

13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear students and parents

As the summer term rolls around, I hope that all our community had a restful and productive Easter holiday and would like to provide some updates about key events last term and what the next few months hold. I hope students are feeling positive about the last few weeks of teaching before the summer assessments and exams. Certainly our most recent Progress Review 3 shows that our community are preparing very well and should be confident that they will be ready. I would like to wish everyone all the best with final revision and am sure you will be pleased with your results in the summer.

### **Collyer's as a Sixth Form College 1976-2026: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Can you believe where the time has gone? It is 50 years this summer since Collyer's converted to become a co-ed sixth form college for the Horsham area and since then has built up a reputation as one of the leading sixth form colleges in the country, welcoming students from across the region far and wide.

We will be marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our conversion from a grammar school for boys to a co-ed sixth form college by inviting in former students and staff to celebrate five decades of educational opportunity and achievement as a college community. The event will be held at Collyer's on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 10am to 2pm and will include guided tours of the campus, a chance to hear more about the 50 year history of Collyer's as a sixth form college and to enjoy a barbecue lunch.

If you attended Collyer's after 1976, we invite you to register your interest in joining the event by [clicking on the image below](#) to complete a booking form. You are also welcome to pass on the link to family or friends that are Old Collyerians post-1976 as well. Numbers are limited so sign up quickly!



### **Horsham Learning Alliance**

Collyer's converted to become a 16-19 academy on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 and formed a brand-new multi-academy trust with The Forest School called the Horsham Learning Alliance. Since that date we have been extremely busy putting in place all of the vital building blocks for our new Trust. With nearly 500 staff across our college and our school and almost 4,000 students in total, the focus has been on cross-Trust communications, implementing new systems, launching collaborative projects and developing our first ever strategic plan in consultation with all our key stakeholders. This is an exciting time for the Trust at its foundational stage – working together with other local schools we want to make a real difference to the education of young people in Horsham and the surrounding areas.

A copy of the new strategic plan can be found by [clicking the image overleaf](#) and we look forward to sharing further updates about exciting initiatives and the future growth of the Trust in the coming months:

# Strategic Plan

2025 - 2028



## Tech Centre next steps

The Tech Centre represents a very important next phase of our estates masterplan, delivering not only additional classrooms to allow us to grow but also state of the art technical spaces for subjects such as Physics, DT and Engineering that are still housed in older spaces. Design work on our new Tech Centre continues to progress well and we have had a number of meetings with local residents and Horsham District Council as part of the early planning process. A key element of our bid for funds from central government to support this project is to run a public consultation on our plans for growth which I shared with all students and parents before the Easter break. If you haven't already, please do consider replying to the consultation by [clicking on the image below](#) that links to the Horsham Learning Alliance website:



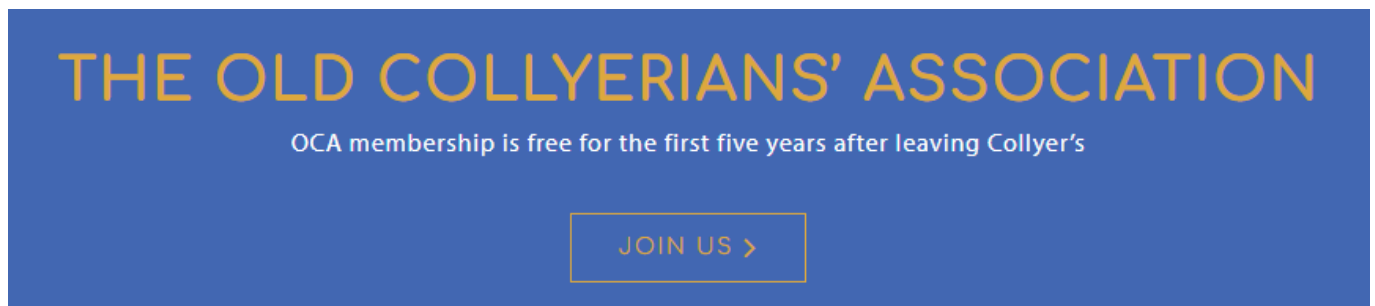
[Consultation - The College of Richard Collyer proposed expansion](#)

## Founder's Day and Leavers' Festival

An important Collyer's tradition is to celebrate our foundation every year by remembering Richard Collyer and the legacy he left for education in the region. On Founder's Day, as well as offering our thanks to our founder, we also mark our student community's involvement in the incredible range of enrichment activities and broader college life by showcasing student performances and giving awards for being fully involved in broader college life.

Following the celebration event, our second year leavers were treated to a festival in the Café and Canteen and outside on the sports fields, benefitting from beautiful spring weather for the second year in a row! Well done and thank you to the Richard Collyer Union and staff for organising and running such a great event.

Once you have headed off to your next steps after Collyer's, please consider staying in contact by joining the Old Collyerians' Association – our alumni organisation that is developing a range of opportunities for those that studied at Collyer's in every generation. You can join by [clicking on the link below](#) and photos of the day's festivities are on the following pages:



**THE OLD COLLYERIANS' ASSOCIATION**  
OCA membership is free for the first five years after leaving Collyer's

[JOIN US >](#)

Finally, I wish everyone a great summer term, all the best with your remaining studies this year and with your exams and other final assessments in due course.

Kind regards



Dan Lodge  
Executive Principal

**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**COLLYER'S FOUNDER'S DAY**

# **LEAVERS' FESTIVAL**



**12:15-15:15**



**2A STUDENTS**

**COME AND JOIN THE CELEBRATION!**

- **MINI GOLF**
- **LIVE MUSIC**
- **RETRO SPORTS DAY**
- **ICE CREAM VAN**
- **CUPCAKES AND SOFT DRINKS**
- **PHOTOBOOTH**
- **LEAVERS' TOTE BAGS**
- **INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE**
- **FOOTBALL SHOOT-OUT**

***AND MANY MORE...***



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