



**THE COLNE**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL & COLLEGE

**December 2022 at The Colne**



### **Foreword - Grace, Year 10**

Despite the fact you may think doing The Lion King is quite ambitious, we soon would have gone through every song, scene and dance (some a lot more than once) and it's going great. The amount of effort everyone - including our teachers - is putting in is beyond belief and I just can't wait to get on the stage. I love how supportive and encouraging everyone is with each other. Personally, my favourite rehearsals have been when we have put it all together into a run through of a couple scenes combined as it really gives a look into what it will be like. Honestly, I think it will be amazing and I would really encourage you to come and see it as it would mean so much to all of us because of the amount of work being put in - it would be so gratifying.

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE!**



## Winter Dance Show - Wednesday 14th December 2022- Miss Milton

I am so proud of how hard all the students involved in the dance show worked to prepare for the performance. The show went so smoothly and every piece was performed so professionally. A massive congratulations to the Year 11 dancers who completed their performance for Component 2.

I cannot thank the students enough for their support and amazing behaviour on the day. Thank you to the friends and family for coming to support the students in their performances. Finally, a massive thank you to Brightlingsea Community Centre for hosting us and JK Tech Productions for their technical support.

I cannot wait to see everyone on stage again soon.





### Acts of Kindness

Rudy in Year 7 brought in cakes for drama. He has said to Miss Kyriakides that he would like to be a chef one day and was testing out his cake creations in drama lessons.

How thoughtful, Rudy!



### Food Bank Donations - Miss Wynne



We had contributions from staff and students for Brightlingsea foodbank, the school donated 150 kg of food and supplies, which were collected on 14th December. Well done to all that helped with donations and the Year 8s who helped load the truck on the day.

### Freyja - Cadet of the Year

One of our Year 11 students was named Cadet of the Year for the 308 Squadron in Colchester!

We are so proud of Freyja and everything she continues to do.

Congratulations, Freyja!



## Year 7 Christmas Ball - Mr Elliott

Thursday the 15th of December 2022 saw the first ever Colne Christmas Ball. The Colne Community School decided to run a disco to celebrate the superb start the year 7s have had transitioning from primary school to secondary.

The night was filled with dancing, sweets, games and some fun photos in our photo booth, which I'm sure will make an appearance come Year 11 leavers. The behaviour from the students was excellent and fun was had by all including the staff, especially Miss Pearson showing the year 7s how to complete the macarena in style.

This is our first disco but won't be our last.

We would like to send our happiest of Christmas wishes to all our year 7s and hope you enjoy your Christmas break ready and raring to take on the rest of the year come January.



## Ukrainian Students - Mr Elliott



Since the war in Ukraine, the Sigma Trust Schools have taken on Ukrainian students that have moved to the area. As a way of helping these students settle, the Trust has put on sessions in the afternoon for them to spend time together and spend time with others going through the same situation as them. Mr Feakins-Ward spends hours ensuring the students have the opportunity to take part in these afternoons. This term, the afternoon was run by St Helena School.

Students spent their time creating Christmas trees in a DT class with refreshments provided. This afternoon was amazing for the students and they all thrived in creating their own trees. We are grateful for the Trust putting these days on and our students are very grateful for Mr Feakins-Ward making arrangements for them to attend. We are happy our Ukrainian students are settling into our school and look forward to carrying on supporting them in the future.



## Amazing work in English - Mr Wells

Diving deep into their study of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, Year 7 have been diligently working on their analysis of the text.

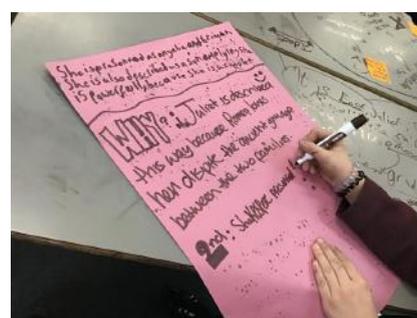
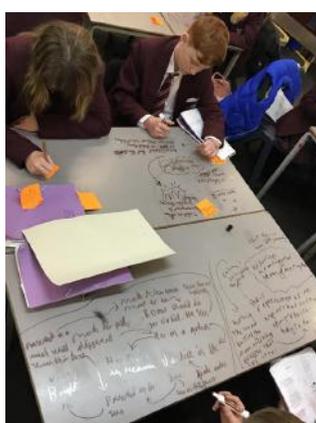
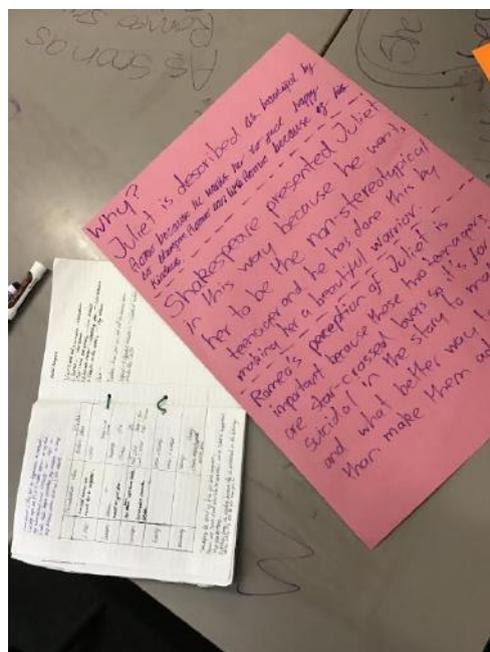
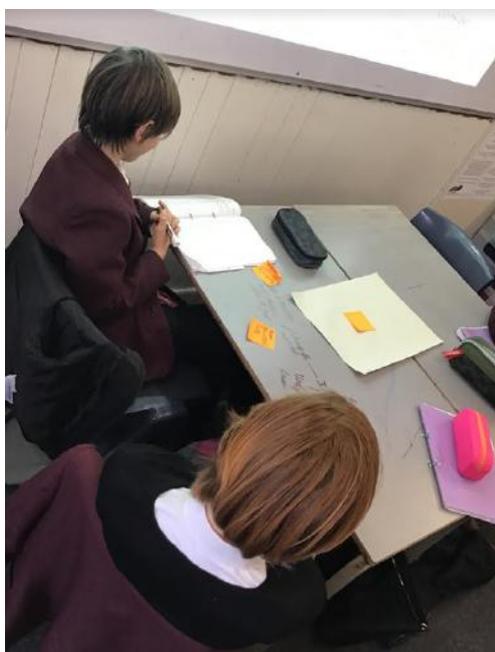
Exploring the text with an analytical focus on Juliet herself, Year 7 worked on their WHAT HOW WHY paragraphs but this time collaboratively!

Lessons on quote explosions, contextual significance and the teenage mind have culminated in an array of answers.



From ideas on Juliet being beautiful to her being at the centre of the universe, Year 7 are well on their way to discovering the many facets of one of the most famous tragic heroes in literature.

These fantastic responses will be displayed in the windows of A19.



## The Colne's Yayoi Kusama Inspired Christmas Trees - Mrs Kelly



This year the Art department has been inspired by the work of contemporary Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama when decorating the Christmas tree for the Brightlingsea Christmas Tree Festival and the school's tree in the main reception.

Yayoi Kusama has become more and more popular over the past few years due to her sell out exhibitions in London and around the world and her immersive art experiences such as the 'Infinity Mirror Rooms' and the 'Obliteration Room' have been seen across social media. Therefore, the Art Department decided to take inspiration from this artist for the Christmas trees.

The entry to the Brightlingsea Christmas was inspired by Kusama's 'Infinity Mirror Rooms'- a mirror covered wooden tree was decorated with Kusama's trademark polka dot pumpkins and baubles in red and yellow, all created by a team of Year 7 students in several after school sessions.

Students from Years 7-11 made a decoration each to decorate the big tree in the school's main reception. Red and yellow polka dot covered baubles, flowers, lanterns and diamonds sit alongside Yayoi Kusama 'angles'. The Art Ambassador team helped to decorate the tree and make a large Kusama figure for the top of the tree.

Many thanks to all of the students who have helped with the trees this year!

**Key Dates**

22 December 2022 - 6 January 2023 Christmas holidays

6 January 2023 - non-pupil day

18 January 2023 - Years 7-9 flu jabs

26 January 2023 - Year 11 Parents Evening

9 February 2023 - Year 9 Parents Evening

1 March 2023 - Year 8 Parents Evening

13 March 2023 - Year 11 individual and whole year photos

26 April 2023 - Year 7 Parents Evening

6 July 2023 - Year 10 Parents Evening