

## April/May 2022 at The Colne

Dear Year 11,

Myself and Mr Elliott would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success with your exams. It has been our privilege to watch you flourish and develop into well rounded individuals.

We know how much perseverance, determination and resilience you have shown this year and trust us, your hard work really will be reflected in exam success.

If you haven't already done so, please take time to look at the school website and the resources under GCSE Support. Here you will find information about your exams, revision techniques and wellbeing advice on how to cope with exam anxiety.

All that is left for us to say is we wish you all the very best of luck in your exams. We have complete faith in you all.

Good luck  
Mr Rudkins and Mr Elliott

### **The Jack Petchey (in conjunction with the Speaker's Trust) Speak Out Challenge**



East Essex Regional Final 2021-22

What an exciting few months we have had over in the English department! In the last newsletter we told you all about the fantastic opportunity some of our Year 10 students had when they were invited to participate in a public speaking workshop. Since then, a lot has happened!

The top six students from that workshop then went on to battle it out in an intense school assembly. With the school hall packed with over 100 Year 9 students as audience members, our Year 10 competitors took to the stage to speak about a topic close to their heart in front of their biggest audience yet. Despite the palpable nerves and dog-eared notes, each one of our students bravely stood in front of their peers and delivered their speeches. Thunderous applause was heard from outside the hall as each one took their turn under the spotlight which made the deliberation of our school judges that much harder. Despite a vast array of positive comments from the audience and each competitor having their own distinct strengths, only two individuals were to be picked to represent the school in the East Essex Regional Finals - the successful students were Fliss and Raj.

Then came the evening of the regionals and all was to play for. Our two students had to face off eleven other students for the top place but it was stiff competition. The diverse range of topics that were explored on the night amazed the judges and made their job even more tricky than first anticipated. First up was Raj with his poignant speech on having a goal to end racism. His speech evoked a keen sense of passion as he spoke about his own lived experiences and how difficult it was to have a sense of self when living with two feet in two

separate worlds - Britain and Sri Lanka. Raj concluded zealously with a reminder for the judges and audience alike, that he had a purpose and he was not going to stop until he had achieved his goal.

After a musical interlude, Fliss took to the stage (something which she is very familiar with) and delivered a speech centred around the negativity of having a 'back-up plan' when you're striving to reach your dreams. Her honest approach allowed Fliss to have the whole auditorium hooked on every word she spoke. Fliss explained the realities of cuts to the Arts within the UK and focused funding on STEM based subjects, and how this left her and her peers feeling dejected when pursuing careers in areas such as Music, Dance and Drama. Fliss left a lasting impression with her closing line, 'You wouldn't ask an accountant to have a back-up plan, would you?'

Applause, cheers and exclamations rained down upon the thirteen hopefuls as the judges took to totalling their scores. The results were nearly in and after a brief message from the Deputy Mayor of Colchester, the lights dimmed and the compere, with golden envelope in hand, stepped forward to announce the two runner ups and the finalist going through to the grand finale...

Sadly, neither Fliss or Raj placed in the top three but we in the English department couldn't be more proud of them both. True resilience and determination were needed to represent the school and though no trophies were brought back, that winning feeling of conquering fears and surpassing expectations is etched into memories of our two winners.



East Essex Regional Final 2021-22

### **Max and Harvey Visit**

In February, we welcomed the YouTuber duo Max and Harvey to the school, with a live performance followed by a talk on mental health, online safety and cyberbullying to each of our year groups throughout the day. This was a great hit with our students and with the duo's ability to pitch their performance about mental health and wellbeing to each of the different year groups the important messages were clear and engaging.

Max & Harvey have over 100 million views on Youtube, the duo were also contestants on the "X Factor: Celebrity" on ITV finishing the show as runners up. They now boast more than 6.5 million followers on TikTok and are set to make waves in the music industry in 2022. Having both had their own issues with cyberbullying and mental health, the boys were in the perfect position to deliver such a positive message, with the opportunity to educate and inspire our students.



### **Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition - Miss Bishop**

On the 6th and 7th of May, 23 Duke of Edinburgh students took part in their qualifying expedition in Danbury. They walked a minimum of 15km on both the Friday and the Saturday in the sun and the rain, while completing individual projects which will be presented at their presentation evening at the end of the year. They showed fantastic resilience and enthusiasm throughout the weekend. Thank you to Mr Job, Mr Rudd, Mrs Middleton and Miss Shaw for giving up their own time to help with the expedition.

All 23 students have passed this section of the award and will now go on to complete their physical, skill and volunteering sections over the next few months. Please congratulate them for this amazing achievement and wish them luck with the rest of the award.



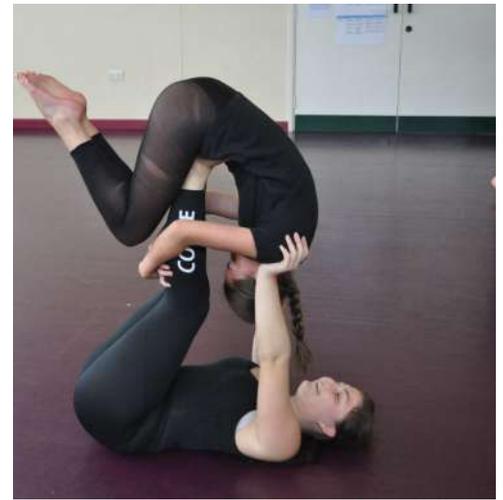
### **Hollie - Year 7**

Well done to Hollie, for her recent achievement in trampolining, she attended her regional qualifier in Colchester on Sun 20th March in the next level up for the 1st time entering in the women's TRA Level 1, age 11-12 category and managed to win a bronze medal!



**Year 11 Dance - Miss Milton**

I want to take this opportunity to say a huge congratulations to the Year 11 dancers who have completed all of their units recently. They have all worked extremely hard over the last 3 years and have achieved so much. The Component 3 performances were extremely well put together and performed beautifully. Well done to all of you!



### **Peer Mentors**

As part of the Extended Leadership Team meetings, the group discussed different ways students can be supported around the school. One thing they came up with was to have student mentors. After an application process, we are proud to introduce you to our group peer mentors.

These students are very dedicated to working with all students around the school and with the pastoral team. The peer mentors will be in the pastoral zone at break times and can be approached around school if any students would like to have a chat with them or need some support.



### **Peer Mentors 2021/22**

Year 9 - Patrick, Ethan, Isa, Amelie, Polly, Belle, Abi and John

Year 10 - Gracie, Mai, Asha, Daisy, Olivia, and Jada



### **STEM Club**

This month the KS3 STEM club has been building flower beds, planting sunflowers, and hanging their handmade bird boxes in the school's wildlife garden.

Their hard work has certainly paid off with visits from a range of birds (including pheasants and herons), newts & over 50 frogs!





### Year 8 - Essex Champions!

Congratulations to the Year 8 Football Team, winning 6-3 against Shenfield. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school and have now gone through the whole season unbeaten winning three separate competitions.

### Breaking News!

Next year's whole school production will be revealed on Thursday 26th of May 2022 at 3:15pm.

Come along to the drama studio to find out. The School Production Team is so excited. We have started to plan for characters, costumes and the set.

**WE NEED YOU** to come along and be part of this **WORLD CLASS SHOW**.



### Music at The Colne

Music students at the Colne have been working hard this term, covering a range of different topics.

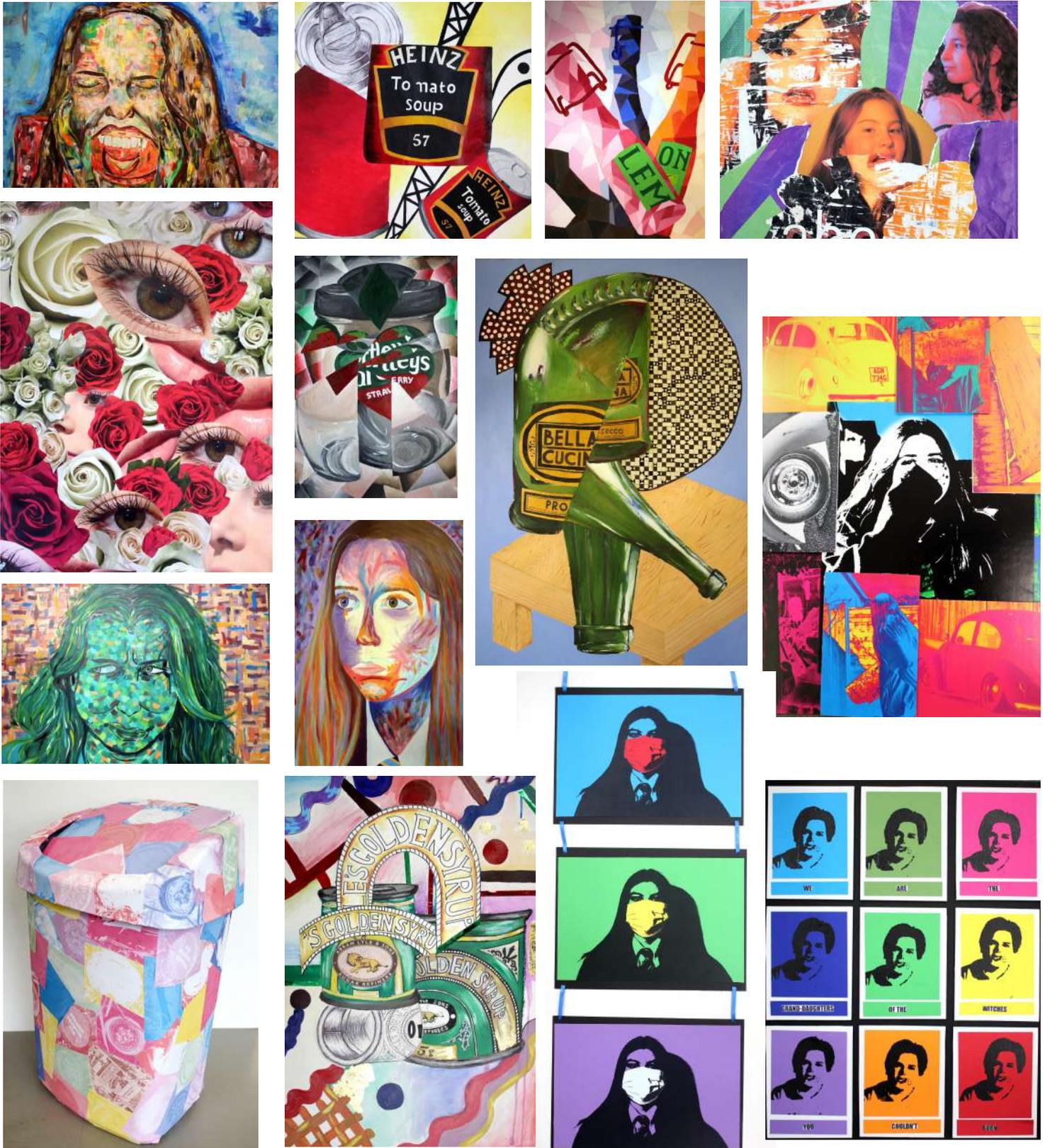
**Year 7** have been learning about the instruments of the Orchestra through a famous piece of music called Peter and the Wolf. Pupils learnt how to identify the different instruments of the Orchestra by ear and took a look at how the Orchestra is laid out. Following the instrument work we started to play Pachelbel's Canon on the keyboards.

**Year 8** have been learning how to play the African Drums. We have looked at the process of a drum being made, and the different ways in which you can play a djembe. Pupils have been playing as part of a whole class ensemble and in small groups. It's been noisy, but fun!



Year 11 Art & Photography

Congratulations to our GCSE Art and GCSE Photography students who have worked extremely hard to meet their last coursework deadline. Students have just completed their final projects on Cubism in Art and Pop Photography. The end of year exhibition for Year 11 will be on Tuesday 14th June from 4-6pm, showing the fantastic work they have produced!



Miss Brown, Miss Reuben, Miss Milton, Mr Rudkins, Mr Elliott, Miss Patterson



## **PART TIME CLEANERS**

### **Hours Available:**

- **Monday to Friday: 6.00am – 8.00am**
- **Monday to Friday: 3.10pm – 5.10pm**

**42 Weeks per year**

**Scale 1 – £9.50 p/h**

We currently have vacancies for cleaners to join our friendly team. In this role you will be undertaking cleaning within the school using a variety of methods. This will include using machinery and adhering to safety regulations.

Main duties will include:

- Carrying out cleaning in any areas of the school
- Replacing roller towels and bin liners and renewing supply of toilet rolls.

Applicants must have the ability to use general cleaning products and be able to follow instructions. No specific experience is required as training will be given.

Application forms can be found on the school website

**Closing Date: 6 June 2022**

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# SUMMER SAFETY OPEN DAY



## Brightlingsea Parish Hall

Victoria Place CO7 0BP

**Tues 31st May 10:30am-1pm**

Summer is a perfect time to have fun and enjoy the lovely warm weather, but it is important to safe.

Pop along to one of our Summer Safety Open Days and get advice and tips on how to stay safe in summer, covering topics such as: Sea Safety, Fire awareness, Outdoor Injuries, Bike/Road Safety, Burglary Prevention, Keeping Hydrated/Cool and Keeping your pets safe.



**Free Events Just turn up!**

*Plus - We'll have details on our 50th Summer Celebrating Competition*

- 1 Brightlingsea**  
The Parish Hall  
Victoria Place CO7 0BP  
Tues 31st May 10:30am-1pm
- 2 Clacton on Sea**  
Queen's Jubilee Event  
Greenward, Marine Parade  
West Clacton  
Sat 4th June, 10am-3pm
- 3 Holland on Sea**  
Tending Specialist Stroke  
Services Hall  
85 Frinton Road, CO15 6UH  
Tues 14th June, 10am-12noon
- 4 Walton**  
Walton High Street  
Tues 28th June, 10am-1pm
- 5 Harwich**  
Overcourt and Harwich Hub  
276 High Street, CO12 3PD  
Wed 13th July, 11am-2pm
- 6 St Oysth**  
Village Hall  
160 Clacton Road CO16 8PH  
Mon 8th Aug 12noon-2pm

Enquire today on 01255 425692 option 3

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