

# Collett Catch-Up



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

## **ANOTHER MEMBER JOINS THE TEAM**

Mrs Manson (pictured right) is the latest member to join our admin team here at The Collett School. Mrs Manson will take over reception duties on Thursdays, so please give her a warm Collett welcome!

## **CAREERS WEEK**

This week we focused on our future careers and played host to a range of talks from different people giving us an insight about their profession. Our youngest class, Robins, walked around the school asking members of staff, such as our caretaker Mr Vaughan, about their jobs.

Linden filled in their own interview sheets and discussed what their favourite jobs were, and Mahogany got very hands on and helped about the class, assigning each other to jobs such as feeding their animals, laying tables and also washing up.

Meanwhile, in upper school, Sandalwood discussed their skills and qualities and each wrote a written piece on why they wanted a certain job when they were older. It turned out many wanted to be YouTubers! Redwood learnt the dos and don'ts of interviews and practised with some role playing tasks.

Staff from Warner Bros Studios arrived on Friday, with Amy speaking



## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **JANUARY**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

Open Tours of the School, 9.30am

### **FEBRUARY**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Coffee Cake and Catch Up, 9.30am

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Puzzle Theme Week (All week)

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

School Disco, 6-8pm

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

Vaccinations Year 9 & 10, 9.15am

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb**

HALF TERM

about her experience as a PR apprentice and Matt talking about his route from the tour shop floor to the office. Amy's advice was simple: "You don't have to know what you want to do." Today, Amy liaises with press juggernauts such as The Daily Mail and Forbes to show off the Leavesden tour in all its glory.

Earlier in the week, Mrs Sewell's husband Mark had visited to show off his firefighting gear. Mark, who works with the London Fire Brigade, gave many of our pupils had a chance to try on his kit, including Liam from Redwood:



Our very own dinner lady Mrs Bowlzer also spoke to the children about her experiences and career path, and our pupils had also had a chance to hear about many other professions, including doctors, builders, beekeepers and police officers.

## THE GRAND PTA RELAUNCH

Our Head of Operations, Gillian Lawton, is relaunching the Parent Teachers Association – but she needs your help:

“With the sad departure of the lovely Angie Grange from The Friends of Collett (FOC), we would like to relaunch!

“Taking a leaf from the school council, it would be lovely to have at least two representatives from each class, be that a parent, carer, grandparent, TA or teacher.

“The class representative would then be able to: pass on information from the PTA to other parents in their child's class and encourage attendance at events; help to ensure parents and carers feel connected with the school; help to raise awareness and funds for pupil resources

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## QUICK REMINDER

**Oaklands College** open evenings and other key dates for this year can be found [on our website](#).

Our current school lunch menu is [available here](#).

We are a **Nut Free School**.

for the school; and attend monthly meetings, but if this is not possible can be kept in the loop via email and minutes of meetings.

“Commitment could be as small or great as you can manage. Maybe you could say ‘I am able to help with teas and coffees at one Parents Evening a year’ or ‘I would like to be secretary’.

“It would be good if the focus of the FOC could be on the school community going forward. Events will be designed more for inclusion and participation rather than raising money (although we like it if they did not cost any money!). This includes moving the school fair nearer to Christmas, maybe with each class taking charge of a stall, organising it, setting it up, running it, clearing it away and counting the money. Having all activities at a nominal price so that all can feel included no matter what their financial circumstances or how many children they need to pay for.”

Here is a suggested timetable:

**September:** New parents get together / Coffee Morning / Parents Evening

**October:** Halloween Night / Men’s Night for dads and male carers to have a beer and share their thoughts / Coffee Morning

**November:** Christmas Fair / Coffee Morning / Siblings Night (relaxed youth club type meeting for the siblings of our pupils to get together)

**December:** School Disco and Father Xmas / School Christmas Dinner / Coffee Morning / Nativity Play

**January:** Coffee Morning / Parents Evening

**February:** Coffee Morning / School Valentine’s Disco

**March:** Coffee Morning / Siblings Night

**April:** Coffee Morning / Men’s Night for dads and male carers to have a beer and share their thoughts / Race Night (adults social)

**May:** Coffee Morning / Parents Evening

**June:** Coffee Morning / Leavers Prom

**July:** Coffee Morning / Sports Day, followed by disco & BBQ / School Play  
If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Gillian by emailing [admin@collett.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@collett.herts.sch.uk) with a subject title of FOC.  
Thank you.

## RACE NIGHT

We’ve teamed up with Osborne for our latest fundraising event – The

## OFFICE UPDATES

### YOUTUBE CHANNEL WARNING

Please be aware that there is an inappropriate YouTube channel that children can easily access via Google. Super Mario Logan is created to appear as a playthrough of the Super Mario videogames but contains malicious content, including racist and homophobic language.

### NEW CONTACT NUMBERS

Remember to inform the school office of any changes to your contact numbers, especially if Father Christmas got you a new phone!

### QUESTIONNAIRE REMINDER

Could all parents please complete the questionnaire that was sent out to them to reception as soon as possible. Thank you.

## WHAT’S ON NEAR YOU

### Oaklands Careers Partners Day

Suitable for those working with young people, this Careers Partners Day seeks to explore options for young people post-16.

To be held at the Welwyn GC Campus, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 9am-1.30pm.

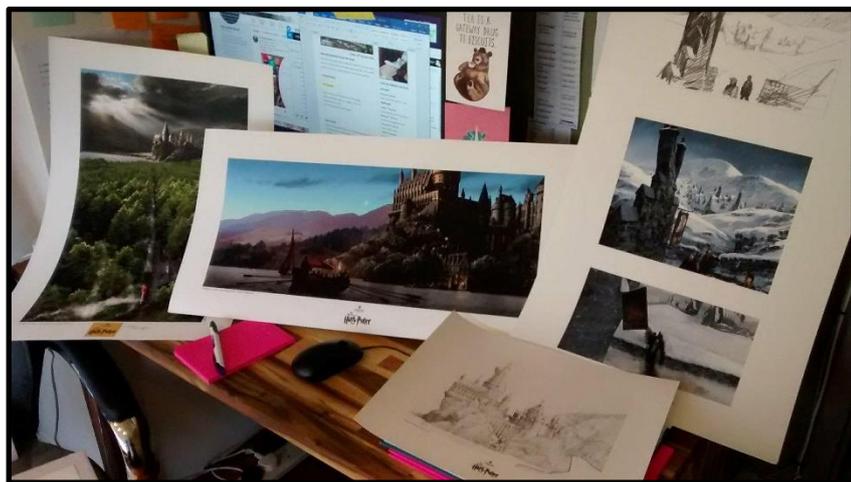
### Dacorum Dolphins

This swimming club is for people with disabilities and their families.

Please contact Atheal by email: [atheal.elemenyawii@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:atheal.elemenyawii@yahoo.co.uk) or

Collett Race Night! The event will be hosted here at the school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April – fish and chips will be provided. Tickets are £10. Sponsor a race for £20 or own a horse for £2. Please purchase your tickets by 15<sup>th</sup> March. For more information, call Hannah Bailey on 07580136074 or call Jan Maddern on 07711066696.

## MAGICAL ART



Thank you to Warner Bros Studios for donating these incredible Harry Potter film concept artwork! We'll be finding frames for these as soon as possible so we can put them up around the school. How cool is that?!

## FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

After we discussed January Blues last week, Mr Hout-Allen went from student to student to hear their thoughts. Many had been ill since term began, but now we are all feeling better!

We all travelled through time to find out what happened throughout history on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January. In 1919, the Peace Conference in Paris was held after World War One (unfortunately, that didn't last long). In 1970, Diana Ross performed with the Supremes for the last time, leaving the group Upside Down.

### Spotlight

Maddox and Jack from Elder were in the spotlight this week to present their work focusing on what they learnt during Careers Week. Their class had been discussing future careers, and Maddox was adamant he had the fitness, strength and friendly manner to be a Police Officer. Jack, meanwhile, was determined to be a pilot. I'm sure their hard work will pay off and they'll reach their goals!

### Talent Spot

phone 07805076832 for more information. Sessions every Saturday.

**More events can be found on the News section of our website.**

## ONLINE THIS WEEK

Watch and read [this BBC article](#) about John Cronin, a 21 year old with Down's Syndrome who set up his own sock business.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"A day without a friend is like a pot without a single drop of honey left inside."*

Winnie the Pooh (AA Milne)

## FACT OF THE WEEK

Technically, humans (like all mammals) have the genetic capability to hibernate.

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## AWARDS

### BRONZE AWARD

Ricky from Acacia  
Jonathan and Albie from Rooks  
Ian and Josh from Redwood

Shaun from Elder

### SILVER AWARD

Paddy and Alex from Ravens  
Sophie from Robins  
Katelyn from Acacia  
David from Rosewood

Kiera from Linden had everyone clapping along to 'Psycho Girls', and Ethan from Sandalwood followed up with a fantastic rendition of 'Take Me to Church'. Jack from Elder was back onstage to show off his hula skills – which were really impressive! Great work, everyone!

### **What's New Scooby Doo?**

It seems this week that everyone's mums and dads are ill! We hope everyone feels better soon.

James from Elder was excited to mention he found £2 from the tooth fairy after his wobbly tooth came out - seems the magic money tree exists after all! Zaine from Ravens has moved into a new house, Dominic from Mahogany has two new games, Carlo from Sandalwood has a new puppy called Coco and – drum roll please – Ricky from Acacia is playing for Watford Under 12s against West Ham on the 27<sup>th</sup>! Good luck, Ricky! To finish, Shaun and Mason from Elder reminded us: "Good speaking, good listening and good thinking!"

***Mr Harry Crawford***

***The Collett School***

Mason, Nina, Maddox and James  
from Elder

### **READING AWARD**

Ben from Rooks

Reece from Linden

Katelyn from Acacia

Martyn from Sandalwood

Katy and Ethan from Mahogany

Congratulations to all of you – we  
are so proud of all of your  
achievements!