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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your families are keeping well at this difficult time. I am writing to you to share some good news.

I am delighted to share with you the final inspection report, following the visit of Ofsted on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March. The headline from the inspection is that **'The Coleshill School continues to be a good school'**. The report is incredibly positive about the whole school community and I am thrilled that the inspection team appreciated our values and the good standard of education that we provide for our students. Ofsted will not be publishing the report on their website, until schools open after this national crisis. However, you can read the full report by following this link to our website:-

[https://www.thecoleshillschool.org/uploads/PDF/ofsted/10122547\\_The\\_Coleshill\\_School\\_136986\\_Final\\_PDF.pdf](https://www.thecoleshillschool.org/uploads/PDF/ofsted/10122547_The_Coleshill_School_136986_Final_PDF.pdf)

The report highlights that **'The school places as much emphasis on pupils' personal development as on their academic success.'** The inspectors were particularly impressed by the range of opportunities that are on offer for students beyond the classroom and how many of our students take up these opportunities. The team noted that **'pupils, students and parents value this aspect of school life'**.

It is pleasing to note that the inspection team recognized the strengths in our teaching and curriculum, noting that **'Pupils learning is effective and organized well in almost all subjects'**. Inspectors praised teachers' **'strong subject knowledge'**.

Inspectors were impressed with the work being done to develop the curriculum in Year 7 and were pleased to see the planned expansion of the Year 9 curriculum. They did note the need for curriculum work to develop further and include links between subjects to help embed knowledge. This is something we are actively working on.

The behaviour of our students was praised throughout the inspection and inspectors were pleased to see that **'Pupils demonstrate positive attitudes to learning. In lesson they work hard and behave well.'** Inspectors were also impressed with the way in which the students have coped with the current building works and the restrictions this has placed on social space. This is real testament to our students and also to our staff who work so hard to support them.

**'Governance is strong'** and inspectors were clear that **'the school has benefitted from its membership of The Arthur Terry Learning Partnership'**. I would like to thank governors and the staff who have supported us from ATLP, as they have had a big part to play in the school being recognized with such a positive inspection report.

The inspection team worked very collaboratively with myself and school leaders over the two days and we all agreed the two key development points, which are set out fully in the report. We will be working on ensuring that our curriculum work continues to develop to ensure our curriculum **'builds a deep and lasting understanding of key subject knowledge for pupils of all abilities, and especially the most able'**. We will also be working on evaluating our use of assessment to ensure it is **'used effectively and does not detract from the teaching of subject content.'**

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Finally, can I thank you for your ongoing support and in particular all those families who took the time to complete Parent View. There were 291 responses for the inspection team to review, which we were told is a very high response rate. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. However, there were understandably some areas of concern raised and we will be working to address these for when we return to school.

As ever, I am incredibly proud and humbled to be leading your school. I am surrounded by incredible staff and inspirational students. This report is a validation of what we do on a day to day basis and, as we look forward to the completion of The Wilson Block and the return to school life, we are now well placed for the next phase in the school's journey.

Your faithfully

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