



September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We are pleased to welcome you to the new academic year and to introduce the team who will be supporting your child this year.

We begin 2019-20 at an exciting time for the school. As I set out in my new Weekly Update, this year will prove to be a landmark year in the school's history. In 2020 the school will have existed for 500 years and so it is fitting that we will also see the completion of our new classroom block, The Wilson Building, in 2020. We will be having a number of events over the course of the academic year to celebrate the history of Coleshill and our school.

In August we were incredibly proud as Year 11 and 13 students opened their envelopes to see their fantastic GCSE and A Level results. Do have a look at the press releases on our website <https://thecoleshillschool.org/blog> to read more about these. The current students are already working exceptionally hard to ensure they achieve their very best.

In order to develop the skills of revision, independent learning and retrieval practice, we will be developing our home learning and revision strategy this year. We have not given out the normal paper planners to students this year, as we will be launching an application later this term. This will enable students and parents to access home learning, timetables and other aspects of school through our 'Go 4 Schools' system. A separate letter about the new home learning system and current arrangements will be coming out shortly.

We are delighted to welcome the children back into school with their uniform looking so smart and businesslike. They are really projecting a positive image of our school and show that they belong to and are proud of our school community. The year has got off to a fantastic start with the children taking responsibility for their own behaviour and organisation and showing that they are ready to learn. We will continue to support them in maintaining such positive attitudes as the year progresses and the winter nights draw in. I am delighted to see that so many children are having SPIRIT points logged on their student cards for the positive way they are moving around the school and for maintaining our high standards of uniform and behaviour.

### **A Welcome from the Year 9 Team**

Miss O'Neill (Year Leader), Ms Bush (Progress Leader) and I (Mrs Tremble, Senior Link) would like you welcome you to Year 9! This is an important year for your child who has now been introduced to their Key Stage 4 option subjects. They have settled well into their new option subjects and we have noticed an increase of maturity from the cohort. Tutors have been working alongside Year 9 and have been delivering the PSHE programme which is exploring health and wellbeing. On the whole, Year 9 are enjoying new challenges and the opportunity to develop their skills in core subjects. I now have the privilege of teaching Year 9 myself and have been enjoying lively debates and discussions! There's plenty to look forward to this year, as we aim to ensure that all Year 9 students maintain a broad range of experiences beyond their chosen subjects. Activities include: the annual trip to Poland to visit Auschwitz, the opportunity to get involved in Duke of Edinburgh award, university trips and of course, sports day. In year 9 we also promote leadership opportunities including applying to become HOPE mentor to support younger students.

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**Key Dates for Year 9**

<b>w/c 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>	Attitude to Learning Report
<b>29<sup>th</sup> &amp; 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>	TDIPV/ Med Acwy Immunisations
<b>16<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March 2020</b>	Trial Examinations
<b>w/c 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>	Data Report
<b>30<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020</b>	Y9 HPV2 Immunisations

**Keeping track of your child's progress**

A reminder that students will receive two data reports during the year, as well as having a full subject evening. We will also be launching our 'Go 4 Schools' application, which will enable parents and carers to view their child's data, attendance, timetable and home learning.

**Contacting School**

If you have any questions or concern you should contact either your tutor for general issues or subject staff for curriculum issues. You can call our school receptionists who will redirect your call, but the easiest way to contact staff is normally via e mail. Staff e mails are almost always surname.initial@thecoleshillschool.org (eg smith.j@thecoleshillschool.org). You can also send an e mail to enquiries@thecoleshillschool.org and your e mail will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff. Please bear in mind that we are a large secondary school and have a response time of 48 hours. If your concern is of a more serious and urgent nature please indicate this in your e mail.

Can we take this opportunity to wish you and your family well for the year ahead and thank you in advance for all your support of your child and the school.

Yours faithfully

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