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DIARY DATES

Thursday, 17th Aug

A Level Results

Thursday, 24th Aug

GCSE Results

Tuesday, 12th Sept

School Open Event

5.30pm – 7.30pm

Tuesday, 3rd Oct

Sixth Form Open Event

5.30pm – 7.30pm

Saturday, 14th Oct

School and Sixth Form Open
Event

9.30am – 11.30am

Mrs Martin's retirement Mass, St George's Cathedral, London

On Thursday, 13th July, pupils, staff and friends and family of Mrs Martin celebrated her retirement at a Valedictory Mass held at St George's Cathedral, London. The joyous and grand occasion was suitably fitted to the remarkable dedication to Coloma that Mrs Martin has shown during her 22 years as Headteacher. Special thanks was given to Archbishop Peter Smith, Monsignor Canon James Cronin and all the clergy for leading the celebration.

The congregation were greeted by the beautiful sounds of the Coloma Senior Chamber Choir whose opening repertoire included 'Cantate Domino' (Sing to the Lord). All the hymns and scriptures echoed Mrs Martin's deeply held spiritual and professional convictions. Three simple words characterised the chosen readings: Maureen's Faith, Hope, and Charity for all, wrapped up in Christ's exhortation to love one another. Pupils carried up seven pillar candles during the offertory, each bearing the Roman numerals of each year group and the Coloma School badge with the school motto 'Laborare est Orare' ('To work is to pray').

Along with the candles was a booklet, formed from memories from each year group and thoughts about their Coloma experience. Her grandsons, Henry and Milo, carried a small chest containing personal messages to Maureen, from past colleagues, friends and students, to be opened and enjoyed in the months of freedom that she may have in retirement. Matilda, Elizabeth and Rosalie, her granddaughters, carried the bread and wine. Refreshments were served in the neighbouring hall following Mass and the occasion was one of joy and sadness as we said goodbye to a wonderful Headteacher. We thank Elaine Hallam and everyone involved in making the Mass such a special celebration.



A Warm Welcome to Mrs Johnson

We would like to warmly welcome Mrs Jackie Johnson as Headteacher at Coloma. Jackie brings to the school a wealth of experience and expertise in leading, managing and improving secondary education. She was previously Executive Principal at Bishop Challoner Catholic Federation of Schools, East London, where her leadership was described as 'inspirational' in the 2011 and 2014 Ofsted reports. Prior to that, Mrs

Johnson was Headteacher at St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls, Carshalton, an 'Outstanding' school in Surrey. We are honoured to now have the benefit of her expertise here at Coloma.

We asked Mrs Johnson to tell us about her first impressions of Coloma and some of her views on education. See what she said on Page 2.....

A Warm Welcome to Mrs Johnson Continued...

The teachers take time to get to know the pupils

"On my first visit to Coloma, I quickly noticed that the students were very happy and that the teachers take time to get to know the pupils as individual people. The traditional values of the school are extremely apparent, they have been built on its founder, The Very Reverend Canon Van Crombrughe, (founder of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph in 1817 and the school in 1869) who quoted, 'once a teacher is known to pupils as being a person who loves them, and wishes for nothing more than their happiness in everything, that teacher has already gained the chief thing in education,

possessing the key to their hearts'. The teachers at Coloma foster this ethos, that every girl has something special to contribute. They take the time to get to know the girls individually, enabling them to achieve to their full potential."

Impressive breadth and depth of extra-curricular activities

"I noticed the impressive breadth and depth of the extra-curricular activities offered at Coloma and that all pupils can use these to extend their thinking."

Successful children are happy children

"I believe that successful children are happy children. Establishing pupils' strengths and building on these are key to their development. This goes broader

than just academia."

Nothing replaces good conversations

"I firmly believe that good communication is the key to success. We mustn't underestimate the importance of communicating verbally with our students and our parents. Nothing replaces good conversations."



Farewell to Mrs Murray, one of Coloma's Longest Serving Employees



Sadly, Mrs Jenny Murray who has been at Coloma for 44 years, is retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Murray started at Coloma in 1973 and she undertook her teacher training at Coloma Teacher Training College (1969 to 1973), run by the Daughters of Mary and Joseph at Wickham Court. She fondly remembers Sister Mary Baptiste and Mother Mary Benignus from her time at the college. Mrs Murray leaves Coloma having spent her

entire career at the school, as a Geography teacher, Leader for Careers and Assistant Headteacher. A superb teacher, organiser and delegator, Jenny set up and ran annual careers workshops for every year group, culminating in the annual Post-18 conference for Year 12 which included scores of alumni and other organisations running seminars and practical sessions for the girls and for students from Quest and Archbishop Lanfranc. The biennial Careers Fair is a thriving source of invaluable guidance for girls across the school and she has established a rich network of valuable links with external firms. Her hard work resulted in the award of the prestigious Careers Mark for Coloma. Jenny's warm personality and her friendly interpersonal skills will be genuinely missed by students, parents and especially her colleagues. She has always maintained her fitness and she is looking forward to spending more time riding her tandem with husband, Andy. Mrs Murray has served Coloma and many generations of girls very well indeed and we thank you, Jenny, for the commitment and

dedication you have shown to the school. We wish you and your family every joy and blessing for many years to come.

Words from Mrs Jenny Murray

"I owe the developments in my career to the Headteachers, past and present, but especially to Maureen Martin for her constant support as I took on new responsibilities. The highlight of any teacher's career is the students whose lives we may influence, as they take up their own careers and roles in society. I have been privileged to teach and interact with thousands of students over the years; many whose daughters and possibly now even grandchildren were educated and inspired at this wonderful school. It is a true testament to Coloma that several of our students, on graduating from university or after several years in the workplace, have chosen to return to the school where the steps to their future pathway began. We are grateful that so many of our past pupils want to share their career journey with our current students. Long may this tradition continue."

Post-18 Conference

Day one of Coloma's 16th Post-18 Conference for Year 12 was attended by three new organisations. Southampton and Goldsmiths Universities gave advice on Personal Statements and Budgeting/Finance, two important aspects as students prepare for their future. Reed Employment updated the students' knowledge and skills on C.V. writing and Best Practice Interview scenarios. The National Careers Service, as in previous years, highlighted the increasing number of apprenticeship pathways open to young people.

Day two welcomed 50 guest speakers, 28 of whom were drawn from Coloma's richly diverse alumni. Several of the attendees had given generously of their time on previous occasions. This year, many new faces were added to the programme so that the potential career pathways for all the A level subjects offered at

Coloma were represented. Of particular note was Francesca McDonagh, who in the Autumn, will be moving from her current high-profile position with HSBC to the prestigious role of Group CEO, Bank of Ireland. The icing on the cake for all was Francesca being awarded an OBE in the 2017 Queen's Honours List. This year too, Coloma attracted a couple of new academic tutors and universities to the schedule which, together with our own students and other employers, greatly enriched our students' experience.

We would like to thank all those who attended the two-day conference, and made it such a success — from guest



speakers, to pupils and staff. The photo (left to right) shows former pupils: Juliette Sullivan, Nursing, Francesca McDonagh, Head of Retail Banking, Jenny Murray, Coloma Careers Adviser, Julia Kenny, Bath University, and Hannah Wentworth, House of Commons.

Congratulations to the CCF

Congratulations to the Coloma Combined Cadet Force (CCF): the CCF First Aid A Team won the London regional competition — beating Dulwich College in the process. The girls — Anna Dyduch, Claudia Pickup, Naza Samuel and Emily Sawkins — will compete in the national finals in October. Congratulations also to the B Team who came third and to Flora Dell'Accio who came third in the individuals out of 60 cadets aged 15 to 23. Well done to you all!

Social Media



Whilst social media offers its many benefits to all, please do be aware of its dangers. As parents, please be vigilant when it comes to the use of social media and utilise the control apps that exist.

A letter was issued to parents on 30th June containing information about the recent snapchat changes including the 'Find my Friend' update and applications such as 'Screen Time' and 'Our Pact' that can help you monitor your child's internet usage.

We would like to work alongside parents to ensure our pupils are protected from any harmful effects of social media and so would urge you to read the letter and take any necessary action.

History trip to Ypres

Year 9 set off bright and early on Friday, 23rd June for a day trip organised by the History Department to Ypres, Belgium to visit the battlefields of WW1. The girls enjoyed a fantastic day guided around the sites by expert historians from Anglia Tours. They had the opportunity to dress up as soldiers, walk through the trenches, visit the largest Commonwealth cemetery in the world and, most importantly, hear the stories of the men and women who fought and died there. With the centenary of the Battle of Passchendaele, a special visit to the newly-refurbished Passchendaele Museum was squeezed into the

busy day, before enjoying a visit to the chocolate shops of Ypres and a chicken and chips supper! Before departing for home, the girls paid their respects at the Menin Gate ceremony where students from each coach were selected to lay a wreath on behalf of the school.



Bodiam Castle Trip

On Wednesday, 28th June, Year 7 enjoyed an exciting finale to their unit of work on Medieval History by going to visit Bodiam Castle. They were given a tour of the castle where they tried on some armour and found out about the

knight who used to live there. They also participated in a workshop on Medieval medicine and discussed how the castle building can be used as an historical source that teaches us about Medieval life.



Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

28 Year 10 girls successfully completed their qualifying expedition for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. As part of the award, they have to plan and complete an expedition independently. The route involved a hike from Chevening to Downe, where the girls set up camp, followed by a second hike back to school. Using important navigation and map reading skills, they were able to find their way back in good time. This is just one part of a very rewarding and challenging award.



Lord Bowness Visit

On Friday, 14th July, we were lucky enough to be joined by Lord Bowness, a qualified solicitor and life peer in the House of Lords who came in to speak to our sixth form Law and Politics students and answer any questions that we had. Lord Bowness had previously practised in Purley but was appointed in 1996 as a life peer to preside in the House of Lords. He spoke about the history of the

House of Lords, how life peers are appointed and the major changes occurring in the House of Lords today. We had a discussion about current affairs within Parliament, particularly on the ramifications of Brexit and how this will affect UK law and the make-up of the House of Lords. He also spoke to us about his personal journey to his esteemed position as Lord and how he started in the legal profession.

All the students saw this as a useful insight into both the history and life of peers in the House of Lords. He was even kind enough to offer some of our students and teachers the opportunity to visit him at the House of Lords to receive a tour of the chamber and to attend a question time session.



Trip to the Crown Court

The sixth form Law students also had the opportunity to visit Croydon Crown Court. Their knowledge and understanding of how juries and the law works has been enhanced following their visit to the Crown Court. This invaluable experience allowed the students to explore the fascinating world of law, enabling them to make connections with what they learn in the classroom and real life law in action. The students attended two cases involving issues such as stalking and murder. They witnessed how the judge sums up the case and how a defendant is cross examined. They discovered the importance of each person's role within the court.

Sporting Successes

As always, the Coloma PE Department has been a hub of activity this summer with hundreds of girls choosing to spend their lunchtimes, after school and even their early mornings taking part in physical activity. Many of our recreational clubs have been popular, with lots of girls choosing to attend recreational tennis, fitness blast and lunchtime athletics training.

We are also delighted that, following our announcement as the 'top all-girls comprehensive school for sport' in the country, we have continued to prove this title is very much deserved by winning a number of accolades across a number of sports.

Below is a summary of our successes this summer term.

DANCE ACADEMY

The Dance Academy and Year 7 will perform at the 'Step into Dance Live!' show on the South Bank on July 17th. The Dance Academy also took part in 'Let Your Feet Compete', a dance competition run by the London Youth Games.



ROUNDERS

The Coloma rounders squads have been out in force this summer and all four year groups have dominated their friendly matches winning over 25 matches and losing just 2. Unfortunately, both the Year 7 and Year 9 Croydon Rounders Tournaments didn't take place this year. However, the Year 8 Team and Year 10 Team were in awesome form and both were crowned Croydon Champions for 2017.



Year 8 Rounders Croydon Champions



Year 9 Rounders Squad

CRICKET

For the second year running, we entered the School Sports Magazine U15 T20 Hard Ball Cup. The squad is still getting used to batting and running in all the kit, but we have made a lot of progress since last year. The format of the competition had changed this year and we were put in a tough regional group and were the only state school in the competition. Our first game was

against St Swithun's and we managed to pull off an impressive win, meeting St Swithun's target of 51 runs in only 11 overs. Our next two matches saw us travel to the lovely school of Hurst in Pierpoint, Sussex. A long sunny day of cricket ensued and the girls enjoyed both the play and the teas! Some excellent cricket was played and the team improved throughout the day. Unfortunately we were beaten by two more experienced sides, but spirits were high throughout.

Our U13 team regained their title as Croydon Champions, being undefeated at their tournament. There was some really excellent play and lots of improvements have been made since the indoor season.



U13 Cricket Croydon Champions

GOLF

Coloma competed in the London Super Sixes Golf Competition at Addington Court. This was a beginners mixed competition and Coloma fought off competition from Bromley High, Croydon High and Ravenswood. The A team finished as runners up and the B team in third place.



London Super Sixes Golf Runners Up

ATHLETICS

As always, Coloma has dominated at the Croydon Schools Athletics Championships with a number of highlights along the way. Notable individual performances include:

Kamsi Nwosi-Damien	1st Discus
Danielle Ofokansi	3rd Discus
Kyra Sethna-McIntosh	1st 800m
Izzy Conway	2nd 1500m
Elsie Saffo	2nd Relay
Racheal Largie-Poleon	1st 200m and 2nd Relay
Kendaa Cameron- Chavannes	2nd 800m
Rochelle Joyce	3rd 1500m
Antonia Mazuri	1st Hurdles
Tamara Buamah	1st Long Jump and 2nd Relay
Lottie Browne	1st in High Jump
Jennifer Chukwu	1st Shot Putt and 2nd Relay

Following this, a number of girls were selected to represent Croydon at the Surrey Schools Athletics Championships. Congratulations go to Kyra Sethna-McIntosh (Year 8) who came 3rd in the 800m and Ola Olufemi Krakue (Year 12) who came 2nd in the

Triple Jump. Huge congratulations go to Jennifer Chukwu (Year 9) who was crowned Surrey Champion for the 75m hurdles and to Racheal Largie Poleon (Year 9) who was crowned Surrey Champion for the 200m. As a result of Racheal's rapid time, she has been selected to represent Surrey at the English Schools Athletics Championships in Birmingham.



Year 7 Athletics Squad



Year 9 Croydon Athletics Champions

TENNIS

The tennis squads have had an enjoyable season of fixtures and have represented the school with great success in the U15 and U13 Surrey

Schools League. The U15 team finished a commendable second place in the Surrey League and the U13 team finished in fifth place.

LACROSSE

Orla Ingram (Year 13) has been selected to represent her country at the 2017 Lacrosse World Cup this Summer. Orla will make up part of the U19 squad who will face stiff competition from USA, Japan, New Zealand and Germany in the bid to be crowned World Champions. Orla is our outgoing Coloma Games Captain and is a true role model to her peers and the younger students. We wish her lots of luck in the World Cup and are so proud that a pupil from Coloma will be playing Lacrosse for England.



Sports Day

Sports Day 2017 was another exciting day in the Coloma calendar. The sun was shining and the face paint and house t-shirts were worn with pride. Throughout the morning we had 4 school records broken: Kamsi Nwosi-Damien (Year 7) broke the discus record, Kyra Sethna-McIntosh (Year 8) broke both the 800m and 1500m records within 2 hours of each other and

Racheal Largie-Poleon broke the 200m record and was crowned the fastest girl in the school in the Exhibition Race. The cheerleading at lunchtime was an exciting and colourful affair and was won by St Edith's. The overall winning house for 2017 was St Margaret's! The PE Department was incredibly proud of all the competitors who showed excellent spirit all day.



Barnardo's Choir of the Year Competition at the Royal Festival Hall

The St Cecilia's Singers were delighted to reach the final of this national competition in which the six best senior choirs in the country are selected to compete at the Royal Festival Hall in order to raise money for the Barnardo's charity.

Last year, the girls were thrilled that they won and although they did not manage that this year, the comments on their singing were just wonderful. The judges spoke of their 'fantastic blend' and 'superb understanding of the text' with a 'real feel for style and a really cohesive sound'.

They sang an arrangement of Bogoroditsye Dyevo in Russian by

Rachmaninov and did this without a conductor which means that each girl has to sense the tempo and dynamic contrast individually and yet collectively at the same time. This is an incredible feat and was truly admired by all who were there.

They completed their programme with 'Spark' by Eric Barnum which is a real tour de force in technique, singing very dissonant intervals with a lyrical melody line but all a cappella.

The girls were very moved by the rapturous applause they received and were delighted that the audience enjoyed the pieces as much as they did.



Evening of Song

In May, a number of talented pupils who have singing lessons here at Coloma, participated in a concert to friends and family in the Performing Arts Centre to showcase their individual talent. This year, we had girls from Year 8 all the way up to Year 13 perform magnificent solos. The choice of music ranged from the Baroque to traditional folksong, to popular songs from musicals and current numbers too. It was lovely to see how the younger girls looked up to the older ones who sang challenging pieces.

We finished the night with a lovely rendition of 'The Colour Purple' when the Gospel Choir sang with Ekua Awotwi as soloist. This was a very moving piece to end a wonderful evening. The concert was a big success with amazing performances and lots of applause and this is all down to the hard work, not just from the girls, but from Mrs Hope, all the singing teachers and the Music Department that offer such amazing opportunities for the pupils.

By Amy Adam, Year 13

Beauty and the Beast – from the perspective of two of the 'Belles'!

When we were told that the Year 7 and Year 8 production for 2017 was 'Beauty and the Beast', everyone was immediately really excited. We couldn't wait to start work on something new! There were five scenes in the whole production and, as there are five Year 8 form groups, each form was assigned a different scene to work on and perfect. This meant that more people had the chance to act in a main role, which was good. We rehearsed separately in our drama lessons and eventually came together, rehearsing at lunchtimes and after school, which took up a lot of our free time. But everyone can agree that the end result was definitely worth it. Our music teachers worked so hard to

make the songs perfect, and our drama teachers helped us act out the drama to a really high standard, and we all had so much fun putting the show together – I can't wait to see what we will do next!

Xena Hendry, Year 8



Like Xena, I was also lucky enough to be in the St Anthony's Singers, who

sang two songs on their own at the front of the stage. I was also cast as Belle, and I got to wear the beautiful blue day dress that all the Belles wore. Because there were five of us, we had to change very quickly between scenes, to pass our costume on to the next person. I then had to change mid-scene into the iconic gold ball gown. It felt wonderful, stepping out onto the stage and being the centre of attention in that famous dress!

I really enjoyed this experience, as it gave me much more confidence and helped me improve my acting and singing skills.

Lucia Boselli Alcock, Year 8

200th Anniversary of the Founding of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph



On Saturday, 10th June, members of the St Cecilia's Singers were invited to sing at the Mass to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph.

This was a truly lovely Mass, held at the Emmaus Centre, and the chapel was packed with guests, priests and nuns visiting

from other parts of the world. It was fascinating to hear how the Order began in Belgium, under the leadership of Canon Van Crombrugghe whose forward thinking has had such a lasting influence on us all at Coloma ever since.

The girls sang beautifully and filled the chapel with their lovely sound, to the joy

of all who were lucky enough to be there and hear them.



The Seniors Perform Blood Brothers!

The seniors brought Blood Brothers to life this term at Coloma. Set in the streets of Liverpool, this is the tragic tale of twins separated at birth who are finally drawn to each other and, despite their different upbringings, are bonded by blood.

Pupils from Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12 provided the audience with a wonderfully dramatised play that was laced with joy, hilarity, and an embedded theme of superstition that leads to tragic consequences. Our thanks go to all the pupils who worked so hard on their performances and in perfecting their Liverpudlian accents!

Thanks also to the staff involved in the production and to the wonderful audience too!



Senior Chamber Choir Tour to New York

In the summer holidays, 63 girls from our Senior Chamber Choir will be heading off to New York to showcase their talents and to spend time visiting the sights of the 'Big Apple'. Performances have been arranged at the Cathedral of St John the Divine, the UN Headquarters, St Patrick's Cathedral and St Paul's Chapel as well as singing at Mass at Our Lady of Victory on the Sunday. The girls will have plenty of opportunity for sightseeing – trips include a visit to the top of the Rockefeller Center and the 9/11 Memorial, a ferry ride around the Statue of Liberty, a walk in Central

Park, a theatre visit to see the musical 'School of Rock' on Broadway as well as dinner at the famous Ellen's Stardust Diner in Times Square!

We wish them a safe and successful

tour and look forward to hearing all about it on their return. Parents can follow the tour on our new Coloma Twitter account [@ColomaMusic](https://twitter.com/ColomaMusic).



Champagne Soirée

This term saw the last of the year's Sixth Form A Level Music Soirées, the 'Champagne Soirée' (appropriately named, as the audience enjoyed champagne and strawberries whilst listening to the concert), held on the 26th April.

This was an important opportunity for the students as it was a chance for them to perform their pieces ahead of their AS and A2 Music Recitals in the following week. The soirée featured varied performances from the Year 12s and 13s, ranging from Voice, Violin, Flute and Piano to the Harp. At the end of the evening, Mrs Martin thanked the girls for their performances and congratulated them for the hard work and practice they had put in. She

remembered many of the girls playing and singing in Coloma concerts since they were in Year 7, and marvelled at the high standard and the confidence the girls had achieved.

The Music Department is rightly proud of all the girls and would like to wish

the Year 13 students all the best in the future. They hope that their exam results in the Summer reflect the commitment they have shown throughout the year.

By Tara Nelson, Year 13



Chamber Music Concert



On 21st March, the annual Coloma Chamber Music Concert took place in the beautiful, famous St Paul's Church, Covent Garden. The evening showcased ensemble music which had been studied under the direction of Mrs Winter, Mr Desorgher and Mr Burrowes, and included some of the younger girls, who were visibly awed by the wonderful surroundings and loved the opportunity to dress up too! The music was performed by a variety of

ensembles, soloists and the St Cecilia's Singers, who all entertained the audience in what was said to be one of the best Covent Garden concerts that Coloma has staged. With a packed audience and an atmospheric acoustic, it was a great way to commend the hard work of all the musicians and the staff. Well done to everyone involved – a truly inspired and prestigious evening!

By Hannah McDonald, Year 13

COGA Lunch

Coloma has a thriving alumnae association, COGA, which meets every year for a reunion at the school. This year's event was held on Saturday, 13th May and nearly 90 past pupils and staff gathered for lunch and an opportunity to catch up with old friends. The occasion also marked the retirement of Maureen Martin OBE and COGA announced that there would be a lasting legacy to mark Mrs Martin's successful career as Headteacher.

From the next academic year, there will be an annual award, entitled the Maureen Martin COGA Award, made to a Year 9 pupil who has gone above and beyond the call of duty – either in or out of school. Further details will be available in the next few months.

If you know a Coloma ex-student who would like to hear more about COGA, contact Suzy Stoyel, Chair of COGA, at suzystar@live.co.uk

GCSE and A Level Art

Below are examples of the wide range of talent showcased for GCSE and A Level Art. We are extremely proud of all our Art pupils and their outstanding collections and wish them all the best for their exams and beyond.



GCSE Art, by Olivia Rogers



GCSE Art, by Rosie Gray



A Level Art, by Marie-Nicole Chayka



GCSE Art, by Maryam Wocial



GCSE Art, by Olivia Moss



A Level Art, by Jacintha Chen



GCSE Art, by Mia McGrath



A Level Art, by Katherine Roberts



A Level Art, by Nikhita Vas



A Level Art, by Chola Ingle

Congratulations to this year's Jack Petchy Award Winners:

Daisy Moynihan, Year 11



Daisy arranged a Digital Detox charity event to raise funds for autism awareness. Effectively, the students gave up the use of their social media for 4 days and were sponsored by family and friends. Approximately a third of the girls in Year 11 completed the challenge and raised over £400.

Victoria Bernard – Computer Science, Year 10



Victoria has been given this award for her contagious passion and enthusiasm for Computer Science. Victoria has gone beyond the subject specification and researched about the deep web and the dark web. Her findings were also shared with the Year 12 Computer Science students who found her work very insightful.

Joanna Gaye, Year 8



Joanna has been given this award for Chemistry. She comes into every lesson enthusiastic and willing to learn. Her passion for Chemistry is apparent and she will always share her research with the rest of the class at every opportunity. She works hard in and out of the lesson and is also a member of science club.

Jenny Tye, Year 11



Jenny has been given this award for her enthusiasm in running the British Sign Language Club and, more recently, she signed at the Royal Albert Hall when the choirs were performing at the School Proms. Jenny is a role model for the younger hearing-impaired pupils at Coloma.

Flora Dell'Accio – CCF, Year 10



Flora has been given this award for her excellent learning of First Aid with the CCF. Subsequently, when on holiday she helped a lady who had a heart attack, treated her appropriately and called an ambulance.

Sofia Wilson – Citizenship, Year 8



Sofia carries out little tasks and duties for her form, never complaining and with a smile on her face. She really upholds the school's values of respect and kindness and is an excellent role model to her year group. Sofia has suggested she spend her prize money on a visiting theatre to the school.

Felicity Ogunlaru, Year 9



Felicity is a role model for Physical Education. Despite her physical difficulties, she participates with great enthusiasm and maximum effort. She won a gold medal in the disability rowing at the London Youth Games and, more recently, represented the school at the Croydon Pentathlon where she once again won Gold alongside her team mates. Felicity is very deserving of this award.

Alanah Clark – Biology, Year 7



Alanah has demonstrated a mature and committed attitude towards Biology this year. She is extremely hard-working and regularly asks relevant questions to develop and challenge her understanding. Alanah is always willing to help both her peers and staff.

Martina Gonzalez – Music, Year 9



Martina is so very enthusiastic and supportive of the work of the Music department. She visits the music office on an almost daily basis offering to help in any way or checking arrangements for rehearsals. She is fully committed to her music and plays the piano beautifully, sometimes playing as the girls file in for assembly. She is also studying for her Grade 5 theory exam. She attends all choir rehearsals and has helped one of our new girls settle in.

History Ambassadors

Farewell to the History Department's Student Ambassadors – Amber Obasi, Dorothy Reddin and Orla Ingram. They have done a fantastic job as ambassadors, supporting the department in a number of ways from open evenings to promoting history across the school. Most notably, the students have developed the History Society into a thriving event that took place every Monday lunchtime this year, whereby girls from Year 10 upwards were encouraged to present on a wide variety of topics from 'Women in the Medieval times' to 'Wars of religion throughout the ages'.

We wish the outgoing ambassadors well with their examinations and futures.



MUSIC

ROLL OF HONOUR

Girls who were awarded all 1s
in their end of year instrumental/singing reports

Flute:

Stephanie Davantin
Xena Hendry
Ana Morgado
Emma Hallett
Roisin Healy
Megan Notcheva
Lydia Hervey
Faye Ryan
Hannah McDonald
Dagmara Nogal
Alannah Tierney-Elbert

Violin:

Lara Martins
Maansi Richard

Cello:

Sorcha Lydon

Harp:

Hannah McDonald

Katie Roberts

Guitar:

Victoria Bernard

Leonie Faulkner

Scarlet Gorey

Molly Murphy

Pearl Young

Percussion:

Antonia Mazuri
Alexandra Tamplin-Gonzalez

Singing:

Maryam Wocial

Ekua Awotwi

Piano:

Philippa Stack

Alanna Holtby

Natasha Omoruyi

Jacintha Chen

Katie Makulska

Antonia Mazuri

Tara Nelson

Aimee Van Biljon

Solana Munroe

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE OTHER GIRLS WHO PASSED
MUSIC EXAMS THIS YEAR, TOO MANY TO LIST HERE, BUT MANY
WITH MERITS AND DISTINCTIONS.

TERM DATES 2017 - 2018

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Tue, 5th Sept* – Wed, 20th Dec (inclusive)

- * Mon, 4th Sept – Staff Professional Development Day (school closed for students)
- Tue, 5th Sept – Yr 13 students only
- Wed, 6th Sept – Yrs 7 & 12 students only
- Thur, 7th Sept – Yrs 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 13 (not Yr 12)
- Fri, 8th Sept – All years in school

HALF-TERM: Mon, 23rd Oct – Fri, 27th Oct (inclusive)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY: Thurs, 21st Dec – Wed, 3rd Jan (inclusive)

SPRING TERM 2018

Thurs, 4th Jan – Thurs, 29th March (inclusive)

HALF-TERM:

Mon, 12th Feb – Fri, 16th Feb (inclusive)

EASTER HOLIDAY:

Fri, 30th March – Fri, 13th April (inclusive)

SUMMER TERM 2018

Mon, 16th Apr – Fri, 20th July (inclusive)

MAY BANK HOLIDAY:

Mon, 7th May – School closed

HALF-TERM:

Mon, 28th May – Fri, 1st Jun (inclusive)

SUMMER HOLIDAY:

Commences Mon, 23rd July 2018