



COLTON HILLS
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

**Many Minds,
One Mission.**





**“Students experience an inclusive,
welcoming and aspirational environment.”**

OFSTED, 2023

Welcome to Colton Hills

At Colton Hills, we believe that every child is entitled to the highest quality learning experiences, irrespective of their starting point. There are no barriers to high achievement and no excuses for not succeeding. We have the highest expectations.

Our mission is to provide the best educational provision for all our students, regardless of their gender, race, religion or background. All students will leave Colton Hills highly numerate and literate, with meaningful qualifications that prove this. They will also leave equipped with both the skills and self-belief to engage with the wider world so that they change it for the better.

OUR PURPOSE

We exist to serve our community by challenging educational and social disadvantage so that everyone thrives.

WHAT DO WE DO?

We maximise attainment by exposing every child to knowledge and culturally rich experiences in every lesson, every day.

Why choose Colton Hills?

- Rated “Good” during our last Ofsted inspection in 2023.
- Students succeed at Colton Hills. Our curriculum, pastoral care and our expectations are all shaped to help students flourish and develop on an academic and personal level.
- We strive for students to be the best versions of themselves and to progress to the best institutions and employers such as to Cambridge University, University of Wolverhampton and Diploma Apprenticeships.
- Fantastic on-site resources including a swimming pool, gym, all-weather football pitch, spectacular school grounds, a range of sporting facilities and a theatre.
- Dedicated, award winning staff, committed to your child’s success.

“School community takes opportunities to celebrate its diversity often.”

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We maximise learning by:

- Setting high expectations in every classroom, everyday.
- Ensuring all teaching staff are highly skilled and qualified.
- Setting challenging work but scaffolding learning so that it is accessible to all learners.
- Developing students understanding of how we learn and the behaviours for learning so that they can work harder, remember more and successfully complete independent tasks.
- Ensuring the learning environment is calm and well ordered so that it is conducive to learning.



We are a school with PRIDE



PARTICIPATION

We have a spirit of support, teamwork and sharing, but we are disciplined and follow through on our commitments. We advance the mission of Colton Hill by getting things done, to the highest level, everyday.



RESPECT

We recognise the dignity and worth of every individual and the contribution that they make. We demonstrate professional behaviours, showing kindness and compassion.



INTEGRITY

We are mindful of our actions both in school and within our community. Our openness and transparency instils confidence in others. We take pride in our school and we are loyal to the values.



DIVERSITY

We value social and cultural diversity - we are officially a school of ‘sanctuary’. We strive to enrich our community by tackling inequality, promoting fairness and challenging prejudice.



EXCELLENCE

We raise standards through taking personal responsibility for our achievements and seeking continuous improvement.



High Performing School

High Performance Learning

Since June 2023, Colton Hills has been successfully accredited in becoming a High Performance Learning (HPL) School.

This means that the school is working with HPL, a prestigious international organisation that works to make all schools world-class, to continue to improve our school even further. It also means that you couldn't be joining us at a more exciting time.

Our staff has been receiving cutting edge training, based on the very latest research, and what the findings show that the very best schools do. Our students will get the best opportunities, experiences and learning science in their lessons, to help them to maximise their attainment.

We are embarking on this journey because it is the right thing to do for them, and because we are absolutely committed to their success.



“Staff share a strong focus on removing any barriers that pupils may have.”

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Year 7 Transition

Transitioning into Year 7 marks a significant milestone in every student's academic journey.

It's a time filled with anticipation and excitement, but it can also evoke feelings of apprehension and uncertainty. Visits to primary schools take place to support your child moving up to secondary school. They will also have the chance to have a taste of secondary school life prior to September, spending a few days with us in the summer term.

The transition to secondary school isn't just about academic adjustments; it also involves significant social and emotional changes. We also have a selected group of student mentors who will support our new Year 7 pupils and help them settle into school.

Upon entering Colton Hills, each student becomes a member of a House: Curie, Tull, Turing and Kahlo. To motivate students, rewards are given for a range of positive behaviours, such as good attendance, resilience and exceeding academic targets. Throughout the year, a number of inter-house competitions take place for all students to take part, creating a house spirit and healthy competition between students, tutors and houses.

We also hold a number of evenings across the year for parents and carers to come and discuss how the students are getting on. Of course throughout the year, contact can be made at any time with your child's teacher or Year Group Leader.

Our Curriculum

We offer a diverse and balanced curriculum for the 7 years that the students are with Colton Hills. We aim to inspire and create a high quality learning experience for our students, ensuring they receive both academic and personal growth.

The subjects that Year 7 students study include: English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Religious Studies, Technology (a rotation of Catering, Textiles, Resistant Materials), Expressive Arts (separate lessons of Art, Drama and Music), Physical Education, ICT and a modern foreign language (German).

Students have the opportunity to try as many subjects as possible before making their GCSE subject choices. At Colton Hills, they have the option to opt for both traditional GCSE routes alongside BTEC options, which allows adaptability in this ever-changing world.

At Key Stage 3, our curriculum has a strong emphasis on the basics, ensuring students meet their expected progress in English and Mathematics in order for them to be ready for GCSE and beyond. These are regularly reviewed to ensure students are in the appropriate teaching groups.

At Key Stage 4, students specialise in their option subjects ready for their GCSE examinations at the end of Year 11. We are fortunate to have a Sixth Form, where we offer an extensive range of A Level, Applied and enrichment courses for those who wish to stay on with us until the end of Year 13. Our Sixth Form students also work with our younger students and support them as part of our Reading Ambassador programme.

Curriculum subjects are organised within these areas: Core Subjects, Humanities, The Arts, Languages, technical and Vocational, as well as Health and Sports.

For information on our curriculum, please visit our school website for details.

“Pupils know that teachers teach them well and want the best for them. Positive relationships between staff and pupils.”

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VISITS

- Annual student exchange trip to Germany
- Annual school residential trips to Gelliwig Residential Centre, Wales
- Theatre visits, including the Grand Theatre Wolverhampton and London theatres
- Visits to Universities (Oxford, Wolverhampton, Warwick, Birmingham, etc.)
- Art Galleries in Wolverhampton, Walsall and West Midlands RAF Museum
- Career Fairs at NEC, Birmingham
- Cadbury World
- National Heritage sites

ENRICHMENT CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- Digital Art Club
- STEM Club
- Table Tennis Club
- Swimming Club
- Basketball Club
- Drama Club (including whole school productions)

REWARD ACTIVITIES

- Roller-skating
- Inflatables
- Silent Disco
- Movie Afternoon
- England Women's Football at Wembley Stadium

“Pupils say there are many opportunities to take part in extra-curricular activities, including numerous councils and student unions.”

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Enrichment at Colton Hills

At Colton Hills, we believe in developing the whole child, as well as having high academic standards in lessons.

We provide a wealth of extra-curricular activities before, during and after the school day for students to engage in.

We have an incredibly successful Combined Cadet Force, superb opportunities in sport, the arts and STEM and an outstanding careers offer that rivals anything in the City.

Our students have also competed at local, regional and national level in competitions ranging from table tennis to boxing, taekwondo to dance and music. Whatever their interest, we aim to help your child flourish and hone their skills in their areas of interest.

Inclusion and Special Educational Needs

At Colton Hills, we ensure that every student has access to the curriculum. Care is taken to personalise the learning for students who require a higher level of support.

Teaching assistants support both within the classroom, especially within core subject areas, and provide small group support when required, across Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 phases. We recognise and cater for a wide range of students' individual needs in terms of learning, behaviour, social and emotional difficulties, and physical and sensory impairments.



Pastoral Care

As a parent considering our school, we know that you will want your child to be safe, happy and cared-for when they are with us for the day.

We take student behaviour and welfare very seriously and have an experienced and effective team available to support your child. Your child will have a Year Team consisting of at least two members of staff, one of whom is non-teaching, to be able to support any issues in school.

We also have a large Safeguarding Team and a dedicated SEND team to support students with wider needs.

“Pupils behave well at social times and are polite and respectful towards each other and to staff.”

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“A successful careers education programme. Pupils including those in Sixth Form, have good quality, meaningful opportunities to learn about the world of work.”

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Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form aims to provide outstanding quality education, offering a holistic package that helps to nurture students for the future. We offer:

High quality learning across a wide range of academic and vocational subjects, developing a greater understanding of careers, life-skills and PSHE. We prepare our pupils through leadership and entrepreneurial programmes to develop confident, articulate, and well-rounded young members in the community.

Bespoke advice and guidance that will see you reaching your aspirational goals.

We have a number of recommended pathways leading to successful degrees and careers:

- Social Studies
- Medicine and Healthcare
- Sports Science
- Entrepreneurship



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**Serving the
community since 1974.**



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