



September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new academic year. 2019/20 follows on from another successful year in the development of The Coleshill Sixth Form.

This summer's A Level and Level 3 BTEC results continued the trend of improvement and students went on to a variety of destinations to begin a new chapter in their lives. The majority went on to university and we have students starting great courses at universities the length and breadth of the UK, from Edinburgh via Durham to Warwick and down to Bristol with many points in between! Leavers have also gone on to first class apprenticeships and jobs.

We are pleased with the start made by our new Year 12 students and we are already seeing good attitudes to learning and study. The first term is important in setting this tone; A levels and BTECs are meant to be challenging courses and success cannot be achieved without hard work. There is a clear expectation about private study in F2 (with a record card to support this) and we have put together a course based on 'the positive mindset' which all students will follow with their tutors; we expect that this will prove useful in managing workload and aiming high.

We are also expecting all students to take part in enrichment and leadership activities to enhance their personal development and readiness for Higher Education and employment. Developing soft skills are crucial in a competitive HE and job environment and students should be building their CVs through volunteering, supporting charity, being involved in school events and so on. Ask your daughter or son what they're doing to make their CV stand out.

As ever, a reminder to follow the Sixth Form Twitter account @Coleshill6th4m where lots of useful information is shared. This is particularly useful for Year 13 parents when supporting their sons and daughters through the university and job application process. Other very useful sites include www.ucas.com which has fantastic resources for parents to support applying to university and www.notgoingtouni.com which supports those seeking jobs and apprenticeships.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind parents about the 16-19 Bursary Fund which is designed to support students through their Sixth Form years. If you have a household income of less than £30,000 funds may be available to support with travel, books, trips etc. Ask your daughter or son to pick up a form from me.

We have some dates worth noting in the coming weeks:

Friday 27 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning run by the sixth form
Wednesday 9 th October	Year 12 University and Careers Day at The University of Birmingham
Thursday 28 th November	Sixth Form Parents' Evening
UCAS – 15 th October	deadline for Oxbridge and Dentistry, Medicine, Veterinary. Internal deadline of 29 th November for all others

Also a reminder that I'm readily available by email owen.g@thecoleshillschool.org and telephone (follow the options on the main school number) to answer any queries.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully

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