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Many Minds, One Mission

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now a matter of school days away from the start of Year 11 and Year 13 exams. Easter holidays are nearly upon us and this letter is designed to provide you with a few updates.

Staffing

I am delighted to say that we have an incredibly talented staff body. We must congratulate the following colleagues on their success at gaining promotions and taking the next steps in their career journeys. We will miss them all.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mr Ireland at the end of term and wish him well in his new leadership role. The Combined Cadet Force will continue to have his support and we will share news about CCF Leadership later in the academic year. We would like to thank Mr Ireland for his continued efforts supporting students in Maths and opening their eyes to the CCF opportunities that are on offer.

We also say goodbye to Miss Willetts this term and give our congratulations on her promoted post. Miss Willetts' enthusiasm for her subject and participation in our Arts Mark team will be missed.

Miss Nutting has been successful in gaining promotion too and we would like to thank her for all the support she has provided as our pupil premium champion. Miss Nutting's enthusiasm for Maths will be missed.

There is currently a national shortage of teaching staff, and we are delighted to inform you that we have appointed 2 Maths subject leaders. Mrs Pawlowska will start in the Summer 1 Term and Miss Davgun will start in the Summer 2 Term. Recruiting additional experienced colleagues to our Maths team will support our numeracy improvements.

Mr Blower will also be leaving us at the end of this term and we wish him well in his promotion to headship. Colton Hills community would like to thank him for his tireless endeavours since 2019 as he stepped up to Acting Headship not just once but twice. Staff football on a Tuesday will now need to find a new star player but on a serious note his curriculum leadership will be missed. Good Luck Mr Blower.

Local Authority reviews

We have had 3 reviews already this year from the Local Authority that were requested in September, before we had our visit from Ofsted. The numeracy review took time to look at how students transfer skills across different subjects e.g. graph drawing in Maths, Geography and Science. We will be writing a school numeracy policy to action the small improvements suggested.

Our SEND Review was comprehensive looking at SEND interventions, strategic planning, and adaptive teaching across the curriculum. Mr Winward joined the Local Authority team prior to joining us this term and will be working with our SEND team, professional development lead, curriculum leaders and pastoral colleagues as we start to plan 2024/25 improvements to our current comprehensive offer.



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Thank you to those families who attended the Headteacher surgery this term when we shared our plans for “The Hills”, Thrive approach and Trauma Informed Practice. We will provide more information as each phase launches.

The local authority has also had an Ofsted SEND visit in the past few weeks and it was a delight to be selected as one of only three schools the lead inspector chose to talk to about SEND provision. Thank you to parents and carers who engaged in this process. We will share information from the local authority research visit once it has been published. We work closely with the SEND team of experts at the local authority and value the support they give students, families, and staff at Colton Hills.

Headteacher surgery

The next Headteacher’s surgery will be on 18th April at 5pm with Mr Winward and I to discuss our behaviour policy and systems. We really do value your engagement in these sessions and would like to thank the 600 responses we had to the uniform consultation.

We will provide an update on the uniform consultation after ideas have been presented to the Full Governing Board on 9th April and will share the 2024/25 Uniform policy once it has been ratified at that meeting.

Colton Hills Community School recruitment update

Year 6 students have now found out their secondary school placements. We are delighted to be welcoming another bumper year group of 210 students. We have had waiting lists in several year groups this year and we look forward to welcoming them on their transition days in the summer term.

Sixth form update

We will also be running taster sessions in the sixth form for Year 10s and a transition to sixth form experience for Year 11. We are delighted that numbers wishing to stay at Colton Hills continues to rise year on year. You may have noticed our new sixth form logo on the school website and around the school site we have started to improve sixth form signage. Exciting internal improvements are taking place for study spaces and a café space too. We will share the next phase with you via social media channels once they are completed and we will be hosting our sixth form open evening next autumn in the newly refurbished sixth form centre.

Please do follow our social media channels to join in the sixth form success as they start to receive university and apprenticeship offers. Some great course choices.

And finally every day at school matters so with 30 “normal” lesson days until GCSE / A level exams I must remind Year 11 and Year 13 to revise, as well as rest at Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Hunter
Headteacher