



COLLINGWOOD CELEBRATES DIVERSITY!!

What a week we have had celebrating Diversity here at Collingwood! Diversity Week is a dedicated time in the College calendar to celebrate diverse individuals, backgrounds, experiences and cultures under our College value of 'Inclusiveness'.

Assemblies were delivered to Years 7-11 by Mrs Marden, exploring the theme for the week: **'What's Your Story?'**. Mrs Marden shared her cultural history with students and discussed topics such as growing up in a world without the internet, along with insights into her own cultural background. The focus of this assembly was to encourage students to share their own cultural stories with one another, fostering understanding, appreciation and celebration of our diverse community at Collingwood.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

My thanks to all parents and carers for your support over what has been an incredibly busy and rewarding term.

There has been so much to be proud of this term and parents will be aware of our outstanding achievements across a range of activities - our dazzling production of 'Footloose', our fantastic successes in debating, Status Racing, Robot Wars, in boys and girls sporting competitions and the huge numbers participating in the DofE Award to name just a few! Our students and staff have been absolutely outstanding and have made this term one to remember!

Staffing

I am pleased to report that we have received no teaching resignations for Easter and that we are fully staffed for the summer term.

Robot Wars

Last weekend our Robot Wars teams attended the Robots Live show in Maidenhead which was filmed for the new TV series 'Mech Mania'. Our team worked incredibly hard over the weekend keeping their fleet of robots running across four shows and performed in front of over 2000 people. Our team put in a great performance, and we had many comments from the other teams and the Robots Live crew praising their design.



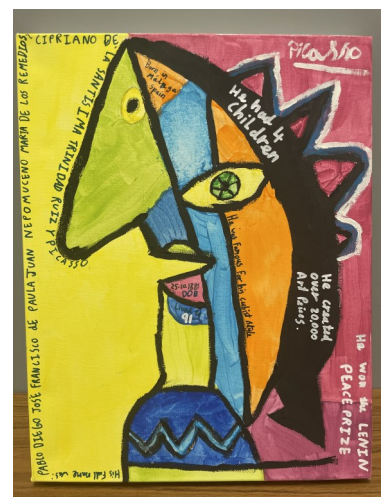
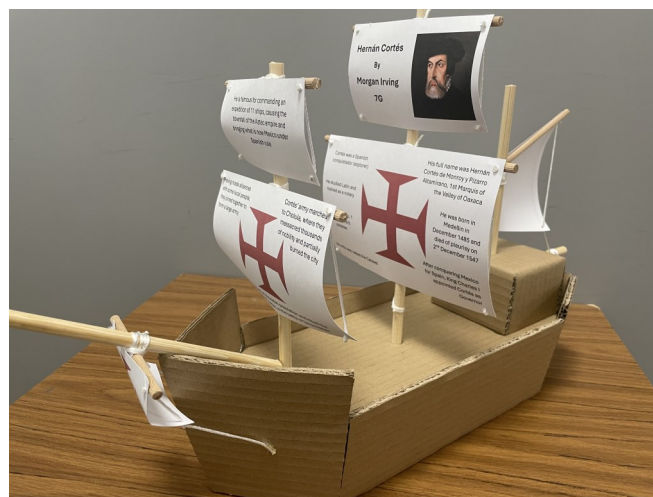
Watch out for the programme to see how our team did!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - DON'T MISS OUT!

Thursday 3 April:	Academic Review Day End of Term, Early Closure finishing at 12.20pm
Tuesday 22 April:	Start of Term
Friday 2 May- Sunday 4 May:	DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition, South Downs
Monday 5 May:	May Day Bank Holiday

YEAR 7 FAMOUS SPANISH-SPEAKING PERSON COMPETITION



This last half-term our Spanish learners were given the challenge to research information on a famous Spanish-speaking person and present it in a creative and informative way. Entries were once again wonderfully imaginative and it was very difficult to vote for the best ones!

Here are the results:

- ◆ 1st place – Harper Marshall with her very impressive guitar containing facts about Shakira
- ◆ 2nd place – Morgan Irving with his incredible ship detailing facts about Cortez
- ◆ 3rd place – Henry Baker with his truly beautiful Picasso painting.

Congratulations to our winners and a huge well done to all who took part! Finally, a big thank you to the staff who took time to vote for the winners!

Prizes and certificates will be given out after the Easter break.

Ms Bauduin - Head of Languages Department

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During Tutor Time, students watched three different **Table Talks** and were encouraged to reflect on key questions related to the videos to develop an understanding of different experiences. The first Table Talk was delivered by **Mrs Oshilaja and Dr Kaur**, who discussed moving to a new country and explored differences in their cultures and heritage. The second Table Talk was delivered by **our very own Year 8 student, Declan Roberts**, who spoke about his disability, cerebral palsy, and his personal experiences. Declan planned and presented the talk himself, creating an incredibly informative session. This was the first ever Table Talk delivered by a student! Declan showed great bravery in doing so, and we hope he will inspire others to follow in his footsteps in future years. The third and final Table Talk was delivered by **Mr Van Bou and Mx Wright** on the topic of Autism - another highly informative talk that sparked excellent conversations about understanding and celebrating differences within our own community.



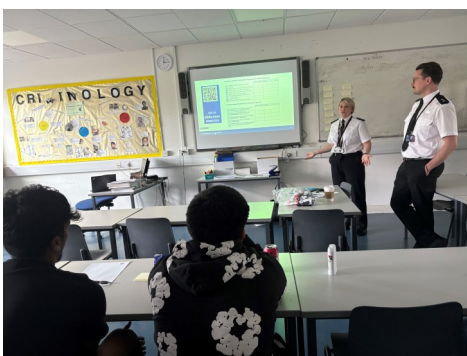
Innovate Catering created an excellent '**Around the World**' menu for students to enjoy. The '**America**' menu seemed to be a huge hit! Meanwhile, students from Art Club showcased their talent by creating beautiful drawings of foods from around the world.



On **Monday 24 March**, after school, we hosted a '**Collingwood Cuisines**' staff event, featuring a live cooking



demonstration by **Mrs Adya**, who taught staff how to make samosas. This event was also an opportunity for staff and governors to bring a dish from their own culture and come together to share foods from around the world.



On **Wednesday 26 March**, we welcomed **Surrey Police** to deliver a '**Teenage Race Action Group**' workshop to some of our Sixth Form students, particularly those studying Law, Criminology and Psychology. Students engaged exceptionally well with the activity and found it a valuable experience - especially those considering careers in these fields. The workshop provided a great opportunity for conversations with the Police about their work and allowed students to

actively contribute their opinions and ideas. This is a pilot scheme aiming to expand to other boroughs, and we are proud that our students are leading the way. We look forward to collaborating with Surrey Police again, with more workshops planned for the next academic year.



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Throughout the week, **talented musicians** from Year 10 and the Sixth Form performed on the **piano, guitar and drums** during lunchtimes for everyone to enjoy. The feedback from students and staff was overwhelmingly positive, with comments such as: *“It was amazing!”*, *“Loved the live band!”*, *“This created a great atmosphere!”* and *“They are so talented!”* A huge well done to all the students involved!



The **grand finale** on Friday was **Culture Day**, where students were encouraged to dress in clothing that represented their culture. We saw an incredible array of beautiful cultural outfits, football and sports jerseys, country flags, cadet uniforms and much more! It was a fantastic way to spark conversations and celebrate our wonderfully diverse community here at Collingwood.



A huge thank you to all who were involved in making it a great week of inclusiveness.

Mrs Marden - Assistant Principal/Assistant Head of English

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Diversity Week

Last Friday was a fabulous day at Collingwood as we celebrated Culture Day as the finale to another successful Diversity Week. It was lovely to showcase and celebrate the diverse backgrounds and individualism here at the College.



Principal's Breakfast

I was delighted to host our badminton teams with a well-deserved celebratory breakfast on Thursday after winning the finals and becoming District Champions!



Under 16 Girl's Football Team, National Semi-finalists!

What an amazing achievement by our Under 16 girls' football team in reaching the semi-final of the National competition for the first time in the College's history. Although they were not able to overcome exceptionally strong opponents in Wednesday's semi-final game, to be the top state school in southern England is a fantastic accomplishment. Congratulations to all the team!

Year 10 PSHE Production of Man Up

On Friday our Year 10 students were involved in a PSHE Production of 'Man Up' in Kingston Theatre which was very informative and well-received by the students. The 'Man Up' team was very complimentary about our students and how engaged they were throughout the production.

TAMAT Music Concert

Last week Collingwood was delighted to host, for the second year running, The Alliance Multi Academy Trust (TAMAT) collaborative music concert. It was lovely to hear so many songs sung by TAMAT's collection of Surrey Heath schools including Connaught Junior School, Crawley Ridge Infant and Junior Schools, Holy Trinity and Windlesham Village Infant School.

TAMAT looks forward to returning next year for an even more exciting project and fostering further links with Collingwood.

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

A reminder 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. Further details at the end of this newsletter.

Academic Review Day (ARD) – Tomorrow, 3 April

A reminder that tomorrow's Academic Review Day is a face-to-face event. There will be an early closure as advertised at 12.20pm for all students.

I do hope you all have an enjoyable Easter break and that the recent sunny weather continues!

Miss Watling - Principal

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NETBALL NEWS ...

A Great Last Win of the Year for the Year 9 Team

On Thursday, Woking High travelled to us for the last game of the year. It was a very close game, with a 3-3 draw after the first quarter. Collingwood then took the lead by 1 goal in the 2nd and 3rd quarters and finally broke away with a 4-goal lead in the 4th quarter, ending the game 17-13 to Collingwood. Collingwood played brilliantly against a physical Woking High; they worked as a team, defending, creating space and Izzy S was on fire with her shooting.



Well done girls an excellent way to end the year!

Team: Maisie Wilson, Izzy Henry, Sophie Evans, Amelia Bright, Chloe Dilworth, Izzy Sperling



Dedication and Resilience from our Year 11 Team

The Year 11 netball team had a strong start to the season, securing an impressive 23-13 win against Salesians. Despite a tough loss against Heathside, they bounced back with a solid 12-2 victory over Chertsey High. Their most recent match against Woking High was competitive, but unfortunately, they came up short.

Regardless of the losses, the team's dedication and resilience has been clear - well done girls! I hope you continue with netball after Collingwood.

Team: Anna Man, Chloe Hodgson, Darcy Naylor, Charlotte Kelly, Izzy Morgan, Isabelle Goodisson, Imogen Emery

Mrs Pattison - PE Department

COLLABORATIVE MUSIC CONCERT!

On the evening of Tuesday 25 March Collingwood was delighted to host, for the second year running, The Alliance Multi Academy Trust (TAMAT) collaborative music concert. It was a delight to hear so many songs sung by TAMAT's collection of Surrey Heath schools including Connaught Junior School, Crawley Ridge Infant and Junior Schools, Holy Trinity and Windlesham Village Infant School.



They all sang individual songs learned over the last term at their separate schools and then some songs which they sang together for the first time during the evening. Considering they had not practiced these other than one that afternoon at 3.30pm, it was a musical treat. However, the highlight of the evening was a Samba extravaganza where each school had learnt a different percussion instrument part, and they came together to play a melodic, loud and entertaining samba musical. There were maracas, drums, whistles and a host of other instruments. The packed hall of over 400 parents and children left exhilarated by the music and dancing a few samba steps as they went.

Jon Hills, the CEO of TAMAT expressed huge gratitude to Collingwood for allowing the schools to come together in Kingston Theatre for their festival of music. They look forward to returning next year for an even more exciting project.

Mrs Goggin

COLLINGWOOD'S MURAL UNVEILED

Last October, Surrey Heath Borough Council (SHBC) commissioned a group of mural artists from iMAGESKOOL to work with local schools to produce a series of works to be displayed in various locations around Surrey.

There were several wonderful submissions from Collingwood and participation in the event was excellent. The students used a variety of sources that looked at local wildlife and landmarks to provide the sketches that would be used in the final work.

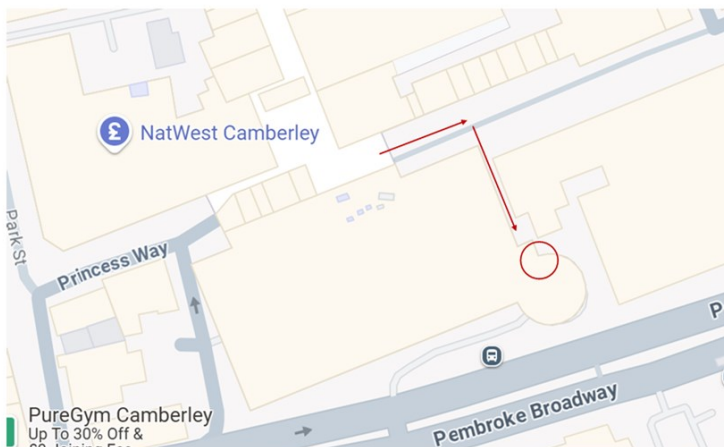
On Saturday 22 March 2025 the final versions were unveiled by the Mayor and some of our students finally got to see their efforts immortalised by SHBC. The credited contributors of the piece are Jayden Y - Stonechat Bird, Noah S - Birds on Tree, Summer B - Common Lizard and Tulips, Filip K - Elephant, Eiko K - Silver-studded Butterfly and Leala H - Green Tiger Beetle.



All these contributions are truly valued and everyone's efforts greatly appreciated.

If you would like to see the mural for yourself whilst in Camberley, you can find it along Arnold Walk off Princess Way, Corner of B&M, just next to the car park. It is a little hidden away so please refer to the map.

Thankyou to everyone involved; this was an excellent opportunity to showcase Collingwood students' skills and talents and hopefully, with the help of the community, we can look forward to further showcasing the amazing skills and talent of our students.



Mr Connell - Joint Head of Art Department

ON BEHALF OF SCC'S CYCLE TRAINING TEAM ...

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors. Please click on the link below for further information:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/search/details?id=2826>

YEAR 10 STUDENT PICKED FOR ENGLAND ICE HOCKEY TEAM!

Whilst training in Canada over the February half-term Aiden Lamey (10I) received the good news that he has been selected for the England U15 boys first team (known as triple A, AAA).

Aiden, who has been ice skating since he was four years old, has combined his love of the ice with a fast-moving game of hockey.

Congratulations to Aiden for this wonderful achievement and we all wish him well with his team at the next competition in Riga, Latvia from Thursday 17 April until Tuesday 22 April.



OUTSTANDING LINGUISTS

The Languages Department would like to say a huge well done to the following Year 7 and Year 8 students for showing outstanding linguistics skills in Spanish or French over the last month.

Year 7

Ahmed, Raiyan	7A
Bland, Daisy	7A
Smith, Theo	7A
Tang, Sofie	7A
McGrath, Jenson	7C
Buteikis-Fenty, Motiejus	7E
Houghton, Jessica	7D
Gray, George	7E
Nekitsing, Alisha	7C
Dredge, Lucas	7G
Patrick, Skye	7F
Elvin, Henry	7G
Lally, Rose	7G
Dean, Henry	7J
Hollely, Jacob	7H
Awad, Adam	7I
Bajracharya, Aiva	7I
Danish, Eshal	7I

Year 8

Bernard, Zoe	8B
Payne, Edward	8B
Carter, Kasper	8B
Cox, Phoebe	8A
Lesser, Madison	8E
Tansiri, Elsa	8E
Chana, Maya	8C
Moss, Thomas	8D
Burwell, Dexter	8D
Oliver, Sophie	8E
Kirtley, Yasmina	8G
Perfett, Kenzie	8F
Athwal, Veron	8H
Saffery, Olivia	8H
Paz, Jessica	8G
Sahota, Aaron	8H
Langford, Freya	8K
Ledgard, Harry	8I
Garcia, Angelie	8K
Pescod, Dylan	8J
Babiker, Ahmed	8J
Haxton, Caitlyn	8I

Mrs Connell - Head of French

PEER PRODUCTIONS PERFORM 'MAN UP' FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS

On Thursday 27 March all Year 10 students watched a play called 'Man Up' performed by Peer Productions.

The play explores how gender stereotypes and patriarchal values impact everyone of all genders, how social media algorithms work and how they can impact perceptions of specific genders, how echo chambers function and how they can impact the ways in which an individual sees themselves and the world, the importance of critically questioning online information to develop a balanced sense of perception and perspective, the importance of supporting everyone's mental health especially young men who may feel less able to ask for help, how sexual harassment negatively impacts people especially women and girls.



Year 10 students were engaged the whole time. Some of the content was a continuum of age-appropriate topics that they are already reviewing in this term's PSHE lessons. Seeing it brought to light by clever acting, creative setting and mood lighting was good to reinforce some of the dilemmas they are becoming aware of in the year group.

Mrs Goggin - Year Manager - Year 10



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SILVER DOFE STUDENTS COMPLETE PRACTICE EXPEDITION



41 Year 10 students successfully completed their Silver Practice Expedition in the New Forest last weekend.



After a very soggy Friday night they were able to achieve an amazing Trangia Challenge where, as a group, they had to produce a three-course meal on a primitive gas stove. The judges were able to sample bruschetta toast, Chinese noodles and dumplings, chicken curry, jasmine sticky rice and churros amongst an array of creative menu ideas. This was a test of collaboration, patience and lots of negotiations as to who was washing up.



They then participated in a series of team challenges; human knot, swamp rescue, key notes and gutter ball to show how they can lead a project, work as a team, think logically and work against the clock. This was also completed in the pouring rain and in the dark. The boys won



the Trangia Challenge, and one girls' team stole the show with four wins and three second places in team challenges.

After another two long days of walking in the beautiful sunshine carrying 12-15 kg rucksacks they all made it safely back to the end and are now preparing for their Qualifying Expedition in early May.

Mrs Goggix - DofE Co-ordinator

EASTER BINGO FUN!



During lunchtime on Tuesday 1 April students had an egg-citing time taking part in our Easter-themed Bingo event! With an entry requirement of just one Easter egg, students eagerly joined in for an event that was egg-cellent!



The event featured three rounds of bingo, with each lucky winner receiving a delicious Easter egg as their prize. But the surprises did not stop there as some students discovered special hidden prizes under their seats and desks, rewarding them with even more sweet treats.



A huge thank you to the Collingwood College Friends Association (CCFA) and our student leaders for organising and running the event so smoothly. Their hard work ensured that everyone had a fantastic time and, of course, no one left empty-handed.



We look forward to hosting more events like this in the future. Wishing all our students and families a very 'Happy Easter!'

Mrs Woods - Assistant Principal/Head of English Dept

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)

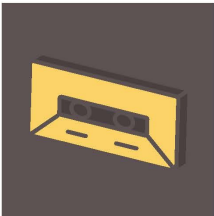


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OPEN MIC NIGHTS FOR LOWER AND UPPER SCHOOL

Due to popular demand, the Performing Arts Department is excited to announce that it will be holding two separate Open Mic events for Upper and Lower School musicians! The **Upper School Open Mic for Years 10-13** will be on **Monday 12 May**, and the **Lower School Open Mic for Years 7-9** will be on **Monday 19 May**. This is open to musicians of all instruments and skill levels. No audition required!

Spots are limited and tend to fill up quickly, so please ensure students sign up as soon as possible by visiting M2 or emailing Mrs Truglio.

	UPPER SCHOOL OPEN MIC			LOWER SCHOOL OPEN MIC	
		MAY 12TH 4:15PM			MAY 19TH 4:15PM
OPEN TO MUSICIANS IN YEARS 10-13			OPEN TO MUSICIANS IN YEARS 7-9		

SIGN UP SHEET IN M2
FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL MRS TRUGLIO

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Mrs Truglio - Performing Arts Department

& VIEWS

STUDENTS RECEIVE 'VALUES' AWARDS

The following students have received Values Awards within Collingwood for their actions around College for last half term. Well done to these students!

Achievement: Morgan Irving (7G), Indy Bradbury-Stevenson (7C), Freddie Burnie (7F), Max Duffy (7D), Aiden Gaddour (7A), Joe Gibb (7E), Esme Gibbs (7A), Jessica Houghton (7D), Sam Mehak (7F), Ethan Roden (7D), Owen Chittum (8B), Lillyan Turner (9B), Skye Robinson (10I)

Inclusiveness: Tyler Butters (7D), Dylan Pescod (8J), Sadia Rahman (9I)

Aspiration: Eloise Dawkins-Bell (8H), Yuvraj Kalsi (8A), Finley Poltock (10C)

Integrity: Kobe Beaumont-Holbrook (7H), Maddie Baker (10D), Jasdeep Kundal (10E), Tea Mynott (10E), Beatrice Ngugi (11E), Divroop Singh (11A)


Perseverance: Olivia Hawes (7I), Rylee Lezar (7F), Elizabeth Rorie (7G), Ava Rowell (7E), Ahmed Babiker (8J), Oliwia Eland (8A), Tyler Nelson (8E), Lily Smith (8K), Blossom Wilson (8J), Leah Wyeth (9G), Hope Stracey (10D)

Special shout out to:

**Daisy Bland (7A) for Achievement x2!
Junior Short for Integrity and Perseverance!
Lewis Phillips (9H) for Inclusiveness x2!
Luv Pursun (9E) for Perseverance x2!
Eden Sturgess (10E) for Achievement x2!**

Mrs Marden - Assistant Principal/Assistant Head of English

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




CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter aims to support you when thinking about your future and provide you with access to resources that will help you to learn more about different industries and pathways. Please use the links included to read more information. Links are underlined.

SOMETHING TO...



DO

Have a go at this careers exploration worksheet to help you think about, explore and research different career options that you're interested in. 


LISTEN TO

In this episode of Steer Your Career, LSE Careers Consultant Edith discusses the wide range of disability and wellbeing support services on offer at LSE. 

READ

This Choices Magazine features inspirational apprentices who have shared their stories of how they overcame different challenges. 

WATCH

17-23 March was Neurodiversity Celebration Week. Check out this video from the RAF about how they celebrate their Neurodivergent force. 

SPOTLIGHT ON A...



UNIVERSITY

You don't have to tell the us about your disability. However we encourage you to let us know as early as possible, so we can make reasonable adjustments for you and arrange the support you are entitled to when you join LSE. You can read more about the different support we have in place for our students on this webpage.

EMPLOYER

Carlsberg Group are dedicated to fostering an inclusive and diverse work environment that embraces individuals of all abilities. Our commitment to disability equality is rooted in the belief that every person, regardless of their physical or cognitive differences, should have the same opportunities to thrive within our organisation. You can read more here.

If you see a word you don't understand, you can use this jargon buster to search and find out what it means. If you can't find the word on there, you can use the internet to research the meaning or speak to a teacher.



WORD OF THE WEEK

Alternative Provision

An Alternative Provision is an educational setting for young people who cannot attend mainstream school due to exclusion, illness, behavior problems, or other reasons, ensuring they continue to receive suitable education. They may also be called an "AP", "Pupil Referral Unit" (PRU) or "pre 16" at college.

A FACT ABOUT EMPLOYMENT



In the UK, about 19.2% of the workforce (6.3 million people) are employed in engineering and technology occupations, earning an average of £39,163 annually, and the engineering industry is considered a vital part of the UK's economy.

Source

SUCCESS STORIES

Max's journey hasn't been easy. When he was at school, he was struggling with undiagnosed ADHD, autism and dyslexia, and not getting the support he needed. He was branded as the 'naughty kid' and ended up being excluded from school in Year 9.

His mum enrolled him in an alternative provision, where he gained his level 1 qualification in joinery and brickwork, and also secured his functional skills qualifications in maths and English.

This gave him a foundation to access the level 2 apprenticeship course in carpentry and joinery.

With the right support and his own determination, Max gained a distinction in his Level 2 qualification, which has given him the push to continue in education. He is looking to gain more knowledge and craftsmanship by continuing to a level 3 apprenticeship.

This story was taken from the Choices magazine (page 4).

OPPORTUNITY'S CALLING...

Crédit Agricole Corporate Investment Bank (CACIB) are hosting an insight day for autistic young people interested in learning more about the finance industry and what it is like to work for CACIB. The day will take place on Wednesday 14 May, 10am-1.30pm.



If you feel ready to speak about your future and have any questions or need support to plan your next steps, please contact careers@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk.

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

OPPORTUNITIES

Unlock the doors to your future this summer and learn more about the exciting world of engineering. Developed by The Smallpeice Trust, [this course](#) invites students aged 12-14 to discover the future of engineering in the comfort of your own home. The dates of the course are 27 May - 30 May 2025. You will learn:



- Cyber Security
- Electrical Engineering
- Space Engineering

There is a cost but you can apply for a funded place if you meet the criteria outlined in [these FAQs](#).

Born to Engineer have compiled a list of some of the best [Engineering Competitions](#) available to students in the UK. As well as being a fun challenge, they look great on your university and/or apprenticeship applications (even if you don't win, you will gain lots of skills!).



The University of Manchester offers a [range of financial packages](#) that aim to support students from the most underrepresented backgrounds, to access, and succeed at University. If you want to know more about other university's financial support offers, search the name of the uni followed by "Bursaries and Scholarships" to find more information.



Make your mark by spending eight weeks this summer working with the UK's largest publisher. Penguin book's [paid summer internship roles](#) sit across 9 different teams in our London office, with opportunities to contribute to projects in one of our publishing houses or specialist group functions. *You have to be 18 for this opportunity, if you're not old enough yet, make a note of it for future years!*



If you're considering applying to Oxbridge, any Medical course or some Law courses, you will need to complete a university admission test. To learn more about them, you can read this guide; [University Admissions Tests: Everything you need to know right now!](#)



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Read more about [Balfour Beatty Careers here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

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Read more about [University of Plymouth's Courses here](#).

If you have any questions or need support, please email careers@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities.

Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in.

Links are underlined.

Remember, you can use UCAS and Career Pilot any time to research your career options, take part in quizzes and see which jobs might suit you.

OPPORTUNITIES

We're not sure who decided so many national and international celebrations should take place in March - it feels like there are multiple events happening every week! Here are two celebrations that we didn't have space to mention...

National Student Money week took place from 3rd-7th March. The theme for 2025 is Survive and Thrive: Building financial resilience.

World Engineering Day took place on 4th March. The theme of this year's celebration is "Unleashing the power of engineers to advance the Sustainable Development Goals".



Blackbullion is the ultimate destination for students to master money management. It's the place to learn about money, find extra money, and manage your money with confidence.



Save the Student has been the resource students trust to improve their finances. We now have over 1,000 regularly updated guides. This page is a live collection of all the handy tools and resources we've created for students, from understanding your specific loan repayments to finding the best phone contract.



In careers, one of the types of finance we talk about often is Student Finance. This is the loan you get from the UK Government to fund your university studies. A good place to begin research is by reading this Guide to Student Finance.



Amazing Apprenticeships have a series of upcoming webinars running from March-June. Each webinar lasts between 30 - 60 minutes and takes place on Zoom.



Are you passionate about beauty and dreaming of a career in the industry? Join this Virtual Work Experience from 15th-17th April with the British Beauty Council and Pelham to gain exclusive insights and kickstart your future in beauty!

If you have any questions or need support, please email careers@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk

JOB OF THE WEEK



Nuclear Engineer

A nuclear engineer designs, builds, operates, and maintains systems that utilise nuclear energy, encompassing power generation, research, medicine, and defense, while ensuring safety and environmental sustainability. Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

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National Manufacturing Day

On Thursday 25 September 2025, Manufacturers throughout the UK will once again be opening their doors. Members of the public will be invited into factories and sites for a behind-the-scenes look at how Manufacturers' facilities work, as part of this UK-wide Open House.

Local communities will have the chance to see the potential careers and jobs on offer within the wonderfully diverse manufacturing sector, as employers engage with all age groups - from school leavers, graduates, people looking to reskill and the local residents.

For Make UK and Manufacturers, this is an opportunity to showcase the diversity of a truly fascinating sector, the range of highly skilled jobs on offer and the amazing opportunities for reskilling and career development within manufacturing in the UK.

Visit the website to learn more: <https://www.nationalmanufacturingday.org/>



Virgin Media O2 Apprenticeship

Virgin Media O2 are pleased to announce their Product Management apprenticeship scheme based at their new London Paddington office.

Starting salary of £27k, funded development and qualifications to foundation degree in project management. No CV's or prior work experience is necessary as they focus on applicants' motivations and strengths.

Follow this link to find this, and other apprenticeship information: [Apprenticeship Schemes](#)

Applications close 14th April 2025



Aldi apprenticeships

The programme typically takes around 15+ months to complete. Alongside the Store Assistant training, apprentices work towards achieving a Level 2 Retailer qualification (equivalent to 5 GCSE passes) and complete Functional Skills qualifications in English and maths.

Follow this link to find out more: [Apprenticeships - Aldi | Careermap](#)



MEDIC MENTOR

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE FOR FUTURE MEDICS AND DENTISTS

FOR YEAR 10 - YEAR 13

Virtual work experience is now recognised by the Medical Schools and Dental Schools Council as a valuable alternative to in-person shadowing. This is supported by the Health Education England Discovery report, which highlights the positive impact of virtual placements. In 2024, we helped over 30,000 secondary school students gain access to free virtual work experience opportunities.

Not only is this a reliable alternative to in-person shadowing, but it also plays a significant role in preparing students for their in-person work placements with structured teaching and opportunities to speak directly with healthcare professionals.

The Virtual Work Experience Programme is brought to you by Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust in collaboration with Medic Mentor. It is completely free to partake in, and is open to any student across the UK from 14 years old and above.

Students can apply for a placement for free using these links:

- Medicine: <https://medicmentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>**
- Dentistry: <https://dental-mentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>**

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.



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

Do you listen to your Púca?

Last week, our LAMDA group was visited by Sabotage Theatre Company, who performed for us their interactive workshop 'The Púca'. They used puppetry, masks, and forum theatre to teach the year 9s techniques on how to manage their inner voice.



OPEN MICS ARE BACK!

There are more opportunities to perform next term!

Talk to Mrs Truglio to sign up for:

May 12th - Upper School Open Mic (open to Years 10-13)

May 19th - Lower School Open Mic (open to Years 7-9)

Notices & Reminders



Word of the Week EMOTION MEMORY

where an actor uses real past experiences to inform the role they play in performance.

Extra-Curricular

Choir - Tuesday break & Thursday after school - M2- Miss Truglio

Dance Club - Thursday after school - Barossa Studio - Miss Ingram

MY NEIGHBOUR TOTORO

Y9 and above - Don't forget to grab your tickets for My Neighbour Totoro for Y9/10/12 - tickets available on ParentPay!



Come join us for the Y13 scripted exam! Open to Y11 upwards and staff!

28th April 2025 - Barossa Studio - 3.15pm

Orion's Calling Rehearsals
Rehearsals start back on
Wednesday 23rd
April until 5pm 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.



ANOTHER WORLD

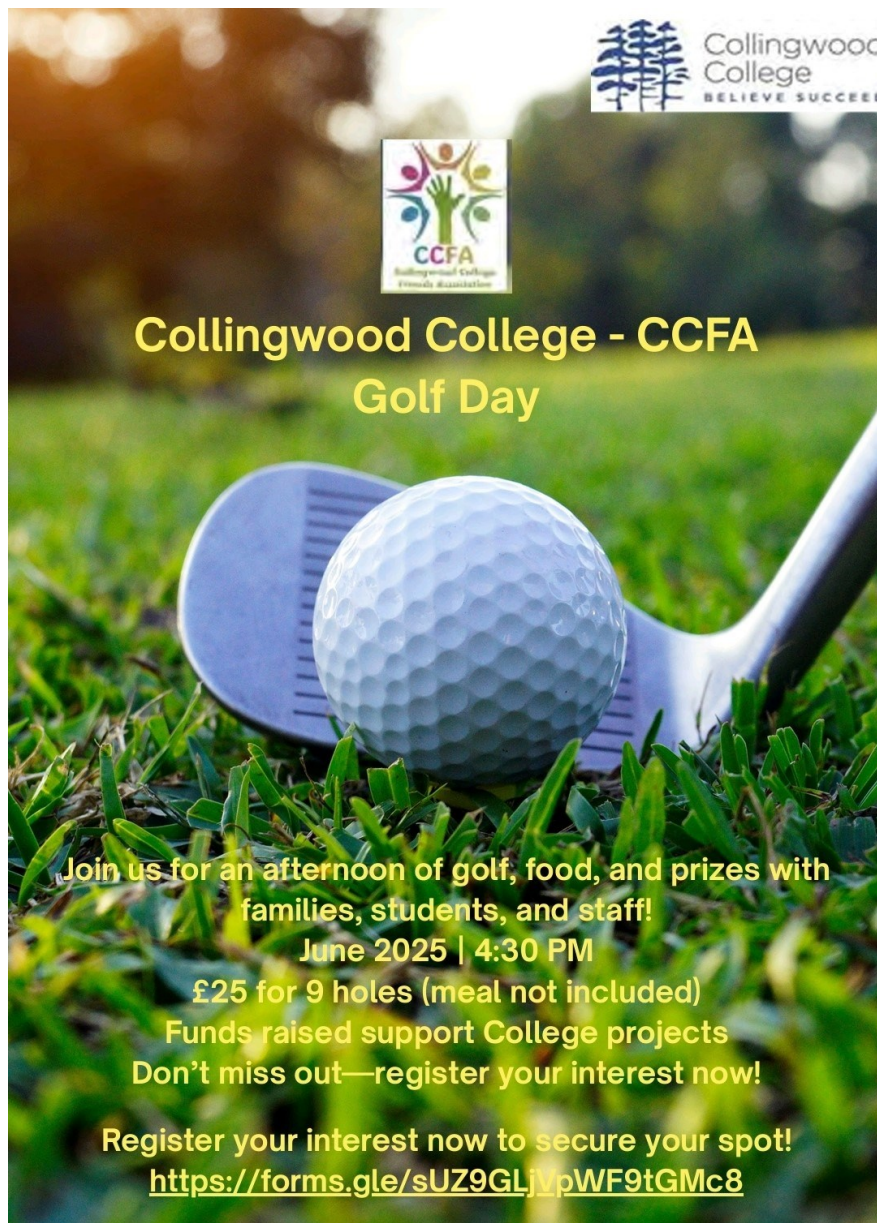
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 CCFA
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Collingwood College - CCFA Golf Day

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>

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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*



Yoga at Heatherside



Mondays 8:00 - 9:15pm

Thursdays 6:30 - 7:45pm

£12 per session

Heatherside Community Centre
Martindale Avenue, Camberley, GU15 1BB

No drop-ins. Pre-book and pre-pay your place online.
For more information and booking, please visit www.yogawithedyta.com
or email hello@yogawithedyta.com for inquiries.



Sound Bath at Heatherside

slow down, unwind and immerse yourself in the
healing power of sound & silence

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.

