



3rd September 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have enjoyed a restful summer with your families. We at Colton Hills are delighted to be welcoming students back next week. Please read the contents of this letter carefully to ensure that the start to the new year runs smoothly.

Examination Results 2021

We were absolutely delighted with the superb quality of our examination results this year. A new record was set for our A level students' progress and attainment. We also saw a record number of students progress to university and attain Grade 9's. Very well done to all students in Years 11 and 13 last year and to the families and staff who worked so hard to support them.

New Year Arrangements

Please see the start times for all year groups:

| Year group (new from 2021) | Start date | Start time | Finish time |
|----------------------------|--|------------|----------------------------------|
| New Year 7 | Friday 3 rd September | 08:20 | 14:50 (Tuesday 14.20) |
| Year 8-13 | Monday 6 th September First day all students to go directly to Form Group | 08:20 | 14:50-3.00 (Tuesday 14.20-14.25) |

Staggered Dismissal at the end of the day

| | Y7 | Y8 | Y9 | Y10 & Y11 | Sixth Form |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|------------|
| Leaving time | 14:50 | 14:55 | 14:50 | 14:55 | 14:55 |





Covid-19

The Government's expectations for schools have changed significantly this term. Most of the rules surrounding masks, student bubbles and isolation have changed. Full details can be found at the end of this mailing. I have also attached our contingency plan, should the situation alter.

Covid Symptoms

- If any child has Covid symptoms, do not send them in to school.
- Anyone with Covid symptoms should organise a PCR test as soon as possible. You can book a test by [clicking here](#).
- If the PCR test is positive you should isolate for 10 days from the date of the test and return to school on the 11th day.

Close Contacts

- Any child who is a close contact of a positive cases no longer needs to isolate.
- Close contacts are encouraged to get a PCR test, but they do not have to isolate while they await the result.
- Staff who have been double vaccinated also do not have to isolate.
- Schools will no longer conduct contact tracing, this will be done by the NHS and the families of positive cases.
- If someone in your household has Covid you should get a PCR test but you do not need to isolate while you await the result.
- Remember however, that anyone with Covid symptoms should not come in to school.

While at School

- Students no longer need to wear masks, but they can wear one if they wish to do so at all times.
- The one-way system should be followed during lesson change over.
- Lunchtimes will remain separate for different year groups.
- Classrooms will continue to be well ventilated.
- We continue with our enhanced hygiene routines

Children with Health Concerns

The Government has informed me that any child who is especially vulnerable to Covid will receive a letter from the department for health. If any parent wishes to discuss separate arrangements for their child, please call your head of year in the first instance.





Testing

- Students whose parents have given consent will be tested at school twice (see below)
- Tests to be taken at home will also be available to be collected from school.

| | Period 1 | Period 2 | Period 3 | Period 4 | Period 5 |
|-----------|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Monday | 6 th Form | Year 11 | Year 11 | Year 10 | Year 10 |
| Tuesday | Year 8 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 9 | |
| Wednesday | Year 7 | Year 7 | Year 7 | Year 7 | Year 7 |
| Thursday | 6 th Form | Year 11 | Year 11 | Year 10 | Year 10 |
| Friday | Year 9 | Year 9 | Year 8 | Year 8 | |

Covid Testing

Students will be required to take two tests on site at the start of term. Only those students whose parents have given consent will be tested. If you have given consent already, you do not need to do so again, but if you have not then please **use this form**.

Uniform

I understand that some families have had difficulty accessing some of the new uniform through our suppliers, I can only apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. If this is the case please can I ask you to email Thollingsworth@coltonhills.co.uk to make her aware. Students without correct uniform will be issued with a pass, therefore it is important to inform us. Students who have not been able to purchase uniform will not be challenged or have any consequences as a result.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

