



Colton Hills Community School

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Welcome message from SLT



As we approach this mid-term, we present you with the latest Colton Hills newsletter.

Happy half-term holiday to you all from everyone at Colton Hills.

For the first time in three years, we move into an examination season, where everyone at the school is working flat out to support our students. Year 11 and Year 13 have prepared themselves for these examinations through the challenge of Covid-19, and we would like to wish all of them the best in the weeks ahead.

It has been an exciting half-term at Colton Hills, as you will see in our newsletter. We have been successful in a range of competitions, our extra-curricular offer continues to flourish, and we are working hard to embed a High Performance Learning of high expectations in all of our lessons.

The next half-term is full of great opportunities that we have not been able to offer for the last three years. Before the end of the school year, our students will have been able to visit Gelliwig in Wales, attend a German exchange visit overseas, take part in a Cadet camp and enjoy a whole-school Sports Day for the first time since before the pandemic. It is so lovely to have our students experience everything that we missed during the lockdowns.

We would like to take this opportunity to say that we hope you enjoy the newsletter, as well as wishing you a great half-term break. We will be finishing the half-term by celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - we hope that all of our families enjoy the long Bank Holiday breaks and look forward to seeing students back on **Monday 6th June**.

Best wishes,

The CHCS Senior Leadership Team and staff



Celebrating Excellence

Solutions for the Planet Winners & Runner-Ups



On 16th May, our Litter Buddy team took part in the Solutions for our Planet regional finals at University of Wolverhampton, won and secured themselves a place in the national finals in Westminster in June!

Our Iceberg Saviours and Re Road teams also did really well and we are tremendously proud of all the teams for coming this far!



Congratulations to Krish Soni, Year 8

Krish Soni from Year 8 recently got awarded a distinction in his piano Grade 5 examinations. Well done on this fantastic achievement!





Celebrating Excellence

Young Artists Showcase, British Art Show 9



We were very honoured to be part of a event organised by the University of Wolverhampton and Wolverhampton Art Gallery as part of their British Art Show 9 (BS9) series, which explores contemporary art. The exhibition was officially opened by a much-respected satirical artist, Cold War Steve, along with the Mayor of Wolverhampton. Our students had their works displayed in the Wolverhampton Art Gallery and more than 60 young people, teachers, artists and families came together to celebrate the creative learning and achievements of young artists across the West Midlands.

Emma Shuttleworth, a Year 8 student at Colton Hills Community School, said:

"I liked my work being showcased in an exhibition because it's being a part of something that allows me to express myself."

"I also like this because when there is a theme, I get to see others' interpretations."





Celebrating Participation

Bikability Awareness Course

We were very lucky to be able to offer our students a free cycling training programme delivered by qualified cycling instructors from Wolverhampton City Council's Traffic and Road Safety Team. The one day course aims to develop cycling skills and road safety awareness.

All the students who attended received a Bikeability Level 2 badge and certificate after the course. Students who took part had a really enjoyable time, thanks to Wolverhampton City Council and all the patient training instructors.

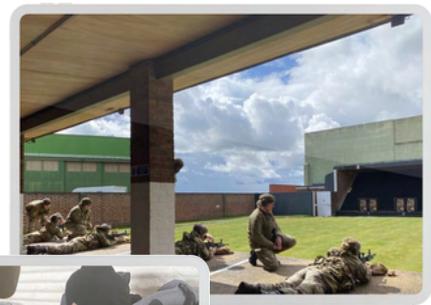


CCF Crackshot Camp

Over the Easter holidays, 12 Cadets from Colton Hills visited Nescliffe Training Camp and they learned how to handle the L98A2 rifle safely. After passing their Weapons Handling Test from scratch in just 2 days, they learned how to shoot accurately on the Dismounted Close Combat Trainer (DCCT). This is basically a computer attached to 4 rifles but it measures everything from trigger squeeze pressure to breathing patterns enabling students to see exactly how to perfect their marksmanship. Cadets then got the opportunity to shoot live at RAF Shawbury on the 30m Barrack Range.

All the cadets who went passed their marksmanship qualification on the L98A2 rifle and the 0.22 rifle and have been awarded their marksmanship badges. The Cadets were brilliant throughout the week, so please join us in congratulating the following students: Loredana, Natalia, Ziggy, Rohit Sandhu, Baldeep, Manjot, Hitinjiv, Monica, Rohit Kumar, Aiden, Tatiana and Tyresse.

Many thanks to all the Cadet Force Adult Volunteers who made the week possible by giving up 4 days of their holiday and ensuring we had the right qualification in the right place throughout: Cameron, Charlotte, Lucy, Laura, Kanika, Nugent and Tim, as well as our friends from The Royal School, Eleanor and Jim.





Celebrating Participation

Flying High!

Our CCF Cadets took to the skies at RAF Cosford for our first ever Air Experience Flying trip on 23rd May. After a safety briefing on emergency procedures (including how to use a parachute!) they were escorted out to the Royal Air Force's Grob Tutor aircraft for their first training flight. The Grob Tutor is a two seat dual control training aircraft so sitting alongside a fully qualified RAF flying instructor they took off for a half-hour trip into the Shropshire skies.

Cadets were taught how the aircraft is operated and they then got the chance to take the controls themselves and actually fly the aircraft: learning how to climb, descend and turn the aircraft. There was even time for them to experience the thrills of aerobatics with loop-the-loops and barrel rolls to top the trip off before safely landing at the airfield.

Sadly the weather beat us in the end and we had to return back to school early with only 6 out of the 8 cadets flown but there will be plenty of opportunity to fly next year with more days at RAF Cosford booked into the school calendar.





Celebrating Participation

Biology Challenge

The Biology Challenge is a national competition open to 13 to 15-year-old students, who compete in two invigilated online papers. Last year 47,336 students from 576 schools took part. This year we have 34 year 10 students taking part.

We have entered students every year for the past seven years and have often had students attain Commended or Highly Commended certificates. Last year we had two Commended, two Highly Commended and four students who won a certificate from the Royal Society of Biology for Silver and Bronze scores. Good luck to those taking part!



Queens Jubilee Celebrations

To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year, Colton Hills has been decorating parts of the school to celebrate this very special occasion. Our English department has dedicated its fireplace to this special event and our student as well as main reception has also been transformed with portraits of Her Majesty, courtesy of our Art Department.



Landscape Artists

Our students are exploring the impact our actions are having on the ocean through art. Students have been researching artist Yellena James and are currently making ceramic clay tiles inspired by their paintings.





Celebrating Participation

Making Space Workshop

Year 8 and 9 students have taken part in a two part workshop called 'making space'. They have been working with local artist Rob Conway to reimagine the gallery space at Wolverhampton Art Gallery. Students took part in a variety of activities in order to reimagine the gallery space and came up with some really exciting ideas!

Message from Rob Conway:

"I wanted to say a huge thank you for the welcome I received from both staff and pupils at Colton Hills when visiting on Friday, 8 April as part of the Making Space Project with Wolverhampton Art Gallery.

From what I experienced at the school, there was a calm and supportive atmosphere and that was echoed in the pupils I met that were willing to share their thoughts, ideas and creativity. I look forward to working with them again at Wolverhampton Art Gallery."





Celebrating Participation

COMING SOON IN JUNE!

Big Bang Event

Make sure you have pencilled in **29th June** in your planner! Organised by our Science department, it will be an inspiring day of STEM activities around the school for all students to participate in.

THE BIG BANG AT SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE
COLTON HILLS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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AT THE BIG BANG AT COLTON HILLS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

WHEN 29TH JUNE 2022

WHERE Jeremy Road, Wolverhampton, WV4 5DG

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INTERHOUSE COMPETITION UPDATE



Curie House - 1299 points



Turing House - 1253 points



Tull House - 1163 points



Kahlo House - 1017 points

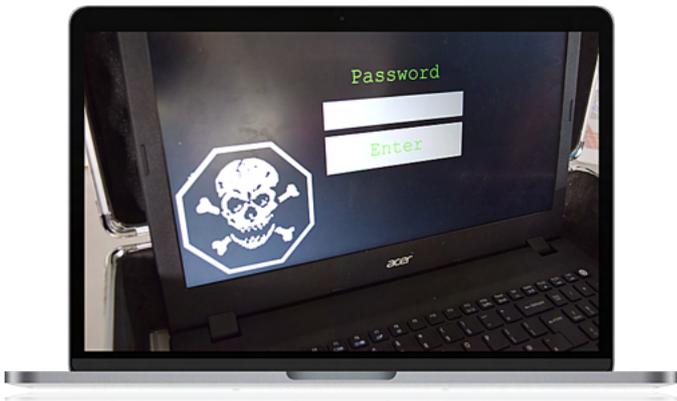


Celebrating Integrity

Learning about Cybersecurity



On 17th May, our year 12 IT students enjoyed a trip to University of Gloucester, learning about cybersecurity, how criminals exploit systems to gain valuable information using SQL injections, Cross Site Scripting & Command Prompts. They also experienced coding in Python & learnt about Crypto Currency.



On 18th May, we welcomed Ross from **Tablet Academy UK** to deliver a cyber security class for our sixth formers and year 10 students.

After a short video highlighting some high profile real-life cyber hacks, students were split into small groups and issued clues to crack the code into the laptops provided and then try to access the locked laptop in the secure briefcase.





Great British Spring Clean

As part of our High Performance Learning journey at Colton Hills to become an international Green Flag Award Eco-School, we recently took part in the Great British Spring Clean.

Students spent over 14 hours and collected over 600 bags of rubbish in that time. Great work by all who took part and worked as a team!



Best Practices for Social Media



We would like to remind all parents and students about the importance of using social media appropriately.

Students can access social media on their devices anywhere, but it is important to recognise that they are still responsible to the school wherever they are.

In no circumstances is it acceptable to use images of students or members of staff on things that they create and share, whether meant to harm or not.

We ask that you support us in our message so that we can make sure that all members of our school community are treated with dignity and respect.

Baby Shower for Mrs Underhill

We would like to share the happy news that Mrs Underhill, our Geography teacher, was thrown a lovely baby shower by her colleagues here at Colton Hills recently. Mrs Underhill is expecting her baby on 8th July and we wish her and her family all the best!



One to One with Mrs Rowley

In this new section, we get acquainted with a member of staff at Colton Hills, and our first volunteer is...

Name : Mrs Rowley

Teacher of : English

Age : Generation X

Favourite TV programme/band/music/book :

Transformers and Die Hard (favourite films),

Bon Jovi (favourite band), Frankenstein (book) by Mary Shelley

Hobbies : Playing darts as I was member of a team!

If I wasn't a teacher, I would be : Professional Christmas tree decorator

My party trick is : Being able to do 73 keepy-ups in one go!





Celebrating Respect

Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP)

In Year 10, we have 18 MVPs taking part in the Community Youth Ambassador Programme, which is designed to mobilise people aged 12-17 that are inspired to create positive social change. The programme aims to establish a safe, supportive and creating network of Peer Support Ambassadors across the West Midlands. Our MVPs are working to connect and build relationships with peers and create positive movement. They are achieving this by completing specialist training, delivering presentations and helping to inspire and develop the next generation of community leaders. In the process, they are providing reassurances to young people and ensure a local support network exists within the community.

Year 8 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

- Saifullah Khalifa
- Mariusz Musziol
- Sanjana Chopra
- Laken Campbell
- Gurdarshan Dhillon
- Jordan Smith
- Sandra Omorehiomwan
- Simran Tura
- Kishan Kanda
- Sohaila Razahi
- Kai Steadman
- Banta Singh Kaur
- Ekamjot Kaur
- Namanpreet Singh
- Sumeet Subedi
- Dhaanya Chopra

Year 9 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

- Lilly Mole-Watt
- Felix Addae
- Natalia Pavalo
- Manrose Kaur
- Jajvir Singh
- Adam Jina
- Naythan Leel
- Cameron Morgan
- Antonio Remescu
- Atisha Singh
- Mateya-Yoanna Georgieva
- Madison Sadler
- Ranveer Nijjar
- Tai Bowen
- Aisha Jardine
- Sara Kumar





Celebrating Diversity

LGBTQ+ Club (Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and others)

On 4th May, our LGBTQ+ club organised a movie afternoon featuring **Heartstopper**, a British teen drama-romantic uplifting LGBTQ+ drama about teen friendship and young romance. The series was a success and we are already looking forward to the next one!



Our website is now multilingual

We are delighted to have added a multilingual tool on our website. Visitors can now browse our website in other languages including Czech, Bengali, Polish, French and more. This is part of our continued School of Sanctuary journey.



Commonwealth Games School Baton drops by Colton Hills!



On 26th May a selected group of students were chosen to be Colton Hills Torch Bearers as the wooden torch made its way in a school relay around the city of Wolverhampton.

The relay is part of the Commonwealth Games this coming summer in the West Midlands. The torch was delivered from St Barts Primary School before Ms Buckle and Mr Jones ran it with the students to the next destination, The Royal School, Wolverhampton. Well done **#TeamColton!**



High Performance Learning

Debate Day May 13th

With a debate taking place in every single lesson across the day, for all year groups, Debate Day was always going to be a day packed with strong opinions and passionate arguments. Teachers were only able to identify one 'Debate Champion' per lesson and so the competition for the award was fierce. Some students were declared Debate Champions for the range of academic vocabulary that they used, some for the best argument and some for the most effective use of High Performance Learning strategies strategy planning and intellectual confidence.



One teacher commented 'it was lovely to hear students leaving the lessons and still debating and talking about their opinions down the corridor to their next lesson.' Debate Day was such a success that our next one is already scheduled for later this summer.

HPL Student Drive Team

The best schools across the world ensure that students play an active part in improving the learning. Since September we have been introducing more and more High Performance Learning ideas to help us on our journey to becoming a world-class school. School leaders and teachers have been sharing some new ideas, but now we have a small group of passionate and enthusiastic students to help us spread these powerful messages to all parts of the school including to parents and carers. The new HPL Student Drive Team will be visiting other schools that have been using High Performance Learning for several years and then reporting back to staff, students and parents with their findings. With such a high level of enthusiasm in this small group, they can't wait to start making a difference and improving learning for all students across the school.



Colton Hills HPL Student Ambassadors

Colton Hills in the Community

Sharing our work at the Wolverhampton ECT Conference



On 27th May, Mrs Daniels attended the Wolverhampton ECT conference as a guest speaker at the Grand Station Hotel to highlight the literacy work we are completing with students in performing arts, specifically academic oracy. During the conference session Mrs Daniels explained how we are using voice notes, speed dating and oral essays for students to rehearse and scaffold their essays before moving to written drafts and the success we have had with students improved detail and analytical skills.

"It was a truly enjoyable experience and I am delighted to say I have been asked to return as a speaker on further topics."

Year 8 & 9 Girls Basketball Team Wolverhampton School Champions!

Our Year 8 and Year 9 girls basketball team took a trip to Worcester University Arena on 24th May, where they played a number of schools around the West Midlands. The girls played in a league where our Year 8s won 3, drew 2 and lost 1 which unfortunately did not get them into the finals but it was a brilliant effort from them all.

Our Year 9s won 4, drew 1 and lost 1 which meant that we were top of our league and through to the finals. The Year 9 team played against St Peter's, AGAIN! The game was neck to neck throughout and it was 4-4 on the scoreboard with only 30 seconds to go. Mateya scored a fantastic lay-up which won us the final. Mateya also got a special prize for being nominated one of the players of the tournament by the referees. Colton Hills Year 8/9 Girls basketball team are the Wolverhampton school champions, West Midland champions and runners up in the district finals this academic year. It really has been a tremendous year for our PE department and Colton Hills students who have taken part in any form of extra-curricular this year. Do join us in congratulating them on their success! Well done team!



Dates for your diary

Summer Term 2022

Summer Term

Half Term Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

Summer Term

Monday 6th June - Friday 22nd July

Inset Day Friday 24th June

Last Day of Term

Friday 22nd July

Summer Holiday Monday 25th July - Friday 2nd September 2022

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