Elliot placed Third in Advanced Novice category and Ed (aged 12 at the time of the event) placed Third in the Junior Men's events involving skaters several years older).

Their first competition of 2018 was the Ice Talent Trophy, a competition that was held in Hasselt, Belgium. Here Ed and Elliot again competed at Advanced Novice level and placed First and Third respectively.





A further international allocation to the ISU Challenge Cup in The Hague, Netherlands saw Ed and Elliot representing NISA and GBR at Advanced Novice level with an overall result for the 9-strong GBR team of third place.

Recently Ed and Elliot both competed at the Skate Southern Club International, which was held at Lee Valley Ice Centre, London, where they competed at Junior level.

Ed and Elliot are both members of NISA's elite Advanced Novice Talent Potential squad, with Ed ranked First in the latest Advanced Novice rankings (released last month) and Third in the Junior Rankings (having first competed at this level last Summer, and it is a group that under ISU rules skaters may compete in up to 19 years old). Ed also continues to be selected by NISA as a recipient of their Young Rising Star Award. Elliot is presently ranked Fourth in the Advanced Novice rankings and will move to compete at Junior level this week (at the Skate Southern Club International, Lee Valley Ice Centre, London). Ed (at age 12) held the Advanced Novice boys Total, Free and Short programme records for Great Britain (according to the Rink Results website).

# Alex Appleby (ex Colne Student)

Alex who is presently authorised from her Sixth Form College to attend a screening with a Synchronised team she was selected to be a member of, at Ice Arena Wales (Cardiff) in preparation for the Senior World Synchronised Skating Championships.

Synchronised skating is a figure skating discipline that involves elements of singles, pairs and dance but with a team of 16 skaters on the ice!

Team Viola, which Alex is a member of, competed at and won the Senior British Synchronised Skating Championships in Nottingham in January. Alex has competed internationally at ISU events and achieved podium places at the Winter Cup (Belgium) and at the Trophy D'Escosse Scotland placing second and third place respectively.

Alex also successfully completed and passed her NISA Level One Assistant Coach qualification last year. Alex continues to train Singles figure skating too, taking Third place at Advanced Novice level at the Oxford Opens last October.



# Anti-Bullying

At The Colne Community School and College we are committed to creating an enjoyable and purposeful climate for learning for all the students at the school; with your support we will be able to achieve this. We are committed to tackle all incidents of bullying.

Please be assured that all matters reported will be treated seriously and addressed as quickly as possible.

Should you wish to speak to me directly about any incident that your child may have reported to you and that you feel has not been dealt with efficiently, please contact me directly on **07591 160123**.

If I am unavailable, please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Daniel Fox  
Associate Head of School





Please ensure that you contact the school **each and every** day that your child is absent. Failure to do so will result in the absence being recorded as unauthorised. As such, unauthorised absences are regularly monitored and reported to the Missing Education and Child Employment Service, if attendance falls below 90%, and into the persistent absentee category.

The Department for Education expect children and young people to achieve their education potential with a consistent 95% attendance and above. One week's absence from school equates to 25 hours of lost education.

Minor ailments, such as a headache or slight cold, are not deemed acceptable reasons for failing to attend school. With authorisation, medication can be held at the school office and administered throughout the day as necessary. Repeated absences will require the school to request that you obtain medical evidence from your doctor's surgery or local pharmacy. This is a Government recommendation and absences may not be authorised without it.

Irregular school attendance is taken very seriously. The Essex Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices has confirmed that a financial penalty notice may be issued if 10 unauthorised absences occur during a 10 week period. Each school day accounts for 2 sessions- am & pm

I would also like to remind you that the law does not give entitlement to parents to remove their child from school during term-time for the purpose of a holiday. Head teachers may only grant leave of absence where an application has been made in advance and the Head teacher considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If permission is not granted and you still take your child out of school for a holiday, the Local Authority may issue a penalty notice.

I would like to encourage you to keep track of your child's attendance via Go4Schools, which your child can access within school, and you can access via the school website.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Mr A Baker  
Assistant Principal





# What to wear at school

## The school uniform code states:



Plain black, traditional school style trousers (cords, denim jeans, jeans style or skinny leg fashion trousers **are not allowed**). It is recommended that all students wear trousers.

The tartan school skirt is only available from [www.yourschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.yourschoolwear.co.uk) and may be worn as an alternative to trousers. If the skirt is worn, it should be no more than 5cm above or below the knee.

It is recommended that skirts are worn with black tights (no footless tights or leggings).

Plain Black school shoes (**Not Vans, Converse or other trainer and casual canvas styles**).

**School uniform must be worn at all times.**



Jewellery is limited to one ring worn on the finger of one hand, and one ear stud per ear. Jewellery must be discreet. **Other piercings are not permitted.**

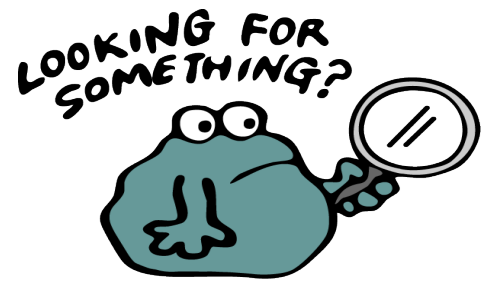
Make-up and nail varnish is not allowed in Years 7 - 9. In Year 10 and above it should be limited and discreet.

Extremes of hairstyle are not acceptable. Hair should be natural in colour. Items of clothing must not bear slogans.

As parents and carers will know, we do not specify a specific uniform supplier for school trousers but would recommend [www.yourschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.yourschoolwear.co.uk).

If you are unsure about whether the trousers you are intending to purchase meet the school requirements, please compare to those that are sold by the above recommended supplier or alternatively email [mail@colne.essex.sch.uk](mailto:mail@colne.essex.sch.uk) with the type, supplier and web link (if applicable) and we will clarify.

Please be advised that if uniform does not meet our requirements, you will be asked to purchase the correct uniform to avoid your child receiving sanctions for non-compliance. I would therefore ask that you refer to our school uniform policy which can be accessed via our website.



We have several items of lost property in the Student Reception area. If your child has lost any items please tell them to come and look in the boxes.

### Uniform Donations



If you are replacing your child's blazer or school skirt we would be pleased to receive your second hand items which will then be sold on for a donation to the school.



All moneys received will be used for the Colne students benefit.

### Reminder to Parents



If you move house or change your phone number you must inform the Main Office as soon as possible.



### Equipment for School Day

Can we also ask that all students make sure they remember to bring in their PE kit, homework, lunch, ingredients for cooking or any other equipment they need for the School Day.

We cannot always guarantee delivery of any items forgotten by students.

### Payments

We are a Cashless school and use Parentpay for the collection of all monies for trips, dinner money etc.

If you have any issues logging in please contact our Finance Department on 01206 545222 who will be happy to help.

# Key Dates for your diary

- **Wednesday 25 April** **Year 11 Progress Evening**
- **Thursday 3 May** **Year 8 Vaccinations**
- **Monday 7 May** **Bank Holiday**
- **Monday 14 May** **Year 9 Vaccinations**