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The Swing

BY ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

How do you like to go up in a swing,
Up in the air so blue?
Oh, I do think it the pleasantest thing
Ever a child can do!

Up in the air and over the wall,
Till I can see so wide,
Rivers and trees and cattle and all
Over the countryside—

Till I look down on the garden green,
Down on the roof so brown—
Up in the air I go flying again,
Up in the air and down!

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Jack Petchey Awards

Colne students attended an evening at West Cliff Theatre in Clacton to celebrate the achievements of many young people and Leader Award winners from across London/Essex. Congratulations to the students who attended as they were a credit to the school in the evening.



Summer, in Year 11, is an amazing young woman who has helped every student who has come into the year group. Having had lots of new students arrive, Summer is always a great 'buddy' for them all and ensures they feel safe and comfortable. Summer spent her money on extras for her year group Prom including arrival drinks and sweets for her peers.

Ella, in Year 11, joined the school in May 2022 and has worked really well across her subjects, with her behaviour being exemplary; Ella is an asset to the year group. Ella spent her money buying four tickets for Prom for students who cannot afford them.

Meredith, in Year 9, has been very resilient over the course of the year by putting herself outside of her comfort zone and participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Meredith has a positive influence on students in her year group with her infectious personality. Meredith wanted to buy a weather station for the Geography department so groups could watch the weather in Brightlingsea and check it daily.

Jadzia, in Year 9, has continuously tried hard to achieve her goals and always goes the extra mile in everything she does. Jadzia recently took part in an assembly to spread awareness for those who are autistic, showing those who do have autism that anything is possible. Jadzia has asked to donate her money to the SEND department to buy resources for the reregulation room where people go when they are dysregulated.

Maisie, in Year 8, used her quick thinking and bravery to undoubtedly save the life of her step-dad when he suffered an accident at home. Since then, Maisie has acted with maturity in and outside of school whilst he recovered. Maisie wanted to take her friends as a reward to Jump Street in Colchester. The students were selected based on their behaviour and effort over the course of the year.

Max in Year 7 has made an exceptional start to life at the Colne. Max quickly established himself as part of the student leadership team working on making the Colne better. Max and his siblings have also donated brand new books to the children's wards of Colchester Hospital, Ipswich Hospital, Southend Hospital, and West Suffolk Hospital. Max has donated his money to the school's library to buy extra books of his and to make it a more inviting space.



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Achievements



In March, Serenity in Year 8 competed in the Performance 4 Grades Competition and was the regional champion and qualified for regional finals as part of the East team. She competed in her national finals on the 12th May and was the NDP National bars champion with the East team placing 6th.



At the start of July, Hollie in Year 9 represented the Eastern region in Women's Level 1 13-17 yr category for Trampolining. Competing against all regions of the UK including Wales, Scotland & Ireland, Hollie successfully finished as the Inter Regional Challenge Cup Bronze medallist.

Year 7 Cultural Visits

Some of our Year 7 students visited the National Gallery and National Portrait Gallery on Wednesday 10th July. They had the chance to see some artworks in real life that they have studied this year, including the controversial 'Blood Head' by Marc Quinn and artworks by Van Gogh. Pupils saw a vast array of artworks and finished the day with a boat trip along the Thames to see plenty of London landmarks.

Other Year 7 students visited both the Science Museum and the Natural History Museum in one day as part of The Colne School's Cultural Activities at the end of Year 7. Students were able to enjoy a range of galleries including the Technician's Gallery, The Engineers Gallery, Making the Modern World which included the History of Science and Technologies and Exploring Space.

Year 7s took a trip to see Frozen at the Theatre Royal in London. Our first stop was at Pineapple Studios where students were involved in learning choreography from the show. Then a return to the theatre where the show began and we were amazed from start to finish. A favourite moment in the whole show has to be Elsa's transformation in 'Let It Go' with resounding cheers from everyone as she changes from one outfit to another by magic!

It was a great day enjoyed by all with many cherished memories!



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Year 10 Work Experience

Over the last few weeks, Year 10 students have been very busy finding out what it might be like to work in various industries including the Creative Arts, Hospitality, STEM, Animal Care, Construction, Sports, Emergency services, Childcare, Medical, Law and Media.

Each student selected one industry to experience and then spent a day finding out more about the jobs on offer, the working environment and the skills and qualifications required to get jobs in that area.

The students were amazing and behaved impeccably throughout all of the trips - the feedback from the industry experts was very positive with all of them offering to host visits again for our students.

We hope that these days proved useful to our pupils and gave them a realistic insight to what working in their chosen industries might be like in the future. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the companies, staff, students and parents/carers involved in making these trips possible.



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Events

Street Dance Workshops

A select number of students took part in some street dance workshops with Bradley Higgins from The Dance Spot. The students learnt short sequences of a street dance routine and



had opportunities to perform in front of each other. They were really engaged and Bradley was amazed by the talent we have at The Colne.

The Dance Spot have offered students, families and teachers a free first lesson offer when they book dance classes at The Dance Spot in Clacton-on-sea. Their classes include street dance, tik-tok dance class and they have a competitive dance squad.

Author Visit: Sam Scott

We were delighted to welcome Essex author, Sam Scott, to the Colne to talk to Years 7 and 8 about her current novel "Murder is Not a Game" and the craft of being a writer.

The talks to each year group were lively and engaging. Ms Scott shared her experiences of her path to becoming a writer and gave hints and tips to any budding writers in the audience. She also read several excerpts from her book, set on Bodmin Moor, about a boy and his sister trying to solve a series of Cluedo style murders!



Students were attentive and had plenty of questions to ask. Ms Scott complimented the students on their impeccable behaviour and high level of engagement.

What our students said about the visit:

"The book was very interesting. (she was) Very kind, got me wanting to read"

"I enjoyed Sam's advice for young readers"

"It inspired me to write more books"

"Inspired me to read more books"

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GCSE Geography Walton-on-the-Naze Fieldwork

We were lucky enough to take our GCSE Geography students to Walton-on-the-Naze for them to complete their physical geography fieldwork. Our students have been looking at the enquiry question “How does longshore drift affect the beach at Walton-on-the-Naze”.

At Walton, our students collected data on beach profile (the shape of the beach), groyne survey (to see if the

beach is higher on the north or south side, this will tell us the direction of longshore drift) and waves type (either constructive or destructive waves) to conclude how longshore drift has affected the beach. They will be using this data in their paper 3 exam next year!

We are looking forward to analysing the data we have collected, making conclusions about our data to answer the enquiry question and to evaluate on how we could improve our fieldwork if we were to complete the study again.

After two very tiring days, we are proud of our students for their hard work and dedication to collecting data. Well done Year 10 Geographers!

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition

Some of our Year 10 students took part in the DofE Bronze Award Expedition this July. To achieve this award, they hiked for two days and then camped overnight. Students hiked over 30km over the two days carrying all their necessary equipment to camp and to cook. The students started at school, camped in Elmstead Market, and the following day packed up and made their way back to school. Some amazing staff accompanied the students and camped overnight; a big thank you to Mr Feakins-Ward, Mr Job, Mr Carter, Miss Elliot, Mrs Burton and Miss Finch - a wonderful two days were had and no rain! Students were tired and dirty but overall had a brilliant experience and I hope, created lasting memories and friendships.



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Year 5 Singing Day



We had an amazing day with our Year 5s from Great Bentley, Millfields and Brightlingsea primary school. Claire Weston was amazing at taking the students through many different singing styles and techniques while still singing well as a large ensemble. This led to more formal rehearsals involving different types of songs with many different actions.

The liveliness of the day would not have been the same without the help from our Colne students bringing energy and enthusiasm to the day's activities. The primary schools loved seeing our Colne students show off their moves and take the lead in actions for songs.

The day culminated in a performance from the Year 5s with many acts from our Colne students. These included solo singers, duets, our Colne Chorus and an appearance from a Year 11 student. It was a wonderful day to celebrate the vocal talents and everyone enjoyed themselves. It would be a day that they're never going to forget.

"It's not about being a great singer but it's all about our confidence... The transferable skills they're learning today have been huge!" - Claire Weston, Singing Director.

Fun, exciting, amazing - Laya and Jasper (Millfields)

It was absolutely brilliant - Isaac (Brightlingsea)

Fun, awesome cool and entertaining - Megan and Lucy (Great Bentley)

Church Tiles Project

Our Year 10 Art students have been involved in creating artworks inspired by the commemorative tiles in Brightlingsea All Saints Church. The church tiles are thought to be unique to Brightlingsea and commemorate local people who have lost their lives at sea.



A group of local people have created an album of songs that tell the stories behind some of the tiles and our Year 10s have used those songs as stimuli for their artworks. They were inspired by the print work of artist Edvard Munch and turned their designs into



lino prints. The 'Church Tiles' committee will be choosing the best artworks to feature in the vinyl album cover and insert.

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Year 11 Prom



Grey clouds gathered overhead and raindrops began to fall threatening to dampen the spirits of all the parents and carers gathered early to celebrate their child's prom. However, as soon as the first students arrived, fears of a downpour disappeared only to be replaced with wave after wave of brightly coloured dresses, all the hues of the rainbow and dazzling suits of all styles flooded the red carpet.

If the attire of the students was a sight to behold, the vehicles arriving to Prom were, in many cases, equally extravagant. From Lightning McQueen to fire engine trucks, from limousines to horse drawn carriages, buses to fairground trains. Nearly every possible mode of transport arrived at Wivenhoe House with students then being 'pounced' upon by the waiting paparazzi! (aka A* Film and Photography)

The rest of the evening was a fantastic celebration of students' time here at the Colne. A brightly decorated reception room

held a forever filled dance floor with students strutting their stuff in a release of post examination stresses. It was amazing to see so many smiling faces after months of late night revision sessions and endless examinations.

As the evening drew to an end, discussions of possible venues for after parties filled the air. Whatever students were deciding to do next, one thing was clear, they had all enjoyed a memorable evening together.

Parents/Carers, we thank you for all your support with our Year 11 students, they have been an amazing cohort and a credit to you and the school. If you haven't already, please use the link below to download the photos taken on the night:

<https://astarphotography.pixieset.com/colneprom2024/>

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Shout Outs

The following students have completed the Royal Society of Public Health Level 1 in Health improvement. They took part in a one day course and took an assessment in order to receive their Level 1. Some of them are going on to complete their Level 2 over the summer.

Congratulations to:

Mia T - Year 10

Henry O - Year 10

Elliott - Year 10

Liam R - Year 10

Tessa - Year 9

Ava J - Year 9

Charlotte - Year 9

Liam - Year 10

Student Showcase

Poetry - Mental Health by a Year 8 student

In the quiet of the night, a storm begins to brew,
Whispers dark and heavy, shadows out of view.
A mind in turmoil, a heart weighed down
with Lead,
The thoughts that haunt and linger, the ones you
Truly dread.

Echoes in the silence, voice cold and grim,
A battle waged within you,
the light begins to dim.
The future seems so distant, are path too hard to
Find,
The world is painted darkness, in the corners of
your mind.

Yet through the deepest sorrow, a thread of hope
remains,
A fragile, flickering ember, amid the endless rains.
For though the night is daunting and the road is
steep and long.
Within you lies a strength, a reason to stay strong.

So hold on to the morning, let the dawn's light in,
Each breath a step towards healing, a chance to
begin again.
Reach out through the shadows, find a hand to hold,
For you are not forgotten,
and your story must be told.

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Community News

A recruitment poster for FC Clacton U13 Blues. The background is a night-time photograph of a football stadium with bright lights and a large crowd. At the top, there is a blue and red banner with the club's name and 'U13 BLUES' in white and red text, flanked by four white stars. Below the banner, the text is centered and reads: 'FC CLACTON U13 BLUES (2024/25 SEASON) CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR 7 ARE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS TO ADD TO A SQUAD OF EXISTING PLAYERS', 'WE ARE HOLDING OPEN TRIALS EVERY THURSDAY THROUGHOUT JUNE', 'GOOD ATTITUDE, WILLINGNESS TO LEARN AND A HUNGER TO PLAY FOOTBALL IS A MUST', 'FA QUALIFIED, FIRST AID TRAINED AND FULLY DBS CHECKED COACHES', and 'FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE DM OR CALL'. Contact details are provided: 'Phone 07814035055' and 'Email: Shaun.ronan@googlemail.com'. At the bottom right, there is a white box containing the FA Accredited Club logo, which includes the FA crest and the text 'ACCREDITED CLUB ★★★ PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL'.

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Colchester City Ladies FC U15s 2024/25



- FA Accredited Club
- Positive Environment
- Develop football skills
- Thursday Training
- Sunday Matches
- Essex Girls League

Contact Jill Graves



07963 484 401



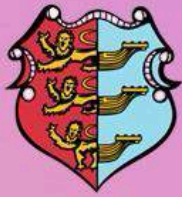
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2024

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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7TH
THURSDAY AUGUST 8TH
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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14TH
THURSDAY AUGUST 15TH

TUESDAY AUGUST 20TH
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THURSDAY AUGUST 29TH
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