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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Autumn Half-term Updates

I hope you and your family are keeping safe and well. I want to thank parents and carers for their support in ensuring such a smooth term.

It has been a fantastic half-term and great to see our students back in school enjoying their entire programme of studies. Staff have worked incredibly hard this term to support students in getting back up to speed in their learning in the classroom and in after school in catch-up and intervention programmes. Staff have also offered a wide range of enrichment programmes which are growing in popularity. These programmes are delivered by staff in their own time. Many of our enrichments have been well attended, including football, cross country running, breakfast club, CCF and swimming. Well done to all students who have participated.

As we approach the second half of the Autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to remind students, parents, and carers of our high expectations. At Colton Hills, we have a clear set of expectations and dress code that we now expect all students to follow.

### Arrival to School

Arrival time on site should be no later than 8.20 am. I cannot stress the importance of this enough. Arriving at this time allows students to navigate their way to the classroom and ensure they have their equipment and books ready to make a prompt start to their lesson at 8.30 am. I would also like to remind you that our breakfast club starts at 8.00 am each day, to support students in making a positive start.

### Uniform

Our suppliers have informed us that only a handful of our students are still awaiting a small number of items. As such, we expect all students to be in complete and correct uniform on their return to school. Students can continue to wear their PE kit on days when this lesson is timetabled, but this must only be our Colton Hills kit, with the school logo. Any student wearing an inappropriate kit or in a sports kit on non-PE days will be sanctioned for breaching uniform expectations. Please also note that hoodies should never be worn to school under any circumstances. Now that all students are able to be in full uniform, any breach of the uniform policy will result in the students receiving a sanction. If you have any concerns relating to this, please email [thollingsworth@coltonhills.co.uk](mailto:thollingsworth@coltonhills.co.uk).

### Half-Term Homework

We continue to emphasise the importance of working hard and seeking high performance over the half term. Students have been set homework from their subject teachers and have the opportunity to improve their study skills in other ways. We have set an Extra Credit homework for all students based around the COP 26 Climate Change conference being held in Glasgow this year. We





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encourage students to improve their research and presentation skills by completing one of these challenging and creative tasks. Students also have assessments coming up in November and December, so they should use their Knowledge and Assessment Organisers to make sure that they have revised the critical content for all subjects. Finally, we encourage all students to continue to read, with their books from Library Lessons available to them – we recommend at least 20 minutes of reading each day.

## Covid Contingency Plan

We continue to wear masks in communal areas in line with our covid contingency plan. Please note that we are now close to giving away all of the face masks we have had issued. We ask that you please support the safety of your family and our entire community by ensuring that all students arrive at school next term with their own masks to keep our site operating safely.

## Electric Scooters

Please can I remind parents and students that electric scooters are not allowed on-site and are illegal to ride on the main roads. This is primarily because they are not deemed safe. Any electric scooters stored in our bike sheds following half-term will be removed and handed over to the police. I appreciate that these scooters are growing in popularity, but at all times, as a school, we must operate in accordance with the law.

## Eco-Schools and Healthier Approaches

On our return to school, students will be issued with their own Colton Hills water bottle. We have issued the bottles to help reduce the amount of plastic waste on our site and encourage students to drink water instead of sugary drinks. It is essential to stay hydrated - water gives students the energy to stay focused and engaged throughout the day. The bottle can be used every day, so this will reduce the need to buy drinks from the canteen or bring in a single-use plastic bottle. This will help save money and reduce the amount of plastic waste around our school grounds, protecting our wildlife and vegetation. Students must only bring water to drink on-site. Fizzy, and sugary drinks are banned in school and will be confiscated.

We hope that they feel proud using their bottle and proud to be a part of a school community working to improve our environment and be part of a global initiative to protect our planet.

I wish you and your families a safe and peaceful half-term break.

Yours faithfully

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