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5th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Staffing update

This term, we say goodbye to Mr Chambers, Ms Richards, Ms Simpson and Mrs Machin and whilst we thank them for their years of service at Colton Hills Community School, we would like to wish them all well in their new ventures.

We have been busy recruiting some new/additional staffing and are pleased to welcome Mr Davgun in the new year as a cover supervisor with Dr James teaching Science in addition to supporting cover lessons too.

The Science department also welcome Miss Fatima as a teacher of Science in January with Mrs Wihlborg having joined us at the start of Autumn term 2 as our new Curriculum Leader for Business Studies. Mrs Chamberlain-Brown is joining us as a teacher of English adding additional capacity to our English department.

Mrs Haines joins us as an administrator. Mr Chima will work alongside Mrs Bassi in our safeguarding team as our new Early Help Officer. We have also welcomed a new site caretaker Mr Webb. We look forward to meeting our new colleagues in the new year.

Uniform update

In September 2025 we will have our new uniform arrangements in place for skirts, trousers, and PE kit. In the meantime, we are now entering a period of transition. If you are purchasing new school trousers then plain grey tailored straight leg trousers may now be purchased (jersey material, jeggings material, skintight material, denim material and flares are not suitable) and a grey stitch down permanent box pleated knee length skirt may be purchased (skater style, above the knee, stretchy non pleated skirts or skirts that have non-permanent pleats are not suitable). Please see images below to ensure that your purchases meet school requirements). Our school uniform suppliers will be selling school agreed trousers and skirts; however, you may purchase these items from any supplier. In September 2025 this will be the expectation for all students.





Our PE top will be transitioning also to a black top with the Colton Hills Community School logo from September 2025, however if the school uniform providers run out of current house colour stock, then they will start to sell the new top. All students are expected to be in the new top in September 2025. All PE leggings, tracksuit bottoms and shorts need to be sports wicking, black in colour. Non-logoed items may be worn for PE / Dance from January if new kit is being purchased (cotton and fashion leggings / shorts and cycling shorts are not permitted for PE/Dance). Fashion PE kit and kit with large obvious branding may not be worn. Our school uniform suppliers will sell shorts, leggings, tracksuit bottoms and mid layers that are school approved; however, you may purchase these items from any supplier (please see images below to ensure that your purchases meet school requirements).



Term dates for 2025/26

Unfortunately, we continue to see families requesting time for term time holidays and we are not able to authorise this. To support families, we are sharing the term dates for next year and the year after to help with forward planning of holidays.

These Term Dates are published by City of Wolverhampton Council following consultation. They are currently reviewing the 2026/27 dates so please do not use the ones that are on their website yet. We will add the 2026/27 dates to a future letter once they have been reapproved.

2025 – 2026

Autumn Term 2025

- Term Time: Tuesday 2 September 2025 to Friday 24 October 2025
- **Half term:** Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025
- Term Time: Monday 3 November 2025 to Friday 19 December 2025



Spring Term 2026

- Term Time: Monday 5 January 2026 to Friday 13 February 2026
- **Half term:** Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026
- Term Time: Monday 23 February 2026 to Thursday 2 April 2026

Summer Term 2026

- Term Time: Monday 20 April 2026 to Friday 22 May 2026
- **Half term:** Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026
- Term Time: Monday 1 June 2026 to Friday 17 July 2026

INSET days:

Monday 1st September 2025
Friday 26th September 2025
Monday 24th November 2025
Monday 20th July 2026
Tuesday 21st July 2026

Adult behaviours

Thank you to parents and carers who continue to support us in educating your children in their subjects and how to behave in society. There have been a few incidents this term where caring adults have been abusive or threatening towards staff in front of children. I would like to remind parents and carers that even when we are frustrated, we need to model the behaviours that are expected on school grounds. I have enclosed our code of conduct as a reminder so that we can all work together to support your child and to build upon our ethos of a respectful school community. Thank you for your support in this moving forwards.

End of term arrangements

The end of Autumn Term is always busy with Rewards Day and our Winter Showcase in the last two days of term. School will be closing early at **12:30 pm on Friday 20th December 2024**. Staff return for an in-service training day on reading across the curriculum on Monday 6th January with students returning to school on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**.

We wish you a peaceful and relaxing holiday and look forward to working with you all in 2025.

Yours sincerely,

Ms J Hunter
Headteacher