



Coloma News

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DIARY DATES

Thursday, 4th January

Spring Term begins

Thursday, 11th January

Year 7 Parents Evening

Thursday, 25th January

Year 10 Parents Evening

Monday, 12th February

Start of Half-Term Week

Wednesday, 7th March

Year 8 Parents Evening

Thursday, 22nd March

Year 9 Parents Evening

Thursday, 29th March

Last day of Term

Monday, 16th April

Summer Term begins

Please check the calendar
on our website for more
diary dates and events

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Abigail Clark awarded the IET Shield for Science

Congratulations to Abigail Clark in Year 11 who was presented with the IET Shield by Mr Malcolm Dudson and Mr Colin Cunningham from the Institute of Engineering and



Technology at a special assembly on 27th November. Abigail was nominated for this

science award because of her maturity, enthusiasm and consistent hard work which have led her to achieve top marks in all of the science disciplines. Mr Dudson and Mr Cunningham then each gave the Year 11 students a short talk. Mr Dudson described his own experiences working as an electrical engineer in the development of computers whilst Mr Cunningham spoke about the development of engineering and the different disciplines within engineering. Coloma is very grateful to Mr Dudson and Mr Cunningham for giving up their time to come and talk to the students and we hope that some of our Y11 students will be inspired to become engineers in the future.

Maryam Wocial wins Vocals

Congratulations to Maryam Wocial who has won the William Jarvis Bowl and the Adult Class Vocal Competitions at the Sutton and Beckenham festivals.

Maryam has also achieved an outstanding result in her Grade 8 Singing Exam—she achieved 142/150. Huge congratulations and well done to Maryam.

SENIOR CHRISTMAS SERVICE

18th December 2017

Our Lady of the Annunciation, Addiscombe



Model United Nations Conference

The girls did very well at Croydon High Model United Nations Conference. A range of topics were debated such as reconstructing the Middle East economy to the question of reparations for the victims of the slave trade. The girls were a credit to the school, especially as most of the other delegations were from independent schools. Sorchia Lydon and Lauren McLean were given highly-commended awards for their committees.

Sorchia and Lauren, together with Charlotte Lamb and Joanna Marchong won outstanding delegation for India and Caitlin Farrell won outstanding delegate in the Political committee.

All in all, it was a very successful day and showed the strength of the Coloma way.

Sporting Successes

One of the highlights of this term is our success at the National Schools Netball Tournament—Surrey Round. Traditionally, this is a competition dominated by independent schools but

CROSS COUNTRY

Coloma competed in the Inter and Junior English Schools Cross Country Championships. The Inter team

In the Croydon Schools Athletic Association Secondary Cross Country, Year 7 placed 3rd, Years 8 & 9 placed 2nd and Years 10 & 11 placed 3rd.

TABLE TENNIS

Coloma was awarded Croydon U16 Table Tennis Champions and London Regional Runners Up.

FOOTBALL

The Coloma U12, U16 and U18 teams are all currently undefeated in the Surrey Cup.

NETBALL

Coloma was awarded Senior Netball Squad County Champions and London and South East Regional Finalists.

The U15 team and the Senior Netball team were undefeated in the Surrey Schools qualifying rounds.



in recent years Coloma has continued to show its class and is regularly the only state school competing. This year we had U14, U16 and U19 Coloma teams all playing. The U14 team (combined age group of Years 8 & 9) had a tough section but they played well and gained lots of experience. The U16 team (combined age group of Years 10 & 11) played fantastically and the tournament provided a real chance for the team to bond. The U16 team placed 5th in their section. The U19 team's determination and hard work paid off as they won their section with ease. Being undefeated in their group, they went on to beat Surbiton High (12-2) to be crowned County champions. They will now go on to represent Surrey at the London and South East Regional finals in January.

finished 6th in Surrey and the Juniors 5th in Surrey.

Above: Netball Team

The U16 team placed 3rd and the U14 team placed 4th.

Below: Table Tennis Team



PANATHLON

Some of our KS3 & KS4 students took part in the Croydon Panathlon games held at Riddlesdown Collegiate.

BTEC Level 3 Health and Social Care

The BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Health and Social Care started at Coloma in September this year. This is equivalent to two A-Levels and is designed to prepare young people for the broad range of careers in the health and social care sector. As part of the course, students are required to complete 100 hours of work experience. Our students completed their first placements in November. Orannii Edwards-Richardson and Ellie Burrett attended Whitgift House Care Home, Michalina Dziuba and Felicity Appiah went to Cranmer Court (a Nursing Home in Warlingham), Habibah Ali went to The Ark Montessori Nursery in Thornton Heath and Gabriela Kaska to The Portland Hospital in London. They had the opportunity to shadow a range of health and social care staff, observe how health and safety procedures were put into practice and interact with a range of children and people with complex needs. Activities included helping residents to make Christmas decorations and bake,

wheel-chair training and painting residents' nails, observing physiotherapy and hydrotherapy sessions, doing number work and making an autumn display with a group of children. All the students received positive feedback from their supervisors and are now reflecting on their skills and achievements and identifying areas for development. Overall, they said the week had been fun. They gained confidence and were able to transfer their learning in school to their settings. This will stand them in great stead in the future!



Mathematics Challenge

On 22nd November 2017, four students from Coloma participated in the regional finals of the Senior Team Challenge at Ravens Wood School. Pearl Young (Year 11), Manshika Arjoon (Year 12), Yelena Persaud (Year 12) and Nikhita Vas (Year 13) made up the team and were up against some stiff competition from 29 other schools from London and the South East. They showed excellent teamwork and great mathematical and problem-solving skills in order to gain points in each heat.

For the Senior Challenge, we achieved two Best In School Awards for Year 10 students: Lauryn Wellington and Tetyana Zholobaylo.

We also achieved a Best In Year Award for Georgina Flahive in Year 11.

German Embassy Careers Fair 2017

Once again, Year 12 German students from Coloma participated in the German Embassy Careers 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 the many exciting opportunities offered to young Britons with German language skills both by German companies in the UK and Germany as well as British companies with strong links to Germany. It was fascinating to talk to representatives from Siemens, Bosch, Lidl and Commerzbank and to learn about their internship and graduate/

management trainee programmes. Students also found out about the exciting prospect of studying in Germany. Language learning organisations such as Goethe-Institut and DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) were on hand to give really useful advice on further improving German language skills and applying to German universities. The Coloma students were also pleased to take advantage of the opportunity to improve their German interview skills, and we all went away with plenty of inspiration and ideas about how to put our German skills to best use!

Jack Petchey Awards

Katalina Morgan is accepting the Jack Petchey Award on behalf of the Coloma Gardening Club and three other Y13 girls who together were founding members of the club. They are Liadan Anandarajah, Anya Barker and Gina Percival. This year, as a team, they submitted two applications to the Royal Horticultural Society to gain recognition



for the school garden. Their next goal is to achieve the higher third level of recognition from the Royal Horticultural Society. Additionally, these four sixth formers have helped younger students to plant, grow and harvest, and have kept up their commitment to the Gardening Club for two years.

Liadan Anandarajah has also received this award for supporting the Computing Department for all the open evening and morning events since she was in Year 11, leading the talks like a pro. She is currently playing an active part in the Coding Club every Monday, teaching and inspiring younger students about the subject. She is very deserving of this award.

Caitlin Farrell has received her award for Physical Education. She regularly attends fitness blast and cross country at 7.30am and her commitment to improving her fitness has been outstanding. She is a role model to all students.



Mrs Sandra Simpson has received the Leaders Award as she has stepped up to take on the role of Pupil Services Manager, whilst continuing with her other responsibilities. She works tirelessly to support the smooth running of school, for the benefit of students and staff.

Business Studies Trip to Waitrose



On Thursday, 5th October, the BTEC and A Level Business girls were delighted to be invited to visit the Canary Wharf Waitrose Store. This gave them the opportunity to find out first hand how a real life business is run – rather than just reading about it in textbooks. The girls had a tour of the

store and were able to recognise the vast scale of operations at Waitrose. In addition, they also had a very informative seminar with the HR manager who was able to discuss the recruitment, selection and training practices that they use within the whole John Lewis

Partnership. Before they left, the girls were treated to a few surprises including mocktails, oysters and a Waitrose goody bag! The girls would like to extend their thanks to everyone at Waitrose for making them so welcome.

Business Studies Trip to Metro Bank

On Wednesday, 29th November, the BTEC Business girls went on an educational visit to Metro Bank in Croydon. Steve Broom, the Area Manager, held a seminar with the group explaining the different methods of saving and borrowing and how banks are run and regulated. He also discussed the various roles within Banking and the Metro Bank recruitment policy. We would like to thank Metro Bank for hosting the session.

