Did you know

"Reading isn't just important for English lessons; it's important for every subject. If you know your child is interested in a particular subject or topic area, you could find articles about this to share with them and ask their view on what they've read".

Parents@Park 24/09/21

Covid Contingency Planning

Our Active COVID-19 Status can be found here. The guidance states that whichever of these thresholds is reached first will initiate our Covid outbreak management plan:

"5 children, pupils, students or staff, **who are likely to have mixed closely**, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; or 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period"

In the first instance, this will include:

- The wearing of face coverings in communal areas for staff and students and if we were to reach the 10% threshold, the reintroduction of face coverings in lessons and communal areas.
- COVID-19 lateral flow testing at home will continue twice weekly until further notice.

Report student Covid home testing results to school

As per the guidance please continue to log the results with both the NHS and school log.

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Notices

• Year 7 Parents' Consultation Form Tutor Meet & Greet - Wednesday 6th October 4:30pm-7:30pm

<u>Please click here</u> for an invitation to Year 7 Parents Evening whereby parents and carers will be able to have an appointment with one of their son/daughters current form tutors via School Cloud. Please see:

Parents guide to booking appointments

How to attend appointments on a video call support for parents

• Please check emails for our first parental questionnaire of the school year. We are continually trying to ensure we can offer the very best for our students and your feedback, comments and support will help us to work with our families for the benefit of all. In addition please encourage your child to complete the student questionnaires sent out via Microsoft Year Group Teams - our students' opinions and ideas are truely the best insight we can gain and therefore of the greatest value to us as we continue to make our school a vibrant, happy and successful environment where each and everyone of our students can shine.



• School Photographs.

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 had their photograph taken on Thursday 16th September, if your child did not bring an order card home **please contact "The School Photography Company"** on **either info@schoolphotographs.co.uk or call 01295 250812,** with your child's name and form and they will be able to help.

• Year 11 photographs are on Friday 17th December.

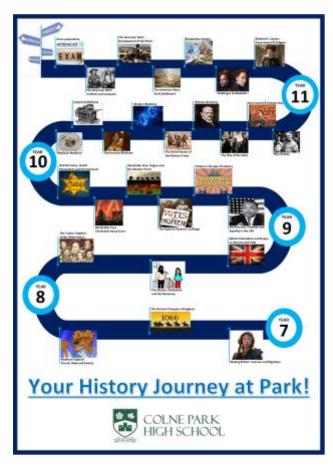
A flying start...

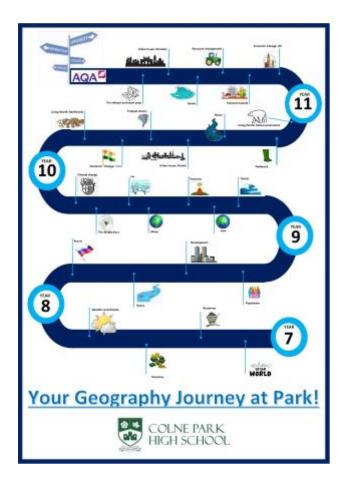
We cannot emphasise enough how well students have returned to school this academic year after such a disjointed year last year as a result of the pandemic.

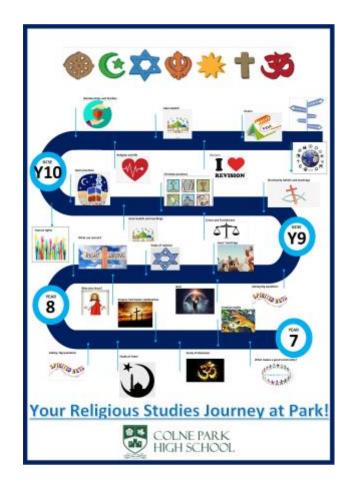
Educational research shows that in schools where families and schools work together, student achievement and attainment is significantly increased. We are very lucky to have such involved parents and want to continue working together to give students the very best. Over the coming weeks we would like to give parents an insight into students' learning journeys in their differing subject areas and will share learning pathways for each curriculum area. This will allow you to see what your child is learning, engage with discussion about their studies and continue to have full insight into your child's education.

The first learning journeys are from the Humanities Department:

For further details and an introduction to the Humanities Faculty and Curriculum Leader <u>click here</u> and for any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr S Thompson <u>sthompson@park-high.co.uk</u> who will be happy to help.







The very first Park Point winners September 2021

Huge congratulations to our very first Top Eight Park Point winners.



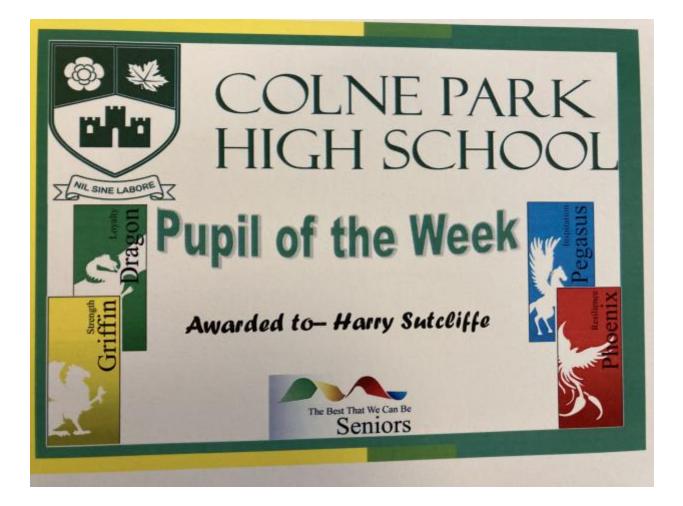


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As well as our very first Park Point winners, it gives us great pleasure to share last week's credit winners.

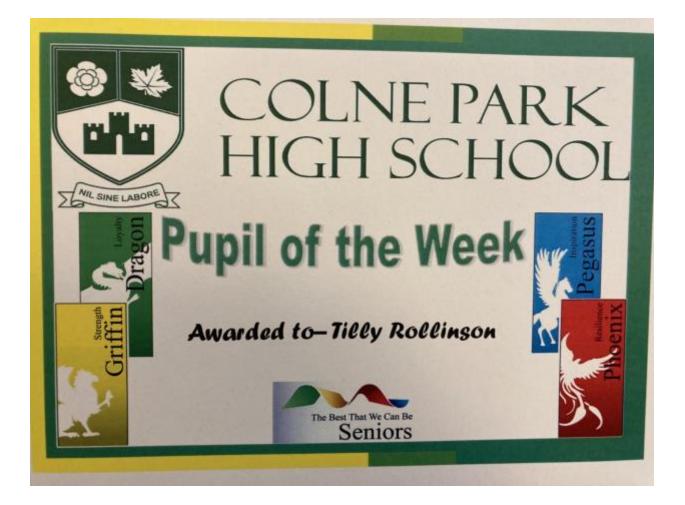


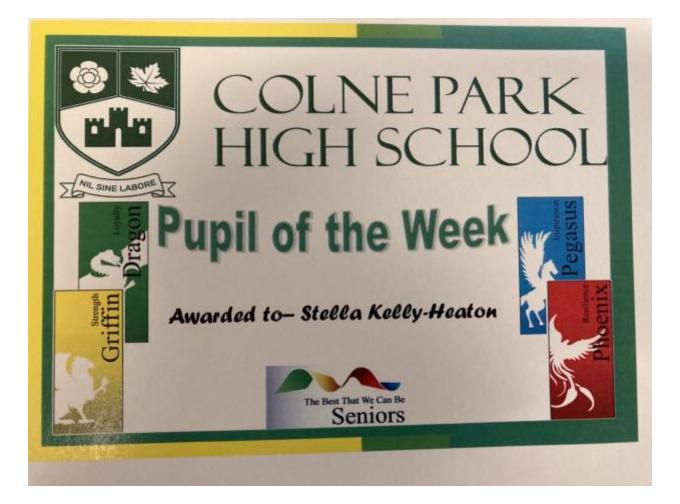




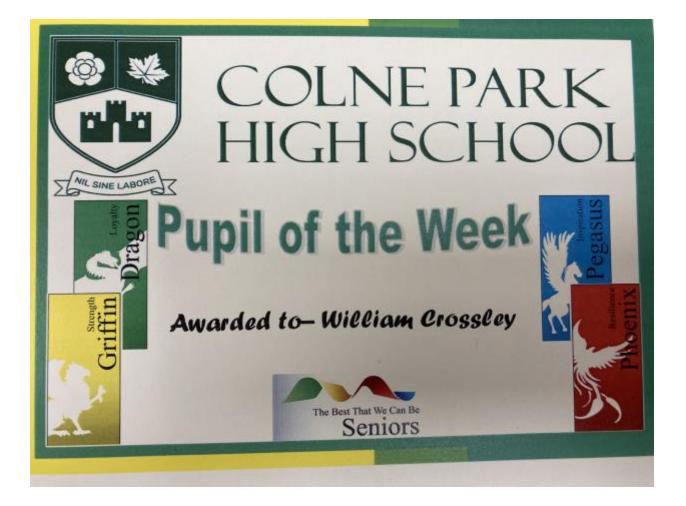




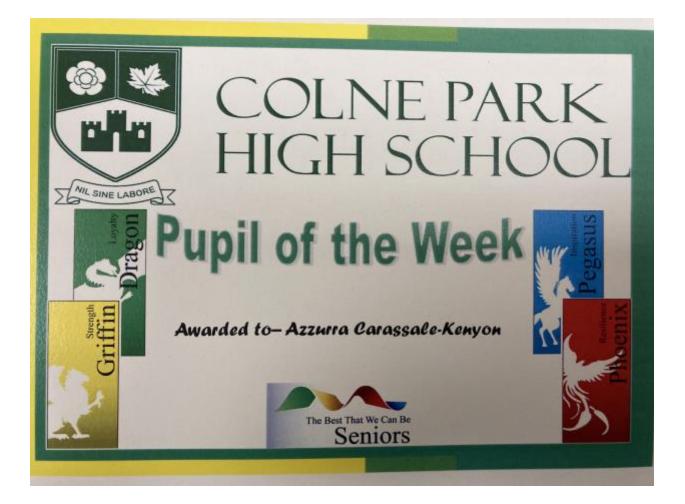




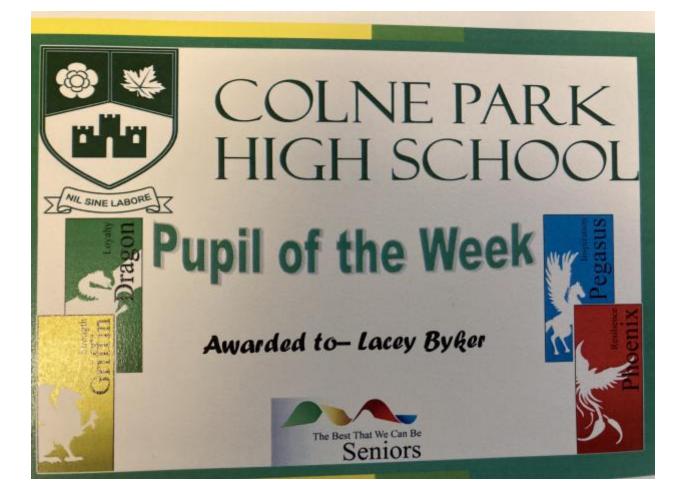


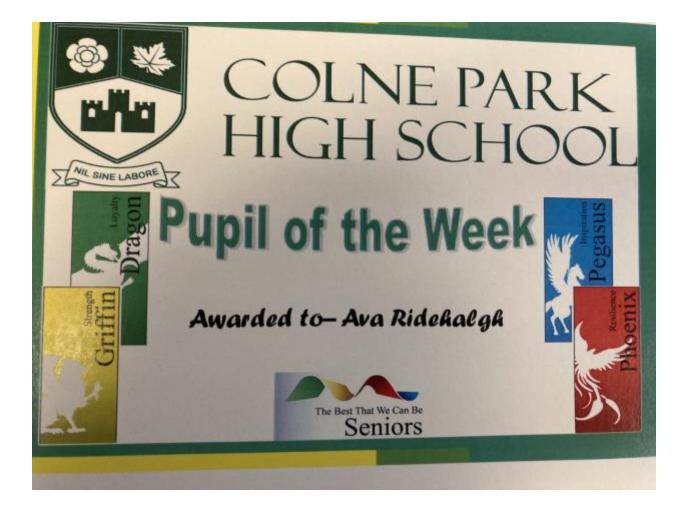


















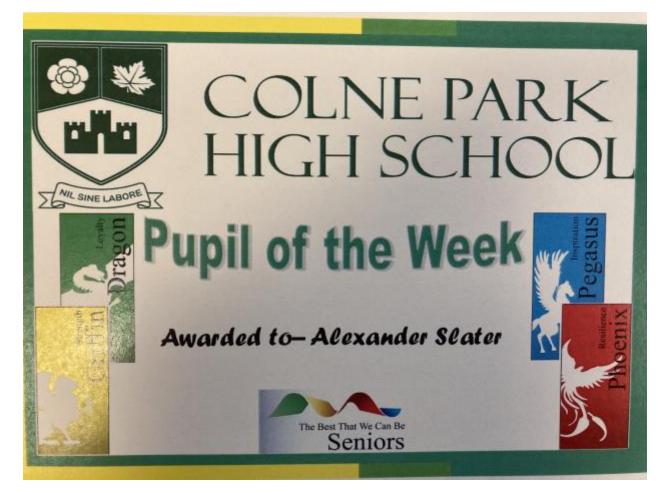








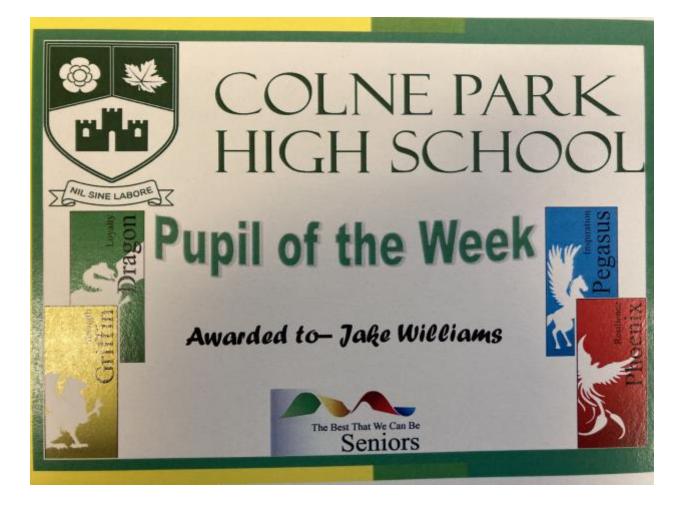


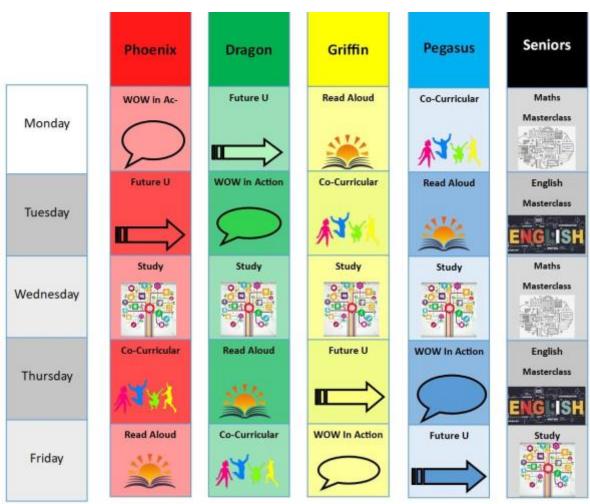












Thursday 30th September is the first of this year's Personal Development (PD) day where by students will be engaged in differing activities helping students to develop skills to ensure they can be life ready and successful beyond the walls of the classrooms

Broadening Student Horizons - RISE time (period 6)

Thursday 30 th September		Activities	Requirements	
Year 7		Team Building – Respect & Communication (LORIC skill)	BRING TRAINERS PLEASE Students to be in full school uniform. No change to the school day. No change to lunchtime arrangements.	
Year 8	D David	Team Building – Respect & Communication (LORIC skill)	BRING TRAINERS PLEASE Students to be in full school uniform. No change to the school day. No change to lunchtime arrangements.	
Year 9	b Ded	Duke of Edinburgh Award	Students to be in full school uniform. No change to the school day. No change to lunchtime arrangements.	
Year 10	b and	YGAM: Gaming & Gambling – Staying Safe	Students to be in full school uniform. No change to the school day. No change to lunchtime arrangements.	
Year 11		Careers Carousel	Students to be in full school uniform. No change to the school day. No change to lunchtime arrangements.	

This week's overview from our new RISE period 6 programme is for the WOW in action session. Last academic year we had WORDS of the WEEK shared with parents via Parents@Park. This year, not only will students have focused words of the week, they will then look at these words in action to help them consolidate their understanding and add to their growing word repertoire.

What is WOW in Action?

VOCABULARY RICH STUDENTS

WOW (words of the week) in Action has been created to enable students to practise their oracy skills and their use of academic language (tier 2 and tier 3 language). WOW in Action takes place once a week in the new 25 minute RISE session in forms at the end of the school day.

At Park we aim to develop vocabulary rich students who feel confident in speaking their views and who can use more sophisticated language when it is appropriate.

Each RISE session will introduce 3 new words each week and these words will then be looked at in context through articles and video clips.

Each RISE session aims to discuss something topical that is of interest to students.

Students are provided with a vocabulary book to write down the new words but the session has a speaking focus rather than a writing focus.

BROADENING HORIZONS 'LIFE READY'



BROADENING HORIZONS

Academic Language & Oracy

RISE

ORACY: USING SPOKEN LANGUAGE

- WHAT IS ORACY?
 - The ability to communicate effectively using spoken language.
 - Oracy is to speaking what numeracy is to mathematics or literacy to reading and writing.
 - It is having the ability to express yourself well.
 - It's about having the vocabulary to say what you want to say and the ability to structure your thoughts so that they make sense to others.



The Department for Education is clear and emphatic – the curriculum should offer opportunities for pupils to: 'engage in specific activities that develop speaking and listening skills'

> oracy literacy numeracy

BROADENING HORIZONS - RISE



DEVELOP ACADEMIC LANGUAGE



INCREASE STUDENT USE OF TIER 2 AND TIER 3 LANGUAGE



NOT ONLY DEVELOP STUDENTS' ABILITY TO READ AND UNDERSTAND TIER 2 AND 3 LANGUAGE BUT ALSO THEIR ABILITY TO USE THESE WORDS IN SPOKEN AND WRITTEN WORK.



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• A reminder to all that no hoodies are allowed in school



Day	WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	1
Monday	Y11 Art Intervention	310/311	3.20-4.20	5
	Drama Club	114	3.20-4.20	
luesday	Y11 Music Intervention	111	1.30-1.50	1
	Singing Club	114	3.20-4.20	14
	Photography Club	311	3.20-4.20	~
	Y11 BTEC Intervention	115	3.20-4.20	6
Thursday	Dance Club (PE kit needed)	n 115	3.20-4.20	
	School Band	á 111	3.20-4.10	1

Creative & Performing Arts Extra-Curricular

- For the creative and performing arts extra curricular timetable please see below it was absolutely fabulous to have the choir and band and back filling the school with music!
- For this week's extra curricular PE timetable see above:

PE Ex	tra Curricular activities		
Afte	PE kit needed	A	0
Day	Activity 3.30-4.30pm	100	
Monday	Year 7/8 netball	No S Me	1 m
Tuesday	Year 9/10 netball Girls football		
Thursday	Year 7/8 basketball	8	
Friday	Year 7/8 football - on the field		
	Break time club		60
	Every day in the sports hall		NA -
	Badminton and Basketball		
Pupils take of bl	azers and ties and wear their trainers to participate.		

The week ahead

• Thursday 30th September PD day

Dates for diary - further ahead

• Wednesday 06th October 2021- Year 7 Parents Evening

- Friday 08th October Year 11 Personal Revision plan (PRP's) issued to students as part of their preparation for their forthcoming mock examinations
- Thursday 14th October- Virtual Open Evening launched

Friday 15th October - SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS (STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT DAY

And finally our fell runners take international glory!

Our Year 11 fell running stars continue to dominate







Both William Walker and Isabel Holt had storming races at the recent Junior Home Countries International 2021 with Will coming in 4th overall and the 3rd conting English athlete in his race. Isabel flew too and was placed 5th overall. Isabel writes *"An amazing experience in Ireland, really happy with 5th overall!"*

School Holiday dates 2021-22

Please click here to find the school holiday dates for 2012-22