



FOOTLOOSE WOWS ALL!

It only feels like yesterday that we closed the curtain on Collingwood's 2025 production, Footloose, but two weeks later, we have kicked off our dancing shoes, put our feet firmly on the ground, and are reflecting on a phenomenal show.



The cast, band and crew of Footloose was made up of over 50 students, ranging from Year 7 to Year 13, and they absolutely blew us all away with their professionalism, dedication and energy. The process started way back in September with auditions that caused the production team trying to cast everyone in a main role! The talent was outstanding and made us very excited for what was to come, both this year and in the future. What followed was almost 100 hours of rehearsal in order to produce a show that had electric dancing, magnificent singing and stunning acting from all members of the cast. The band, made up of Collingwood students from Years 8 to 12, worked just as hard and gave performances that rivalled seasoned professionals. Huge thanks goes to Leila, Kendra, Oli, Isaiah, Jacob, Michael, Toby and Susie.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Collingwood College Debating Team - best in England, second best in the UK and ranked 16th in the world!

Huge congratulations to our Debating team who competed in the largest debating competitions in the World at the Oxford Union Schools Debating Competition and the Cambridge Union Competition last weekend. Each of these competitions involved thousands of teams from around the globe, including teams from Dubai, South Korea, China, Canada, India, USA and much of Europe.

Our students rose to both occasions and relished the opportunity to debate against such a wide array of international students as well as teams from across the British Isles.



We finished as the best in England and second best in the UK and overall, we were ranked 16th in the world with one of the team, Bethan Woods, ranked as 23rd best speaker in the world! Bethan is in Year 11 and was against mostly Year 13 students, so this is quite an achievement.

Well done to all involved - simply outstanding!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - DON'T MISS OUT!

Monday 24 March-

Friday 28 March: Diversity Week

Wednesday 26 March: Year 11 Reports Home

Friday 28 March: Culture Day

Thursday 3 April: Academic Review Day
End of Term, Early Closure finishing at 12.20pm

Tuesday 22 April: Start of Term

U13 GIRLS MOVE INTO THE SEMI-FINAL OF THE DISTRICT CUP

On Wednesday 12 March the U13 girls' football team travelled to Bohunt School in Liphook to play the quarter final in the cup competition. The girls are currently unbeaten in the league, but we knew we would have some tough competition at this stage. It was a challenging game, battling the sleet and freezing conditions as well as the opponents, who had some decent players on their team.

At half time we were 4-2 down, but the girls dug deep and had most of the possession in the second half. An extraordinary comeback not only levelling the game, but eventually getting the winner, with the final score being 5-4 to Collingwood!



We are now through to the semi-final, where we will meet Weydon School. I am looking forward to the next game, wishing the girls the best of luck for this match.

Team: Scarlett Wright, Gracie Naylor, Molly Russ, Rosie Lally, Anais Kelly, Rebecca Short, Freya Evans, Phoebe Cox, Evie Baker, Indy Bradbury-Stevenson, Ava Kendall, Mia Normington

Miss Sethi - PE Department

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There would be no show without the cast, so our gratitude and appreciation goes to every member, and a special thanks goes to our Principals; Mac Rees, Sophie Harkness, Amelia Haycox, Evie Jesson, Ethan Duff, Howard Adeniran, Philippa Somers and Erin Evangelista. A special shout out goes to our Year 13 students for whom this is their last Collingwood production. We are so grateful for the time you have dedicated to the department over

the years, and hope that you enjoyed this final send-off: Ethan, Michael, Sophie, Isabelle, Emily, Philippa, Carys, Bella, Jack and Sara-May.

This all-singing, all-dancing cast would not have been possible without the wonderful direction of the production team. Mrs Truglio and Miss Taylor worked hard with both the cast and band to get them all sounding fantastic. Miss Ingram and Miss Bowen created some lovely choreography and committed time and energy to make all of the cast movers and shakers, but especially our principal dancers who gave standout performances. Miss Hardicre, Mr Green and Mrs Kempton all worked with the actors to ensure their performances were top notch. Miss Tilbury was invaluable in making sure there were enough cowboy boots and hats to go around, and her Cricut machine worked overtime too! I am so grateful to all of the production team for all the hours that they put into the show, both seen and unseen.

From the audience's perspective, the show flowed seamlessly each night. Set changes, microphone switches, streamer cannons were all flawlessly co-ordinated by our backstage crew; Sara-May, Megan, Maisie, Miss Tilbury, Miss Hardicre and Miss Bowen all worked up a sweat ensuring everything was hitting its mark. Thank you for your hard work! These students were also creating some of our set pieces, including the graffiti walls at the front of the stage, decorated by Sixth Former Archie.


Collingwood College certainly does have talent, and everyone involved showed how ambitious, bold and collaborative our community can be. We could not be prouder of our amazing students at Collingwood; they are the beating heart of these productions and are real figureheads for all of the College values. A huge thank you to our fantastic audiences who came to see the show and the family support throughout the rehearsal process.

You can view more photos from 'Footloose' on pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter.

Mrs Kempton - Head of Performing Arts Dept

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Advertising space in our Weekly Newsletter is available at the following rates:

- **One-off Advert - appearing in one edition only:**

£7.00 for a quarter page	£13.00 for half a page	£25.00 for a full page
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- **Appearing once per month (for a 12-month period):**

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- **Appearing in each issue (approx 39 issues per year for a 12-month period):**

£165.00 for a quarter page	£270.00 for half a page	£445.00 for a full page
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Adverts must be suitable for publication in a newsletter of this nature and payment should be made in advance of publication by cheque (made payable to Collingwood College) or by bank transfer (details will be provided once advert has been approved).

Please address payment envelopes to: 'Newsletter Adverts', c/o Kingston Office and [email a copy of your advertisement to tc@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:tc@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk)

We are also happy to advertise goods for sale on behalf of parents and students for £4.00/week.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

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Year 7 Numbers for September 2025

I am delighted to inform parents that preliminary numbers for our Year 7 cohort in September are very positive and that we anticipate being at our Published Admission Number (PAN) of 300 students which is particularly encouraging given the very strong local competition in Surrey Heath and the relatively small year groups coming through from our feeder schools. This is testament to the hard work of everyone at Collingwood and to the reputation the College has for academic, pastoral and extra-curricular excellence. Very good news for our morale but also for the College's financial future.

Autism Friendly Audit

I received some very positive feedback from the Autism Friendly Audit review that occurred last Wednesday. The review included student and parent meetings, lesson observations, a campus tour and a detailed questionnaire. The verbal feedback included comments on the outstanding provision we have in place, the very skilled teaching observed and the positive views made by our parents and students. My thanks to all parents who participated in this review. I look forward to receiving the full written report on 11 April.

Badminton District Champions!

Following on from recent College sporting success in a number of ball games, I want to offer many congratulations to both our badminton teams who beat strong opposition from Gordon's School in the badminton finals last week to become District Champions!



Under 16 Girl's team in National Semi-Final

As you know, our under-16 girls' football team have reached the semi-finals of the National Cup competition for the first time in the College's history and we wish them all the best today as they play Surbiton High (Kingston) / Leaf Studio (Bournemouth).

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition

Congratulations to our Year 10 students for completing their Silver DofE Practice Expedition in the New Forest last weekend. An impressive number of students were involved who, by all accounts, dealt with the demands of the expedition extremely well.

CCFA (Collingwood College Friends Association) - Date for your Diary!

I am pleased to say that our CCFA and Staff Wellbeing group are planning to host a quiz evening on Thursday 24 April in Kingston Theatre. It would be great if you are able to support this event and bring a team along. Please see the advert outlining this exciting partnership event further in the newsletter!

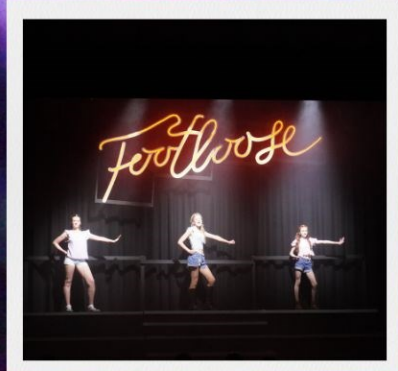
EduLink Communication

Finally, please look out for a very important communication about EduLink this week.

Miss Watling - Principal

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COLLINGWOOD BADMINTON SUCCESS

Once again, our Collingwood Badminton players have done the College proud. Our KS3 Girls and Boys are District Champions and our KS4 Boys beat Gordons School, Chertsey and Winston Churchill School. What a fine display of Badminton from our students and a credit to the great work that goes on at Swifts in Lightwater.



KS3 Girls

Sally Grove, Natasha Pedneker, Katherine Reeve and Myra Lee

KS3 Boys

Srivatsan Sriram, Tharani Dhanagodeeswaran, Reuben Gibson and Thomas Wang Che Lee



KS4 Boys

Toby Gibson, Guy Claydon, Ethan Murphy and Maksim Andreev

Badminton Club – Fridays After School – Sports Hall – 3.15pm – 4.15pm. Come and Play!

Mr Beer - Head of PE Department

ASTHMA FRIENDLY SCHOOLS AWARD

We are proud to announce that Collingwood has been awarded the Asthma Friendly Schools Award. This is given to schools that can show excellent care of students and recognises our ongoing commitment to students' health.



We are delighted to say that we are the only secondary school in Surrey Heath to be awarded this, and one of only 11 schools in the Surrey Heath, Bracknell and Hampshire area.

If you require any further information on Asthma Friendly Schools or help with Asthma please see the link below:

[Asthma: Frimley HealthierTogether](#)

Mrs Brew - School Nurse

DEBATING NEWS ...

National and International Finals at Oxford and Cambridge

This year Collingwood competed in the largest debating competition in the World, The Oxford Union Schools' Debating Competition along with the slightly smaller Cambridge Union Competition. Each of these competitions involved thousands of teams from around the globe, including teams from Dubai, South Korea, China, Canada, India, USA and much of Europe. Each of these teams will have competed in regional rounds hoping to earn the privilege of debating in historic Oxford and Cambridge Union Debating Chambers.



The Cambridge Competition involves competing in four regional rounds (held on the same day) and Oxford has two regional rounds. We knew that to attend either of these finals days was going to be difficult this year, particularly when we saw the draw for the regional rounds that included schools we normally do not meet until later in the competition.

We entered two teams for Cambridge and were delighted when our A Team (Bethan Wood and Adam Cox) made it through their four rounds. They took a particularly impressive win in round four against high calibre opponents and were one of only five teams from London and the Southeast to progress to finals day on Saturday 22 March at the Cambridge Union.

We entered four teams for Oxford who all competed in two back-to-back rounds against schools from the South of England. We were disappointed not to gain a place in these initial rounds but our A Team managed to gain a last minute place just days before Finals Day on Saturday 15 March.

Finals are particularly difficult and long days, and we left school just after 6.00am and returned at 1.00am after the Cambridge Finals. However, our students rose to both occasions and relished the opportunity to debate against such a wide array of international students as well as teams from across the British Isles.



In both Oxford and especially Cambridge we narrowly missed progressing to the International Final, but on both occasions we competed in the final for UK State schools. In Oxford we lost on a split decision to the Scottish champions and were delighted to have a rematch the following week in Cambridge against the same Scottish team, with the same result. It is a measure of our high expectations that to be only the best in England and second best in the UK was a position we would have to settle for. Overall, we ranked 16th in the world with Bethan Wood ranked as 23rd best speaker in the world. Bethan is in Year 11 and was against mostly Year 13 students so this is quite an achievement.

Mr Baird - Debating Team Co-ordinator

FREE SCHOOL MEAL APPLICATIONS

REMINDER – there are only a few days left for you to complete and return your FSM application forms.

Full details are provided in the letter sent via email to all parents/carers today.

If you are already in receipt of Free School Meals, **NO ACTION IS REQUIRED**.

Any parents/carers who feel they may be eligible to receive Free School Meals, please complete the Application Form (also sent via email to all parents/carers today) and submit by MONDAY 31 MARCH 2025 to Mrs Moody, Barossa Office.

Please check the criteria below to see if you qualify for Free School Meals.

If you are in receipt of **Universal Credit**, you do not automatically qualify, **unless your annual net earned family income is no more than £7,400.**

Free School Meal Criteria:

- ◆ Universal Credit with an annual net earned family income of no more than £7,400
- ◆ Income support
- ◆ Income based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- ◆ Income related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- ◆ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ◆ The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- ◆ Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC. NB: If you receive WORKING TAX CREDIT you do NOT qualify even if you receive child tax credit and your income is below £16,190
- ◆ Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Mrs Moody - Barossa Office

NEWS

EXAM CERTIFICATES

Exam certificate postage payment is available on ParentPay. Please ensure payment is made as soon as possible to ensure your child receives their exam certificates for the Summer 2025 season. This is of particular importance for those students in Years 11 and 13 who are leaving the College.

To avoid certificates being lost in transit or left crumpled at the bottom of a school bag, we encourage payment to be made for Years 9 and 10 too.

For those that make payment for postage, exam certificates are usually despatched in December using Royal Mail's 'Signed For' service.

Certificates will be required by future employers and further education institutes. If you don't have your certificates when you need them in later life, the exam boards can provide a replacement statement of results, but it is very costly.

Collingwood Exams Team



**GCSE English Saturday
power up sessions**

Only £1 per session via Parentpay!

10th May 11.15-1.15pm	Literature paper 1 (Macbeth and 19th century novel)
17th May 9-11am	Literature paper 2 (Modern text, power & conflict and unseen poetry)
31st May 11.15-1.15pm	Language paper 1 (Fiction extract/writing to describe or narrate)

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DISCOVER UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL

Applications are now open!

The Discover University Residential Summer School, organised in partnership with the University of Surrey, will again take place at the University of Surrey campus in Guildford, from Monday 28 July until Thursday 31 July 2025.

The deadline for applications is Sunday 27 April. This year the summer school is open to Years 9, 10 and 11 students.

About the summer school

This summer school is fully funded and is available for 60 students in Years 9 to 11 who:

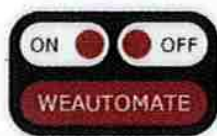
- ◆ Are a young carer
- ◆ Have current or previous experience of living within care
- ◆ Are a Surrey Scholar
- ◆ Attend one of our HEON partner schools.

This opportunity will enable students to gain an insight into the life of a student within a supportive environment, finding out what it is like to study at university by talking to current university students with similar experiences whilst trying their hand at a range of exciting subjects and activities. During the evenings there will be a variety of social activities held on the University campus, or in the surrounding area.

The summer school runs over four days and three nights and will give students the opportunity to stay in University accommodation with catering provided. However, if due to caring responsibilities students can only visit during the day, this can be arranged.

Summer schools regularly demonstrate very positive impact – both short-term (increasing attendees' knowledge and confidence about Higher Education (HE) as well as increased attainment) and long-term (increased progression rates to HE).

Please see the following link for more information and application form: <https://www.surrey.ac.uk/schools-colleges/secondary/discover-university-summer-school>



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CULTURE DAY

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

2025

Students are encouraged to wear an item of clothing that reflects their culture/individualism e.g. cultural costume, cadet uniform, sports team top, clubs, flags, country colours etc.

If wearing a top, the rest needs to be school uniform. Students who do not wish to take part must be in full school uniform.

This is not a non-uniform day but a celebration of cultural diversity here at Collingwood.

Please refer to the Culture Day letter for more information.

We look forward to celebrating!



Important Reminders

Visits to School Site by Appointment Only

We would like to remind you that visits to the College site must be prearranged and approved through prior communication with College staff. This ensures the safety and security of all students and staff and allows us to manage our time and resources effectively. As we are sure you will understand, it is simply not possible for our staff to be immediately available as they have teaching, duty or meeting commitments.

Please do not come into College expecting to see a member of staff without an appointment as this will be a wasted journey for you and cause you lost time and unnecessary frustration. If you need to meet with a teacher, staff member or College leadership, please contact the College office to schedule an appointment.

3-day Response to Parental Communications

*We would also like to remind you that we have a **72-hour response** period for staff to reply to parental communications. It is obviously unreasonable to expect immediate responses to emails or messages when staff have full teaching and meeting commitments. This protocol also allows us time to investigate your communication and to reply with a detailed response to you. In all cases, we would ask parents to use the **tc@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk** email address to ensure communication is directed to the correct member of staff and to ensure an appropriate reply is made within 72 hours.*

I very much appreciate your understanding and co-operation in adhering to these procedures and thank you for your support in maintaining positive College-parent/carer relationships.



The Student Leaders and
the CCFA invite you to



Easter Egg BINGO

Lunchtime in Kingston Theatre
Mon 31-Tue 1 April - Years 7-9
Wed 2 April - Year 10

Sign up via the forms link sent to you
by Mrs Woods
Bring an Easter egg as your entry fee!



THE STUDENT
LEADERS PRESENT

YEAR 7 AND 8

NEON DISCO

LASER UV LIGHTS
BUBBLES
THE BEST TUNES

DATE: 03.04.25
TIME: 6-7.30PM
PLACE: KINGSTON THEATRE

£5 ON PARENT PAY

GLOW STICKS FOR SALE
ON THE NIGHT



UNIFORM BANK

Our second hand Uniform Bank will open over the Easter break on

Wednesday 9th April
Thursday 10th April
Friday 11th April

in Kingston building between
10.00am and 1.00pm



Feel free to pop along during the above times although we cannot guarantee to have the sizes you require.

This is a free service, however if you feel you would like to make a donation to the school fund, a box will be provided for you to do so.

Performing Arts at Collingwood

AMBITIOUS BOLD Collaborative

Year 8 are flying high!

This term, year 8 have been looking at Frantic Assembly and physical theatre, looking at how to communicate and express through body language and movement.

In one session, students explore lifting techniques - have a look at the photos below!



Notices & Reminders

Word of the Week

LIFTING

performers physically support and elevate one another, often using their bodies as a platform, to create a visual or symbolic representation of power, vulnerability, or other dramatic concept

Extra-Curricular

Choir - Tuesday break & Thursday after school - M2- Miss Truglio
Dance Club - Thursday after school - Barossa Studio - Miss Ingram

WICKED TRIP

Don't forget - if you're going on the Wicked trip on Wednesday 2nd April, head to Kingston Theatre at 3.45pm for a 4pm departure.

We can't wait for this spellbinding show!



Orion's Calling Rehearsals
Rehearsals
change this week
- Monday 31st
March in H32!

EASTER POEM AND SHORT STORY COMPETITION



DO YOU ENJOY WRITING POEMS OR SHORT STORIES? CELEBRATE EASTER BY ENTERING THE LIBRARY COMPETITION AND BE IN WITH A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE AND PRAISE POINTS.



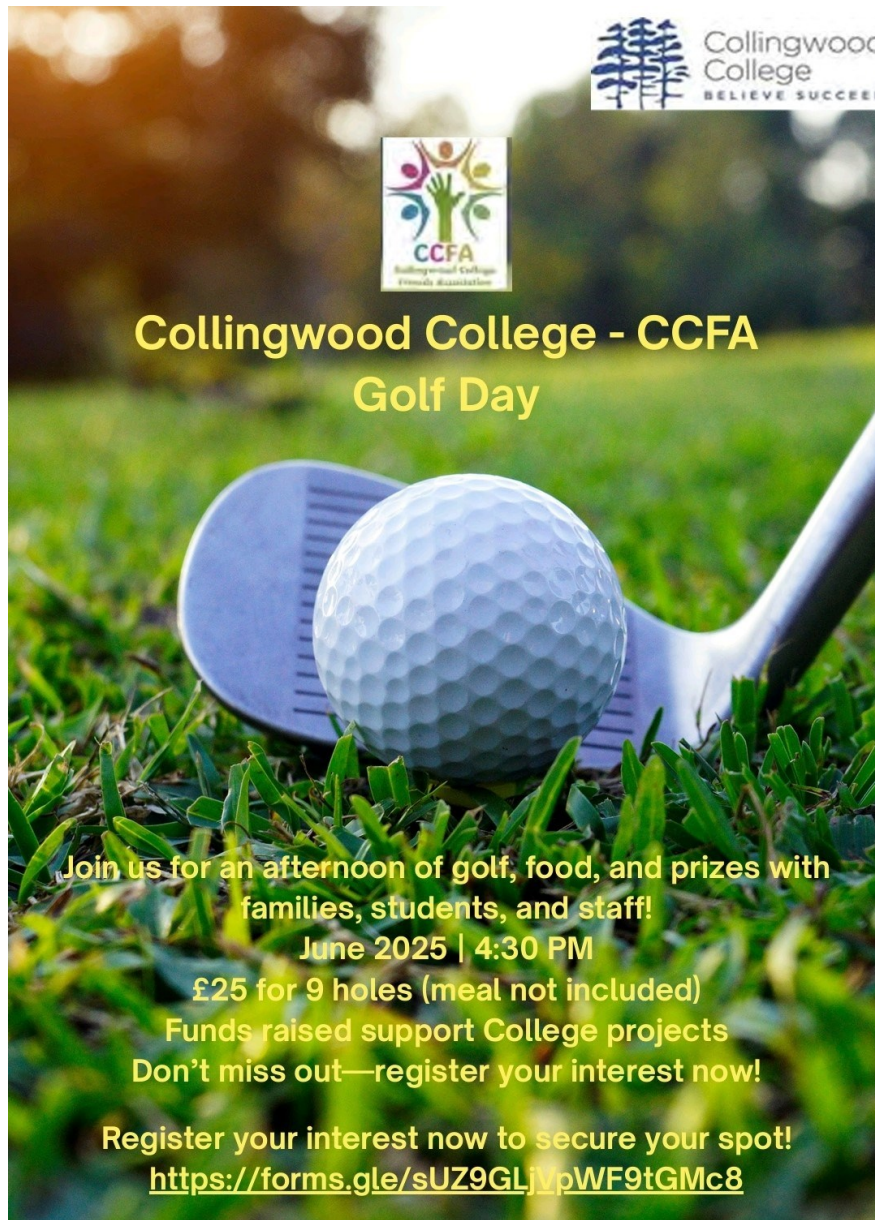
PLEASE HAND YOUR POEM OR SHORT STORY TO Ms BLAY IN THE LIBRARY BY TUESDAY 22 APRIL. THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY 25 APRIL. DON'T FORGET TO ADD YOUR NAME AND FORM ON THE BACK.


**COLLINGWOOD
FOOTBALL TOUR**


**BORUSSIA
DORTMUND
GERMANY**

**COMING SOON
2026**

FOR CURRENT YR 7, 8, 9 BOYS & GIRLS



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Collingwood College - CCFA Golf Day

Join us for an afternoon of golf, food, and prizes with families, students, and staff!
June 2025 | 4:30 PM
£25 for 9 holes (meal not included)
Funds raised support College projects
Don't miss out—register your interest now!

Register your interest now to secure your spot!
<https://forms.gle/sUZ9GLjvWF9tGMc8>

<https://forms.gle/vvoJFgazK7rGMesr6>



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QUIZ Night

Date: Thursday 24th April 2025

Location: Kingston Theatre
Time: 19:00 for a 19:30 start

Bring your own snacks & drinks
(alcohol permitted for BYO for over 18s)

Prizes available, including a prize for the best decorated table

£30 for a table of 8.
£5 p/person otherwise. £2 for Collingwood students.
(Pay via Parent Pay)
Max group size is 8.
Open for all ages.

*In association with Collingwood College Friends
Association*

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Yoga at Heatherside



Mondays 8:00 - 9:15pm

Thursdays 6:30 - 7:45pm

£12 per session

Heatherside Community Centre
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No drop-ins. Pre-book and pre-pay your place online.
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or email hello@yogawithedyta.com for inquiries.



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slow down, unwind and immerse yourself in the
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Wednesday, 8:00 - 9:00 pm

£12 per session

Haven House
at Heather Ridge Infants School
Martindale Ave, Camberley GU15 1AY

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POLITE NOTICE

Please treat our staff with the same respect you would expect to receive.

Verbal and physical abuse will not be tolerated, in person or on the telephone.

We reserve the right to ask anyone giving verbal abuse to members of staff to leave the premises or end a telephone call. (The conversation will be continued at a more suitable time).

Please remember that all our staff are always trying their best and are here to help you and your children.

