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19th June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 10

Y10 Sixth Form Taster Day - Wednesday 9th July 2025

We are pleased to inform you that all Y10 students will be taking part in a dedicated **Sixth Form Taster Day on Wednesday 9th July 2025**, held here at Colton Hills Community School.

This important day is designed to give students an insight into life in our Sixth Form. They will have the opportunity to sample a range of A-Level and BTEC subjects, meet Sixth Form staff, and gain a better understanding of the expectations and opportunities available at Post 16.

The experience will help students make more informed decisions about their future education and career pathways. We believe it is never too early to start thinking about life after Year 11 and this event plays a key role in raising aspirations and helping students begin to consider the right options for them.

The day

Throughout the day, all students will have the opportunity to experience 5 different Sixth Form lessons. They will remain in their tutor groups and follow a rota that allows them to visit a range of subject areas. Each student will receive a balanced combination of A Level and BTEC sessions, ensuring they gain a well-rounded understanding of the curriculum options available to them. This will support them in making informed decisions about the courses that best suit their interests and future aspirations.

Students should arrive at normal school time and be ready for P1 at 8:30am. The day will run as normal from P1-5. Students will then go to Tutor for some reflection time before leaving at 3pm.

What can I wear on Sixth Form Taster Day?

At Colton Hills Sixth Form, you are permitted to wear your own clothes instead of the school uniform. However, there is a dress code that requires you to dress professionally and avoid any attire that could be considered offensive or inappropriate. Sportswear is only allowed for PE. As Sixth Form students, you are the role models for younger students and visitors should view you as the best that Colton Hills has to offer.

Colton Hills Sixth Form dress code (Smart modern business wear)

- ✓ Blouse/ shirt/ smart top/ jumper/ polo shirt/ cardigan
- ✓ Blazer/ Jacket
- ✓ Tie
- ✓ Smart trousers/ chinos



- ✓ Smart shoes (leather if studying Science)
- ✓ Skirt/ smart tailored shorts/ dress (all at professional length)
- ✓ Natural hair colour/ style
- ✓ Discrete piercings and makeup in line with whole school policy

The following are **not** allowed as part of our Sixth Form dress code:

- Sportswear - including hoodies, sports T shirts, trainers
- Hats, caps, durags, non-religious headwear
- Leggings
- Jeans
- Cropped, strappy or low cut tops
- Overt branding/ inappropriate slogans
- Piercings which would be deemed unsuitable for a professional setting (belly, spacers)
- Open toed sandals/ flip flops/ crocs
- Tattoos (illegal under 18; over 18 tattoos must not be visible)

To clarify, all Y10 students will be expected to arrive at school in appropriate Smart modern business wear attire on the Taster Day.

The lesson schedule will be shared with Y10 Tutors the week before so all students are aware of what lessons they will have and which rooms they will be in.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming your child and showcasing the many opportunities our exceptional Sixth Form has to offer.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Bentley
Director of Sixth Form
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