

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the half term, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight to you some of the fantastic achievements that Phase 1 students have accomplished. It has been a busy half term of school events, student leadership interviews and sporting fixtures with students in Year 7 and Year 8 acting as excellent ambassadors for the school.

Year 7

Year 7 have enjoyed a busy and exciting start to their time at secondary school, fully embracing the opportunities available to them. In Phase 1 we abide by the motto “work hard, be kind and take responsibility” and so many of our Year 7’s are already demonstrating these key values on a daily basis.

Attendance at after school clubs has been fantastic and 80 Year 7 students have secured places on student leadership teams after successful interviews. Congratulations to all of you – I look forward to seeing how your leadership can help shape your time at The Coleshill School.



Open Evening

Open evening on the 6th October was a wonderful opportunity for us to show prospective students and their parents/carers what life is like at Coleshill. Our student leaders were excellent ambassadors for the school, showing off their work, performing in musical and dance ensembles and showing families around the school as part of guided tours. So many families commented on how enthusiastic, polite and engaging our students were on the evening and I am very proud of how many Year 7 and 8 students were able to take part. A special mention goes to Anna in Year 7 and Josh, Arthur and Daniel in Year 8 who gave memorable speeches to hundreds of families as part of the presentation in the main hall.



Macmillan Cake Sale

The annual Macmillan cake sale is always a popular event with both staff and students. This year we raised a fantastic £522 and Phase 1 students were instrumental in the planning and execution of the event, baking a wide range of delicious cakes and helping to sell these to students at break time. Congratulations to Anna in Year 7 who won the 'best cakes' award for her beautiful cupcakes.



Student Leadership

As well as having 80 Year 7 students on a wide range of student leadership teams, we also have 91 Year 8 students who applied and had successful interviews to become student leaders. Many of them were integral to the success of school events last year including excelling with their work with the Children's University. It has been great to see how they have adjusted to life in Year 8 and how much they have supported the Year 7 students in adjusting to life at secondary school. Having such a large and diverse student leadership team is something we are very proud of at Coleshill and I am excited for the impact that these students are going to have as they grow and develop in to their leadership roles.

Sporting success

The Year 7 boys football team have made a great start to their time together, winning their first game in the Birmingham Cup. Well done to you all! I'd also like to congratulate the Year 8 boys on their excellent start as they remain unbeaten so far.

Year 7 and 8 Children's University



Owl-Bert has enjoyed meeting so many of you this half term and has been inspired by the hours you are all adding up on your Children's University passports so far in year 7 students have logged over 320 hours of extra-curricular learning activities. We will be awarding our very first bronze and silver certificates next half term, so remember to keep logging those hours. Why not start your CU journey like Lexi (year 7) who has completed over 70 hours so far and has produced a fantastic guide in how we can all boost our learning hours. We can't wait to celebrate with those of you who earn over 100 learning hours at Birmingham University!

End of half term awards

In assemblies this week I have presented awards to students for their successes this half term. Form tutors nominated a student from each tutor group for their efforts this half term in relation to one of our SPIRIT areas – self management, perseverance, innovation, resilience, independence and teamwork. Winners received a well-deserved film afternoon in the main hall with popcorn, sweets and drinks. A huge congratulations to all the winners.

A special well done to Lexi in Year 7 and Alex in Year 8 for receiving the Head of Year awards from Miss Kirkwood and Mr Shaw. Both students have had excellent half terms and have embodied everything we expect from a Coleshill learner.

The Head of Phase award for this half term was awarded to Anna in Year 7 for her exceptional contribution to school life in such a short period of time. Her effort and dedication to student leadership and school events is a shining example of what students can do with the opportunities given to them at Coleshill.

I hope all our students have a safe and restful half term break.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Bailey

Head of Phase