



## TERM DATES

### Last Day of Term

Friday, 21st December

### First Day of Term

Monday, 7th January

### Half-Term

Monday, 18th February to Friday, 22nd February (inclusive)

### Last Day of Term

Friday, 5th April

### First Day of Term

Tuesday, 23rd April

## DIARY DATES

### Year 7 Parents' Evening

Thursday, 17th January

### Wind, Brass & Percussion Evening

Tuesday, 22nd January

### Year 8 Parents' Evening

Wednesday, 30th January

### Strings Evening

Wednesday, 6th February

### Year 9 Ski Trip

12th to 22nd February

### Year 10 Parents' Evening

Tuesday, 12th February

### Sixth Form Soirée

Wednesday, 13th February

### 'My Fair Lady'

Thursday, 7th and Friday, 8th March

### Chamber Music Evening at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden

Tuesday, 19th March

### Spring Instrumental Evening

Wednesday, 27th March

### Year 9 Parents' Evening

Wednesday, 3rd April

### Year 10 French and German Homestays

4th to 10th April

### HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes

20th to 27th April

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## CHARITIES WEEK



Charities Week is one of Coloma's longest-running and best-loved traditions. Every year the Upper Sixth shoulder the responsibility of leading the fundraising drive for a chosen charity – a wonderful opportunity for the oldest girls to lead, and to act on the spirit of giving which is at the heart of our school community and faith.

This year, Charities Week 2018 took place from 24th to 28th September, with all proceeds going towards the UK Sepsis Trust. In the UK alone, 44,000 people lose their lives to sepsis every year – some of whom have been members of, or connected to, the wider Coloma community – and so we are delighted to announce that we have fundraised a grand total of £4,000.73. This will no doubt contribute significantly to the vital work of the UK Sepsis Trust whom we are proud to have supported this year.

Headed by the Charities Chair Committee (Annie Baffoe, Jasmine de Braganca, Isabella McGurry and Melissa Mullings), the whole of Year 13 worked exceedingly hard from the end of July until the end of September, cheerfully giving up their free time and energy to ensure the successful running of Charities Week.

Different student committees delivered assemblies to other year groups, organised and ran sales and events, counted donations, and filled the hall with hand-

painted decorations. Sweet sales and Krispy Kreme sales operated at break and lunchtimes, with the highlights of the week being the wildly popular Teachers' Video – involving many of our staff members – and the School Talent Show which ended the week on a high note. The Talent Show, which was attended by hundreds of supportive pupils and staff, featured contestants from every year group and was won by Zoe Phillip (6U5) who gave a show-stopping rendition of Beyoncé's 'Listen'.

The success of Charities Week 2018 was undoubtedly due to the hard work, effort and generosity of all our students, parents, staff and contributors, and particularly to the Year 13 Charities Committee – we thank you for your generosity and look forward to Charities Week 2019!

**C Parreño**





# SCHOOL NEWS

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I am very pleased to share with you our Winter Newsletter, which showcases the varied talents of our students. It is lovely to see the wide range of activities that are available to them to enrich their school life, and I would like to thank the staff for their support in delivering so many opportunities. I am very grateful for the donation of a brand new mini-bus from the Variety Club which will make attendance at off-site events easier.

Our newsletter highlights Coloma's ethos of helping others who are less fortunate, through our Charities Week to raise funds for the UK Sepsis Trust and Year 7 donations to Nightwatch that cares for homeless people in Croydon.

Our extensive extra-curricular programme was matched by excellent academic results in 2017/18. Coloma was identified as the 'Best School in Croydon' in the Real Schools Guide and achieved a provisional GSCE progress 8 score of 0.90 (the best score in Croydon). Our ALPS score of 2 indicates that Coloma is within the top 10% of providers at A Level across the country. Whilst these results are very pleasing, we are not complacent and will continue to review our curriculum and teaching methods to identify further improvements.

This term the spiritual life of the school has flourished. Our newsletter highlights a very successful Year 7 retreat to Aylesford Priory. Coloma also holds weekly services for both students and staff in our Chapel. This year Coloma students and parents were able to truly celebrate the spirit of Christmas at our Junior Christmas Advent Service, which was held in the magnificent Croydon Minster, and the Senior School Christmas Service which took place at Coloma's local parish church, Our Lady of the Annunciation.

After such a busy term, I would like to wish students, staff and parents a joyful and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year, and look forward to welcoming you back on 7th January 2019.

**Mrs J Johnson**  
Headteacher

## STEM EVENT

On Saturday, 3rd November, I attended a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) event organised by the Stemettes (an organisation that helps encourage young girls into STEM careers).



The event itself was a panel consisting of seven women and one man, all of whom work in the STEM section of the NHS. Each of the panellists gave a brief introduction about themselves and their careers, after which questions were welcome from the floor.

After lunch, we all participated in group networking. We got into small groups with each group having two mentors (either a volunteer or a panellist). Mentors were rotated every minute or so, enabling us to speak to everyone.

Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed the event because it allowed me to meet new people and gain useful advice for my future career. It also gave me an insight into what the NHS has to offer.

I would highly recommend these events to students in order to help them decide on their future career path.

**Joanna Gaye, Year 10**

## COLOMA RECEIVES VARIETY CLUB SUNSHINE COACH

Coloma Year 11 students showed their gratitude to donors at Kingswood Golf Club on 25th September, when the school was presented with a Variety Club Sunshine Coach.

The minibus was kindly donated by The Variety Club Golfing Society and sponsored by Pip Burley and Mike Spanswick at the Sir Henry Cooper Memorial Classic at Kingswood Golf Club.



The coach, which is fully fitted out and worth somewhere in the region of £30,000, is one of a number of coaches presented each year by the Golf Society to schools and institutions throughout the country, which the charity has been doing since its formation in 1962. Last year, the Golf Society raised nearly £750,000 and put 21 Sunshine Coaches on the road.

Other notable Variety Club Golfing Society members were also in attendance including Croydon-born rugby player Henry Cheeseman, comedian Stan Boardman, singer Jes Conrad and the Captain of the Society, Mark Ramprakash, former English cricketer and star of Strictly Come Dancing!





## YEAR 7 AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE

On the 11th October, 150 Year 7 pupils and 12 members of staff set off on a pilgrimage to the Carmelite Priory at Aylesford. Set in the heart of Kent, The Friars - Aylesford Priory is an ancient religious house of the Order of Carmelites dating back to the 13th Century. Over the centuries up to today, The Friars has become for thousands of visitors a place of peace, of prayer and an experience of God. The Friars was always a traditional stop in medieval times for pilgrims travelling from London to Canterbury Cathedral.

On arrival, we were met by Brother Michael who told us something of the history of the Priory and of the work of the Carmelite Friars in England. After this, the girls broke up into their groups for the day; these consisted of girls from different form groups. The theme for the day was 'Getting To Know You' so this enabled girls to meet others from different forms and to forge new friendships.

The programme for the day followed a carousel; each group had the opportunity to walk the Rosary Way and learn how to pray the rosary. They explored the shrine and many chapels by going on a treasure hunt to find mosaics, statues and lots of other information. One highlight was visiting the Reliquary, in the Relic Chapel, which contains the skull of St Simon Stock. Other activities included a walk in the Peace Garden to find out in how many languages the word 'peace' is inscribed; visiting the medieval Pilgrims' Hall and the Shrine to Our Lady. Of course, no visit is complete without a visit to the lovely gift shop in a large thatched roof barn.

The day ended with a beautiful Mass, celebrated by Fr. Keith from Our Lady of the Annunciation, Addiscombe. We all returned to school spiritually enriched by our day of pilgrimage.

**Mrs P Horsman**





## FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY LECTURE



Professor Coral Dando led a lecture on Forensic Psychology in which she thoroughly discussed her experiences in the field ranging from a police officer first hand confronted with crime, to a psychologist's perspective. She outlined the unique applications of scientific methods in psychology to investigate criminal behaviour. Often cases involve legal processes and rehabilitating offenders.

There are key factors that must be taken into consideration when studying the motivations of the offenders. This includes the fragility of eyewitness testimony, especially when intoxicants are involved. In complex cases such as this psychological knowledge is required to remain objective and assure justice has taken place.

An interesting fact, during cognitive interviews, sketching may be used in some practices to maximise the information recalled, aiding victims in their rightful defence. Coral Dando emphasised the importance of psychologists being well-trained in this discipline - the style of the cognitive interview must trigger the crucial details of the event. Equally, they must become skilled in recognising an offender's attempts at deception quickly, as evidence can become intentionally fabricated.

Psychologists would respond with strategic use of facts and asking unexpected questions outside the deceiver's prepared lie script to throw them off. However, a baseline would first be used to gauge the differences in the deceiver's mannerisms because lying is variable from person to person.

**Najaah Daher (Year 13)**

## VISIT TO TATE BRITAIN AND THE SAATCHI GALLERY

In early December, 17 Year 12 and Year 13 students visited these prestigious London galleries. We went first to Tate Britain where some of the students visited the Edward Burne Jones exhibition. With his incredible attention to detail and vibrant use of colour, the girls could not help but be inspired.

The remaining students viewed the Tate Collection of over three hundred years of British art. They were fascinated to see so many famous paintings and sculptures that they knew.



We had then intended to visit the National Gallery but, at the last minute, were fortunate enough to be able to visit the Saatchi Black Mirror exhibition which had only opened on Wednesday. The girls saw work by over thirty contemporary artists and, in an age when most students only see artwork on the internet, it really brought home to them what a difference it is to see the artwork in reality.



They were very inspired and produced lots of sketches to aid their coursework. Both year groups have already begun to utilise this information in their sketchbooks and it has really helped to inform their ideas.

**Mrs C Hannaby**

## JACK PETCHEY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Jack Petchey Foundation Achievement Awards 2018 for Croydon Schools took place on 4th December at Norbury Manor Business & Enterprise College in the presence of the Deputy Mayor of Croydon, Cllr. Humayun Kabir.



The Achievement Award Scheme is a reward and recognition initiative which enables schools and youth organisations to celebrate the achievements of their young people and receive additional funding.

Achievement Awards are given to young people who make a wholehearted, unselfish and dedicated contribution to their club, school or community. Each award attracts a grant of £250, and the award winner decides how that money should be spent in their organisation.

The evening was lively with vocal performances throughout performed by pupils from other Croydon schools.

We had five girls who received awards: Chisom Chukwuocha (Year 10), Sofia Wilson (Year 10), Eleora Mamendyi Dinis (Year 8), Alice Ringham (Year 8) and Farikah Faris (Year 13).

Congratulations to all.





## YEAR 7 LAUNCH CHRISTMAS CHARITY



Vice-Captains from each Year 7 tutor group were asked by Mrs Stack to research three charities and select which charity they felt the year group should support this year. Nightwatch was chosen and contacted by the students.

Form Captains and Vice Captains arranged posters to raise awareness of which items students should bring in, which was met with wonderful support from the girls.



A letter of thanks was received from Nightwatch, which included these words: "I am writing to thank you all for your absolutely wonderful support for Nightwatch over the last week. I could hardly believe my eyes when I saw the huge quantity of food that you donated. It... will be distributed to the homeless and needy of Croydon in the coming

weeks... I would also like to thank Mrs Stack, the Form Captains and Vice Captains who came to the Church Hall on Friday afternoon, unloaded all the food from the minibus and then stayed to help us pack our Christmas bags. These were



given out to our clients and were greatly appreciated. All the Nightwatch volunteers commented on how sensible, helpful and mature you were. Your hard work, well beyond school finishing time, made a real difference to us... I can see that the Coloma tradition of kindness and care for others is as strong as ever!"

**Mrs H Stack**

## SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS AND THE LAW



PC Wardlaw visited the school today to discuss Social Media Awareness and the law.

She highlighted a number of issues and provided excellent information, some of which surprised Year 7 students. For example, many were not aware they can get a criminal record from the age of ten and that cyber-bullying is a crime. They also learnt about the Malicious Communications Act, which makes it illegal in England and Wales to "send or deliver letters or other articles for the purpose of causing distress or anxiety".

It also applies to electronic

communications and the Protection for Harassment Act which deals with the problem of stalking. Again, this also applies to electronic communications.

PC Wardlaw stressed to the students that we all make mistakes and many issues are normally dealt with by the school as the police and staff hope a student would learn from her mistake. However, if something happens again and again, then it can be taken further.

She reminded students that it is against the law for them to have most forms of social media at their age including Snapchat, WhatsApp and Instagram and that the law is there to protect them.

PC Wardlaw's concluding advice to Year 7 was that if they did not want to show a family member what they are about to send, if they know it's not suitable for them to see it, then they know it's not right. So don't do it.

**Mrs H Stack**

## SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

The Senior Maths Challenge is run by the UK Mathematics Trust and supported by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries.

Pupils in Years 12 and 13 sat the challenge in school on 6th November. Between them, they achieved five Silver and seven bronze certificates in this year's challenge.

Over 80,000 pupils from across the UK sat the Senior Maths Challenge with roughly the top 10% receiving a gold certificate, the next 20% silver and the next 30% bronze.

**Mrs K Shah**



## SOUTHWARK DIOCESE YOUTH COUNCIL

Year 10 students Adelina Antelo and Martha Gallagher and I (Year 12) were selected to represent the school at the Southwark Diocese Youth Council on Friday, 23rd November.

We travelled together to the Richard Challoner School in New Malden where 15 representatives from different Catholic schools all over South East London convened for this year's inaugural meeting, where the agenda was discussed for the year.

The function of the Southwark Diocese Youth Council is to address how the Catholic faith is represented and delivered in Catholic secondary schools in the diocese and explore ways in which pupils' faith can be supported and enriched.

The YEB is an important forum for the Education Commission in order to hear the views of pupils in Catholic schools and for us as young people to help shape the developments of Catholic education.

I was very happy to be voted as the first female chairperson of the committee across the whole diocese. I will chair the meetings over the next year and in Year 13 to discuss various issues pertinent to Catholic schools and to listen and respect these views. We three will also have the responsibility of mentoring new members from Autumn 2019.

The next meeting will be in March at Richard Challoner School again in which everyone will have the opportunity to represent other young people in their school or college and be able to express their views democratically.

In the Summer term, there will be a final meeting for the academic year, in which the chairs report our work directly to Archbishop Peter Smith and the board so that they can act on issues that are important to young people in Catholic education.

Next year, I hope to run forums in Coloma to hear everyone's views on how religious education and going to a Catholic school has affected them. Please feel free to come and talk to one of us beforehand; your views will be heard, and we will present them in the meeting.

**Olivia Rickard, Year 12**

## MY FAIR LADY

Following the phenomenal success of 'FAME' last summer, we are delighted to announce that Coloma will be staging a whole school production of the award-winning Rogers & Hammerstein musical, MY FAIR LADY, in the Spring term with a large cast and orchestra. The action is set in London in 1912, where Professor Henry Higgins takes on a bet with his friend, Colonel Pickering to make a lady of Cockney flower seller, Eliza Doolittle. Advance dates for diaries are Thursday, 7th – Friday, 8th March 2019.

### URGENT REQUEST FOR COSTUMES

Due to the large cast involved, we are in need of the following items:-

Full, long, classic ladies' ball gowns; bridesmaids' dresses; prom dresses  
Long skirts, full length to the ground – plain/patterned  
High-necked blouses with long sleeves  
Ladies' shawls (all kinds)  
Ladies' gloves, long or short  
Ladies' old fashioned clutch bags and handbags  
Ladies' hats – wedding hats, fascinators, garden party hats, Ascot Races hats  
Ladies' parasols and umbrellas (full length)  
Men's waistcoats  
Men's black dinner jackets with long tails  
Men's black trousers  
Men's bow ties  
Men's hats – top hats, bowler hats, working-men's flat caps  
Men's umbrellas (full length)

Any volunteers to assist with costume making would also be much appreciated.

If you can help with any of the above, please contact Miss Woodacre:-

**Email: [lwoodacre@coloma.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:lwoodacre@coloma.croydon.sch.uk)**

## SENIOR CAROL SERVICE

The Senior Carol Service at Coloma has a very strong tradition, and this year's event lived up to expectation.

The church, Our Lady of the Annunciation in Addiscombe, was packed with pupils, parents and staff who joined together to celebrate with enthusiasm.

Solos from Eilis O'Shea (Year 11), Pearl Young (Year 12), along with an atmospheric performance from the Senior Flute Ensemble, enhanced the evening further.

Of particular note was the moving performance of O Holy Night by the Year 13 A Level Music class which, in their final year at Coloma, was prepared and performed entirely by the class. The Senior Choir and St Cecilia's Singers complemented the programme, with angelic singing of our Christmas favourites.







## YEAR 12 VISIT PARLIAMENT & THE SUPREME COURT

On Wednesday, 10th October, the Year 12 Government and Politics and Law students travelled to Westminster for a tour of the Houses of Parliament and the Supreme Court.

They also visited the Parliamentary Education Centre where they took part in a workshop on elections. They analysed the results of the 2017 general election, which used the first-past-the-post system, to assess how effectively each party was represented. The same votes were then counted using proportional voting systems which were also critically assessed. This was followed by a debate over which electoral system gives a fairer result.

The students met the Croydon Central MP, Sarah Jones, who was happy to



answer their questions about her work.

They then visited the Supreme Court where they were able to sit in the

public gallery and watch the proceedings in a case where the appellant sought a judgement on whether a hospital had breached its duty of care towards him.

## BTEC BUSINESS TRIP



The Year 12 BTEC Business class attended a trip to Waitrose in Canary Wharf at the beginning of November. The trip was intended to give students an insight into the recruitment and selection processes used at the company for their assignment. Students were given a tour of John Lewis and Waitrose and were given a talk by a HR Manager. The students learned a great deal and have been able to incorporate much of what they learnt already into their assignment tasks.

At the end of the trip, students were treated to a non-alcoholic cocktail which they much enjoyed!

**Miss C Abbott**

## GERMAN EMBASSY CAREER FAIR 2018

Fresh from their debating triumph, Year 12 German students from Coloma participated in the annual German Embassy Career Fair organised jointly by the German Embassy and the German-British Chamber of Industry & Commerce at the London

School of Economics. The fair enables students to find out about opportunities offered to young people with German language skills by German companies both in the UK and Germany as well as British companies with strong links to Germany.

We talked to representatives from American Express, Siemens, Lidl and Commerzbank and learnt about their internship and graduate/management trainee programmes. Students also found out about studying in Germany. Language learning organisations such as Goethe-Institut and DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) were on hand to give advice on improving language skills and applying to German universities.

Students enjoyed the opportunity to quiz industry insiders on how they could make best use of their language skills. We went away with plenty of inspiration and ideas about how to make use of German in a career context!

**Mrs A Bloecker**





# SIXTH FORM NEWS

## CATENIANS PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENT



Coloma students Caitlin Farrell and Sayma Rahman (Year 12) spoke at the Catenians public speaking event on 10th October. They represented the school incredibly well.

Caitlin spoke inspiringly about 'Sonder' – an untranslatable German word; Sayma spoke eloquently and sensitively about the tricky subject of euthanasia. Asha Jose (Year 13) kindly came along to support her colleagues and add encouragement.

These girls are working so very hard on engaging with the world around them and developing their voices as debaters and public speakers. Congratulations to them both.



## PSYCHOLOGY TALK ON OCD

Students were lucky to have a talk by Simon Darnley on obsessive compulsive disorders. Simon, who is based in the South London and Maudsley NHS Trust and is Deputy Director of Acute, Crisis and Psychotherapies, explained how most people have "intrusive thoughts" but for some people these can grow into a phobia which takes roughly six years.



Anxiety disorders could happen to any one of us at any time. Students were interested to hear how spider phobia is the most common fear in the UK with approximately 30% of the population being afraid of them. The treatment for this phobia takes about two hours and has an 80% success rate.

Simon helped to de-stigmatise mental health issues and created wider understanding of OCD which is part of the syllabus for the A Level Psychology course. He believes that 'If you can change the way patients think, you can change the way they behave.'

**Mrs C Daly**

## YOUNG ENTERPRISE



As part of the Young Enterprise scheme, 22 girls in Year 12 have worked very hard to set up their own company called, 'The Merging Plan'.

In order to raise funds that they can use to invest into their main product, they have produced diffusers especially for Christmas which they are selling for £6.50 each (pictured). They make fantastic Christmas gifts or can be used to make your homes smell Christmassy!

The diffusers are available to buy from Mrs Ingram's desk in the 6th Form reception.





## SPANISH THEATRE TRIPS



A group of Year 12 and Year 13 Spanish students recently had the opportunity to go to the Teatro Cervantes in London to see the performance of '¡Ay, Carmela!' We were able to feel how tragic it must have been crossing the border that separated the two opposing sides of the Spanish Civil War.

On another occasion in November, we returned to the Teatro Cervantes to see the Spanish performance of 'Yerma' by Federico García Lorca. Although we study La Casa de Bernarda Alba, another of his trilogy of famous plays, this presentation has undoubtedly reinforced our understanding of Lorca's work.

**Mrs M Howat**



## VISIT TO THE CROWN COURT

On Saturday, 24th November 12 students visited Inner London Crown Court to participate in the annual Bar Mock Trial competition. Students had to apply for their role within the competition which included being a barrister, witness, court clerk, court usher, court artist or juror. Students had been preparing for the competition since July and had devoted many additional hours of their time to researching, preparing cross examination questions, role play and learning speeches.

Students had the opportunity to work with a criminal barrister who advised the team about all aspects of the trial. Our barrister was so impressed with the students at Coloma that she attended the competition and said they were the best team she had ever worked with! She commented on the professionalism of the students and, although they did not win on the day, she said that their preparation was very obvious in the courtroom. Everyone who participated said that they had gained so much through this new experience that they will remember it forever.



Our class attended two court hearings in the Crown Court where the first case involved drugs being smuggled into the defendant's luggage. We witnessed the case being read in the form of a script as well as the defendant being taken into a bullet proof dock by a prison guard. When the judge entered the court room, respect was shown by bowing whilst making eye contact with him.

The second case involved the defendant committing six burglaries which caused the victims to suffer from psychiatric harm and had an emotional and mental impact on their health. The solicitor read statements from the victims and the judge summed up the case at the end.

Twelve jurors can enter the courtroom and are selected at random to result in a cross section in society. In court 1, majority of the panels were white, middle classed and were older whereas in court 3, there was a cross section of society including ethnic minorities as clerks and solicitors.

**Zainab Khalid (Year 12)**





# MUSIC

## MUSIC FESTIVAL WINNER

Huge congratulations to Lucy Vine in Year 10 who won the Junior Recital Cup at the Sutton Music Festival on Sunday, 2nd December. Well done Lucy!



## AUTUMN INSTRUMENTAL EVENING - 28TH NOVEMBER 2018



This November, the musical groups of Coloma came back with a bang - quite literally for some of them, namely the King Drummers who had the audience jumping in their seats with a new, aptly-named title: Don't Be Scared.

The 24 acts that featured spanned several genres, from Coloma Orchestra, to Jazz Band, to two of the school's rock bands: Third Rock from the Sun and Blue Monday who really wowed the audience with their rock music.

The Autumn Instrumental Evening managed to span more than 300 years of music in just under three hours, which is a great achievement and shows how vast the musical interests of the girls in Coloma really are.

In all, 140 girls took part and it was great to see how many of them featured in more than one act, showing their musical skill and versatility. Overall, the concert was a great success, and a brilliant showcase of hard work throughout all year groups.

**Pearl Young (Year 12)**

## PIANO AND GUITAR EVENING

In this year's Piano & Guitar Evening, students from all year groups treated the audience to a great display of musical skill, musicianship and, of course, wonderful music.

For some of our performers, this was their first concert in Coloma - Alannah Keane, Year 7, is a notable example, playing Chopin's Prelude in B Minor with incredible skill.

Towards the end of the concert, two of our more experienced pianists showed the audience the results of their years of hard work, namely Katie Makulska (Year 12) who played Intermezzo in A Minor by Brahms, and Jasmin Bennett (Year 13) who played Sonrisa by Herbie Hancock.

In terms of guitar performances, there were many different styles of pieces, from Holst's In The Bleak Midwinter, played by a small ensemble, to Farrauto's Morenita do Brazil played by Pearl Young (Year 12). Playing in front of an audience can be nerve-wracking, but everyone who took part, whether they felt nervous or not, looked confident, played really well and enjoyed the evening - as did the audience!







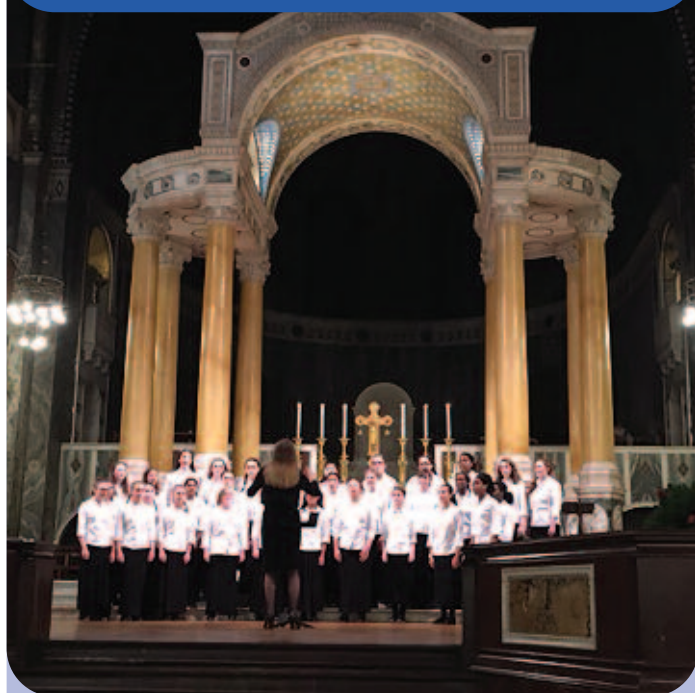
## RECITAL

Maryam Wocial in Year 13 is organising a recital at her local church, St William of York RC Church, Brockley Park, Forest Hill, to raise funds for Aid to the Church in Need ([www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org)). ACN is giving much needed help to relieve the suffering of Christians in the middle east and elsewhere.

The recital takes place on 6th January, the feast of the Epiphany, at 1pm after 11.30am Mass, and will last about 40 minutes. There will be refreshments afterwards and a retiring collection.

Any support from the Coloma community to aid Maryam's endeavours to raise funds for this worthy cause is most welcome.

## ST CECILIA'S SINGERS AT HCPT SERVICE



St Cecilia's Singers enjoyed participating in a truly uplifting advent carol service, the biennial HCPT service at Westminster Cathedral.

Choirs from several schools took part, each contributing to the wonderful atmosphere. Our girls were great ambassadors for the school and they created an ethereal atmosphere with their first piece, O Magnum Mysterium, and with their second piece, Deck the Halls, brought a lighter Christmassy mood.

The evening would not have been the same without everyone joining in the HCPT 'anthem', Rise and Shine, complete with enthusiastic actions by the entire congregation.

## NATIONAL SCHOOLS NETBALL



A Netball highlight for this term is normally the National Schools Netball Tournament (Surrey Round). Traditionally this is a competition we do very well in but this year our U19s suffered heartbreak as they narrowly missed out on a place at Regional finals.

The U19's skill and hard work meant they were undefeated in the group stages but unfortunately in the crossover they narrowly lost in the last few minutes of the game. The girls are now focusing their efforts on the Surrey Finals which will be held in March.

The U16's (combined age group of Years 10 & 11) also played fantastically against a variety of strong schools but unfortunately they also failed to qualify.

## SPORTS ROUND UP

### Table Tennis

Our U16 Table Tennis team came 3rd in the Croydon Schools Table Tennis Championships.

### Dance

The Coloma Dance Academy has been working hard choreographing and rehearsing a dance which they hope to be able to perform at the STEP LIVE event next year.

To practise for this event, they were invited to perform at the KS2 Kingston Dance Festival. It was a fantastic afternoon and the girls' performance was a definite highlight.





# SPORTS

## SPORTS TOUR IN BARBADOS



Over the October half term, thirty-two students from Years 11 to 13 and four staff headed to the paradise island of Barbados for a Netball and Football tour. It was a truly magnificent experience for all. There were thrilling matches, stunning beaches and lots of laughs!

During the tour, both the Netball and Football teams played three matches each. The sport was highly competitive, and both teams played extremely well.

Away from the sports pitch we were also able to enjoy a number of excursions. A particular highlight was the catamaran cruise, which gave us the chance to sunbathe at sea, snorkel over the reefs and swim with turtles.

This was a fantastic tour and I hope it was an experience that all the students will think of fondly for many years to come.

**Miss H Cheeseman**



## CROYDON SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY



On Wednesday, 10th October, 24 Coloma girls competed at the Croydon Schools Cross Country Championships across three different age groups.

The Year 7s came 3rd, the Year 8/9s came 2nd and the Year 10/11s came 1st!

Well done to all involved. Special mention to Kyra Sethna McIntosh who won her race.

**Miss H Cheeseman**

## ALUMNA WINS GOLD!



Coloma alumna, Imani Lansiquot, who attended the school from 2009 to 2014, won gold in the 4 x 100m relay at the European Championships in Berlin. The relay team (consisting of Imani, Diane Asher-Smith, Asha Philip and Bianca Williams) won gold in just 41.88 seconds.

Imani also claimed 6th place in the women's 100m final, after qualifying for the games at the World Cup in London.

Congratulations, Imani!