

## September 2023 at The Colne

### Key Dates

**5 October 2023** - Year 6 Open Evening (school day ends at 12:25)

**16 October 2023** - Year 11 photos

**19 October 2023** - Year 11 Information Evening

**20 November 2023** - All years flu immunisations (more information to follow)

**23 November 2023** - Year 7 Parents Evening

**24 and 27 November** - Non-pupil days

### Ofsted Report

After five years, The Colne was pleased to receive an Ofsted inspection which was positive in its reflections about the school and complimentary of the large changes that have occurred. Well done to all the students, staff and community for their efforts in helping and supporting the school on its journey. The final report can be found [here](#).

### Students in the Community

#### Emme

During the summer holidays, Emme in Year 11 went all the way to Cambridgeshire to complete work experience! Emme worked at the University of Cambridge in the Library with various staff members.

#### Car Show

At the beginning of September, Brightlingsea Scout Movement hosted their annual Car Show. This has been running for years, bringing in people from all over the country. We are so proud of all of the students who helped run this show and represent our community: Leon (Year 11), Joe (Year 11), Charlie (Year 10) and Louis (Year 8).

### Colne PE Clubs

 <b>THE COLNE</b> COMMUNITY SCHOOL & COLLEGE		 <b>COLNE PE</b> ASPIRATION · RESILIENCE KINDNESS	
		<b>Colne PE clubs</b>	
	What's on?	Time	Where?
<b>Tuesday</b>	Girls football (all years)	3:10-4:15	Astro
<b>Wednesday</b>	Girls Basketball (all years)	3:10-4:15	Sports hall
<b>Thursday</b>	Boys football (Year 7, 8 & 9)	3:10-4:15	Astro
<b>Friday</b>	Boys Basketball (all years)	3:10-4:15	Sports Hall
	Netball	3:10-4:15	Netball courts

### **Brightlingsea Library- Window Artwork**

In July several of our art students spent the day at Brightlingsea Library creating a mural on the windows that look onto their new nature area. Daisy in Year 11 designed the artwork that includes lots of wildflowers and mandala patterns. Then a team including Daisy, Kaina, Poppy, Lucy and Amelia from Year 11, Alice from Year 10 and Logan, Jasmine and Martha from Year 9 spent a whole day carefully drawing the design onto the large windows. The library staff were really impressed with the work our students created and the whole mural can be seen in Brightlingsea library now.





### **Beauty and the Beast Rehearsals are well underway! - Miss Kyriakides**

We are thrilled to have so many fantastic students involved in our musical this year. The new Year 7s are settling in wonderfully, everyone has been so kind and welcoming to anyone new to our drama club. It's a delight to witness.

The rehearsals have been amazing, the professionalism our students display is definitely something to be celebrated. We have been enjoying every moment of our Beauty and the Beast journey so far. We still have a long way to go but have no doubt in our minds that the musical this year will be a show stopper.



Keep your eyes and ears peeled for show dates - you won't want to miss this one.

Keep up the fantastic work Beauty and the Beast cast, I couldn't be more proud of you all if I tried.

### **Message to Year 11 - Mrs Stannard**

I cannot tell you how proud I am of all of you - you are absolute stars! I have always been so proud of you all but this year you really have done me and yourselves proud. You are so committed to doing well in Year 11 and realise that by attending you can really help your future grades.

I have had so many positive comments about the revision sessions from the students, saying that you are really enjoying attending and getting the support that the fantastic English team is offering. What an amazing group of young people you all are.

### **Message to Year 11 - Mr Rudkins**

Welcome back Year 11. I have been incredibly impressed with the strong work ethos which has swept through the year group from the start of term.

I have received many comments from your teachers praising your commitment to your studies and desire to succeed. This determination has also been evident in the number of you attending after school revision sessions, particularly the 7UP English Literature lectures with Miss Reuben on a Tuesday night in the Learning Centre. With your mocks fast approaching it is pleasing to see so many of you seizing every opportunity to fulfil your potential.

Please check the school website for the [dates of your mock exams](#).

### **Dates for your Diary**

Year 11 Information Evening - 19th October from 4.30-5.30

Year 11 Prom - Wednesday 3rd July at Wivenhoe House. It is always a fantastic night and a definite highlight of the school year. I do hope all of you will be able to attend. More details will follow in the coming months.



Finally, I am very aware of the additional pressure Year 11 can bring some students. This is often, but not exclusively linked to exams. If you are feeling anxious and unsure how to cope, please feel free to speak to myself or Mrs Stannard. There are also resources on the school website directing you to organisations and resources which can help alleviate stress and support your mental health.

Keep up the good work Year 11 and trust me, your hard work and resilience will lead to the successful future you deserve.

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**on Saturday 7 October**  
**At Brightlingsea Library**

Throughout the day we will have lots of free activities for everyone (not just teens!) to come and join in with, run in partnership with the Brightlingsea D&D club held at the library. No need to book unless stated\*:

**10-11am:** Warhammer miniature painting

**11am-12pm:** Playing YuGiOh TCG

**1-2pm:** Playing Magic: The Gathering TCG

**1-2pm:** Young adult/Fantasy Literature Chat & Recommendations with Library Staff

**2-4pm:** Minecraft club (Minimum age 7. Bring along your own device to play on)

**2-4pm:** Come and try Dungeons and Dragons (\*book in advance - 4 places)

**3-4pm:** Raiding, Trading and Friending in Pokémon Go

**All day:** Geek Culture Mega Quiz and fantasy themed activities

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