

Collingwood Newsletter

Summer
2023



ARTSMARK PLATINUM

Collingwood achieve a major award in the Creative Arts.

More details inside...

An Amazing Term

We have been so busy over the last school term. As usual, Collingwood go the extra mile with major achievements in the arts, exciting partnership developments, award winning students, an artistic sheep and so much more.



To discover more then all you have to do is read on...

Don't
Forget

The new school
term starts on

Tuesday
5th September

Head Teacher's Welcome

What a year! There have been so many wonderful things we've decided to showcase some of them in this newsletter.

I am incredibly proud of the pupils and students across the school. This year we have further developed our partnership working and now have over 116 partners. We have also achieved the Artsmark Platinum Award, an incredible success.

In September, we will be opening the Woodlands our Outdoor Learning and Vocational centre. It will provide even more opportunities for our young people.



**Artsmark
Platinum Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

Thank you to all of you for your continued support and as I mentioned in my recent letter I am expanding parent engagement opportunities and do hope that you can get involved.

I look forward to seeing you all again in September. Have a relaxing and restful summer.

G Linkleter

Head Teacher

Mr Crawford's Catch-up

Hi everyone, it's been a very busy year (and term) with regards to curriculum, with lots of positive news to talk about.

Our learners have been working very hard on their coursework and revision for their respective qualifications. Learners have shown a great deal of resilience in getting through coursework and also sitting the relevant examinations. We want everyone to try their best!

I would like to thank all the teachers, staff and parents/carers who got them prepared and supported them with any worries. All the pupils have been an absolute credit to themselves and have coped with the pressures really well.

I'd also like to thank all of our partners who have worked with us again this year. Special thanks also to some of our new partners including ITV/Signpost Productions, Stomping Grounds Forest School & Michael Laurie at Maximum Pro Wrestling.... All our pupils have thoroughly enjoyed their experiences this year and we will be renewing our partnerships next year to offer more exciting new learning experiences.

Have a well-earned rest this summer and I'll see you in September. Can't wait!!

Mr Crawford

A Word from Mrs Major

It has been another exciting and busy year at Collingwood. Our pupils have confidently embraced all of the experiences and opportunities that have been available.

Along with the rising appeal of social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube, there unfortunately is also an increase in the dangers that children are being exposed to.

Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is available on our website. From September a Child Friendly Policy will be available.

I would like to wish all of our Leavers the best of luck.

I hope you all have a fabulous Summer holiday, and I look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Mrs Major

Mrs Askew's News

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all parents and carers for your support this year.

Our transition day in June was a great success. It was lovely to see the pupils' smiling faces as they met their new teachers and classmates, and our existing pupils really welcomed our new starters. There was a lovely happy atmosphere in school on the day giving our new and existing learners a good foundation to build on next year.

Our Key Stage 4 and 5 pupils have been working hard with accreditation and many have taken formal exams. Some of our pupils and students will be leaving Collingwood at the end of July and I wish them all the best for their futures.

I look forward to next year at Collingwood. I hope you all have a lovely and relaxing summer.

Mrs Askew

Mr Elliott's Update

Since arriving at Collingwood in May, it has been great getting to know your children and I look forward to developing this further in the 23/24 academic year!

With regards to Behaviour, Attitudes and Attendance, I have been collaborating with both staff and students alike and have some exciting new developments which will be implemented from September.

All that leaves me to say is that I hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday and we will see you all in September.

Mr Elliott

ITV Signpost Productions

Signpost Productions is an award-winning production company based in the North East of England. It is a production house like no other, with diversity in its DNA.

Every commission comes with a commitment that the production crew will be as diverse as possible. Signpost Productions is a production unit that is part of ITV, the UK's biggest commercial broadcaster, and produces more than 1,500 hours of content every year for broadcasters, businesses, commercial brands and digital channels.



Our Sixth Form, based at Fuse Media Centre in Prudhoe, are working with Signpost as part of an exciting partnership between ITV and Collingwood School and Media Arts College.

The students that are involved with Signpost Productions are focussed on gaining a functional understanding of how a working studio is run as well as what it's like to be a part of the wider media industry.

As we continue this partnership the students will build their knowledge base and be several steps further towards their potential futures in the media arts.

While working with Signpost four young people are expanding on their existing experience, gained from working in the video and sound studios here at Collingwood.



On a recent visit to our own video studio at Collingwood; (left to right) Deputy Head Susan Major, Signpost Head of Partnerships and Development, Claire Wilson, Signpost Managing Director Kenny Toal, Head Teacher Gillian Linkleter and Collingwood Media Technician Brandon Gee.

Shaun on the Tyne

In the summer of 2023, a new exciting, free public art trail will add colour to the streets, parks and public spaces of Newcastle and its surrounding areas– and you're invited to join the fun! Shaun on the Tyne is presented by and raising funds for St Oswald's Hospice.

The charity has partnered with creative producers Wild in Art, Shaun the Sheep creator Aardman and Headline Partners Newcastle City Council to bring you a ewe-nique art adventure that the whole family can enjoy.

Our very own Shaun, renamed Maximillian (Max for short), has a very summery blue and yellow look with students throughout the school getting involved by painting a flower directly onto the sheep or by copying their original design onto suitable paper and applying it to the design.

Max, under several protective coats of varnish, will be on display outside The Biscuit Factory art gallery in Ouseburn, Newcastle before returning home to Collingwood.



Leo is Young Carer of the Year

We are delighted to bring you the news that Leo, a student here at Collingwood, has been named Carer of the Year at the prestigious Northern Children of Courage Awards.



Leo helps to care for his brother Zak, who has complex needs and is frequently hospitalised, and his grandmother, who has dementia. Like a ray of sunshine, Leo manages to keep a positive attitude to life and supports his family through even the most difficult time



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ARTSMARK PLATINUM

'It is wonderful to read that
your arts and media provision
has been awarded
The Arts Council

Collingwood has been awarded the prestigious Arts Council Artsmark Platinum Award.

This is a fantastic achievement, recognising that we are an exceptional school nationally in the field of Creative Arts and Media. We are one of only around 80 schools in the country to gain this award, and one of only two SEND schools in the whole North East region.

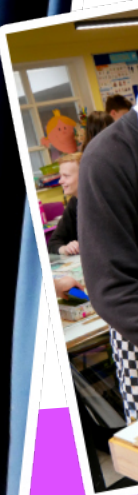
We will continue to provide exciting and innovative opportunities for our young people, who never cease to amaze us with their creative talents.



ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND



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Let your pupils consider
the experience to be 'magical' and 'special'!



'It will be wonderful to hear of
how you spread your 'magic' as your journey continues!'
The Arts Council

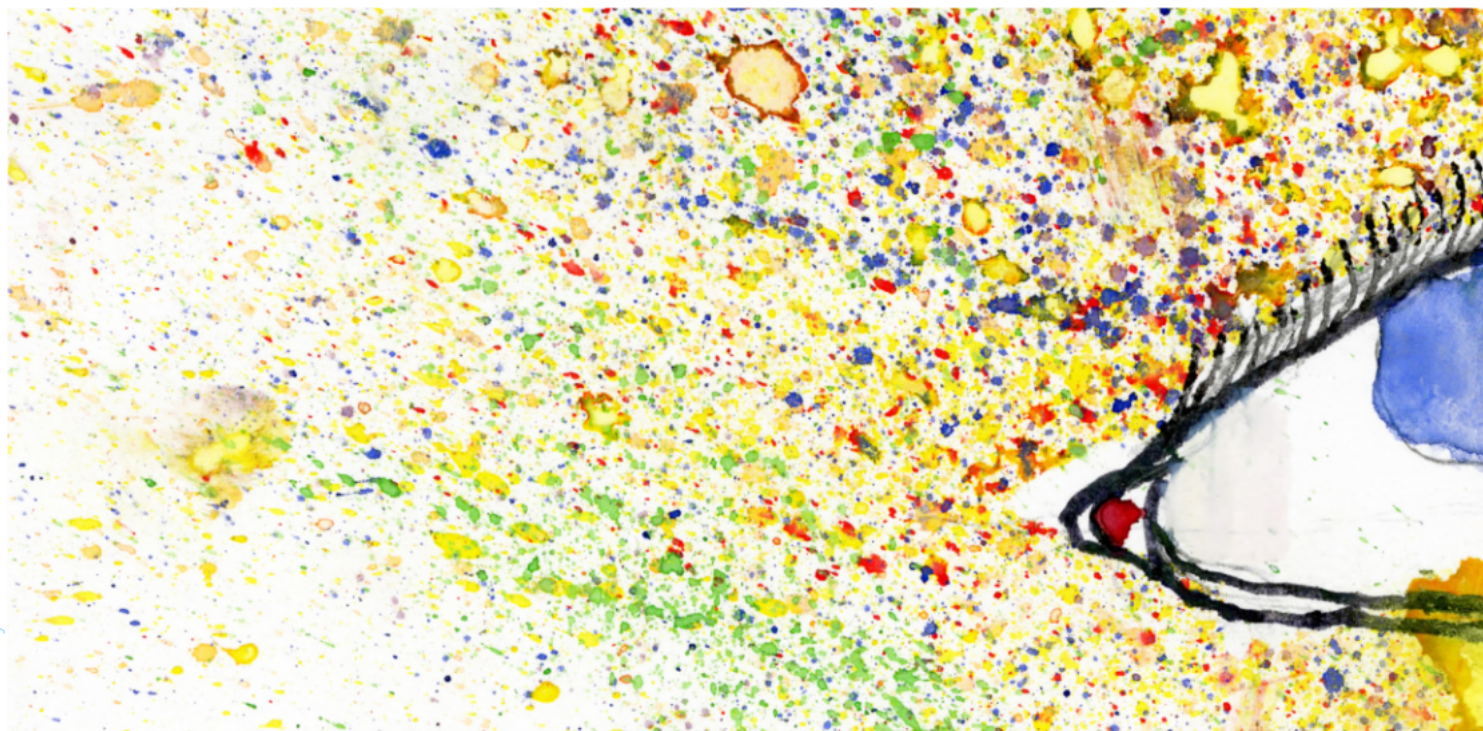
Collingwood Partners Conference 2023

Tuesday 20th June marked the day of the third Partners Conference of Collingwood School and Media Arts College, generously hosted by one of our partners, NUFC Foundation at St James' Park.

The conference welcomed around 80 partners from all across the country to network and offer support for the new educational provision that will be opening in September.

Our partners play a big role in the school from work placements, training, joint events and enrichment opportunities. The number of partners has soared from a small working group of 10 people to an amazing community of 116.

We are in an extremely lucky position to be working with them all and express our deepest gratitude for the work they do in enriching our young people's education and lives.



Media Department Update

Our Media provision at Collingwood continues to go from strength to strength. We have developed existing partnerships and forged new ones. We are working with other schools, Music Partnership North and Newcastle University on an exciting new creative project.

We continue to update and innovate and our Media Studio is among the best equipped in the North of England, opening up amazing possibilities for our students.

On the strength of the quality of our Media output we have managed to secure a number of real-world briefs for video production and other related work. Clients include the Alnwick Garden, Newcastle United and Morpeth-based Talentheads. This provides a unique opportunity for our students to be part of genuine commercial Media productions and fully supports our partnership with ITV Signpost Productions. The photograph shows Alnwick Garden Director, Mark Brassell in the Collingwood studio.



New Creative Arts Hub

Collingwood continues to invest in providing the very best opportunities for our young people in Media Arts, a great example of this being the new suite of rooms we call the Creative Arts Hub.

The brand-new building is equipped with a high quality computer suite loaded with the latest music-making software. A dedicated performance and recording area has a theatre-lit stage area, sound mixing equipment and a house PA system. In addition, there are dedicated spaces for music tuition and small-group working.

This exciting new facility will enable our young people to explore new creative possibilities in a purpose-built environment.



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Movers and Leavers 2023

The annual event to celebrate with our Movers and Leavers was held at the Waterford lodge hotel on the 6th July.

Some of our students were involved in the preparations for the event which included flower arranging and preparing the goody bags given out at the end of the evening. The students enjoyed the disco, glitter bar, photo booth and buffet, in particular the chicken nuggets available during the evening.

Students and staff agreed that this was a fitting way to end another successful year and celebrate the hard work of our school community.



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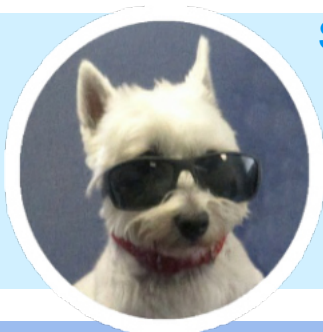
Collingwood
School and Media Arts College

Watch this space for next year's Collingwood Arts Network (CAN) festival, in which we will work with established and new creative partners in the fields of theatre, music, visual art, contemporary dance and more!



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Suzy Says...

"Have a wonderful summer break.."

"...Plus, bring me treats in September..!"



SUZY X

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