



29th April 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to offer you a warm welcome back to the start of the summer term. After having a positive Ofsted visit and effectively maintaining our standards as a 'good school' the students and staff are determined to make the most of this term.

Although it is only short (4 weeks) the time will be spent engaging students in an array of activities and opportunities, that continue to enhance their experience at The Coleshill School. For Years 11 and 13, they are at the cusp and are doing their final preparations for their exams. We wish all our students well as we know they have been working hard to prepare.

This week, as we welcome students back, we continue to reiterate our high standards that help to shape our students into the young people we can all be proud of. We are being deliberate in having clear and consistent routines for the start and ends of lessons, to ensure that learning is our core focus, whilst maintaining a positive classroom environment. Alongside this, and underpinning our value of 'being kind', students are encouraged and rewarded to speak politely and respectfully to each other, through the introduction of STEPS (Sir or miss, Thank you, Excuse me, Please, Sorry). We're introducing STEPS to reinforce the respectful, professional language we expect from all students. Most of our school community already demonstrate these behaviours daily; STEPS simply makes this clear and consistent. This small shift helps us build a calm, respectful culture where every student can thrive. Thank you for supporting us in maintaining high standards.

To support us, please continue to ensure that your child has their equipment, full uniform and are on time to school (we know there is ongoing road works and bus disruption due to the HS2, which we need to plan for).

At the end of the school day, we have approximately 8-10 school buses (plus numerous school taxis) arriving onto school site. If you are picking up your child, please do not park on the yellow lines outside of school and try to do this after 3.20pm, as space is limited, and you will not be able to come onto school site. This helps to reduce congestion and support the safety of all our students, as they leave for the school day.

This week students are also being given instructions on what we do in the eventuality of a lockdown. This is to ensure that we can respond in the best way to keep our students, staff and local community safe.

We will be practising this next week and have told students to follow their teacher's instructions immediately and precisely.

- Students must move away from doors and windows, sit on the floor in silence, and refrain from using any mobile devices.
- They should remain in their positions until the teacher confirms that it is safe to move and announces that the lockdown is over.

These steps are essential to ensure the safety and security of all students during such situations.

As parents/carers, in the eventuality of a lockdown, you will be communicated with centrally by the school with any updates and guidance (via our school systems). It is important that we all remain calm and avoid coming up to the school, whilst the school is in lockdown and whilst the school is liaising with the relevant authorities. There will be regular updates as and when we can share, to reassure that all steps are being taken to ensure the well-being and safety of all.



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Finally, we have already held one parent voice event and are using that feedback to review 'parents evenings' and improve communication between home and school.

To continue to support in the development of the school, we will be offering an 'open' opportunity for parents/carers in from years 7-10 to come into the school to discuss any concerns or ask any questions they may have with a member of the Leadership Team. This will be on Wednesday 7th May from 3.30-5pm and is by appointment only, through our online booking system (i-cloud). A link will be provided from tomorrow. This will enable us to work together to continue to use your views to continue to develop and improve the school.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and our determination to have the highest standards, improve and provide the best possible education and holistic support for your child.

Kind Regards

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Head of School



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