



THE COLNE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL & COLLEGE

October 2023 at The Colne

Key Dates

20 November 2023 - All years flu immunisations (more information to follow)

23 November 2023 - Year 7 Parents Evening

24 and 27 November - Non-pupil days

Sir Bernard Jenkin MP visits Colne

We were delighted to welcome Sir Bernard Jenkin MP to the Colne recently to meet with staff and students and discuss our recent Good Ofsted rating.

Sir Bernard was hugely complimentary of our school and our tour guides for the visit, Kyana and Jacob, represented the school brilliantly.



Tendring Youth Awards - Ben

Ben was nominated for the Improved Attendance Award at the 2023 Tendring Youth Awards in October. Although he didn't win, he was invited to the event and recognised for how hard he has worked to be in school and consistently attending lessons.

His attendance has risen every year since starting with us in Year 7 and is now up over 90%. Well done Ben!



Bookbuzz

Each year, our Year 7s are given a book from the school when they arrive. This year, there was a choice of 16 books, making it very hard for our students to choose and some asking if they could pick more than one!

Our students were very excited to receive their books, asking each lesson when they would arrive!

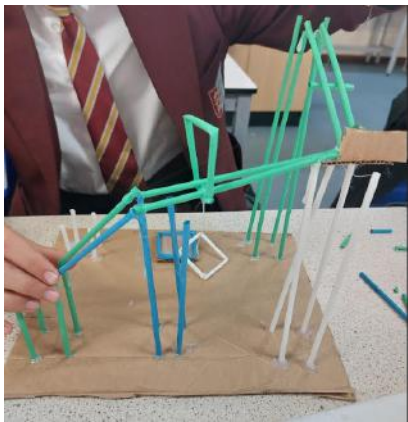
Before half term, students were given these out and they could not wait to dive in. Happy reading!



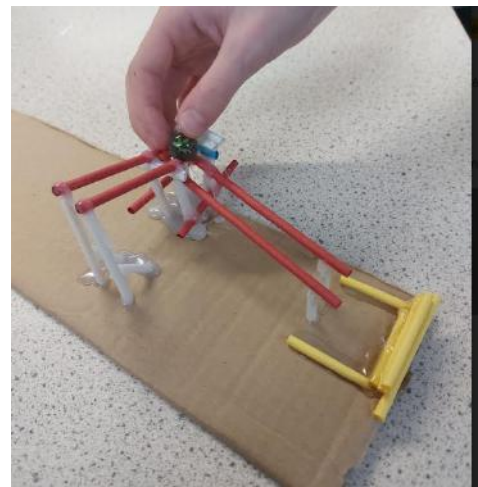
STEM Club - Miss Elliott

Our school's STEM Club is igniting creativity with 3D-printed pencil toppers and mesmerising marble runs. Using CAD software and a 3D printer, students have turned their imaginations into reality, crafting custom pencil toppers that range from whimsical animals to geometric marvels.

In addition to pencil toppers, the club has ventured into the captivating world of marble runs. Through experimentation and teamwork, they've constructed gravity-defying structures that send marbles on thrilling journeys.



These hands-on projects not only make STEM subjects come alive but also highlight the power of creative exploration in education.



European Day of Languages - Ms Hillier

On Tuesday 26 September, our students took part in European Day of Languages.

In registration, they were invited to say 'Hello' in a different language, and at both break and lunchtime, they were able to choose from some delicious international food in the Refectory.

Activities were all language and culture based and classroom activities included the Eurovision Song Contest and Who Wants To Be A Millionaire, as well as a presentation on the overall benefits of learning foreign languages.

Students were also given the opportunity to create their own computer presentation on a country of their choice or to create their own poster on the benefits of language learning.

In PE, students used French and German numbers and colours with their team games and sports.

There has been very positive feedback from students, and everyone had a great day!





Christmas Book Collection - Max

Every year, myself and my younger brother and sister collect donations of brand new books for children in hospital over the Christmas period. The books are given as gifts for the children to keep. They are also continued to be given out throughout the year, as well to children that have shown courage during treatment and also when children finish treatment, as well as children coming through A&E.

We are donating to Colchester, Ipswich, West Suffolk and Southend hospitals and we will be delivering all books donated in the 2 weeks leading up to Christmas.

This is our 5th year of doing this and in the last 4 years, we have donated nearly 4500 books to children.

Our Facebook page and Instagram page links are below (managed by mum):

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064929570805>

https://www.instagram.com/maxliamlilymai_bookcollection/



New 'Colne Art Gallery' - Mrs Kelly

The Art department has created a brand new art gallery in the newly refurbished corridor outside of the art rooms. The gallery will showcase work from our students and will change termly. Currently we are showing pieces by some of our most successful GCSE Art and GCSE Photography students from last year.



Termly Rewards - P.E.

Please see below our termly rewards winners for this half term.

The termly rewards are chosen each half term. Students are chosen for one of the following categories: Effort, Achievement or Commitment. The students that are chosen will receive a certificate and their name will be displayed on the board in the PE corridor.

Boys	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Achievement	Dylan Hales	Ethan Zinzan	Alfie Fisher	Thomas Griffiths	Drew Robertson
Commitment	Nicky Sexton	Kit Matthews	Tyler Williams	Albert Ronan	Josh Wright
Effort	Dylan Hunt	Harry March	Ethan Platt	Ben Carpenter	Jamie Boon
Girls	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Achievement	Macy McEnergy-Osborne	Ella Wallis	Angel Jasper	Courtney Barratt	Polly Paterson
Commitment	Esme- Rose Beer	Elsa Johnston	Emily Montague	Wanwisa Kent-Crocker	Erin Maunton
Effort	Kyra Watkins	Poppy Bullen	Molly Giles	Emily Kyle	Ray Cooper

STEM taster day at the University of Essex - Miss Elliott

Twelve Year 8 students experienced life at the University of Essex on a trip this month. They learnt about how Maths graphs link to things like logistics and neuroscience, whilst trying to solve the impossible Bridges of Königsberg problem; explored the importance of biodiversity; got to visit the marine biology research labs; and had a tour of the campus as a whole. Thank you to the University Outreach team for organising the day.



World Mental Health Day - Miss Wynne

World Mental Health Day was celebrated with a form time activity and the welcoming of many more student Mental Health Ambassadors for this academic year. All ambassadors received a 'Big Life Journal'. Jessica Dicaprio won a student mental health grant through the Jack Petchey award and used this money to buy as many mental health journals as possible, for as many students as we could! Well done Jess!





Year 7 History trip to St Osyth Priory - Mrs Smith

The week before half term, Year 7 had a whistle stop tour of the grounds of St Osyth Priory. We learnt the history of Osyth and how she was gifted the land for herself and her convent. Students also took a tractor ride to see the beautiful white deer and stag, which are deeply associated with the story of St Osyth.

We also braved a walk to the top of Darcy's tower to take in the views towards Brightlingsea and Clacton on sea.

Later students were immersed into the world of medieval medicine and made a pomander to ward

off bad smells and illness.

This trip brought to life some of the elements of our Year 7 curriculum from the Anglo-Saxons through to the discovery of witches.





Jack Petchey - Miss Jones

On Thursday 19 October, 30 Year 10 students were invited to take part in the Jack Petchey Speak Out Workshop. By the end of the expert-led, interactive workshop all students have developed and delivered a speech that they created from scratch. Huge congratulations to all students involved, but a special mention to Cally, Albert, Natty, Freya and Douglas who were all selected to take their training onto the next stage of the challenge - The Assembly Final!

Carter said "It was good to help me improve on improvising. When I have a script in front of me I can speak quite well and am normally comfortable with public speaking. I am part of the Diversity group and just delivered an assembly to the school. When it

comes to speaking without a planned speech, it is more difficult, but Jack Petchey helped me with my improvisation skills."

Charlotte said "It was nice to meet new people and talk to other people that you wouldn't normally in the Jack Petchey workshop. I am alright with improvisation and it helped me build these skills. As an actor, I am used to using scripts but this was a different type of speaking that I enjoyed. It made me interested in wanting to see the other speakers in the competition later in the year."

Freya said "You learned about the people in your group and you got an opportunity to tell others about something that you care about. It was interesting to hear other people's passions and that everyone has their own things they want to talk about that I hadn't considered before as much."

Lucy said "I think the team building exercises at the start helped build my confidence as it made it easier for me to talk to the strangers in the room and that we had a closer bond by the end of the day. It felt like everyone was willing to listen, whereas in other situations some students might not be so inclined to listen to what you are saying."

Albert said "I think the people in the room realised that everyone else was just as nervous to talk and was willing to listen. It made me realise that everyone has their own issues that other people don't know about that they hide away. It helped with my confidence in speaking out publicly."



Year 7 Drama - Mr Wells

Ahead of Year 6 Open Evening, Year 7 Drama students supported the department by creating inspiring and motivating posters which express how much they enjoy the subject - a very jazzy offering from Mr Well's class!



Black History Month - Mrs Tonkinson

The Colne Student Diversity Group delivered assemblies to all year groups on Black History Month.

The assembly focused on individuals who had personally inspired them, including people such as Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King and Oprah Winfrey, as well as Bukayo Saka and Ann Lowe. The assembly was the students' own work and they demonstrated passion, maturity and commitment in creating and delivering it. Well done everyone!

