



TERM DATES

Last Day of Term

Friday 20th July

CPD Day

Monday 3rd September – school is closed to students

First Day of Term

Tuesday 4th September

Half-Term

Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October (inclusive)

CPD Day

Thursday 1st November – school is closed to students

Last Day of Term

Friday 21st December

First Day of Term

Monday 7th January

Half-Term

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

DIARY DATES

Year 12 Berlin Trip

28th July to 1st August

A Level Results Day

Thursday 16th August

GCSE Results Day

Thursday 23rd August

Sixth Form

Enrolment Day

Thursday 23rd August

Open Event (Years 7 to 11)

Tuesday 18th September, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Open Event (6th Form only)

Tuesday 2nd October 2018 - 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Open Event (Years 7 to 13)

Saturday 13th October, 9:30am-11:30am

JACK PETCHEY "SPEAK OUT" CHALLENGE



Each year over 19,000 students across London and Essex take part in Jack Petchey's "Speak Out" Challenge!, the world's largest public speaking competition. There are 37 different Regional Champions and these speakers are among the top 0.2% of young speakers in London and Essex.

Coloma is extremely proud to congratulate our very own Chiara Laferla from Year 10 on her outstanding achievement as she came first in the Croydon Regional Final. Her speech on the power of fatherhood was both moving and dynamic.

Considering the very strong competition on the night from the best speakers from every other Croydon school, this achievement is something to celebrate.

ISM SILVER CERTIFICATE IN MUSIC

Coloma has been awarded the Incorporated Society of Musicians (ISM) Trust Silver Certificate in Music for last year's excellent results in GCSE music. More than 15% of the overall Key Stage 4 cohort achieved an A*-C in GCSE music, putting Coloma in the top 187 schools across England.

The ISM Chief Executive, Deborah Annetts, says, "Incorporated Society of Musicians (ISM) is a subject association for music educators and professional body for musicians. We look after 9,000 members who work as classroom teachers, instrumental and vocal teachers, performers and composers and we support them with free, award-winning professional development opportunities, resources and services."

Congratulations to all staff and students who have played their part in the school's award for this achievement.



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I am very pleased to share with you our Summer Newsletter, which includes details of a number of opportunities for our students to participate in school life as part of a team and individually. Team work was very much in evidence during a whole week of Activity and Team Building Days held in July which focused on helping the girls to collectively find solutions to problems.

It was lovely to see girls celebrating their culture, and having the opportunity to share it with other students during our Cultural Capital Week. This year focussed on 'Celebrate Africa'. The aim is to choose a different continent each year.

I enjoyed meeting some very excited Year 6 students at our Year 7 Induction Day in July, which included a number of 'taster' lessons. The girls are looking forward to joining the Coloma family in September.

A snapshot of the activities which have taken place in the school over the term emphasises the diversity of our programme, from music concerts and production of Fame, to our Sports Day and CCF Summer camp.

After such an action-packed term, I would like to wish students, staff and parents a well-earned break and an enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to welcoming you back on 4th September 2018.

Mrs J Johnson,
Headteacher

POLICE HORSES COME TO COLOMA!

During the Easter holidays, eleven of Coloma's Police Cadets were treated to a visit to the school by two beautiful working police horses – chestnut-coloured Kennedy, aged 14 years and Excalibur, a huge, black old-timer aged 20. The horses are from the mounted branch of the Metropolitan Police, based at Lewisham and were accompanied by their handlers, PC Amanda Doble and PC Paul Looker. Kennedy and Excalibur are employed regularly at football matches, in crowd control, on riot duty and also as a visible police presence on the streets.

The girls were very excited about seeing the magnificent horses up close and hearing about the work they do in often very difficult situations.



SALTERS' FESTIVAL OF CHEMISTRY



Four Year 8 students – Lucy Dunstan, Amber Nelson, Laura O'Driscoll and Catherine Pavalajarancoos – represented Coloma at the Salters' Festival of Chemistry.

They spent the day working in the chemistry labs at University College London, competing against 24 other schools in two chemical challenges. One of these was using chemical techniques as forensic scientists to solve a crime. They were judged on the results as well as how safely and well they worked together.

Although they didn't win, the girls worked brilliantly as a team and really enjoyed the experience of working in a university.

The day ended with a Chemical Magic Demonstration by Prof. Andrea Sella, where the girls got to taste ice cream made using liquid nitrogen.

Lucy Dunstan said: "I had so much fun. I really enjoyed using forensic science to find out who the culprit was. I also really enjoyed the lecture. I was really interested in what Prof. Sella was saying, and his tricks and experiments with dry ice. I am glad I was given the opportunity to spend such a fun day at the university with my friends."

Mrs T Insuli



1ST CLASS ALUMNAE

Congratulations to the following Coloma alumnae on their 1st class degrees:-

Monique Van Der Molen achieved a 1st class degree in Business from the University of Exeter.

Poppy Young achieved a 1st class degree in French and German from the University of Cambridge.

A great many former students of Coloma have achieved incredible results at university; it's not possible to list all their successes!

Congratulations to all.

JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

The Junior Maths Challenge is run by the UK Mathematics Trust and supported by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries. 58 pupils in Year 8 sat the challenge in school on 12th June. Between them, pupils achieved 2 gold, 7 silver and 19 bronze certificates.

Over 260,000 pupils from across the UK sat the Junior Maths Challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving a gold certificate, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze.

Approximately 8,200 of the top students are invited to sit a follow-on competition, the Kangaroo – Leonie Faulkner was one of those amazing achievers.

Congratulations to all involved.

Mrs K Shah

NEWS FROM THE LAW DEPARTMENT



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 walked 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 2nd case involved the defendant committing 6 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. 12 jurors can enter the courtroom and are selected at random to result in a cross section in society. In court 1, the majority of the jurors were white, middle-classed and older whereas in court 3, there was a cross section of society including ethnic minorities as clerks and solicitors.

Zainab Khalid (Year 12)

CROYDON DEANERY JUSTICE AND PEACE EVENT

Former Coloma student Yvonne Onah is pictured here with the Cross of the World sculpture which she made for the Croydon Deanery Justice and Peace event that was held at Our Lady of the Annunciation church in Addiscombe at the beginning of June. The event began with a beautiful liturgy led by Bishop Paul Hendricks, and continued in the church hall with a celebration of the wide range of activities undertaken by different groups who work for Justice and Peace across our Deanery, in such a variety of ways. It was wonderful to see so many people, including a number of former Coloma students, coming together from the parishes of Addiscombe, Coulsdon, Croydon South, Croydon West, New Addington, Norwood South, Norwood Upper, Old Coulsdon, Purley, Sanderstead, Selsdon, Thornton Heath and Waddon to renew their commitment to raising awareness of issues related to peace and justice, in their parishes, in the deanery, and further afield. (Mrs O'Donnell)



ONATTI THEATRE

In April, the Onatti Theatre visited Coloma to perform a play in French for the whole of Years 8 and 9. The company had already provided a synopsis to prepare the students for watching the 50 minute-long play, entitled 'Mes Chers Voisins', in which a variety of roles were



performed with great versatility by two young French actors. The girls particularly enjoyed having the opportunity to participate and interact with the performers. "It was great fun. I didn't understand all the words but I put together what I did know with the actions on the stage and that helped me to follow what was going on."





YEAR 12 GENERAL RELIGIOUS STUDIES



The General Religious Studies programme this term has been a hive of activity. The term began with an introduction to Hinduism. The topic

was really enhanced by the visit of Nabhi Nandan Das from Shree Shree Radha Krishna Cultural Centre in South Norwood, who introduced Year 12 to prayerful chants and meditative music. Nabhi's gentle manner and sense of humour were both engaging and entertaining as he talked about his faith, beliefs and practices.

Considering what it means to live a committed religious life in today's world brought us to the visit of Sr Mary Catherine and Sr Mary Benedicta from The Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, based in Lymington, near Southampton. Although their visit was quite short in the end, they regaled us with a real insight into their life, commitment and challenges faced in today's society. In particular, they spoke very movingly about their early life and how they were called to commit to the religious life.

Our programme swiftly moved on to studying Islam, which we were very privileged to hear about from four Year 12 students. They provided a wealth of information about their faith, beliefs and practices, as well as fielding questions from the floor.

This was followed by Mr Adeel Khan, lecturer at The School of African and Oriental Studies (SOAS) who involved the whole of the year group in discussions about the challenge of interpreting ancient sacred texts in the context of contemporary society, especially those regarding relationships in the home, homosexuality and relations between Muslim and non-Muslim societies.

This part of the programme concluded with a visit by Hajira Khatun, a former student who returned to speak about women in Islam, speaking passionately about wearing the hijab, women in politics, the education of girls and the challenge of being a committed Muslim in post-modern society.

Every visitor provoked plenty of debate, questions and discussions, as well as much food for thought.

Mrs P Horsman

YEAR 10 RELIGIOUS STUDIES



Year 10 was treated to a surprise visit from Sr Mary Catherine and Sr Mary Benedicta from The Dominican Sisters of St Joseph.

Originally coming to speak to Year 12, the sisters agreed to stay on and speak to Year 10 pupils about what it means

to live a committed religious life in today's world. They spoke very movingly about their early lives, how they were called to live a committed religious life and the sacrifices this entailed.

Sr Mary Catherine, in particular, spoke of her love and passion for music and how she had to give up her desire to be a flautist in a professional concert orchestra.

The sisters happily answered all of the numerous questions put to them and promised to come back another day.

Mrs P Horsman

GERMAN HOMESTAY

Forty-eight of our Year 10 students were delighted to spend a week experiencing the sights and cultural life of Bavaria in Southern Germany in April.



Highlights included visiting Bayern Munich's home stadium, the Allianz Arena, as well as the world's longest castle wall in Burghausen, and the beautiful city of Passau where three rivers merge into one.

The girls greatly admired King Ludwig's beautiful Herrenchiemsee palace in the middle of Lake Chiemsee, but even this attraction was surpassed by the exciting visit down the Berchtesgaden salt mine by means of the miners' train and slides.

Many girls also really enjoyed visiting the Lenbachhaus art gallery to see the beautiful works of Munich's Blue Rider movement, and gained greatly from it.

The girls also really appreciated the opportunity to stay with host families in our small but delightful host town, Mühldorf am Inn, and they enjoyed their opportunities to listen to, and to converse in, the German language and to gain real insights into German culture.

Mr A Handley



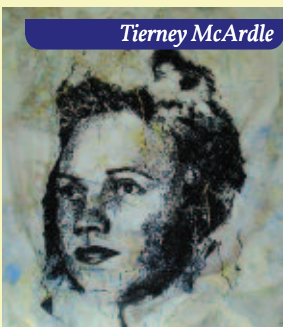
A LEVEL ART AND DESIGN



Rebecca Sawyer



Louisa Perdomo



Tierney McArdle



Zoe Innerarity

This year, the Art Department had thirteen students undertaking Art A Level, who produced some truly outstanding pieces of work.

The topics covered varied from cell structure and brain patterns to the role of women spies during the Second World War.

The A Level Art and Design private viewing took place on Friday 29th June and both staff and parents enjoyed the opportunity to see the students' work and congratulate them on their success.

We are delighted that five of these students are continuing their study of Art at both Foundation and Degree Level.

Mrs C Hannaby

FRENCH HOMESTAY IN ANGERS



This year, 31 students spent seven fantastic days with French families in Angers during the Easter break.

On the first day, they spent the whole morning in a school practising speaking and listening in groups with the Angers teachers. This was followed by a visit to the Giffard Distillery, where they saw how the famous Menthe-Pastille is made. Another visit was to the medieval fortress of Angers, with its fascinating Tapisserie de l'Apocalypse.

Outside Angers, they visited Saumur, the home of the famous equestrian school of the French Military, and loved watching the horses being put through their paces. Students also had the opportunity to discover "Le Moulin de Sarré" to learn the history of the mill - and to make their own "fouées", the distinctive and delicious bread of the region. Another stimulating visit was to one of France's best known theme parks, the Futuroscope in Poitiers.

The students finished their trip to Angers with some 'retail therapy' in the Hypermarché, followed by picnicking in the park and the ten-pin bowling alley in the afternoon.

The girls loved their stay in Angers, and gained a great deal from it, making real progress in their French and really enjoying seeing what French life is like.

Mrs M Howat

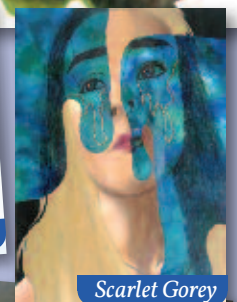
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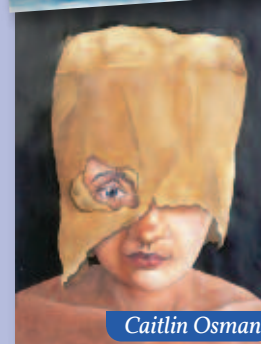
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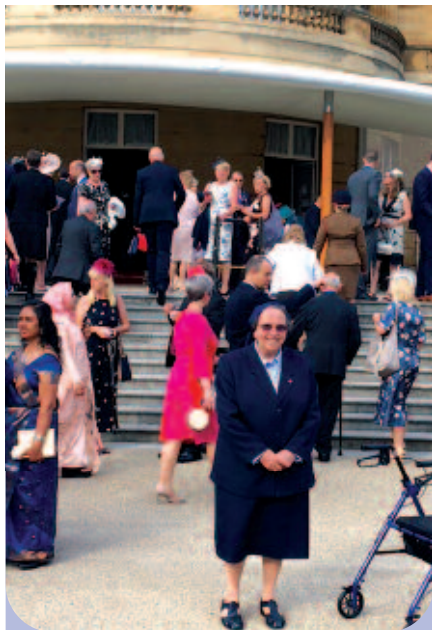
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Lauren Preest



A GARDEN PARTY AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE



Sister Felicé (who is a DMJ & Trustee of Coloma) was recently invited to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in recognition of her work as Chair of The Coloma Trust. She was accompanied by Mr Ron Huggett as her guest, also a Coloma Trust Trustee. Sister Felicé writes...

The initial letter inviting me to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace and giving three possible dates, of which I was asked to select the two most convenient, came as a total surprise. In fact, my first thought was that it was a hoax.

Studying the letter more carefully made me realise that it was quite the

reverse and that I was invited also to nominate a guest to accompany me. I immediately thought of Ron Huggett, the Secretary of the Coloma Trust. He has worked tirelessly to keep the financial side of the Trust in good order since 2009. Happily, Ron was delighted to come as my guest and agreed to drive us to the Palace. We both had to complete application forms, with official ID documents (photocopies of passports etc.) attached. Being somewhat restricted mobility-wise, I also applied for a special parking permit. This duly arrived and on the chosen day, 31st May, we arrived and parked immediately opposite the front gates of the Palace in the park near the water memorial for the war dead of the Canadian forces, hence the designation Canada Gate. We had only to cross the road and quickly found ourselves being 'processed' through the gates and thence to a buggy which conveyed us around the side of the Palace to the splendid gardens behind.

Less than ten minutes later, we were seated at a table in front of the tea tent with two other guests. Waitresses circulated with lemonade and then quite quickly the 'first' tea was served.

The sandwiches, wraps and cakes were absolutely delicious and the tea equally palatable. Everyone served themselves



from a long line of tables within the marquee.

At 4p.m. the two bands of guardsmen, situated at diagonally opposite ends of the lawn, who had been entertaining the guests, struck up the National Anthem, signalling the arrival of the Queen and Prince William. Her Majesty was resplendent in a turquoise costume while Prince William sported full morning dress, complete with top hat and tails.

The guests formed an impromptu guard of honour some 30 persons deep each side while Her Majesty and her grandson made their way to the special tent where those to be presented were assembled.

From this point in the proceedings, guests were free to move around the garden. I was particularly delighted by the extent of the lake and the naturalness of the planting of the flower beds. It really is a most stunningly beautiful garden.

Many guests chose to sit by the lake with their tea. 'Seconds' were served while the Queen was greeting the special guests and then later the waitresses came round with strawberry ice creams.

Finally, at 6p.m. the National Anthem was played and it was time to depart with some treasured memories of tea, courtesy of Her Majesty.





COGA PRESENTS FIRST MAUREEN MARTIN OBE AWARD



Each year, the Coloma Old Girls' Association (COGA) holds a reunion luncheon at the school. This year's event was held on Saturday 28th April and around 80 past pupils and current and ex-teaching staff attended a day which started with Mass in the chapel. Guests enjoyed a Prosecco reception, a sit-down lunch and afternoon tea prepared by Elliott Jones Catering.

After lunch and the COGA AGM, Year 9 pupil, Sophie Rayner, was presented with the first COGA Maureen Martin OBE Award - a cheque for £100. Sophie was awarded the prize because she is a hard-working and enthusiastic pupil who likes to stretch and challenge herself to develop her learning. Outside of lessons Sophie is a young girl who will go out of her way to be helpful and kind to others including staff and her peers. She always attempts to do the right thing and she is truly deserving of the prize.

In an act of true selflessness, Sophie has decided to use the prize money to help raise funds for charity. Sophie's mother, Jennifer, is a Coloma Old Girl herself and Sophie's younger sister starts at Coloma in September 2018.

COGA will be presenting this award annually to a Year 9 pupil who has gone above and beyond the call of duty and put others first. COGA created the award to mark the tremendous contribution to the school by retired Headteacher, Maureen Martin OBE.

Suzy Stoyel, COGA Chair & Membership Secretary

AN EXPERIENCE OF LOURDES - EASTER 2018

On Easter Sunday, 1st April 2018, 21 Coloma girls and 4 teachers travelled to Lourdes, South of France. However, this was not the start to our journey; we met every week for months preparing and training for what we were about to experience on the trip.

We arrived in Lourdes at around 2pm. Getting off the coach I heard someone say, "Why am I here, I'm not holy enough". Surrounded by many gift shops selling pretty much any religious merchandise you could wish for, I'm not surprised. We had seen all of 10 metres of Lourdes and we were all freaking out about what we had signed up for! Although we were still in the area of the hotels, it felt like a special place. From here on I didn't know what to expect.

Soon after arriving at the hotel, we walked down to the Basilica for Easter Sunday mass. A small group of us had to join another service group and do all sorts of chants as the family groups arrived. The Easter Sunday mass was one of the most special parts of my trip; seeing hundreds of people so happy and so many people willing to help less fortunate people was overwhelming. There were definitely lots of tears within the group. I found out just how strong the community in our faith is.

The next morning, I met my family group - Group 141 - from the West Country, which consisted of 6 amazing young people, 12 helpers, a nurse and a priest. Immediately, I knew that this group was for me and the week ahead with them was going to be a good one. This turned out to be true as I didn't stop laughing for the entire week. We took part in a range of activities and services throughout the week such as celebrating daily mass and prayer, a trip up the mountain where we played in the snow, drinks and songs in the many cafés and games on the prairie. Seeing everyone so happy all the time made the fact that we were exhausted unimportant and worth it.

In my family group, outside the gates of the Domain we 'played hard' and inside the gates we 'prayed hard'. This helped the children in the group focus on the two main parts of the trip, to have fun and to strengthen their faith and relationships with others. When we had our end of trip 'awards ceremony', one thing that was highlighted was that the children had become good friends. Something that I'll never forget is watching the children put the other children before themselves. Saying goodbye to Group 141 at the end of the week was very hard as I had realised that although our aim was to help the children have the trip of a lifetime, actually they had helped all of us, the helpers, get along really well and also have an amazing trip. I made friends for life and look forward to the group reunion.

Going to Lourdes was hands down the best experience of my life. It was like nothing I'd ever experienced before. If you were to ask me what my favourite part about my trip was, I wouldn't know where to start. I find it hard to describe what it was like because you really have to go there to understand what goes on and if I were to describe it, anyone reading would think I'm bonkers!

HCPT, Hosanna Children's Pilgrimage Trust, is an organisation which allows disabled and disadvantaged children to have the experience of their lives through the assistance of volunteers and their faith in God. With the help of HCPT and Coloma's service group 703, I was able to help these children on their journey.

Emily Sawkins, Year 12





COMMUNITY

CCF SUMMER CAMPS 2018

Thirty cadets from Years 9-12 attended the summer camps from Saturday 30th June to Saturday 7th July. The army camp was held at St Martin's Plain in Folkestone and the RAF camp at Inskip in Lancashire. The full week of activities included shooting ranges, FIBUA, canoeing, archery, obstacle course, paintballing plus visits to Go Ape and Blackpool for the RAF cadets. The weather was extremely warm but the cadets were good humoured and survived, displaying excellent resilience and teamwork!

Congratulations to those who were promoted at camp – Emily Sawkins, Joanna O'Neill, Grace Curran and Stephanie Dickens.

Victoria Leggett and Ciara Stack represented the RAF cadets at the Royal International Air Tattoo in Gloucestershire from 12th to 17th July.

Well done also to our two senior cadets, Anna Dyduch and Claudia Pickup, who were selected for the REME Mechanical Engineering course from 16th to 20th July. A good year's work from all the CCF cadets who have been a credit to Coloma and thank you to Royal Russell for allowing us to be part of the contingent.

Mrs U Greenwood



YEAR 8 VISIT TO NURSERY

Tunstall Nursery was a great adventure! We went there because they were having an arts and crafts week and we encouraged the children to be creative. When we arrived, you could see how many things the children could do at the nursery and how much fun they were having!

We performed Matilda for the children and they enjoyed it a lot, because we made it interactive, so they could take part in it too. After we performed, we sang some nursery rhymes and played some games. For example, Eye Spy, Head Shoulder Knees and Toes, and Twinkle Twinkle. This brought back so many memories! We then got to play with the children, interact with them and see what they were interested in. The children were so happy and the staff were very welcoming. It was sad to leave because I was having so much fun! Our visit was an amazing experience and I would love to do it again soon!

Alysia Gray, Year 8



CULTURAL CAPITAL WEEK

As part of our Cultural Capital Week, girls in Years 8, 9 and 10 planned and delivered a series of assemblies 'Celebrate Africa' to their Year Group.

It was so fantastic to celebrate the colour, the sounds, the vibrancy and the excitement in

these countries as well as learning about differences in the varying cultures within. A very big thank you to Mrs Katama-Atkinson for helping to inspire and empower all that took part.

Miss C Huggett



WORK EXPERIENCE

In July, 12 Coloma girls from Years 11 and 12, were fortunate enough to complete a week's work experience organised by mykindafuture and Tata Consultancy Service, held at London's Metropolitan University.

Throughout the week, they learned many skills including presentation skills,

communication, time management and team working. As a team, they had to design and make an app with a website to tackle 'mental health issues focusing on exam stress' which the girls then had to pitch to a panel of judges.

Throughout the week, the participants gained technological knowledge, e.g. the 5 digital forces of technology and how businesses incorporate them. It was a fantastic week that has given a great taste of the world of work.

Miss C Huggett

FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPELLING BEE COMPETITION – ROUTES INTO LANGUAGES

Once again Year 7 took part enthusiastically in the National Foreign Language Spelling Bee Competition for French. They applied themselves well to learning the alphabet in French and translating words from English into French and spelling them.

We enjoyed class competitions followed by

an exciting whole year group competition in school in order to select three pupils to go to the regional final. The three winners, Amy Lam, Alice Ringham and Maya Akoto, made the journey to the regional final in Uxbridge on Thursday May 3rd. They were three of the 79 Year 7s who attended out of the total 6,591 who started the competition in the region.

They enjoyed practising their spellings en route, causing a few raised eyebrows along the way. The competition was fierce but the girls persisted. They each gave an impressive performance and were rewarded with delicious cakes and pastries available after the competition!

Well done to the whole of YEAR 7



AN EVENING OF CHAMBER MUSIC 21ST MARCH 2018



Sometimes the splendour of the surroundings can overwhelm the performers and overshadow the performances. Not so last night at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, when this beautiful 17th Century church was the venue for the school's Evening of Chamber Music.

This splendid building witnessed a truly remarkable evening of music from the assembled quartets and soloists, together with The St Cecilia Singers who topped and tailed the evening with beautiful choral performances as diverse as Make A Joyful Noise, O Magnum Mysterium and It Don't Mean a Thing.

The Junior Flute Ensemble delighted the audience with a traditional Peruvian tune, with Megan Notcheva on the panpipes, an instrument she had only picked up days before the concert.

The Senior Flute Ensemble and the Senior String Ensemble demonstrated a level of musicianship that elevated the evening beyond expectations and, meanwhile, the Freitas, Nsokolo, Burden, Potger, Hervey, Perkins and Healy Quartets personified the high levels of musical ability for which Coloma is justly renowned.

There were also impeccable solos by three of our most advanced musicians, Maryam Wocial (vocal), Elena Fiderio (piano) and Roisin Healy (flute) who each stunned the audience with their seemingly effortless performances.

A capacity audience was thrilled by the lively and varied programme performed by girls across all the years, and were sent out into the chilly London air with a warm glow of pride and pleasure after a truly enjoyable night of music in the West End.



Mrs Johnson, who closed the proceedings, summed up the evening when she said, "This concert has been one of the highlights of the term".

SIXTH FORM CHAMPAGNE SOIREE



We are delighted to announce the success of the annual Sixth Form Champagne Soirée which took place on Wednesday, 21st April.

It was a magical evening with candle-lit tables adorned with tulips, plates of strawberries and glasses of bubbling champagne. The ambience was heightened by the glorious performances given by the girls that night.

For Mrs Meyer, previous head of music for 17 years, who has aided the development of countless girls attending Coloma, this was her last soirée. She commented that, "The standard was ridiculously high, as ever; each performance was professional and extremely moving". The pieces ranged from contemporary musical theatre including She Used To Be Mine from "Waitress" to Bach's Prelude and Fugue in C minor.

The soirée enabled girls to display a variety of skills in different genres, thus developing their performance technique and giving them practice for their forthcoming music exams.

One Sixth Former commented that the evening "was an amazing experience which captured both the nerves and excitement of being a performer".

We thank the Music Department for a delightful evening and we wish the Upper Sixth girls good luck in their A Level exams, as well as Mrs Meyer in her new school.

H Swadling and M Wocial, Year 12

THE WIND, BRASS & PERCUSSION EVENING

The Wind, Brass and Percussion Evening was held on the 13th March, and we heard many incredible performances ranging from Auld Lang Syne on the bassoon, played by Nicoli Fernando to Way Cool on the drum kit, played by Sophie Audibert-Moloney.

We also had a very entertaining duet on the marimba by Antonia Mazuri and Niamh McGrath. Talented musicians from Year 7 to Year 13 were featured in this concert, which was a pleasure to see and hear.

The evening was a great success and was one filled with many genres of music, all played to very high standards. The hard work of all the pupils and teachers was evident throughout the concert and was appreciated by all.





JUNIOR SHOW



Why do only one musical when you can do four?

For this year's

Junior Show in March, Years 7 and 8 were challenged with putting on a Mini Musical Medley, consisting of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Annie, The Lion King and Matilda. Each Year 8 Singing class was tasked with choosing a musical to put on in short form, and pupils given individual roles such as actress, script writer, costume director or technician.

The direction and guidance from the teachers was kept to a minimum, and so the responsibility was left to the pupils themselves to bring their finished product together, and they did an excellent job!

With Year 7 joining in with all the songs, the final show involved 330 performers who, across the two nights, delivered a colourful and dazzling spectacle.

The variety of musicals led to a variety of entertainment, with enjoyable individual characters, high-quality acting, well-delivered humour and enthusiastic singing.

Congratulations to all the pupils involved, and many thanks to the staff and parents whose contributions made this superb show possible.



AN EVENING OF SONG



The annual Evening of Song is always a lovely occasion and this year's concert did not disappoint, with 30 wonderful acts covering contemporary songs, classical, opera and musicals.

One of the many highlights was a delightful chorus of Year 9 girls who sang 'I Feel Pretty' from Westside Story (Lucy Vine, Abbie Burnett, Elle Cousins, Emandu Cranwell, Elizabeth Figueira, Wiktorija Girzynska, Victoria Leggett and Ana Morgado). Three other Year 9 girls had their first experience of singing to an audience, which was very brave of them – Zoe Burden, Krysia Mawer and Chanel Evans.

Scarlet Gorey (Year 11) impressed the audience with a couple of songs which she accompanied with her guitar, including 'I See Fire' by Ed Sheeran.

It was a sad farewell to Esmé Cavanagh, Niamh McGrath and Elvire Perkins from Year 13 as this was their last Coloma concert after seven years of full participation in the musical life of the school.

Thank you to the terrific backing singers (Zoe Phillip, Niamh McGrath, Eve Abiodun and Christine Komuhangi) and the band (Niamh McGrath, Antonia Mazuri, Elena Fiderio, Sophie Audibert-Moloney and Shyarma Lewis, ably supported by Mr Fagan-King and Mr Dandy). And of course, as ever, a huge thank you to Mrs Hope who accompanied nearly all our singers on the piano.



Mrs C Craven

SUMMER CONCERT

On Thursday, 28 June, a packed audience of parents, staff and students were treated to an evening full of music at the Summer Concert.

The night featured 19 groups including trios, quartets, quintets plus large ensembles, with music played on a full range of instruments, including percussion, brass, wind, guitar and strings. The King Drummers performed the world première of a piece composed by Sophie Audibert-Moloney called Thunder. They also made up a piece on the spot – the name of a band member was picked from a hat (Martina

Gonzalez) who had to start off the improvisation.

The concert did not just include instrumental groups as we had vocals from the St Anthony's Choir and the Gospel Choir. There was also the return of one of our rock bands 'Blue Monday' and another, 'Noise From Room 21' made its debut.

Overall, the Summer Concert was one to be remembered as it was Mrs Hope's last concert as Acting Head of Music. She is stepping down from full-time teaching, after over 30 years but, luckily for the school, she will return in September in a part-time capacity.

We thank all the musicians and singers involved, together with all the music staff, for creating a very enjoyable evening.





DRAMA AND THEATRE NEWS

Drama students at Coloma have experienced a flurry of artistic activities in recent months, both in the classroom and beyond.

GCSE and A level students have been fortunate to benefit from professional workshops with Mr Matthew Rowland, a West End performer who has appeared in shows including *Matilda* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. The students have worked on interpreting a variety of challenging texts using vocal and physical techniques, and Year 10 performed a highly energetic version of *Revolting Children*, which was truly impressive.

Drama students in Years 11, 12 and 13 have also visited the West End this term to see the award-winning musical *Brief Encounter*, performed by Kneehigh Theatre Company with a live band on stage. The inspiring performances provided a wealth of ideas for examination work as well as a highly entertaining evening.



The highlight of the summer term has undoubtedly been the school production of *Fame*, the musical, performed by

students in Years 9, 10 and 12. Set in 1980, the high-energy show follows the fortunes of a group of students who join the High School for Performing Arts in New York to pursue their hopes and dreams. This year we added a new dimension to the show with the talents of professional choreographer, Miss Florence Champion, who honed the dance skills of the performers. We also trained students in production skills and many individuals have discovered new talents. As a result, enthusiastic audiences were treated to an extravaganza of acting, singing and dancing, accompanied by the brilliant band led by Mr Fagan-King. The many accomplished soloists were coached to perfection by Mrs Hope as Vocal Director. Everyone has worked with great dedication in the run up to the shows in the Performing Arts Centre, and can be extremely proud of their achievements. Miss Woodacre, who directed and produced *Fame*, is now planning the next production!

A full report and photos will follow in the next edition of the newsletter and also be posted to the website.

MUSIC RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Over this academic year, no fewer than 129 girls took ABRSM music exams at school, from grade 1 to grade 8, with Associated Board examiners coming into school to assess them. This is not even counting the many more pupils who took music grades outside school. Here is news of our recent grade 8 pupils:

Maryam Wocial (Year 12) scored an astonishing 142 out of 150 in her grade 8 singing, a very high distinction.

Hannah Swadling (Year 12) achieved a very high merit for her grade 8 singing.

Sasha Hill (Year 12) also reached a very high merit in grade 8 singing.

Elena Fiderio (Year 12) attained a distinction for her grade 8 violin exam, having already accomplished grade 8 in piano last year in which she gained the highest mark in Croydon for piano that year.

Eve Abiodun (Year 13) achieved a merit in grade 8 violin and has secured a place at the Welsh College of Music and Drama in September.

Esmé Cavanagh, Rebecca Hayes and Elvire Perkins (all Year 13) are awaiting the results of this term's grade 8 singing exams.

Lydia Elderfield (Year 10) is also waiting to hear about her recent grade 8 violin exam, having already attained grade 8 on the viola.

And also

Lucy Vine (Year 9) has been given a place in the National Youth Choir of Great Britain and will be attending her first course in August at Durham University.

Lucia Boselli Alcock (Year 9) is also singing with the National Youth Choir.

Lydia Elderfield (Year 10) has been given a place in the London School Symphony Orchestra.

Antonia Mazuri (Year 10) achieved 96% in her Trinity grade 5 drumming exam, a remarkable achievement. She is also awaiting the results of her recent grade 7 piano exam.

Maryam Wocial (Year 12) has achieved amazing success in local music festivals, competing in the adult classes, and winning several trophies. She was also invited to sing in the special 'Best in Festival' concert.

WORLD IRISH DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP 2018



In March, Jessica O'Hara (Year 9) travelled to Glasgow to take part in the World Irish Dancing Championship, along with her sisters, Aisling (Year 10) and Erin (Year 7), a wonderful experience for all three.

Jessica's family was very proud and delighted to see her do extremely well in her age group. Out of 203 dancers, she was one of 50 to be invited back to take part in the set dance.

Jessica was eventually placed 44th in the world, 7th in the UK (excluding Ireland) and 2nd in the Southern region of

England, having only started dancing four years ago and competing three years ago. Many congratulations, Jessica – a fantastic achievement.



SPORTS

GOLD AT LONDON YOUTH PARA ATHLETICS

On Wednesday 27th June, Felicity Ogunlaru represented Croydon (and Coloma) at the London Youth Para Athletics. She was on top form and managed to win Gold in the 100m and Silver in the Shot Put. Well done Felicity!

Miss H Cheeseman



CROYDON SCHOOLS' 5-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT



Two U14 Coloma teams took part in the Croydon Schools' 5 a-side football tournament. In such hot weather, both teams played exceptionally well, with Coloma coming 1st and Coloma coming 3rd. Well done to all the girls involved!

Miss H Cheeseman

SPORTS DAY 2018



House pride was high on Monday 9th July when Coloma piled into Croydon Arena for a fun-filled day of sports and house cheerleading. St Margaret were determined to defend their title but there was all to play for as we started the first event.



As the day of sports progressed, so did the tension. There were some outstanding performances, with numerous school records broken! There was laughter, team spirit and a lot of running but, in the end, Sports Day 2018 will be remembered as a year of good competition, exemplary sporting endeavours and boiling hot weather!



Miss H Cheeseman



OVERALL RESULTS

The final placings for Sports Day 2018 are as follows:

6th Place	St Bernadette	366 points
5th Place	St Barbara	391 points
4th Place	St Edith	410 points
3rd Place	St Winefride	423 points
2nd Place	St Margaret	434 points
1st Place	St Theresa	437 points

YEAR 7 ATHLETICS



On Wednesday 16th May 21 Year 7 and 8 students attended the Croydon Schools Athletics Championships. There were lots of fantastic performances across both ages groups but a particular well done to the Year 7 team who came 1st overall. A special congratulations to those girls who placed in their events.

- Kamsi Nwusu-Damian - Year 8 Discus (Gold)
- Ursula Moore - Year 7 High Jump (Gold)
- Evie Corinaldi - Year 7 100m (Gold)
- Jana Sethna-McIntosh - Year 7 800m (Silver)
- Caitlin Mooney - Year 8 100m (Bronze)
- Katarzyna Titterton - Year 7 1500m (Bronze)
- Alysia Gray - Year 8 Long Jump (Bronze)
- Ella Francis - Year 7 Long Jump (Bronze)
- Justina Odusanya - Year 7 Hurdles (Bronze)
- Eve Williams - Year 8 Hurdles (Silver)
- Year 7 Relay team (Silver)