



Dear Parents and Students,

We have had a busy Spring term, starting with the **January examinations** and ending with many subjects already taking final **practical exams**. Student and parents should know that any lessons learned from modules should be put into practice in final exams and resits. The PEARs now due out will give further information about current progress. Staff will work hard with students at this time. We are all very strongly motivated to see them do well. I am pleased to say that the very strong performance of sixth form colleges has been recognized in a **National Audit Office** report just published (23rd March). In addition to examination success, we pride ourselves on offering a truly rounded education, as is evidenced by the activities outlined in this newsletter. We are planning to celebrate the activities of our Level 2 students at a special event, launching their graduation on the **SFBac** next term. In the meantime, the end of this term will be marked by our **Founders Day Service** for second year students at 12 noon on **Friday, 8th April** at St Marys Church, Causeway, Horsham.

PARENT GOVERNOR

We have included in the PEARs envelopes information on the vacancy for **parent governor**. We hope we can recruit someone who can make an excellent contribution in this vital role. If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact the Clerk, Nicola Whitehead, on 01403 216519 or e-mail ncw@collyers.ac.uk. The nominations deadline is Thursday, 28th April 2011 at noon.

COLLEGE & LRC HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES

The college will be open on the normal working days during the Easter holiday. All staff and students coming in to the college during this time **MUST** sign in and out at the main college Reception. The LRC will be open between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm on these days. The college will be closed from Friday, 22nd to Monday, 25th April 2011 inclusive.

The Summer Term starts on **Wednesday, 27th April 2011**, and lessons will take place on that Wednesday and on Thursday, 28th as timetabled. Friday, 29th April is now a Bank Holiday for the Royal Wedding, and the college will be closed for this, along with the Early

Spring Bank Holiday on Monday, 2nd May. **Normal lessons resume on Tuesday, 3rd May**. There will be two **Higher Education** information evenings for first year parents on **11th and 12th May**, and details have been distributed to students with a tear-off slip to book seats.

Study leave for all students will be from Monday, 30th May (note: this is half-term week). **AS students return for 2A induction** and classes on **Monday, 13th June**, Welcome Day is on Monday, 4th July (students are on study leave), and **term ends for the students at 4.00 p.m. on Friday, 15th July**.

ENROLMENT

Early notification - Enrolment interviews for all students will take place on **Tuesday, 30th, Wednesday, 31st August and Thursday, 1st September**. 1st year students progressing into 2nd year will be given their interview time by their tutor during the last week or so of the Summer term.

SPORTS NEWS

Following the success of the **girls Hockey team** at the British Colleges Regional Championships in December 2010, **Vicki Trumpess** (Captain) has been working hard to ensure the girls are on top form for the coming **National Competition** on 8th-10th April.

The Hockey team are not the only ones to have achieved success though – **Florence Turner** has made her name and taken her place in the National competition, running the **Cross Country** for the South East, as well as both **Kirsty Briggs** and **Emily Rouch** for **Elite Trampoline**.

Rosie Inman and **Jason Wooldridge**, two outstanding Pentathletes, are on their way to success having qualified for the semi-final of the British Schools' Modern Biathlon Championships in January 2011. After a series of qualifying competitions, both are through to the Championships organised by Pentathlon GB being held at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre on 27th March. Good luck to both of them!

Within the British Colleges Sports Leagues, the **Rugby** team have pushed themselves again this year, standing at second place only to Brockenhurst.

Whilst most teams having a Christmas break, the indoor **Hockey** team continued with another extremely successful season. They made it through county and regional competitions to reach the **National Indoor U18 School** finals in Eastleigh, Southampton in January. The weekend brought together the top 10 schools in the country to battle it out for the National title, Collyer's being the only State School there. We were up against the likes of Millfield, who are able to boast 4 astro turf facilities on their grounds. This highlighted the achievement of Collyer's making it through to the National's, but we were only able to field 6 players, meaning no substitutes. The girls performed exceptionally well, only losing 3-2 to the eventual winners, Repton, but beating Sedburgh 10-0. This was the best team performance throughout the whole tournament. The girls were extremely proud of themselves. National success certainly puts the college on the map and England Hockey are now getting used to seeing Collyer's at these events. The team were **Victoria Trumpess** (Captain), **Jess Dean** (Vice Captain), **Rachel Kimberley**, **Lucy Wood**, **Izzy Wood**, and **Carolyn Watson** in goal. The girls now look forward to the **National Colleges Outdoor Hockey Tournament** which is being held in Bath over the Easter period, adding to the outdoor success they had in November by reaching the Regional Outdoor Schools finals.

EXAM REMINDERS

Can I remind parents and students of the importance of the student **ID badges**, which **must** be worn when at college. This helps us to ensure we can keep students and their property safe. This is particularly relevant at this time of the year as **STUDENTS MUST BE WEARING THEIR ID BADGES AND LANYARDS TO ACCESS THE SUMMER EXAM ROOMS.**

During the **exams**, as a reminder, **NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES** are allowed in the exam room (mobile phones, MP3 players, etc.). Disqualification from the exam **will** be the outcome of any abuse of this rule as we have to report it to the exam board. The dates for the summer exams are **16th May to 29th June**, inclusive, excluding 30th May to 3rd June (half term). Practical and oral exams have also been taking place, therefore I would remind parents **not to be arranging holidays in term time**, particularly at this time of the year.



Early notification – **A level results day is Thursday, 18th August 2011 and GCSE results day is Thursday, 25th August 2011.**

CAR PARK MANAGEMENT FROM JANUARY 2011

With the upcoming change in law regarding clamping on private property, we have reviewed

our car park management procedure. Clearly we still have to have the means to ensure parking requirements are enforced, and to this end, we have adopted the **Parking Charge Notice** method of enforcement. On site staff will monitor and record offending vehicles and warning notices will be issued. An external company will be instructed to take action in the event of continual mis-use of the parking facilities at college by motorists. The company will issue the PCN from information held on the DVLA data base and this method of enforcement is supported by contractual law and the law of trespass.

STAFF NEWS

Susie McAlister (Art) entered the international Renaissance Photography Prize 2011, and her picture was shortlisted to the final 21 for the Calumet prize. **Sue Stratton** (English) will be leaving at Easter, but **Karen Morris** and **Rob Owen** will be joining English to cover both maternity leave and a long term staff absence. Two staff in English (**Kate Wickens-Holtom** and **Alice Jahanpour**) are both on maternity leave and we have a maternity leave forthcoming in Travel & Tourism (**Helen West**). **Bev Young** (Art Technician) leaves at the end of term to focus on her family business. **Christie Price** (French) left us after a period of ill health and we have appointed **Steve Bridgeman** to assist in that subject area.

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE

If a student is absent from college, e.g. due to sickness, it is important that they, or a parent, telephone the **student absence line** on **(01403) 216528** to report the absence.

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education have a few places on Summer Term courses in Botanical Illustration, Life Drawing, Practical Photography, Photoshop Elements and Yoga. Please phone Horsham 216597 for details. The **Adult Education Open Evening** will be on 22nd June (7.00-9.00pm) for courses starting in September – come along and find out more!

COLLYER'S ASSOCIATION

The Association's **Committee** comprises staff, student and parent representatives and raises money to benefit the wider student community. The Committee decide how to allocate money raised and, among other things, provide the security for the Leavers' Prom, prizes for the annual Challenge of Management event, funding Alcohol Abuse lectures for first year students, and supporting the Yearbook. Applications for the Bursary Scheme for this year have just closed, and decisions will be made at the next meeting on who will be awarded Bursaries for the coming year. The

Bursary award this year has been broadened to help support current students to achieve academic or sporting excellence in times of financial difficulty.

The winners of the **300 Club** during this term have been:

- Jan** – Mrs J Sutton; Mrs F Lear; and Mrs P Brewster
Feb – Mr & Mrs D Masters; Mrs S Henderson; and Mrs J Smith
Mar – Ms N Nicholls; Mr & Mrs G Lee; and Mrs B Vallestad

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

In February, Guntur Dwiarmein sensationally won the UK Taekwondo Championships held at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. After 4 rounds, he beat the reigning champion in the final. This sent shock waves through the sport, as it was Guntur's first competition as a Senior and he has become the youngest ever UK Champion. He was the Junior British Champion and his form was good going into the competition. Guntur then gained his second gold medal by winning the doubles event with his partner. Guntur previously attended Oakwood School in Horley and has now set his sights on European glory. The path begins at the Belgium Open in April, which is a qualifying event for the European and World Championships. We wish him luck!

Business Studies student, **James Seear**, was successful in winning the Young Start-up Talent Competition he entered last term, along with his friend Thomas Williams, who attends Christ Hospital School. The boys set up their down business, a web-site called "recyclabook.co.uk", which invites students to recycle textbooks on-line. They beat off stiff competition to win the first prize of £50,000 worth of sponsored products and services. They hope that the prize is the start of a successful business partnership.



On 14th February, 48 students and staff from **Law** and **Government & Politics** departed on a 5-day trip to **Washington DC**. Whilst enjoying an unusually mild week in the US capital, the group embarked on a packed schedule, which included visits to The Pentagon, Arlington Cemetery and The Capitol where the group were privileged enough to witness an historic vote in the House of Representatives on the US budget. Other highlights of the trip were the walking tour of Washington's monuments and memorials, which included a lift ride to the top of the Washington monument and a visit to Ford's

Theatre (where the assassination of President Lincoln took place). The group also visited the Newseum which houses exhibitions on how the media have reported major political and legal world events. Exhibits on 9/11, Hurricane Katrina and the work of the FBI were the main areas of interest for the group, along with the fall of the Berlin Wall.

During the week of 28th February, 47 students and 5 staff visited **Poland and Germany** for a joint **History** and **Government & Politics** trip. The group flew to Krakow, where they were taken straight to Auschwitz-Birkenau. The weather was cold (-10 degrees) and a bitter northerly wind cut through our layers of warm clothing with ease. How it must have been for the inmates is almost beyond imagining, a set of striped 'pyjamas', insufficient calories – deliberately – combined with brutal hard labour took its toll of the prisoners as much as the shootings, 'showers' and ovens. The sheer scale of Birkenau stunned the group into numbed silence. Krakow was beautiful – unspoilt and full of Polish and Jewish history; not to mention fabulous shops and restaurants! On the second day in Poland the focus was on visiting the old Jewish Quarter (Kazimierz). Here, the multi-talented George Lear provided the group with a superb guided tour, in-between visiting the excellent Galicia Jewish Museum and Schindler's Factory. The first two days had provided the group with the 'before' and 'after' picture of the effect of Nazism on the Polish Jews – who numbered 3 million on the eve of WW2. Where Birkenau provided an understanding of the enormous scale of the Holocaust, Galicia demonstrated the effects of mass murder on a more personal level, as indicated by a poignant last conversation between mother and daughter on their way to the gas chambers:

"When they kill us, will it hurt? No, my darling, it won't take long."

On Wednesday, the group travelled to Berlin. The focal point of Thursday was Wannsee Villa. Here, amongst tranquil and beautiful surroundings, a group of well-educated and high-ranking Nazi Party members and government officials calmly planned in detail over cognac and cigars how to murder millions of European Jews. Friday was spent touring Cecilienhof Palace – built by Kaiser Wilhelm II for his son and site of the Potsdam Conference – and the beautiful Prussian town of Potsdam. Potsdam was the seat of the Hohenzollerns, the last Kaiser of which sent Germany and Europe on a course towards world war; the site of the Day of Potsdam 21 March 1933, a ceremony which helped consolidate Hitler's grip on

Germany; and, of course, the location for the Allied Conference which decided the fate of Germany and Europe after World War Two and, with it, marked the beginning of the Cold War.

A Level **Product Design** students entered a competition in conjunction with the Future Perfect Company. The competition aims to encourage young designers to think about the challenges that an ageing population presents and to design a product to allow people to continue to live enjoyable, active and independent lives as they get older. Competition winner **Glen Crombie's** design was a product that ejects a standard plug from a socket at the touch of a button. Second prizes were awarded to the following students: **James Delve, Lauren Hale, Lucy Martlew, Jess Chapman and Andrew Marsh.**

Jennifer Simmonds, a second year student, was selected to attend **Space Camp in the United States** early in March. After a rigorous application and selection process, she was chosen to participate in the **Honeywell Leadership Challenge Academy** at the US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Jennifer is one of only eight students from the UK attending the Camp.

The **Dance Department** returned to The Capitol in Horsham for two evenings of exciting new work entitled **SPRINGBOARD** on 16th and 17th March. The programme included performances based on the professional repertory of choreographers such as Alvin Ailey, Robert North and Richard Alston, alongside the students' own choreographic exam projects. Featuring a diverse range of music; gospel, jazz, classical and pop, **SPRINGBOARD** delivered something for everyone. We were delighted to have Tanbridge and Millais students in a guest slot on the Thursday evening.

COLLEGE COUNCIL

This year, the college prom will be held at the 5* South Lodge Hotel at Lower Beeding, just south of Horsham. We hope this new venue will be a great and memorable event for our leaving students. The hotel has an amazing setting. Leavers Hoodies are now available through Jane Bussey in Student Support. All students who have ordered their hoodie need to collect it before Easter. Homemade cakes and biscuits were sold to raise money for Red Nose Day ... students raised over £30.

Collyer's Website

Our external website was relaunched last year. We have a "current parents" area, where access to **key dates** for the academic year is available, the **Student Well Being** site, as well as the **Careers & Higher Education** sites. Go

to the external **website**, the **sixth form** button and then **Current Parents**. We hope you find this information useful. **Term dates** and a **calendar of events** for the current year are available on the **Events** area of the website and we hope this will assist in avoiding student absences, particularly due to holidays during term time, which affect their progress.

HEALTH & SAFETY

A **blood donation** session took place at the college in February with 40 staff and students booked for appointments, including 18 new donors.

May I remind all students and their parents that the college is a **NO SMOKING** campus. This includes the immediate vicinity around the college. It is illegal to sell cigarettes to under 18's, and our expectation is that **students do**



not come to college with cigarettes in their possession.

This ensures that we can keep the environment safe and healthy. As we are a town centre site with nearby neighbours, we do ask students **to be considerate of residents** and not to gather where they may be on private property, don't drop litter and be courteous in their behaviour to others. **I would ask parents to support us in these endeavours.**

HOME STAY

We are looking for **families to host international students** due to enrol in September 2011. Students living with host families will attend college on a full-time basis and become members of their new families and community. Accommodation will be required for a period of two years. Students will be 16-18 years old and will have studied English for a minimum of three years. They will have their own medical insurance and spending money, and will have undergone a screening and interview process by educational agencies in their home country. Good rates will be paid for half board and lodging. To request further information, please contact Frances Boulter, Admissions Manager on (01403) 216526 or e-mail fb@collyers.ac.uk. All families will be subject to a CRB check

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