



## February 2022 at The Colne

### Corey

Corey, who swims in the Performance Plus Squad at Colchester Swimming Club, has once again qualified for the Essex Age Group Championships in Swimming, qualifying for all 16 events. The first weekend in February, Corey competed in the Essex Age Group Championships at both the London Aquatic Centre, where he achieved personal bests in all 4 of the 50m races, and when he competed at Basildon Sporting Village, he received the best Medium Distance Swimmer in the county.

Corey had an outstanding swim in the 400m Individual Medley achieving a East Region Qualification time which is some 15 seconds inside the qualifying time. Corey also competed in the gruelling 200m butterfly achieving a new personal best time. Corey received runners' up pennants in both events having finished in the top 8 swimmers. Well done Corey!



### Cherish

She competed in the British Gymnastics Championships in November 2021 and placed 28<sup>th</sup> in Great Britain in the 14-15 age category and is now officially an Elite Gymnast. Cherish was also awarded a Jack Petchey award at her gymnastics club. Congratulations Cherish!

### Hollie

Hollie has been really successful recently; she is a member of the Hi-Tension Trampoline Club Regional Competition Squad. Back in October, Hollie had her first competition and won gold! Because of her talent, she has been offered a place in the Elite Squad who compete nationally - her next competition is on the 20<sup>th</sup> March. Good luck Hollie!



### Year 8 - Football Team

Congratulations to the Year 8 football team who have made it through to the last 8 of the quarter finals. The Year 8 came through a tough game against TTC in extra time to win 1-0; the winner coming two minutes from the end from Josh Beavis following a clever pass from Lee Winstanley. Well done team!

### Peer-on-peer abuse, on behalf of the Extended Student Leadership Team:

As a member of the Extended Student Leadership Team, we have collectively agreed that peer-on-peer abuse is a current and recurring issue within the student population. So let me tell you a bit about what peer on peer abuse is, and how you can report it. Peer on peer abuse is any form of physical, sexual, emotional and financial abuse. This also includes coercive control (abuse that is used to harm, punish or frighten others). It can occur between any relationship (whether that's a romantic relationship or even just a friend group). This is not to be





tolerated and if you feel this is happening, then I strongly advise you to reach out to someone, whether that be a trusted friend/family member, or anyone that you feel comfortable talking to. You are more than welcome to contact any of the Extended Student Leadership Team (our faces are on display in the Main Reception) and we will be more than happy to help you get things sorted. Remember, don't bottle it up and ignore this, it isn't banter or joking around.

**By Harvey Newman**

### **Year 11 Prom**

The 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 is the day of achievement and celebration for the Year 11 students. It's a time for students and teachers to come together to honour all that has been achieved in the 5 years. It is a special milestone in students' lives, where wonderful memories are created: memories that will be cherished for life.

It's a chance for self expression, a rare chance to be authentic to who you are and what you are about to become; one more step into adulthood and going out into the world.

Prom's about celebrating with friends and teachers about how far you've grown.

There's a chance for rewards, where students and teachers decide who has achieved a certain goal during their time at secondary school.

A time to put on your dancing shoes with a DJ in appearance; a time to snap a memory in the photo booth; and a time to eat from the delicious buffet!

**By Maeve Graham**



### **Key Dates**

**Year 8 Parents' Evening** - 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

**Year 7 Parents' Evening** - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

### **Community**

We are eagerly accepting donations of books to our Library. After a recent refurbishment, please donate any books you no longer need/want via Main Reception, FAO Miss Reuben (Library).

Thank you in advance!

### **Polite Notice - Double Red Lines Outside School**

We would like to remind all parents/carers who drop off and pick up any students at school that they should refrain from stopping on the double red lines on Bateman Road, Church Road, and on the junction with Manor House Way. These road markings have been laid by the council to try and avoid accidents and keep the flow of traffic moving past the school at busy times.

Thank you.

### **LGBT+ History Month**

February is LGBT+ History Month and Mr Wells has been delivering assemblies discussing the importance of LGBT+ history. Mr Wells is excited to welcome students next week (WB 28/2) for the launch of the Inclusion and Diversity Project. For any more information, pop down to Mr Wells' room at these times:

Years 7-8: Monday lunchtimes (early lunch)

Years 9-11: Tuesday lunchtimes (late lunch)

