



## YEAR 11 PROM

On Friday 30th June, we said our final goodbyes to our Year 11 students at their Prom held at the King Power Stadium.

Many students and staff attended to celebrate the students time at TCOLC.

Over the last five years, we have seen them grow and develop both academically and into well rounded members of our community.

**We could not be prouder of them!**



## HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

After the disruption caused by the pandemic in the last few years, I think we all had high hopes that this academic year would be more straightforward but as ever that was not quite to be. With a national cost of living crisis and teacher strikes over a lack of funding for education and a snow day we have had many challenges to overcome even without the usual work we all had to do. When we look back, it is easy to focus on the hard parts but for so many reasons, this year has been a huge success and that is what I want us to remember as we look forward to the summer holiday.

For the first time in three years, we received exam results for our Level 3 (A-Level, etc.) and Level 2 (GCSE, etc.) students. As always there was a great deal of nervousness on results day, but the school achieved the best results it has ever had by a huge distance. This means that students over the last few years have been given a better quality of education and worked harder than they ever have before and proved, if proof were needed, that the TCOLC Community has the ability to do great things. We were one of the best performing schools not just in the city but across the country with a number of subjects being in the top 10% in the country. As a Head Teacher these numbers are important so that students and parents across the city know that we are a brilliant school, but the most important thing about great results is that they open doors to courses and jobs that would otherwise remain closed. You will all have your own ambitions for your life, but the more you learn and the more you know, the more easily you will reach your goals.

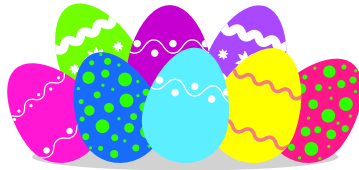
This academic year has been no different to last in the way that students have prepared for their exams. The Year 11 and 13 students have worked incredibly hard in and out of lessons as have the teachers who have helped to prepare them. Students entered the exams confidently and walked out proud of themselves and I have no doubt that we will see lots of happy students in the coming results days. It has not just been our older students who have improved though, we have seen an increase in active and ambitious learning across the school since we introduced it last year. More and more students are actively participating in their learning, accessing trips and after school clubs and pushing themselves to be their very best. If we keep this up, then we have a very bright future indeed.

I have now seen four exam groups leave and every year I have seen the school get better and better, but there is always more we can do so I am excited to start work again next year. In the meantime, though you deserve a long and restful summer because you have worked incredibly hard, and we all need downtime. To finish my introduction, I want to say a huge thank you to every single member of our community; staff; students and their families because without all of us working together we wouldn't have overcome all these challenges and been so successful. You may want to end the year by saying a quick thank you to anyone who has helped you this year to send them on their way to the summer with a smile.

# LIBRARY NEWS



## EASTER TREASURE HUNT



On Wednesday 6th April, the library was under siege by students searching for clues in the Great Library Easter Treasure Hunt. Large amounts of chocolate were consumed, the librarians never got a morsel!

## READING RAMPAGE - READING CHALLENGE FOR Y8

The project ran from January to June 2023 and aimed to inspire and motivate students to be active and enthusiastic readers who read by choice and for pleasure. Along the way, we introduced 10 great books and their amazing authors.

The book judged to be the most borrowed/read, as well as the book judged to be the most highly rated by participating students was, When I See Blue by Lily Bailey.



## MARVEL MAGAZINE

We were gifted a big box of collectors edition comics by Mr Grace before he left TCOLC. These were given to students who borrowed a book, read it, and on return were able to explain what the book was about.

## THE CARNEGIE SHADOWING READING GROUP

The group met to read and vote for the winner of The Carnegie Award, an annual, country wide event. After weeks of reading, reviewing and discussing the books we read, we agreed that our favourite was The Blue Book of Nebu. We were really pleased to find, at the online event, that this was also the choice of the committee!

Thank you to Miss Shah for organising a half day out at Moat College for our group to watch the presentation of the award. We loved meeting students from other schools who had also voted.



### TOP BORROWERS

Yusuf 8DDA  
Aisha 10NAP  
Shehzaad 7GAC  
Zahra 9ZUT  
Zara 8DDA  
Unaysah 8DDA  
Aysha 7SUL  
Maarya 8NEL  
Sami 7CDH  
Harbir 8DDA

### TOP E-BOOK BORROWERS

Aliyah 10ZUP  
Zahra 9ZUT  
Aisha 8JZS  
Uzma 7GAC  
Harbir 8DDA  
Aliza 10JAD  
Krupa 7CDH  
Ishan 8TAC  
Anna 8ABS  
Jagdev 7CDH

**We look forward to seeing you all again next year!**

Mrs Beach and Mrs Newbold - Librarians





## CELEBRATING SUCCESS IN THE UKMT



We are thrilled to announce the outstanding achievements of our talented students in the UKMT Competitions. Their dedication and mathematical prowess have brought immense pride to our school community.

In the Intermediate Maths Challenge, our students exhibited exceptional problem-solving skills and secured remarkable awards. We are delighted to announce that our school claimed 8 Silver Awards and 7 Bronze Awards. These individuals have truly demonstrated their aptitude for mathematics, and we commend them for their exceptional performance.



### IMC Award Winners

**SILVER:** Pavitra, Aqeelah, Aleena, Balraj, Jikesh, Ryan, Neel and Vivek

**BRONZE:** Faruk, Akshaj, Debasis, Jayna, Gita, Gurdas and Hussein

Additionally, our students soared to even greater heights in the Junior Maths Challenge, their exceptional abilities shone through as they excelled in the prestigious competition. Our School celebrated 4 Gold Awards, 7 Silver Awards and 9 Bronze Awards.

Two of our Gold award recipients in the JMC are deserving of a special recognition. They demonstrated exceptional mathematical abilities and went on to compete in the highly esteemed UKMT Kangaroo challenge. We applaud their remarkable achievement.

### JMC Award Winners

**GOLD:** Lennon, Jay, Gurpartap and Maninder

**SILVER:** Sameer, Moosa, Amrit, Ishita, Israt, Adam and Maarya

**BRONZE:** Zaynah, Aaminah, Muhammed Ayaan, Hussain, Nuaman, Owais, Yusuf, Krishay and Neva



**Congratulations to all our talented students who participated in the UKMT Competitions! Your accomplishments are a testament to your hard work, perseverance, and love for mathematics. We are immensely proud of each one of you! Keep reaching for the stars and inspiring others with your Mathematical brilliance.**

## SPANISH

Ali 9JLW, Yashvi 9JAK, Zahra 9HJB, Anecia 9ZUT, Nuaman 8ABS, Jay 8CAM, Sarah 8CAM, Razia 8JZS, Mariya 8KEJ, Maryam 7PJD, Shivam 7SUL, Lennon 7ARK and Fatimah 10SHP.

They have consistently worked hard, week in, week out. They deserve a special shout out for their effort, hard work and resilience!

## ENGLISH

### Young Writers Success!

Congratulations to our Y8 students who have worked so hard in English over the past few months and have shown a great dedication to their learning. A huge congratulations goes to the following students for getting their work published in an anthology. This is a huge achievement and just shows how creative, dedicated, and enthusiastic we can be.

**Congratulations and well done Y8!**

### The City Herald

2022 saw the birth of our school newspaper. The City Herald - An opportunity to raise our voices, share our concerns and engage with our community. It is a collective collaboration of students from Y7 through to Y12 and is a labour of love. These students have shown a willingness, dedication and have started to show a love for journalism. **Well done to Archie K, Luca H, Aum T, Harry E, Teghvir S, Ben S, Jude D, Sneha G and Aliyah A** for committing this whole academic year and for helping to produce four superb editions!

<https://www.cityleicester.co.uk/home/parents-and-students/letters-newsletters/>





# Plan, Prepare & Present

## Food Department News



### Year 10 Food Mock Exam

Year 10s Mock 2023 task was to Plan, Prepare & Present two dishes that were suitable for children that included fruits & vegetables. This practise was to prepare them for their cooking exam in Year 11.

### Range of Skills

Students excelled and showed a wide range of skills that they have learnt in Year 10. Pasta making, breads, pastry, knife skills with chicken & fish, decorating, and presentation.



### Well done!

Fantastic work Year 10!



## Food Career Experience

The food department had a visit from a head chef in the NHS, Andy Berry, who works across all three Leicester hospital sites. He spoke to all TCOLC GCSE food students about careers in the NHS related to food and gave us information about their apprenticeships.

Students were given instructions & ingredients to make a firecracker chicken wrap which is a best seller in the hospitals. Congratulations to Jessica, Jaiden & Khianna who were chosen as the top chefs of the day.





This academic year we have had a record number of performances and new opportunities for our students through the PSHE programme. Years 7, 8 and 9 experienced a live musical performance focusing on the impact of social media on body image and mental health from Belle. This created quite a buzz across the college and has inspired us to seek out more opportunities like this.



# PSHE



Whilst learning about how to keep themselves safe, both on and offline Year 7 and 8 were left on the edge of their seats during the presentation from Craig at Warning Zone.



Year 8 have spent a considerable amount of time this year learning about healthy relationships, which was enhanced by the live theatre company 'AlterEgo' who shared with them their performance of 'Chelsea's Story', focusing on grooming, manipulation and unhealthy relationships. Impressed as ever by the impact 'AlterEgo' have on our students Year 10 and 11 had the privilege to further support their knowledge and understanding of unhealthy relationships when we brought the company back to deliver both 'Unacceptable' and 'County Lines'. Hard-hitting, honest true stories, these performances are sure to stay with our students for years to come.



In the last 2 weeks of the year all year 10's have had the opportunity to learn CPR training courtesy of volunteer medical professionals from 'Heartwize' and Year 9 have been given basic First aid training from 'First-Aid Friends'.



Year 9 had some big decisions to make this year for their GCSE subjects. In PSHE, we spent two terms exploring Unifrog, our careers platform, with our students. We successfully logged on another cohort of 269 Unifrog users to start building their profiles ahead of college and university applications.

Unifrog supported our Year 11s this year in making their applications for A-levels, T-levels and apprenticeships meaning another 299 students successful submitted applications for their next steps in education. We are proud to work alongside the careers team to ensure we gave our students the best possible support.

At the beginning of this year, we gained accreditation as a Rainbow Flag school based upon all of our hard work towards promoting diversity, equity and inclusion for all of our students including those of the LGBTQ+ community. This work has continued to develop this academic year in PSHE through development of the curriculum and throughout the pastoral programme.



# EXPRESSIVE ARTS NEWS

## NO PLACE LIKE HOME PRODUCTION

At the end of March 2023, our students took part in the college production, which was a version of The Wizard of Oz written by Ms Douglas. The students showed dedication and commitment by attending weekly rehearsals and really developing a range of their performance and social skills.



## UPCOMING SHOWCASES 23-24

December 2023 will see The City of Leicester College's variety show, which will allow all students to take part and perform in any art form they enjoy including dance, drama, music & singing. Keep an eye out for further details which will be shared to all students when we return for the new academic year.

June 2024 will see The City of Leicester College's talent show. Students will have the opportunity to compete against other students in performing a talent they have. This can be in any performance form, including juggling, stand-up comedy and singing!







# Religious Studies Department



This year the RS department has enjoyed observing the fact that we are a super diverse city and that according to the 2021 census, we are the first plural city in the UK, where no one ethnic group has a majority!

We celebrated Interfaith week by holding interfaith assemblies, having form quizzes and inviting twelve faith representatives into the College to meet our Year 7s. Year 10 had the opportunity to visit a Buddhist Temple and Church in Leicester City Centre, Year 8 visited a local Masjid and Year 7 visited a local church.





# ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

It's been an extremely busy and exciting year for the EAL team at TCOLC. We have had over 30 new arrivals join us since the beginning of the academic year, which helps to build on our multicultural and multilingual environment. There are over 50 languages spoken by students at TCOLC and this is something we should be incredibly proud of. In addition, we have students from a wide range of cultural and religious backgrounds adding to our colourful and vibrant school environment.

## Y8 POETRY COMPETITION

We would like to extend a massive congratulations to Danar (8JZS) and Ishan (8TAC) for having their poems printed in the Young Writer's Anthology.

We are incredibly proud of you both!

Well Done!



## EAL PARENT COFFEE MORNING

In July 2023, we invited the parents of our EAL students to TCOLC to support them in understanding how their home languages can support their child / children, the benefits of being multilingual, understanding the education system in England and how to access school platforms such as ClassCharts and Parent Pay. We would like to thank all those parents that attended and look forward to holding more coffee mornings in the future.



## NAVARATRI 2022

In November, we celebrate the Hindu festival of Navaratri. Navaratri at TCOLC culminated in our wonderful students showing us how they celebrate the festival with a range of rituals and dancing.

Many teachers enjoyed being taught how to dance and perform important rituals that form part of this wonderful cultural celebration.

## INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY 2023

February 21st was International Mother Language Day (IMTD). UNESCO set up this day because they believe in the importance of cultural and linguistic diversity. This is something that is very important to us at TCOLC. To celebrate IMTD, all students across the college took part in a range of activities during tutor time to raise awareness of the importance of maintaining our mother language(s). As UNESCO state 'Multilingual and multicultural societies exist through their languages which transmit and preserve traditional knowledge and cultures in a sustainable way.'



# Co-Curricular

Activities and Learning Experiences that Complement Students Learning in School

## Culture Day

**Friday 23rd June was TCOLC Culture Day.** A day requested and planned by our students, who feel very deeply about the importance of diversity, tolerance and respect for all by celebrating the differences within our TCOLC Community. All students were invited to wear the clothes that represent their faith, nationality, family heritage or social community. The TCOLC community took full advantage of this opportunity and showed the multitude of backgrounds that makes TCOLC special and unique. During the day, students took part in traditional dances, played musical instruments, had fashion parades, shared photos, activities in lessons and shared their cultural backgrounds with one another with pride.



## Trips

This year saw over 54 Educational visits leave the college gates help students undertake real-world experiences that cannot be taught in a classrooms, opening their minds to different cultures and strengthening their knowledge of the world around them.

Trips destinations included the National Space Centre, the London Science museums, theatres and the Stock Exchange, Kenilworth Castle, Hunstanton Beach, Leicester Ice Skating, Auschwitz concentration camp (Poland), Leicester Theatres, Manchester Etihad Stadium, LGBT+ Youth Summit in Manchester, Oxford and Cambridge Universities, Yes You Can Project, London Theatre, Maths and literacy competitions, Church and Mosque visits.

## Bronze DofE Off to a Successful Start

The year has seen the launch of The Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award at TCOLC. The award is the world's leading achievement award for young people, and is highly regarded by Universities, Colleges and Employers. It encourages young people to develop independence, commitment, leadership and teamwork through being involved in a personalised programme of activities.

Those who undertook their Bronze award have spent 6 months developing new skills, building their physical fitness and working within the local community. Students have learned German, karate, chess, cooking, first aid, sewing, football, boxing, painting whilst helping at Mosques, community groups, reading clubs, charity shops and supported Park Run and cared elderly neighbours to name just a few of the activities undertaken.

The final, and possibly biggest test for the 35 students, was completing the two-day expedition section trekking 17 miles across the Leicestershire countryside. The expedition truly tested the students Character and they had to draw on their resilience and determination to achieve their Bronze award.

This opportunity will be open to Year 8 from September.



# Business Outside the Classroom

On Wednesday 8 February 2023, students from the Business Department attended the London Stock Exchange where they were fortunate to receive an insight into a typical working day and hear about career journeys of members of LSEG as well as learn how to stand out as a candidate looking to enter the finance industry. Students also visited the famous Tower of London and saw a number of famous buildings such as the Bank of England and St Pauls Cathedral while on the trip! The trip was very successful and all students represented TCOLC positively throughout the day!



# History Outside the Classroom

At the end of June, all the Year 10 History students visited Kenilworth Castle in Warwickshire. The visit was to support their GCSE unit on Norman England, but the castle also has specific links to Leicester: it was the home of Simon de Montfort, who is of course commemorated in various ways throughout the city; but also of Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester during Elizabeth I's reign, who extensively re-built the castle when the queen paid a visit in 1575.

The students were able to see the different stages of building at Kenilworth – the early Norman keep (12th-13th centuries), the first 'palace' buildings from the late 14th century, and the improvements made by Dudley in the 16th century. They also embarked on an invigorating country walk around the castle grounds, where the grazing cattle proved of surprising interest, as did an unexpected encounter with some alpacas!

It was a varied and very enjoyable day for the students and teachers alike, and was a great way for our students to gain a deeper understanding of the effects of our History on the environment and the local area.

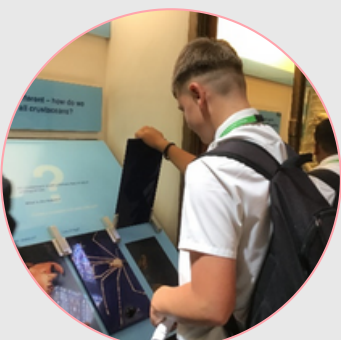


# Science Outside the Classroom

On Wednesday June 21st, a group of 75 Year 8 students visited The Natural History Museum and the Science Museum in London. After a long coach trip, the students had a wonderful, educational day exploring the museums. The day was filled with curiosity and wonder as the students delved into the realms of history, science and discovery.

On entering the Hintze Hall in the Natural History Museum, the students marvelled at the giant blue whale suspended from the ceiling. The students explored the extensive collection of fossils, learning about the evolution of life on Earth.

In the afternoon, we visited the Science Museum, where interactive displays and cutting-edge technology were the student focus. In particular, there was a great deal of interest in the areas dedicated to medicine and that of the world of space. The students found inspiration from launching rockets and artificial intelligence, which has ignited their curiosity and sparked a newfound interest for science and history.







# Term Dates 2023-24

	August 2023						September 2023						October 2023					
M		7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25			2	9	16	23	30
T	1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26			3	10	17	24	31
W	2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25	
T	3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26	
F	4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27	
S	5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23	30			7	14	21	28	
S	6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24			1	8	15	22	29	

## Autumn Term 1<sup>st</sup> half

	November 2023						December 2023						January 2024				
M		6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
T		7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
W	1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31
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## Autumn Term 2<sup>nd</sup> half

## Spring Term 1<sup>st</sup> half

	February 2024						March 2024						April 2024				
M		5	12	19	26			4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
T		6	13	20	27			5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
W		7	14	21	28			6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
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## Spring Term 2<sup>nd</sup> half

	May 2024						June 2024						July 2024				
M		6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
T		7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
W	1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
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## Summer Term 1<sup>st</sup> half

## Summer Term 2<sup>nd</sup> half

	Student days		Weekends
	School holidays		Public holidays
	Staff disaggregated INSET days		Staff INSET days

**Total 190 Student days**

**Please note:** On inset days, students are not required to attend school

## The Hive

**What is The Hive?**

**The Hive** is your one stop information Hub that includes a wealth of resources, advice and support around a range of topics, including mental health and wellbeing, sex and relationships, online safety and bullying.

**The Hive** has been created for TCOLC students and is there for you to access through your school Teams account, whether it's some advice you need around healthy eating or how to cope with exams stress, **The Hive** will have the answer for you.

You can also email **The Hive** if you'd like to speak to one of the team about a specific problem you're having at: [hive@tcolc.aspirelp.uk](mailto:hive@tcolc.aspirelp.uk)

**Our Partners**

**Meet THE Hive Staff**

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# Other News

## Well Wishes

We would like to say goodbye and good luck to the following members of staff as they leave TCOLC for pastures new:

### Teaching

Mr Tompkins (Teacher of Maths)  
Mr McGeehan (Head of PE)  
Miss Arblaster (Teacher of Textiles)  
Mr Kennedy (Teacher of History)  
Miss Payne (Teacher of Geography)  
Miss Abowath (Teacher of RS)  
Mr Robertson (Teacher of RS)

### Support

Miss Bhimani (Admin Apprentice)  
Ms Dhillon (Teaching Assistant)  
Miss Dawood (Literacy Teaching Assistant)  
Mr Parker-Tas (Teaching Assistant)  
Mr Mamodaly (Cover Supervisor)

## Warm Welcome

We would like to warmly welcome the following new staff to the TCOLC team:

### Teaching

Mr Adam (Teacher of PE)  
Miss Elemishri (Teacher of Maths)  
Mr Grundy-Findley (Teacher of History)  
Mr Hewitson (Teacher of PE)  
Miss Hewitson-Clay (Teacher of Drama)  
Ms Hurdley (Teacher of RS)  
Mrs Moolraj (Teacher of RS)  
Mr Ridley (Teacher of Geography)  
Mr Shepherd (Teacher of Physics)  
Mrs Sutton (Teacher of Science)  
Miss Thadha (Teacher of ADT)

### Support

Miss Gohil (Literacy Teaching Assistant)

## ParentPay

We have now moved cashless to ParentPay, this means you can now purchase your child's lanyard, student card and holder via Parent Pay.

Student card £2.00, Lanyard £0.50 and Holder £0.50. **All orders must now be made through Parent Pay.**

Please contact Reception if you need any support purchasing or alternatively email [parentpay@tcolc.aspirelp.uk](mailto:parentpay@tcolc.aspirelp.uk).

## Head of Year 23/24

Year 7	Miss Powell
Year 8	Miss Bevins
Year 9	Miss Leigh
Year 10	Miss Frederick
Year 11	Miss Pratt

Have a great Summer and we will see  
you all back on

**Tuesday 29th August 2023!**

YEAR GROUP	TIME
Year 7	8:30am
Year 8	9:15am
Year 9	9:15am
Year 10	9:15am
Year 11	9:15am