



## THE COLNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL & COLLEGE

November 2022 at The Colne

### Foreword - Kaina, Grace, Flora

Hello! We hope everybody has had an amazing half term, and is ready for the final few weeks of this calendar year. In this month's newsletter we have: our own student in a movie; The Colne School on Remembrance Day; a reminder to hand in blankets for the dogs at Christmas; sporting victories; important dates; and much more. Don't forget... less than a month until Christmas!

### Matilda - The Big Screen - Ms Sargent



Isa, a former student of The Colne Community School, left us in Year 10 to attend The Brit School. We are incredibly proud of him and when he was in Year 9 he was also filming Matilda the Musical. Matilda will be in the cinemas soon and on Netflix over Christmas, we hope you can watch the film. The Drama Department teachers are incredibly proud of him and wish him all the best.

Isa is completing his GCSE studies at The Brit School and majors in dance and drama. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavours.

### Jack Petchey - Miss Jones

From Belle in Year 10:  
Our Jack Petchey workshop was a really fun way to learn and also experience everything to do with public speaking.





We started by doing an introduction task where we came to the front of the class and shared our name and a few facts about ourselves including what we want to do in the future and other information to share in order to help with our confidence. Throughout the session we played games and wrote in a workbook we were given all about how to speak confidently and loudly.

We shared stories and listened to our instructor give a story as an example as well as then practising debating random topics in smaller groups. We learnt tactics of how

to appear well spoken and confident which we then used when sharing our end of session speech. This was my favourite task but definitely the most challenging.

At the end of the session we prepared a speech on a chosen topic to share with the class. We had 75 seconds to give this speech with regular time reminders and once everyone finished a group was chosen to go to the second round.

Overall it was a really fun and exciting experience and I learnt a lot about how to speak with importance and power!

From Grace in Year 10:

The Jack Petchey workshop was an amazing and unique opportunity. We were able to express ourselves while learning so much. We did a couple of different exercises that eventually built up to all the techniques we needed to make our speeches. It was so supportive and I loved how we could share how much and how while I learnt the whole day was so fun. I have learnt so many skills from it, which I can even use in my GCSE speech later this year, and it's generally boosted my confidence when it comes to public speaking. I would definitely recommend!



From Kyana in Year 10:

I think the Jack Petchey writing workshop was really helpful and I enjoyed each second of it. It's definitely benefited my skills on what I need to become a good public speaker. The activities we did that day such as taking turns to speak and getting constant feedback was really impactful. I believe it was useful for when I hopefully do more speeches, I'll be able to use what was taught that day.

From Kaina in Year 10:

When I found out I would be completing the Jack Petchey workshop I was excited but didn't really know what to expect or how it would work. But after I spent an entire day working on self confidence, public speaking and my finishing speech I felt so empowered and refreshed. The first part of the day you work on how to speak publicly which includes learning tips and tricks. Then we worked on ethos and pathos in speeches and making yourself credible and relatable. Finally, you prepare and present a speech on a topic you care about. For me it helped target the things I need to improve on (such as eye contact) and helped build my confidence. I'm very excited to continue working with the programme as I made it through to the next round!

## Remembrance Day - Mr Grimwood and Student Leadership Team



Tala in Year 7 told us about their experience:

On Friday 11th of November the Colne Student Leadership Team went to Brightlingsea town to put the Colne wreath down for the remembrance ceremony. We had an opportunity to represent our school which was a great experience.

After we had the two minutes of silence the Mayor of Brightlingsea asked us if we wanted to go to his meeting room. The Mayor kindly offered us chocolate and squash. One of the students asked if his livery collar (Mayors' necklaces) is heavy or not. We were all curious to find that out and a couple of us had that opportunity to try it on and surprisingly it was not heavy at all.

The most important thing about this is to thank Mr Grimwood and Miss Hastie for taking us down to the town and giving us this honour, because without them we would not have had that amazing chance.

### Public Speaking - in Birmingham!

We are very proud of Tayo in Year 10 who attended the national Black History Month event in Birmingham this month and spoke at the event. Mitzi Ramperstad of the charity Barnardos sent us this message regarding Tayo's speech:

"Tayo researched and prepared verbal responses – to a live audience of about 100 people – about the significance of his hair. The feedback was exceptional, and his eloquence and diligence in particular were praised.

Our Director for the Centre for Excellence, who was in the audience, subsequently enquired about Tayo joining (in his own time) our national Young People's Panel: we are keen that the voices of children and young people are heard nationally and inform all aspects of our work. We very much welcome Tayo's continued thoughtful and considered insights."

Well done, Tayo!

## Spotlight - Visual and Performing Arts

'Spotlight' is the new half termly activity from the Visual & Performing Arts faculty created to encourage students to explore knowledge and culture beyond the classroom.

Every half term Art, Music, Drama and DT will shine the spotlight on one practitioner or piece that students can explore further in their own time.

More information is on students' Google Classrooms with ideas of how to start exploring and how to get involved.



# Visual & Performing Arts SPOTLIGHT

### Design & Technology-October Spotlight






Zaha Hadid is a world renowned British Iraqi Architect.

Watch this:  
<https://youtu.be/b3Bhv2T8Naw>  
<https://youtu.be/MrRvX518PyY>

### What you could do...

- Create your own Zaha Hadid building design
- Create a model of one of Zaha Hadid's buildings
- Produce a page of research on Zaha Hadid
- Write a review on one of the buildings
- Visit one of the buildings!
- Create a map showing all the buildings designed by Hadid
- *Or something else - your own response!*

### Extra Research

[Zaha Hadid website](#)  
[Architectural digest article](#)

### Get Involved!

Simply submit your response on Google Classroom or show your subject teacher. You could earn Ark Points, Postcards home or even be featured in the school newsletter!



# Visual & Performing Arts SPOTLIGHT

### Art-October Spotlight Mr Doodle





Mr Doodle decided to decorate his whole house in his unique style of doodles.

Watch this:  
[BBC News Video](#)

### What you could do...

- Produce a whole page of doodles in the style of Mr Doodle
- Cover an object in doodles
- Produce a page or research on Mr Doodle
- Comment on Google Classroom to tell us your opinion of Mr Doodle's work
- Make a sketchbook cover that is covered in black and white doodles
- *Or something else - your own response!*

### Extra Research

[Mr Doodle's Website](#)  
[Mr Doodle's YouTube Channel](#)  
[Newsroom - see links to other related content](#)

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# Visual & Performing Arts SPOTLIGHT

### Drama-October Spotlight The Lion King



As a visual arts department we are working on the whole school production of The Lion King. We are working within the realms of singing, dancing and acting. The show will be performed in February.

Watch this:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-KFHx88Rlk&t=841s>

### What you could do...

- Write a plot synopsis of The Lion King
- Come see the show on the 1st Feb
- Create a mood board of costumes for the show
- Design face paint ideas
- Research the role of backstage crew and write a paragraph about why you would suit that role

### Extra Research

Read the play  
 Watch the show on youtube  
 Watch the lion king on Disney plus

### Get Involved!

Come and watch the show on Wednesday 22nd Feb, Thursday 23rd Feb and Friday 24th Feb 2023.  
 Tickets will be on sale via ticket master.



# Visual & Performing Arts SPOTLIGHT

### Music - October Spotlight Pink Floyd





Pink Floyd are one of the most iconic rock bands in the world. Formed in 1965 and still going, they are known for their experiment and progressive styles.

Watch this:  
[A brief history video](#)

### What you could do...

- Listen to an album (suggest The Dark Side of the Moon).
- Write a biography of the band.
- Re-create one of their album covers (they were also artists).
- Comment on Google Classroom to tell us your opinion of Pink Floyd's music.
- Go and watch the [Australian Pink Floyd](#) at the Ipswich Regent on 29th November.
- *Or something else - your own response!*

### Extra Research

[Pink Floyd's Website](#)  
[Greatest Hits - YouTube video](#)  
[Inside Out: A Personal History of Pink Floyd - Read their biography](#)

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## Bio Art Attack Competition - Mrs Mason

Our Year 7 scientists have been getting creative in their science lessons, taking inspiration from the sculptural textile artist, Priscilla Edwards.



They have been making wildlife sculptures using textiles, wire, and wax for the Royal Society of Biology's BioArtAttack 2022 competition.



## Blanket Drive on Behalf of Dogs Trust - Izzy in Year 11

As the weather grows colder the need for bedding for dogs within shelters grows exponentially.

With this in mind, we are running a blanket drive, asking for donations of pre-loved, clean blankets to give to our local Dogs Trust centre who do amazing work not only in our area but also nationally.

Our target is 100 blankets by the end of the year and there is a collection point in place at the school reception where you can donate any surplus blankets you may have.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated and fingers crossed we hit our target by 2023!

## P.E. - Mr Rudd

This month saw us host our first inter-form competition of the year, with the Year 7s taking part in a boys' football and girls' basketball competition. A massive congratulations to all the students who turned out and gave their all in search of the elusive inter-form trophy! We had over 70 students attend across both events, which was fantastic to see.



In the girls' basketball competition 7C topped the table and took home the trophy, whilst in the boys' football competition 7A overcame 7G in an intense penalty shootout to lift the trophy!

Keep your eyes peeled for more inter-form competitions coming up!



## Coastal Netball & Football Leagues - Mrs Pulford

It has been a busy term for our school football and netball teams. Each year group has competed in the local Coastal Schools League. Our most successful team has been our Year 9 boys' football team, who are again undefeated in this league, comfortably winning each of their matches. Our Year 7 football team have also made a great start and have finished as runners up in the league, only losing one game to Harwich. In Key Stage 4, good availability has also resulted in many excellent performances. Both the Year 10 and Year 11 teams finished as runners up in their league. Finally, our Year 8 football team competed in a very close league, winning 3 games and losing 2. This was enough for them to finish as runners up in their league.



Our netball club has been extremely well attended each week and our teams are continuing to improve all the time. For many Year 7 students this was their first opportunity to play competitive netball and although we only won one game, their knowledge of the game has improved a lot. Our Year 8 team was competitive in every game they played and finished in 3rd place in the league. The Year 9 team went one better, only losing one of their games and finishing as runners up. In both Year 10 and 11 our teams also finished in 3rd place in their leagues. The netball players are now ready to put their skills to the test in the Colchester Youth League, competing against local netball clubs.

## Public Speaking Competition - Mr Cooksley

3 of our Year 10 students, Belle, Kyana and Charlotte had a fantastic opportunity to take part in the ESU Churchill Public Speaking Competition this month. During the Mace debate our students were asked to propose the consumption and sale of meat should be banned.

In addition, we have another two teams for public speaking for this coming Monday. Grace, Pascale and Skye will focus on the impact of social media. Woody, Jacob and Megan will look at the role of nuclear energy going forward.

The students have worked exceptionally hard to form their speeches and have delivered them with panache! It has been inspiring seeing the camaraderie grow between all of them. They should hold their heads high and deserve a lot of respect for the courage it takes to speak publicly and having to think on their feet. It is also an exciting step that garners confidence that they can draw upon throughout their life long after the Colne.

## Cost of living newsletter from Essex County Council

Although Christmas is a wonderful time of year, for some families, it can be a particularly difficult period as well. To try and help with this, Essex County Council have asked us to share with you a newsletter they have put together which gives information regarding some cost of living support for which families may be eligible. You can access the newsletter via [this link](#).

### Key Dates

16 December 2022 - deadline for the Winter Reading Challenge

21 December 2022 - 6 January 2023 Christmas holidays

6 January 2023 - non-pupil day

18 January 2023 - Years 7-9 flu jabs

26 January 2023 - Year 11 Parents Evening

9 February 2023 - Year 9 Parents Evening

1 March 2023 - Year 8 Parents Evening

13 March 2023 - Year 11 individual and whole year photos

26 April 2023 - Year 7 Parents Evening

6 July 2023 - Year 10 Parents Evening

 

THE COLNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
DANCE DEPARTMENT  
PRESENTS THEIR

*Winter Showcase*

WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER 2022  
STARTS AT 6.30PM

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA PARENTPAY FROM 18th NOV 2022 (£7 pp)  
@ The Brightlingsea Community Centre, Lower Park Road, CO7 0GL

Music and Lyrics by Elton John & Tim Rice. Additional Music and Lyrics by Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin and Hans Zimmer. Book by Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi. Based on the Broadway production directed by Julie Taymor. This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe). All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe [www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)

Disney  
**THE LION KING** ©Disney



**Wed 22nd Feb**

4.30pm

**Thu 23rd Feb**

6.45pm

**Fri 24th Feb**

6.45pm



The Colne  
Community School  
& College

£8 Adult, £5 Concession, £20 Family (2+2)  
@ The Colne School Hall

Tickets available via the school website and [www.ticketsource.com](http://www.ticketsource.com)

