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Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear parents and carers,

### **School expansion updates**

Thank you to all parents who participated in the consultation for permanent expansion of our pupil admission numbers. As you will be aware there are further steps to be taken by the local authority prior to a final decision to be taken in June / July and part of that includes traffic systems to be reviewed. We will update you on any information from the traffic team.

Staff have had sight of proposed building work to take place between Easter and September 2026. This work focuses on improving PE and Dance changing facilities alongside enhancing sporting areas. This work will enable us to also create additional sixth form teaching spaces in our sixth form centre. Once building work has been agreed we will share a full update.

Mrs Singh joined us as an assistant year lead at the start of Spring 1 as an assistant year lead and will be joined by Mr Evans in Summer 1 as we continue to grow our pastoral team. We are currently recruiting for a further assistant year leader to start in September and ensure that we have two assistant year leaders for each year group from Year 7 – 11.

We are delighted to announce that Mr Esty will be our new Head of Key Stage 3 and Mr Tay will be our new Head of Key Stage 4 from September. We will confirm Heads of Year for each year group at the end of this academic year. We have appointed Mr Burrowes and Miss Cooper to the roles of Heads of Year starting in September, both have held pastoral roles before and are a welcome addition to our team.

In January Mr Fenney became Faculty Leader: Sciences with a whole school responsibility for STEAM activities and we are looking forward to sharing exciting plans for in school events before the end of this academic year. Mr Grant became Faculty Lead: Maths and Business with a whole school responsibility for numeracy and is working alongside Mrs Jackson and I as we work with the Department for Education RISE West Midlands Behaviour and Attendance programme. Mrs Cooper became Faculty Leader: Communications with a whole school responsibility for literacy and oracy. World Book Day proves to be an even bigger event this year and will be covered in our school bulletin. All three roles were introduced as part of our newly formed extended leadership team to cater for our growing school. We have also appointed Ms Tolliday as Acting Faculty Leader: PE and Performing Arts with whole school responsibility for belonging events. This team meet with the senior leadership team once a term to support our school improvements.



## **Staff farewell**

Mrs Satterthwaite-Wilkes joined us this academic year as an assistant year lead and left us at the end of Spring 1. We wanted to say a quick thank you for the support she provided Year 11 students. We wish her well as she returns to being an English Tutor at College level.

## **Parent voice**

You may be aware from government updates that inclusion is a golden thread when schools are inspected under the new OFSTED framework. At Colton Hills Community School we aren't waiting for our next inspection to take steps to enhance our inclusive school offer. This academic year all staff have received trauma informed and relational behaviour approach training, The Hills has seen its first student graduation event with our first cohort having completed a full programme of study and we have been planning with the local authority for the next stage.

You will receive another consultation letter imminently from the local authority regarding a future SEND base, which would need to be built, and then additional staffing arranged to support a group of 10 – 12 students with Educational Health Care Plans. This has been covered in the press and there will be a chance to come into school to speak to the local authority about this next stage in our school development. A base is where students would spend half of their day working with specialist staff for their specific needs and then access mainstream lessons for the other half of their day. All schools in England will be required to consider their inclusive offer, and we are delighted to have been working in partnership with the local authority to support Wolverhampton students within the next couple of years.

Year 11 and Year 13 have reached a critical time in their school career with only 21 school days until the Easter holidays and the exam window opening almost immediately upon our return in April. We have been pleased to see their hard-working mindset in this final set of mocks and look forward to celebrating the end of term in our Culture Day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Yours sincerely

Ms Hunter  
Headteacher