

# The Coleshill School

## WORK HARD

Try your best  
Overcome challenges  
Learn from mistakes  
Earn SPIRIT points

## BE KIND

Be polite  
Listen respectfully  
Always be kind  
Be a role model to others

## TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

Own your behaviour and actions  
Take pride in your work  
Be proud of our school  
Have good attendance and punctuality



*Some of our wonderful student leaders who have completed their AQA Leadership Award*

## Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the first half term of 2024 we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge some of the many successes that have taken place at The Coleshill School over the last five weeks whilst also providing you with key information, dates and a reminder of our expectations regarding uniform, equipment and attendance.

In our school community, our values underpin the actions and expectations of both our students and staff. We expect that all members of our community **Work Hard, Be Kind and Take Responsibility** in order to enable our positive learning community to flourish both collectively and as individuals.

These values are integral to our high standards and expectations and as such you will notice they are prominent at the top of this newsletter. We ask that parents and carers support us in having the same expectations of students both in and out of lessons. Your support is incredibly important in enabling our students and our community to be as successful as possible.

## WORK HARD: Student leader newsletter

As we head into the spring half term, we wanted to take a moment to update you on the recent activities and achievements that have taken place within our school community.

We are delighted to inform you that our student leaders have recently published their first newsletter which has been sent to all parents and carers this week. It is truly inspiring to see our young leaders take charge of their own publication.

The newsletter provides a platform for our students to voice their thoughts, share their experiences, and celebrate their achievements. We encourage you to take the time to read it and join us in celebrating the talent and dedication of our student body.



## Upcoming event - National Careers Week: 4th March to 8th March.

During this week, we have organised a range of events and invited speakers who will be coming into the school to talk about their careers and job roles. It is a fantastic opportunity for our students to gain insight into different professions and make informed decisions about their own futures.

To ensure that as many students as possible benefit from these talks, each student will have the opportunity to attend a maximum of two events throughout the week. We encourage all students to take advantage of this unique chance to explore various career options.

Furthermore, as part of National Careers Week, we will also be launching a new platform called Uni Frog. This platform is designed to support students in researching careers, as well as providing guidance on writing CVs and UCAS personal statements. It is an excellent resource that will aid our students in their career planning and development.

### Take Responsibility

Dates for the diary

- Thursday 22nd February: Year 9 Options Evening
- Wednesday 28th February: Sixth Form interviews for Year 11 students
- Thursday 7th March: Sixth Form Parents Evening and Year 11 practice interview day
- Thursday 21st March: Year 11 Parents Evening
- Thursday 25th April: Year 7 Parents Evening



### SPRIT

37,410 SPRIT points have been awarded to students this half term. Well done to you all for your positive contributions to lessons and our school community



### Enrichment

You can see our wide range of enrichment and extra curricular activities on the school website: <https://coleshill.warwickshire.sch.uk/the-coleshill-learner/enrichment-activities/>

The Coleshill School is committed to safeguarding and meeting the needs of our young people, our staff and our families. Through working in partnership, we will strive to create a safe and inclusive environment in which we can all learn and develop together.

#### Useful Contacts:

- **Childline:** 0800 11 11
- **NHS:** 111
- **Family Information Service:** 01926 412412
- **Samaritans:** 116123, [ww.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)
- **Victim Support:** 08 08 16 89 111
- **Kooth:** Online mental health services for young people and adults - <http://www.kooth.com>
- **Rape Crisis Line:** 08088 039999 (12:00 - 14:30 & 19:00 - 21:30)
- **Anxiety UK:** 03444 775 774
- **LGBT+ Helpline:** 07935 669611 (15:00 - 17:00 Tuesdays & Wednesdays 13:00 - 15:00pm Thursdays)
- **CRUSE:** Bereavement counselling: 0333 554 9157
- **Crimestoppers:** 0800 555 111
- **Domestic Abuse Helpline:** [www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk](http://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk)
- **Forced Marriage Unit:** 020 7008 0151
- **Positive Youth Foundation:** 02476 158550
- **Homelessness:** 0116 221 1857
- **Drinkaware:** 0300 123 1110
- **BEAT: Eating Disorders:** 0800 801 0811

## PSHE: Spring Term

This term all year groups are having lesson on health and wellbeing. All lessons are shared on Showbie and have links for extra information and support should parents wish to discuss topics further.

Topics covered this term include:

- Year 7: Puberty, growing up, consent and self esteem
- Year 8: Mental Health, body image, abuse, bullying
- Year 9: Healthy lifestyles and eating, dealing with grief and loss, bullying
- Year 10: Abuse, mental health, self harm, suicide and eating disorders
- Year 11: Teenage pregnancy, abortion
- Sixth Form: Finances and discrimination

## Take Care: Ice warning

We have had reports of school children in the local area playing on open water and canals covered in ice. This is incredibly dangerous and poses numerous risks to safety so we are asking all parents and carers to please speak to students about this and reaffirm the serious risk that this poses.

Although frozen water can look picturesque in the winter months, please do not be tempted to venture in to the water or on to ice.



### Parents guide to anxiety and stress

An extremely useful guide for parents can be found [Here](#)



### Mental Health: Every mind matters

The NHS has published guidance on supporting the mental health of children. You can find this excellent resource [Here](#)



Miss R Brindley  
Head Teacher



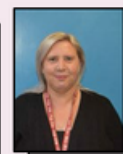
Mrs L Fellowes  
Lead DSL



Mr Bailey  
Head of Phase



Mr Jordan  
Mental Health  
Lead



Mrs South  
Strategic Lead  
for SEMH



Ms N Page  
Year 7 Leader



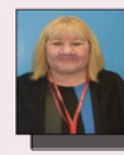
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Year 8 Leader



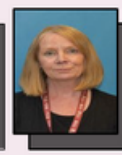
Mr Shaw  
Year 9 Leader



Mr A Chetwynd  
Year 10 Leader



Mrs M Oneill  
Year 11 Leader



Mrs Bishop  
6th Form



## TAKE RESPONSIBILITY: Attendance matters!

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers of how important good school attendance is. The attendance crisis in schools has been widely publicised in the media since the pandemic.

**The most important aspect of this is your child's attendance and your support in ensuring their attendance to school is good.**

For every day your child is absent they miss five hours of learning which is integral to the next lesson, and the one after that and so on. By missing lessons, your child will miss out on key learning that allows them to build on prior knowledge as lessons are taught in sequences. This could ultimately impact on their outcomes.

If your child is regularly absent then we ask that you take the necessary steps to address this. If you need support then please make contact with your child's form tutor in the first instance and we will work together to improve their attendance.

## TAKE RESPONSIBILITY: Uniform

A reminder that you can see our full uniform list on the school website at:

<https://coleshill.warwickshire.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/>

Please can all parents and carers ensure that students are in full school uniform when they come to school. The following items are **NOT** permitted as part of our uniform and should not be worn by students.

- hoodies (students should have a coat not a hoodie)
- gilets
- leggings
- shoes that are not black and polishable.

Students are expected to move around school in full uniform and therefore need their blazer and tie every day. If students choose to wear a black jumper this is in addition to their blazer and their blazer must still be worn.

### iPads

We are incredibly proud of our digital strategy, where every student is given an iPad to support their learning.

Students must **take responsibility** for their iPads, taking good care to minimise the chances of breakages and damage

Please can you ensure your child brings their iPad to school each day with enough charge to use throughout their lessons.

Please support the school by discussing with your child that they must take good care of their device.

## Thank You

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your child has good attendance, is equipped and in correct uniform.

We hope all of our students have a safe and restful half term break



**If you would like to speak to someone at school regarding your child then please make contact with your child's Form Tutor in the first instance.**

**For any additional enquiries please contact:  
enquiries@thecoleshillschool.org.uk**