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4th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the 9% of parents and carers who completed the school behaviour survey. It was great to be able to share so many of the positive comments with the school community. We used the survey to feedback at the forum on Thursday evening, where we also talked about simplifying the behaviour policy, discussed the possibility of becoming a phone free school and shared possible plans for pastoral provision as the school continues to grow larger.

Over the summer we will be having more building work completed with modern toilets in the canteen and by student reception. This is a much-needed investment in addition to 2 new science laboratories being built and several additional classrooms. We will share images on our social media channels in September so that you can see the continuous investment being made to provide great facilities for our school community.

Staffing update

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Bassi for her time at Colton Hills Community School as our Designated Safeguarding Lead. She has spoken to many families at critical points in their child's life and supported the school community in being an environment where we are able to support when safeguarding issues arise. Mrs Bassi has led staff training to make sure that we have been up to date with contextual issues and been a stalwart of our pastoral provision. We wish her well on her next venture.

I am delighted to reassure parents, carers, staff and students that we have appointed an excellent colleague as our new school Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mrs Richards left us in November and is well known to the school community in her previous safeguarding role. Mrs Richards will be returning at the start of Summer Term, and this will ensure that we will have a seamless transition in this critical role in school.

We also welcome Mrs Bate as an Assistant Year Leader for Year 11. Mrs Payne and Mrs Bate will be working together in Summer Term to ensure that Year 11 are well supported as they head into the exam season.

Mrs Grumble and Mr Scott have joined our Attendance Team and Mr Timmins has joined our site team.

I'd also like to introduce you to Mrs Hillman who has already begun working in the Science Department to ensure continuous technician support.



Uniform reminder

Students may now wear the new grey box pleat skirt as the plaid skirt will no longer be school uniform in September 2025. The new PE top is also available from our uniform suppliers as the current house PE top will also no longer be school uniform in September 2025. As the weather starts to become slightly warmer blazers are still a compulsory part of the school uniform with jumpers being optional, please could you remind your child to wear their blazer every day.

End of term arrangements

At the end of term, we have plenty of exciting events and we will be finishing school on Friday 11th April at 3pm. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 28th April for a short 4-week Summer Term 1. I hope you have a restful holiday and that the weather holds.

Yours sincerely,

Ms J Hunter
Headteacher

