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Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to you with an update of some of the work undertaken as part of our 'Journey to World Class', and to share some resources that you can access to better support your child to maximise their performance and achievement during their time at Colton Hills.

We wrote to you last year to inform you that Colton Hills has begun a long-term partnership with High Performance Learning, an international organisation committed to spreading the practice of world class schools. This is an exciting journey for Colton Hills as we seek to raise attainment and provide world class learning in our local community.

One area that we have been working on is better communicating with our parents and being clearer about how you can support your child. For parents and carers in Years 7-10, you will have received our 'Maximum Learning Parental Guide' before Christmas, designed to offer helpful advice in how young people learn best and how you can support them.

I also write to you to share information about how you can see what your child is learning at Colton Hills. As part of our rebranding of the school website, we have significantly improved the 'Our Curriculum' area, so that you can now see entire school curriculum in one place. Please visit <https://www.coltonhills.co.uk/our-curriculum>, where you can see the 'Curriculum Map', or visit 'Curriculum Subjects' to see what is being taught in all year groups in our school.

By sharing our curriculum resources with you, we hope that you be able to have a greater understanding about what is being learned in school and how you can support this learning. We know, though, that this is not always easy to understand for people who do not work in education, so if this raises any questions or concerns at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Finally, in order to help us to continue our journey towards the High Performing School Award, we would also like to ask you for your views. High Performance Learning have put together a Parental Perceptions survey, which will take about 5 minutes to complete. It allows us to see how our parents perceive our school at this point early in our HPL journey, and what we can do to continue to improve. We will be comparing these findings with some gathered in two years' time to see how we have moved forward as a school. The survey is here: <https://forms.office.com/r/piwCa9fytD>

I would like to thank you on behalf of the school for your continued support, and please do get in touch if I can support you further.

Kind regards,

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