



# Colton Hills Community School

## Many Minds, One Mission

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a pleasure to be able to share the recent Ofsted visit report with you. We took great pride in hearing His Majesty's Inspection team talk about our inclusive and aspirational environment in school. The team recognised that teachers teach well and as a community we are polite and respectful towards each other. They commented on teachers having high expectations of all pupils.

The inspection team have acknowledged our ambitious curriculum for all students and that subjects often exceed the requirements of the national curriculum. Our fantastic sixth form curriculum was noted for suiting needs and aspirations of all with sixth formers also recognised for the ways they are active in the life of school.

Our ethos of reading and oracy was seen to be a key part of the school's work, however there is a small number of early-stage readers who we need to support in our next phase of school development.

As you have seen in my last update letter, we have been spending time this academic year supporting staff with SEND training. Ofsted have noted that we have an approach to identifying SEND needs but that some individual education plans need to have more personalisation and detail. Our INSET day on 8<sup>th</sup> December has been focussed on reviewing plans to ensure that this improvement action was addressed as swiftly as possible.

If you have a child with an Individual Education Plan the SEND team will be liaising with you next term to ensure that you are kept up to date with our rapid response to this Ofsted feedback.

I am sure you will take pride in this report and how it reflects on the school experience your child has every day. We are not a complacent school and will now relentlessly continue to pursue excellence for our community. We look forward to welcoming you to future excellence evenings as we support your child together to achieve great results and to school events throughout the year to help continue with the school's improvements.

Yours sincerely,

Ms J Hunter  
Headteacher