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Dear parents and carers,

Staffing update

Staff have moved on since I last wrote in the summer term. We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Blackstock who taught Religious Studies and we wish her well. Mr Lilley has also left this term after many years leading the Design and Technology department and many students will miss his creative support in the workshop. Mrs Darrell is moving sectors and we are sure her new team will benefit from her administrative skills.

We welcome Mr. Haq who joins us this week as Teacher of Science, Miss, Cox joins us as Art / DT Technician, and we welcome back Miss Jones to the Performing Arts team.

Later this term we will be welcoming Mrs. Field as Attendance Manager, Mrs Grumble returns to the attendance team, and Mrs Nichols returns to the pastoral administration team.

Attendance update

Thank you to all parents and carers who carefully plan holidays around our published school holidays. We will be providing the 2027/28 dates imminently. As a school we have a rising amount of term time requests for considerable time away from school during the school term, which we regularly have to unauthorise. The amount of unauthorised absence is higher than other local schools and we politely request that all families consider the impact of holidays on keeping up in the classroom as it is harder to understand work when children have missed teaching content.

Results update

We shared some of our results from the 2025/26 exams earlier this year, but we thought further updates showcased the school improvement journey we have been on.

Students achieving Grade 5 or above in GCSE English and Maths rose by over 10% since 2024

Students achieving Grade 4 or above in GCSE English and Maths has risen by 9% since 2024

This underpins considerable hard work by students and staff to see such improvements.

Site improvements

This week we shall have access to the new Dance changing rooms with the new PE changing rooms being used later this term. The new fitness suite will be in action once we have agreed the equipment to be used and we look forward to the school sports hall being extended before September 2027. We have agreed the plans for 3 purpose-built art classrooms, a

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new performing arts classroom and 5 new classrooms, which are due to be completed by September 2027 also. The new astro turf has had planning permission approved and it is likely to be a spring 2027 build once the tender process has been completed, we will update you further.

Attune project and RISE team partnership

Since September 2025 we have been working with Wolverhampton local authority's two year attune project. We held staff training on trauma informed practice and have reviewed our behaviour policy to be more relational inline with the government's white paper on upcoming educational changes. If your child has noticed any difference as we strive to support student belonging through this inclusive practice, please do let us know in the survey above.

We would like to thank all parents and carers in the continued support they give students and staff at Colton Hills Community School. Autumn Term 2 is always busy with mock exams for Years 11 and 13 as well as first reports for all year groups before the end of 2026. We look forward to seeing students engaging in our whole school Remembrance Day event, anti-bullying events and some House festivities too.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Hunter
Headteacher