



DFE/SHI

Thursday 18th June 2026

Dear Parents

Raising Expectations in Sciences

To support your children's responsibilities in meeting the high expectations of the Sciences Faculty, we have outlined our *All Student Expectations* in the "Be a HERO" document accompanying this letter. You will notice that our focus is on increasing the expectations on all students to help them be successful in Science subjects. Most of the expectations are common across Colton Hills Community School faculties, and indeed across most schools in the country, but there are some specific changes to draw your attention to:

Homework – All students will be set homework on a fortnightly basis, which must be completed within two weeks of being set.

Equipment - All students will be expected to carry a 30cm ruler with them to all lessons in Science, as this supports their ability to both present their work to a high standard and draw high quality line graphs and charts which are required as part of our courses. This is in addition to the regular "school" equipment of pens, pencils and so on.

Exercise Books - The vast majority of students will be responsible for their own exercise books – this means they will bring their books to lesson and bring them home at the end of the day. As a result, if a child attends lesson without their exercise book for the first time, they will be provided with lined paper to complete the lesson. However, on the second consecutive lesson without their book, they will be provided a replacement and charged the cost. Families are welcome to provide their child with an alternative exercise book, meeting the same specification of A4, faint ruled with margin. Charges will be made directly to ParentPay accounts. As of 3rd June 2026, this would be a 50p charge per replacement exercise book. This charge will not impact the ability for students on Free School Meals to purchase food up to their daily allowance, and students are welcome to replace their exercise book themselves through alternative suppliers.

Whilst there is no expectations that students will cover their exercise books for added protection, they are welcome to do so – giving them the opportunity to personalise their book and express themselves. Of course, students who use their book throughout, filling the pages with work, will be provided with a new book free of charge.



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Lost Learning - Students who miss lessons, or part lessons, for any reason, own the responsibility of catching up with the missing work. To do this, students will be expected to borrow a book from a classmate and copy up the missing work within 1 school week to avoid falling further behind. Completion of consolidation homework, as stated above, is then required to demonstrate skills, knowledge and understanding have been acquired.

We anticipate and thank you in advance for your support in this heightening of our expectations, aimed at supporting our students developing into positive members of society. If you have any concerns, please contact me directly via dfenney@coltonhills.co.uk

Kindest regards

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