



**THE COLNE**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL & COLLEGE

## March 2024 at The Colne

### Key Dates

**15 April** - First day of Summer Term

**19 April & 1 May** - Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

**9 May** - Year 8 Parents Evening

**6 May** - Bank Holiday - school closed

**27 - 31 May** - May half term

**3 July** - Year 11 Prom

**11 July** - Year 10 Parents Evening

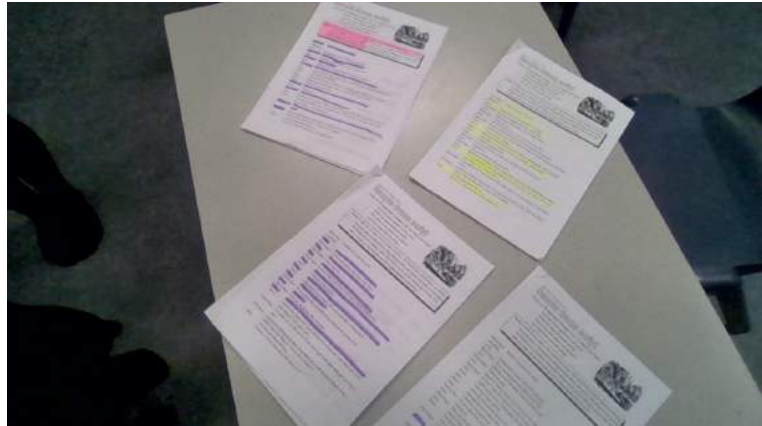
**17 July** - Summer Showcase (Music, Dance, Drama)

**19 July** - Last day of the academic year

### World Book Day - Visual Arts

#### Drama

During World Book Day, the Drama department studied Alice in Wonderland. Students read the tea party scene through script work, the literary nonsense blew their minds. Some interesting work formed from this exciting script!



#### Art

Students were creating Blackout Poetry for World Book Day in Art - students read a poem and created a poem and a visual piece using words from this page.



### **Faraday Challenge - Miss Elliott and Mr Job**

On 18 March six Year 8 students, Fairyn, Poppy, Tala, Harry, Lily and Teddy, went to Clacton County High School to take part in a Faraday Challenge, organised by the Institute of Engineering and Technology.

Their brief was to design, produce and present a new idea that would benefit road users of the future. The students were amazing! They collaborated brilliantly to come up with the idea of a solar powered bus stop with integrated lighting, charging and information facilities, accessible to able-bodied and disabled users, that acted as a physical barrier from roads to a distinct cycle path that was also lit by solar power. They learnt about the best types of circuits to use to get the most out of the solar power available, worked to a budget, and created a presentation that all members contributed to.

I am delighted to say that the students were chosen as the winning team for the day and their scores will be judged against those from schools across the country to see if they meet the national finals.

A massive congratulations to all those in the team and thanks to Clacton County High for hosting and to Miss Elliott for organising the trip from the Colne.



### **University of Essex Trip for British Science Week - Miss Elliott**

University of Essex welcomed some of our Year 9 students for their annual STEM-tacular event as part of British Science Week. The students had the opportunity to learn how the brain develops and even look at their own brain's electrical signals, alongside learning about the world's ugliest animals with an engaging talk from guest speaker Simon Watt, the founder of the Ugly Animal Preservation Society. The day was brilliant for demonstrating the diversity of STEM careers and enhancing students' love of STEM subjects.





### **Woman in Black Trip - Miss Jones**

On Wednesday 6 March, 150 Year 8 students travelled to Ipswich's Regent Theatre to attend The Woman in Black - a play adapted by Stephen Mallatratt from the original piece of Gothic Fiction published in 1983 by Susan Hill. The production opened in London's West End in 1989 and was performed there until 2023, making it the second longest-running non-musical play in West End history.

All students were engaged in the performance and demonstrated exemplary behaviour throughout - they were a pleasure to spend the afternoon with. We hope that they found the play to be both entertaining and informative. We are really looking forward to seeing the Gothic inspiration brought to life in their showcases!

### **Duke of Edinburgh - Miss Joyce**

The Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students had a two hour first aid session delivered by Mrs Nation in school. They learnt skills such as CPR, the recovery position, slings and bandages. They learnt how to deal with things such as an emergency situation, assessing dangers, sun stroke, bites, breaks, sprains, strains, burns, cuts, grazes, splinters and stings.



They all got the chance to practise CPR on special CPR dummies and put someone into the recovery position. They all practised putting a sling on, applying bandages and how to dress wounds such as burns.



These necessary skills will enable these Duke of Edinburgh students to participate in their expedition safely.



### History Trip - Mrs Wicks

The History department took 99 Year 11 students to see a play at the University of Essex which imagined what may have happened if the Spanish had been victorious in a second Armada and captured Queen Elizabeth.

The actors were fabulous and as well as revising all the GCSE content the students were really able to understand why Elizabeth did what she did during her reign thanks to the explanation given by Elizabeth defending herself.

The students were brilliantly behaved and participated well in the marking workshops getting to grips with how to improve their answers. Well done Year 11 and good luck for the exam!



### Another Victory for Vesta!

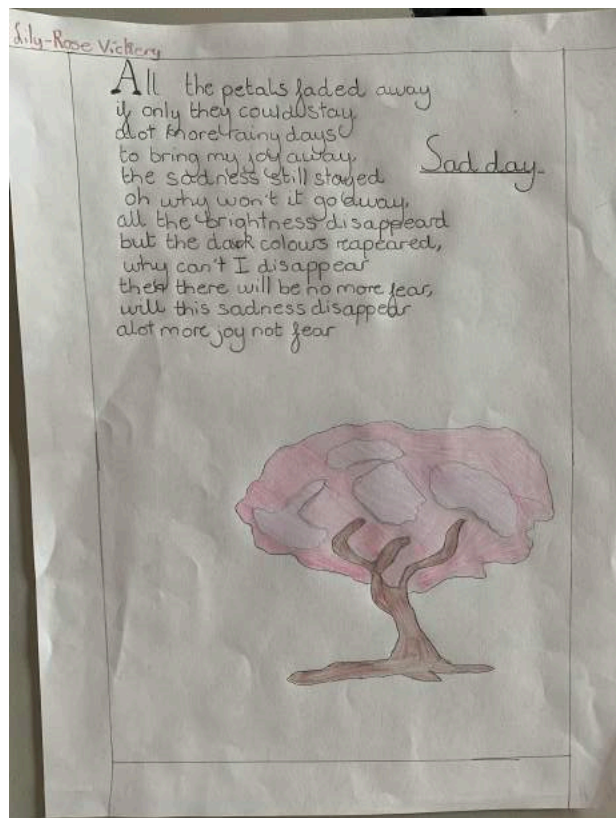
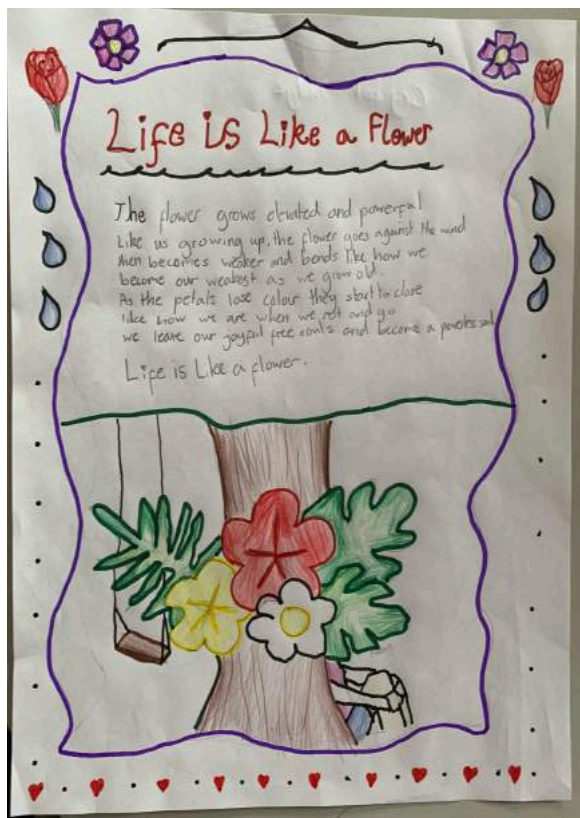
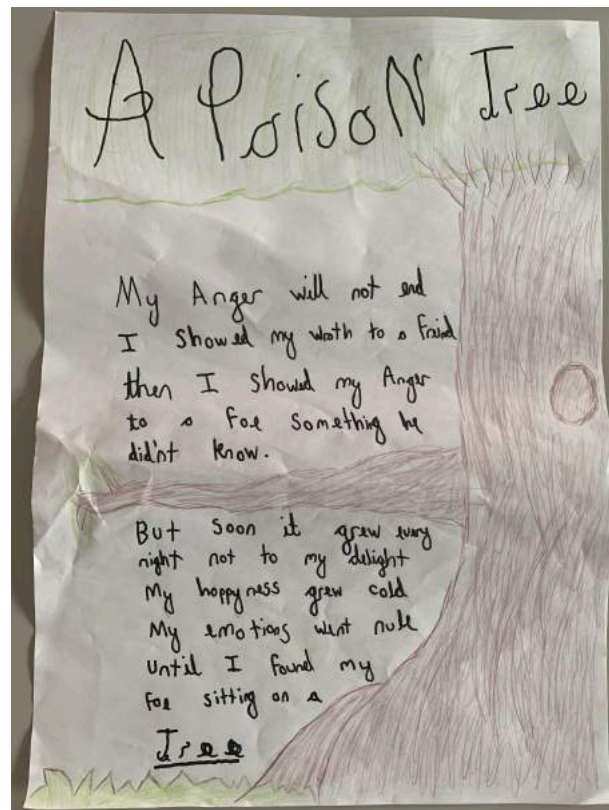
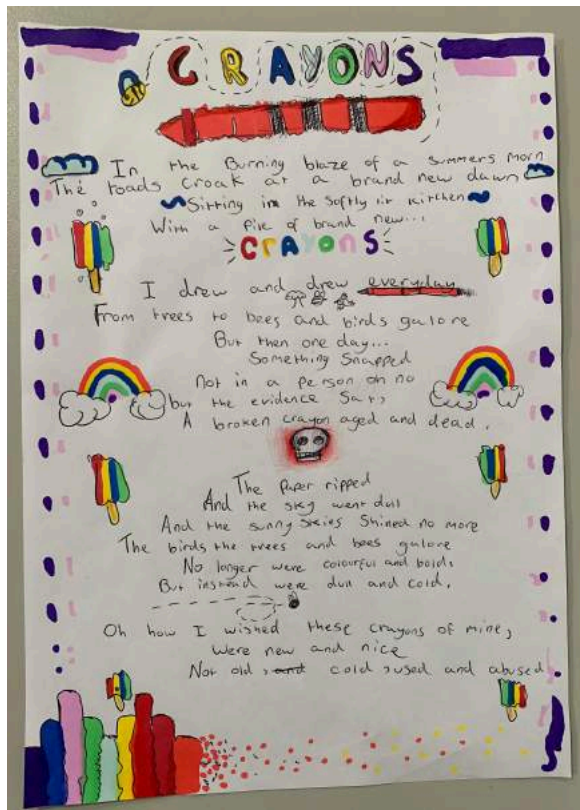
On Saturday 3 March, Links Karate competed in the KDF Open Karate Championship in Harlow. Vesta returned with gold in fighting and silver in Kata – well done!





## Stunning Showcase - English

Students have been showcasing their poetry skills in English. See below for some amazing work.








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## FREE EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!

1st April - 12th April

Eligible school aged children and young people are invited to book onto FREE, fun-filled activity clubs who are run by a network of locally, trusted organisations and brought to you by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of the Department for Education!



### IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Clubs offer spaces to primary and secondary school aged children (4-16 years) who are eligible for benefit based free school meals. Limited spaces are available for young people who are also from 'low-income' working families, as well as children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation.

### WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?

Clubs will be running across Essex in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring, Thurrock and Uttlesford!

### WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

Clubs provide a range of different physical, enrichment and food activities to support children's physical and mental wellbeing, as well as a delicious, nutritious meal! We also offer specialist youth, SEND and mental wellbeing clubs.

### HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

If you have received a Holiday Activities voucher code, click the link on the voucher to book your child/ren onto a club. If you're still awaiting a voucher code, please contact your school. If you aren't eligible for a Holiday Activities voucher as your child/ren do not receive benefits based free school meals, please contact a local club directly to book on by heading to our website below.

[www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate](http://www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate)





# April



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