

Colton Hills Community School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family are safe and well at this time.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers for securing a safe and happy return to school this week. It has been a wonderful week for me as headteacher having our classrooms and corridors filled with laughter and the voices of young people once more. My first impressions of Colton Hills students is that they are polite, respectful and keen to do their very best.

COVID-19 testing:

This week we have carried out approximately 1500 tests and we have more to do next week. Thank you for enabling over 85% of our students to be tested. This has helped us to secure a safer learning environment and will hopefully minimise any future disruption to your child's education. All students who we have consent for will have their third and final test in school on Monday 15th or Tuesday 16th March. Following their third, tests students will be provided with home test kits which they are to administer themselves at home twice weekly. We will provide students with the necessary support and guidance to do this safely prior to issuing kits. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require further help

Ready to start learning

A reminder that students are expected to arrive at school by 08:20 at the latest (site open at 8am), ready for a prompt 08:30 start.

Please can I also draw your attention to the full uniform policy and guidance available our website (<u>HERE</u>). A small minority of students arrived to school with inappropriate footwear, and we have asked that this is corrected by Monday. Please contact your child's Head of House if you require any support or further clarification.

Up and coming events:

- The Year 9 options booklet is <u>available online</u> and these have been distributed to students to look at this weekend
- Year 11 and Year 13 interventions will begin next week after school.
- Please look out for our Easter Masterclasses which will be offered to our Key Stage 4 and 5 students.

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I am genuinely proud of all of our students this week and their efforts to make the best use of their learning time. May I thank you also for your continuing support in helping us to keep our community as safe as possible. I look forward to meeting with you all too, very soon.

Yours faithfully

Andrea Stephens