

### Summer 2023 at The Colne

#### Key Dates

**14 September 2023** - Year 10 photos

**16 October 2023** - Year 11 photos

#### GCSE Results Day

Come rain or shine, GCSE Results Day is always an exciting occasion for staff and Year 11 students at the Colne and this year was no different. We saw some absolutely brilliant results this year and that was evident by the amount of smiling faces on Thursday 24 August when results were picked up.

Top performers this year were Eve Milgate with nine 9s, one 8 and one 7 and Bushra Kalaji with seven 9s and four 8s.

There was also lots of celebration when students saw they received the results they needed to confirm their spot at college or their next steps.

The staff of the Colne would like to congratulate the class of 2023 on their results and wish them all the very best!



### **Year 5 Singing Day - Mrs Pipe**

On Thursday 6 July we welcomed 200 Year 5 students from Brightlingsea, Millfields and Great Bentley primary schools to our annual Singing Day. This year, it was led by Claire Weston, a professional opera singer, who also lives locally and works at Woodbridge School. The students were engaged in games and activities during the day and produced four songs sung in several parts. There was a performance at the end of the day for any parents who wanted to attend. Claire also got them involved in singing as they were coming in!

Our Year 10 students were excellent role models for the students through their own performances during the day and their leadership and support in the organisation.

We look forward to meeting more Year 5s later this year! Many thanks to all staff in all schools involved for helping to organise the day.



### **Refectory Mural - Miss Notman**

Our Art Ambassadors and The Art Collective students helped create a mural for the Refectory during the Summer Term.

They were challenged to paint large, realistic food on a MDF board. All the students worked tirelessly all day to finish the mural.

They worked together, helping each other and worked as a team. They should be very proud of their achievement and the way they all worked together to get the mural finished in one day.





## Sports Awards Evening 2023 - Mrs Pulford

Our annual Sports Awards Evening recognises the commitment that students have shown to PE and Dance clubs over the past year. We were thrilled to be able to invite almost 300 students to be presented with their awards by our special guest, Gail Emms MBE, who has won an Olympic silver medal in badminton.



Students were also presented with Sports Colours for showing outstanding commitment across a range of sports and the evening culminated with the presentation of our special awards. Congratulations to all students involved, we look forward to being able to celebrate further successes with you over the coming year.

### Special Award winners (school year 2022-2023):

Year 7 Sports Person of the Year	Ethan 7A & Eleanor 7J
Year 8 Sports Person of the Year	Isaac 8A & Emily 8E
Year 9 Sports Person of the Year	Alex 9F & Wanwisa 9F
Year 10 Sports Person of the Year	Patrick 10G & Polly 10E
Key Stage 3 Dance Award	Daisy 9E
Key Stage 4 Dance Award	John 10B
Contribution to Dance Award	Lily 11H
Most Improved	Jonathan 9J, Molly 9J & Rosie 10C
Most successful team	Year 7 & 8 boys athletics team Year 7 girls basketball team
Fair Play Award	Year 7 girls football team
Reg White Shield for contribution to club sport	Hollie 8E

PE Faculty Special Award	Serenity 7B
Sarah Lant Memorial Award	Olivia 10F



### Sports Day 2023

Record numbers of participants took to the track and field in an attempt to win a gold medal and as many points for their tutor group as possible. It was fantastic to witness some extremely close races, some fantastic teamwork in the relay events and some incredible distances achieved in both the throwing and jumping events.



Final results were as follows:

#### YEAR 7

- 1st place: 7K
- 2nd place: 7J
- 3rd place: 7B

#### YEAR 8

- 1st place: 8A
- 2nd place: 8C
- 3rd place: 8G

#### YEAR 9

- 1st place: 9J
- 2nd place: 9F
- 3rd place: 9A



YEAR 10

1st place: 10A

2nd place: 10E

3rd place: 10H



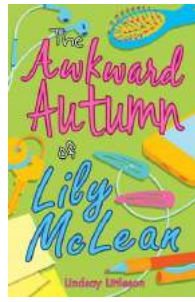
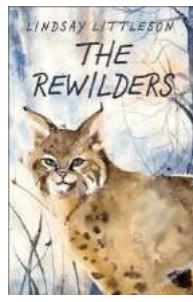
### **Summer Reading Challenge Winner**

The winner of the Summer Reading Challenge is Fareedah Abolaji-Ogunmola!  
Congratulations, Fareedah!

To keep up to date on all we do for reading, please visit

<https://reading.colne.essex.sch.uk/home>





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To all the students at Colne Community School and College,

I hope you've enjoyed a relaxing summer break and are excited about starting or coming back to school. I NEVER felt like that. My high school experience was not a happy one and at the end of the summer holidays, I always sank into a deep gloom. To cheer myself up on my first day back, I'd always head for the school library and choose a brilliant new book. To be honest, I often used the school library as a place to escape when real-life got boring or lonely and I had many brilliant adventures in Narnia or Middle-earth when I really should have been studying. When I was your age I was an avid reader. My friends often complained that I wasn't listening to their chat, and they were right, sometimes I wasn't! But it's a brilliant feeling, isn't it, when you're enjoying a story so much you don't want to put it down? If you haven't found your favourite book yet, keep looking. Somewhere, in a bookshop or on a library shelf, sits a novel you'll love forever.

I have been a published author since April 2015, when I won the Kelpies Prize for my debut novel, *The Mixed-Up Summer of Lily McLean*, although I actually decided when I was about eight years old that I wanted to be a children's author. It took a very long time for me to feel brave enough to send my work to publishers. If you are interested in becoming an author, don't be like me. Enter competitions and get your writing in front of an audience. Be confident and don't give up. Keep practising and improving and you will get there. It is, by the way, great fun being an author. I love visiting schools, libraries and festivals and talking to children about reading and writing. I really enjoy signing books in bookshops. The writing is sometimes the difficult bit, the part where I have to sit down at my desk and get on with it, no excuses allowed. Being a published author doesn't happen without hard work, but if you really, really want something, you have to do your absolute best to make it happen!

I've had eight children's novels published now, including *The Titanic Detective Agency* and *Guardians of the Wild Unicorns*, which was nominated for the Carnegie Medal! My latest novel, *Euro Spies*, came out in April. It's a spy caper set in six European cities and is packed with clues to solve and codes to crack. At the moment, I am editing a new novel, *The Melting Point*, set in Glasgow and Tuscany and featuring lots of ice cream.

If you read any of my stories, do let me know what you think.

Keep reading!

Best wishes, Lindsay Littleton

