



10th March 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Year 6 Children,

Congratulations on receiving your confirmed place at secondary school, and welcome to Colton Hills!

Colton Hills Community School is delighted that you will be beginning your studies with us in September 2022, and work is already underway to make sure you make a smooth start to the next stage in the exciting journey of your education.

We know that we are writing to parents who will have been applying to various schools for next September, but whatever your plans we are delighted to welcome you to the Colton Hills family and want to take this opportunity to tell you a little more about our school.

Colton Hills is a diverse, welcoming and successful secondary school of around 1000 students, located in lovely, spacious grounds in a safe area on the south side of Wolverhampton city centre. We have been rated as 'Good' in our previous two OFSTED inspections, and have a track record of success where our students have made better than national average progress in the last three sets of exam results. Whatever your route to us, we can assure you that you are in safe hands.

We are also a growing school. We have 210 students joining us in Year 7 in September, and for the second time in the past four years the Local Authority have asked us to take larger year groups because they know that we can provide a quality education for all students who join us. We will now have well over 1000 students with us, and we are proud to say that – as a community school, and an OXFAM-awarded School of Sanctuary – whoever you are, you can thrive with us.

We are also on an exciting journey, and you could not be joining us at a better time. Last September, we began an exciting partnership with High Performance Learning, meaning that we are working towards World Class status, using the best research to make sure that we remove all barriers to high achievement. We are determined that our students will learn well, behave well and achieve highly, so that they can go onto meaningful careers and fulfilling lives.

Everything that we do is based around our **PRIDE** values: **Participation, Respect, Integrity, Diversity** and **Excellence**. We believe that these are the key ingredients to a well-rounded and exciting education. You will see these values in the work that we do, the rewards that we offer and in the reports that we send home to you.

One of the key missions of our school is to make sure that everyone has full access to education and that there is equity for all students when they join us. Our school is working towards being completely poverty-proofed, so that students always come fully-equipped, well-dressed and ready to learn. We offer a free breakfast every morning in our dining room, a chance to study in school after the school day and excellent support to students with additional educational needs. If there is anything that would worry you about moving to secondary school, please get in touch and we will solve this for you.





Colton Hills Community School

Many Minds, One Mission

Headteacher – Mrs A Stephens

Mrs Jackson – one of our Associate Assistant Headteachers – has a role to ensure that the transition to Colton Hills Community School is as smooth as possible. We appreciate that transitioning to secondary schools can be an anxious time for both students and parents. If you have any questions over the coming months, please do not hesitate to contact her via our reception on **01902 558420** or email her at rjackson@coltonhills.co.uk.

We would also be keen to offer a tour of the school if you have not yet had a chance. You would be able to see all of our fantastic facilities and our dedicated Year 7 space, where students are supported to make the transition to secondary school in a calm, quiet and nurturing area of the school.

Finally, there is lots to look forward to before September even arrives. In July, we will be having some transition days where students will be able to come to Colton Hills to experience days in school. This will be followed by a parental event, to answer any questions and provide the opportunity to purchase uniform. In August, we will be offering our summer school provision, a mix of academic and enrichment activities which will help our students to build confidence and get excited about coming to secondary school for real. Over 100 students from our current Year 7 attended last summer, and our aim this year is that all of the next Year 7 join us. We will write to you with further details soon.

We wish you all the best for the remainder of Year 6, and for an enjoyable spring and summer ahead.

We look forward to meeting you soon and starting the next stage of your learning journey together.

Yours sincerely

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