



JHU/SHI

Thursday 25th June 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Re: Staffing update

I can now share staffing updates for September 2026. It is always sad to say goodbye to staff, and we will miss them all. Each member of staff has contributed significantly to their part of Colton Hills community in their own unique way. We host our annual staff farewell meeting at the end of term and will pass on your thanks to them in addition to our thanks as a school.

Staff leavers

Miss Qurban was with us for a short period of time as our pastoral administrator. We wish her well as she spends time with her family.

Miss Brown has been with us this year completing her first year of teaching Geography and we wish her well as she relocates to another part of England.

Miss Malek has successfully completed her two years early career teacher programme with us teaching social sciences. We wish her well as she uses her teaching skills in a different setting.

In Science we say goodbye to Mrs Shaikh and Mr Fenney. Both colleagues have brought their extensive scientific knowledge into our curriculum and lessons. We wish them well as they take their expertise to different settings.

Mr Begley has spent the last two years working across the curriculum helping us to raise outcomes and enhancing academic offering across all key stages. We would like to wish him well in his new setting with a much shorter commute.

Miss Heeley has been at Colton Hills for over a decade being part of the CCF, leading the MFL team and organising numerous German exchange trips. We wish her well in her new setting.

New Staff

I am delighted to announce our new staff and welcoming back some former colleagues too. We have continued to expand our pastoral team to support our rising year group numbers.

Ms Dodd	Student receptionist
Mr Oxenham	Assistant Headteacher
Mr Ponsford	Deputy Headteacher Academic
Mr Buick	Maths teacher
Mr Burrowes	Head of year
Miss M Cooper	Head of year
Miss Jacob	Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages
Miss Bhasin	Faculty Leader Sciences
Mrs Ogan	Respect Room Supervisor
Mrs Gill	Whole school administrator / receptionist



Mr Bhopal	Social Sciences Teacher
Mr Ahmed	Science teacher
Mr Philpott	Assistant Year Leader
Mrs Dhanda	Assistant Year Leader

I am now able to confirm the Pastoral Year Team structure for 2026/27 as follows:

Head of Key stage 3

Year 7 Head of Year
Assistant Heads of Year

Mr Esty

Mr Booton
Mrs Singh and Mrs Stanton

Year 8 Head of Year
Assistant Heads of Year

Mrs Ireland
Mrs Sehmbly and Ms Bate

Year 9 Head of Year
Assistant Heads of Year

Mr Burrowes
Mrs Ireland-Wright and Mr Philpott

Head of Key stage 4

Year 10 Head of Year
Assistant Heads of Year

Mr Tay

Mr Matthews
Miss Williams and Mrs Dhanda

Year 11 Head of Year
Assistant Head of Year

Ms Cooper
Mrs Richards and Mr Evans

We will send out a further letter before the end of term with information about the first day back but wanted to let parents know that we are fully staff for September 2026.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Hunter
Headteacher