

## March 2022 at The Colne

### New Zebra Crossing

There is a new zebra crossing just outside of The Colne school gates. We hope that all our students and visitors to the school who need to cross the road make good use of the crossing to help keep everyone safe.



### Drama - Miss Sargent

The Drama department organised having Human Nurture performed to our Year 9 and GCSE Drama students.

Some reviews from our students are as follows:

**Heather Cordell** - "I loved the show Human Nature by Theatre Centre. The acting was so impactful and emotional, I was nearly crying. It felt personal because it felt like we experienced this. Today's generation understands racism, it educated us about "why" racism needs to change."

**Felicity Markham-Lee** - "There was no sugar coating to the play, it was shown through the story. We were sat close to them so it felt like we were in their house watching a true story."

**Matthew Bichener** - "If we were to watch a child pantomime it wouldn't have appealed to us as much; another thing I really liked was sound DJ being present on stage."

**Daisy Vosper** - "I thought the play was really powerful. The way it was staged and performed, It was so realistic, it was like we were in the room whilst they were having a very serious conversation."

**Brooke-Angel Rogers** - "The play was like we were bystanders caught in the action."

**Sophia Wainford** - "The message was clearly portrayed through the acting, it was really imaginative the way they added in flashbacks."





### **Tristan - Year 8**

March is always an exciting (and busy!) time for Tristan and his Irish Dance friends. St. Patrick's day is 17th March and they are often booked to perform in various locations around Essex. These can include St Patrick's parties, pubs, elderly care homes, and even in town centres. One of the biggest events this year is taking place in Colchester Town Centre and all the money raised is going to support a local children's Down Syndrome charity.

### **Corey Hare - Year 11**

Following on from Corey Hare's fantastic results from county competitions, Corey is on a Paralympic pathway for swimming and he will compete for the first time on 27th March competing in the 50, 100, and 200m distances in freestyle, backstroke and butterfly!



### **Girls Football**

This month, girls' football fixtures have started with the Year 7s, under 14s and under 16s all participating in games.

Congratulations to the Year 7s on winning their first match for The Colne against Clacton County High

School. We look forward to the rest of the season.



### **Football Activators**

This term 11 students have been participating in the Game On Football Activators scheme run by the FA. On the 9<sup>th</sup> February they took part in an online inspire workshop, where they got a chance to understand their roles more and see interviews from women's football advocates such as Sue Smith, Faye White and Kelly Smith. This then continued on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March in their development workshop, where they learnt how to plan, promote and deliver





football sessions to young girls of all ages. The girls have come up with lots of great ideas and these will be implemented throughout the rest of the year to get as many girls involved in sport as possible in the community.



If any students have any questions about this, please talk to one of our activators; Courtney, Eve, Kiran, Matilda, Lily, Iris, Phoebe, Francesca, Lena, Maddison and Ruby.

Please look out for upcoming events.

### Duke of Edinburgh - Miss Bishop

Last year's Duke of Edinburgh students have now successfully completed all 4 sections to complete the award. On the 10<sup>th</sup> March, students, staff, friends and family celebrated their achievement together. All students have worked extremely hard during a pandemic to achieve their award, please join us in congratulating them.

Benjamin Wallace	Ruby Bloom	Martha Davies	Amelie Amos	Harry McTiernan
Arran Smith	Sophia Wainford	Eleonore Dewey	Eve Milgate	Walker Louth
Harriet Green	Jack Brakenbury	Thomas Gubbins	Grace Tyler	Zach Gascoyne
Maddie Fairclough	Josh Castle	Beau Butcher	Edward Belcher	Evie Wiggins
Olly Crow	Jasmine Green			

This year's Duke of Edinburgh students have also been working very hard towards completing their award. This term they have been improving their navigation skills, including a trip to Highwoods Country Park, to test the preciseness of their map reading skills in preparation for their practice expedition on the 26<sup>th</sup> March.

### Sports Fixtures - Mr Ox



#### Basketball

The Year 7 teams have made an excellent start to their Colne sporting career! The girls' team represented the school in a 3 vs 3 tournament against other schools and came 2<sup>nd</sup>

out of 11, the boys' team followed this up with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish! The other year groups have also continued this theme of representing the school with pride and great enthusiasm.





### Rugby

The Rugby teams have made an excellent start to their rugby seasons against the local coastal schools putting in some spirited and



determined performances and coming out with some excellent results and performances. Special mention to the Year 10/11 team who have managed to put out 26 boys for each of their performances and coming out with the wins.

### **Mental Health - Miss Wynne**

February saw our mental health ambassadors deliver assembly to every year group - explaining the importance of overcoming setbacks for personal growth. Well done to these students for delivering the assembly:

Demelza Berry, Emily Corke, Isobel Denny, Jessica Dicaprio, Lucas Fox, Imi Gabb, Ava Juniper, Charlotte Sawyer.

As the days start to get longer, we are encouraging the use of green space to help the mental health of the community. Being outside has a positive impact on our overall well being, so a walk in the fresh air or listening and observing nature to improve mindfulness, is a must as we approach spring time!

### **Young Carers Action Day 16th March - Miss Jones**

This year, Young Carers Action Day falls on the 16<sup>th</sup> March.

If you think you may be a young carer, or have any questions, join Miss Jones in Room A4 at these times:

- Years 7 & 8 - Friday Lunch Week B
- Years 9, 10 & 11 - Monday Lunch Week A

## Young carers: Who are they?



### Who are young carers?

A young carer is someone **under 18** who regularly helps look after someone in their family, or a friend, who is ill, disabled or misuses drugs or alcohol.

### Which one is the young carer?



Young carers are just young people – with caring responsibilities! They look the same as everyone else but they can lead very different lives!

### How many young carers are there?

- There are about **700,000 young carers in the UK**. (BBC 2010)\*
- That's about **1 in 12 secondary aged pupils**.
- There are likely to be young carers in every school and college.

\*The Census identified over 200,000 young carers, but many remain hidden.



**1 in 3 young carers** spend between 11–20 hours each week caring.



The average age of a young carer

**= 12**



### Year 9 Drama - Miss Sargent

This term we have been working on a play called 'When They Go Low' which has topics of sexism and what it means to be a feminist.

We have all been working as a production team with the job roles of lighting, set, acting, sound, stage manager, director, marketing publicly, costume and props.



"It's been nice to explore the different roles in drama." - Stage Manager

"I have loved being able to work as a team!" - Costume Design

"I've taken it to my advantage that I can boss people about." - Director

"Since we have been doing 'When We Go Low' it has been exciting as everyone gets a part." - Acting

"It has been a sensational adventure!" - Set





### **Professor Power Up - The Light Quest - Ms Bielecka**

For one week only, from the 25<sup>th</sup> March, STEM Academy North in conjunction with the RAEng, are hosting a Power Up and Light Saver interactive careers based STEM session, 'Professor Power Up - The Light Quest'.

"A digital Storybook Adventure where your students can decide on their own journey through the story. This survey will take approximately 4minutes to complete and will book you a place on this interactive Storybook experience. The experience will take approximately 45mins to complete and it is suitable for students aged 9-14."

### **Spring Reading Challenge**

Don't forget about the Spring Reading Challenge! Read 5 books of certain topics between the 31<sup>st</sup> January and the 1<sup>st</sup> April and log your efforts. The winner will receive an Easter Hamper! Go to the [Reading Website](#) for more information. You can also receive a £1 book token from World Book Day digitally - express your interest [here](#).

### **Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Shadow Judge Opportunity**

Are you an avid artist?

Do you like to judge and review texts?

Miss Reuben is putting together a Shadow Judging group of this year's Carnegie and Kate Greenaway book awards. If you would like to get involved, please speak to Miss Reuben for more information.

### **Royal Academy of Arts - The Young Artists' Summer Show**

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young people aged 4 - 19 years, taking place both online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts to recognise talented young artists. If you're 12 or under, a teacher or parent/guardian will need to enter for you; if you're 13 or over you can submit artwork yourself.

How can I enter?

Each student can submit one artwork and there is no theme. When you enter, we'll ask for an image of your artwork plus some information about the piece such as title, size, and a little text about the artwork and why you made it. Your artwork will be seen by our [panel of judges](#) and the selected pieces will be shown in our online exhibition. Some of the artworks will also be shown at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Colne Community School and College is REGISTERED!  
You can submit work NOW! Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022





### R.E. Debate - Mr Cooksley

Year 9 had the Big R.E. Debate this term on abortion and whether a fetus should have Human Rights. Students from each class chose their team and were put on either side of the debate: Pro-Choice or Pro-Life. They were given several lessons to prepare and research religious and non-religious arguments, data, case studies etc. The classroom was set up like Parliament and each team had their main speaker represent them as a 'front bencher'.

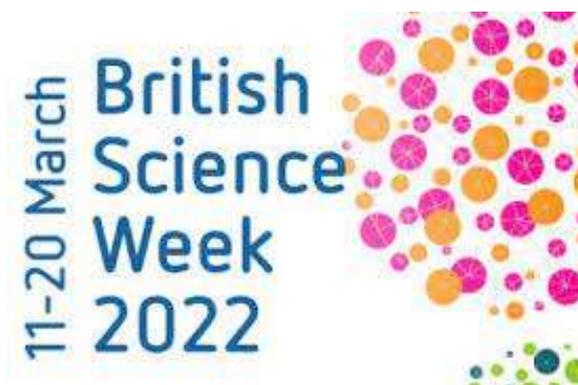
Each speaker got two minutes of uninterrupted time to make the case for their team. After this it was open for the 'back benchers' to gain their team extra points. The prizes for this illustrious competition were a pizza lunch (sadly not Dominoes), a certificate and extra self-confidence!



### British Science Week 2022

Year 7 & 8 have been participating in British Science Week (11-20<sup>th</sup> March).

The activities for Year 7 & 8 in class are to do with the theme of growth. They are undertaking the challenge called Aviation Creation; researching the evolution of the plane, researching planes and making models of planes.





### **The Jack Petchey *Speak Out* Challenge - Wednesday 9th March - Mr Wells**

A fantastic group of Year 10 students had the opportunity to work with Teresa Dukes from the Speakers Trust in a public speaking workshop that was the initial stage of a London and Essex based competition facilitated by the Jack Petchey Foundation.



The whole day was focused on saying 'yes' to little opportunities and broadening comfort zones which started with a quick warm-up leading to introductions and a question about aspirations. With a plethora of ideas, opinions and topics at hand, students were taken through the fundamentals of public speaking so that nerves can be tamed and speeches are delivered with confidence. At the centre, Teresa cemented the idea that the best speeches are born from a place of knowledge and personal experience which allows speakers to connect with their audiences.



Students started the afternoon with sharing stories: from the dangers of wearing glasses to piano playing hamsters; pugs stuck in gravy jugs to personal hygiene on the Piccadilly line, which led to small groups developing succinct, curated anecdotes that reflect the perils of life and at the same time subtly expanding their own comfort zones. With these experiences fresh in their minds (and lunch just around the corner) the group started to build their speeches.

Finally, the day ended with every individual standing up in front of their peers and speaking for over a minute on a topic that struck a chord with them and the results were amazing! With eye contact being made, gestures freely used and personalities shining

through, the room was filled with applause, comments of encouragement and the words of Jack Petchey himself 'believe to achieve'.

The next stage of the competition is an inhouse vote on which two students should be selected to represent the school at the regional finals in May. Therefore, it is with great pleasure to announce the following students who have made it through to this pivotal stage: Amelie, Thea, Fliss, Raj, James and Harriet.

For more information on the competition, please go to <https://speakoutchallenge.com/>





### Sigma Science Photography Competition

Enjoy taking photographs?

Well, this is a great opportunity to win some prizes!

Use your talents to take and enter a photo which links to any science topic you have learnt in school.

Deadline: Monday 25th April 2022

Please see your science teacher for more information.

### Vacancies

We are advertising for a number of vacancies for people to join our team. If you are interested, application forms and more information about these roles can be found on the [School Website](#). As well as our vacancies online, we are also advertising for cleaners and exam invigilators. If you would like to know more about these positions, please email [recruitment@sigmatrust.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@sigmatrust.org.uk).

### Key Dates

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

Immunisations - 28<sup>th</sup> April for Year 9 (DTP/Men); 15<sup>th</sup> June for Year 8 (HPV)

Prom - 29<sup>th</sup> June

**SIGMA SCIENCE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2022**

**1st Prize:**  
Action camera

**Runners up:**  
Amazon vouchers

Take a photo which links to any aspect of science - open to all year groups.

**THE PHOTO MUST BE TAKEN BY THE ENTRANT**

Email your photo along with your name, form, school name, where and when it was taken along with why you think the photo links to science to:

[science@sigmatrust.org.uk](mailto:science@sigmatrust.org.uk)

**Deadline:**  
5pm  
Monday 25th April 2022

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