



Colton Hills Community School

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We are back!

Message from Ms Walker and Mr Blower
Co-Headteachers Colton Hills Community School

It has been wonderful to see our staff and students back at school after the lockdown at the end of last term.

These are uncertain times, but we have been so proud of the way that all members of the Colton Hills family have responded to these challenges.

Whether it is the work that students did during lockdown to keep their skills up to date or adhering to social distancing and safety guidelines in school, everyone has really pulled together.

Thank you to everyone for your continued co-operation and support.



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Meet our new Headteacher

Message from the Chair of Governors

Duane Williams - Chair of Governors

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Governing Body has appointed Andrea Stephens as the next Headteacher of Colton Hills, and that she will be taking up her post with us in January. We are very excited about the appointment and all that it means for the future of the school.

Andrea wanted to take this opportunity to introduce herself, and I share her words with you all below



Andrea Stephens

I am thrilled and feel privileged to have been appointed the new Headteacher of Colton Hills Community School. I am looking forward to joining you all in the New Year.

I have been teaching for over twenty years and have worked in six different schools. Having gained success at Middle Leadership level as a Head of Department at King Edward VI Camp Hill Girls Grammar School and then Bromsgrove Independent School, I sought my first senior leadership post at the RSA Academy in Tipton. I remained there for nine years as Assistant Headteacher before moving to Stoke Park in Coventry.

I have thirteen years of senior leadership experience, the last two years as Co Acting Principal and Vice-Principal at Ninestiles School in Birmingham.

Photo to go
here



News from around school

Colton Hills Community School receives Music Mark recognition

It is with great pride that CHCS has been awarded the Music Mark for the second year running in association with Wolverhampton Music Service. The Music Mark is awarded by Arts Council England as a recognition of our community efforts to bring music to our young people.

As a school we are committed to ensuring that every student has the chance to experience a broad range of subjects and music is part of that enhanced curriculum.

This year we have also welcomed Miss Tobbin, a dedicated music teacher, who will be able to continue to grow music provision at the school, both in and out of lessons.

Cadets parade for the first time at Colton Hills

Tuesday 29th September marked a very special first for the school as our Combined Cadet Forces paraded at Colton Hills for the very first time.

Over the last few years we have been working with the Royal Wolverhampton School to provide students with the opportunities that the Cadets offer, but now as the number of students taking part has grown and thanks to increased investment Colton Hills played host to the first of many parades on our grounds.

It was great to see the students looking so smart, and we are so proud of them all.

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We have achieved the Music Mark as a result of our growing perietetic service with student learning instruments including: Flute, Baritone, Clarinet. As well as our work with schools such as Penn Primary and Tettenhall School for students to learn and thrive from each other’s musical experiences in association with Rock Bands to compose live and recorded music with the students being at the centre of this process

MISS POUND - CURRICULUM LEAD
PERFORMING ARTS

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PROUD TO BE A
MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL





Virtual Open Evening

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is still being felt across the country, and it is affecting so much of our everyday lives.

Normally during September/October we would be opening our doors to parents of year 6 pupils who are looking at secondary schools for their children. This year we were unable to do that, so instead we did something a little bit different.

On 30th September we went live with a brand new section of our website, dedicated to showcasing what makes Colton Hills such a special place to learn.

With videos from staff and, most importantly, students, as well as things that people can try at home will hopefully give a taste of what a great school this is.

You can visit the site for yourself at www.coltonhills.co.uk/open-evening

Celebrating Black History Month

At Colton Hills Community School we are immensely proud of the diversity of our students and staff. We believe that our community benefits from the wider range of cultures and countries represented.

October marks Black History Month and as a school we are celebrating the achievements of great black Britons and the amazing contribution that they have brought to society.

We will be celebrating people from all walks of life, from science and social justice, to sports and the arts.

Follow us on twitter @coltonhillscs to see who we are shining a light on and let us know if there is anyone else you think we should highlight.

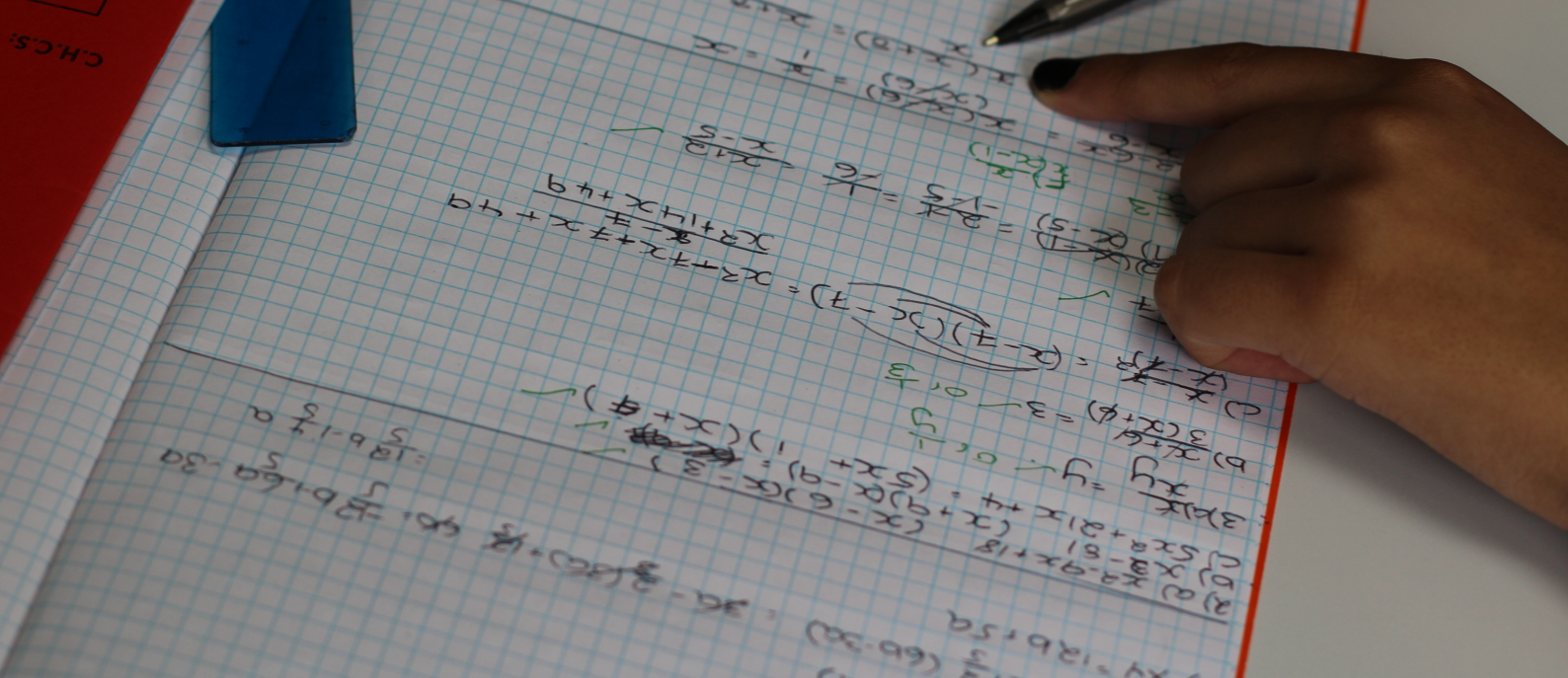


Launch of Magic Breakfast

On Monday 28th September we began partnering with Family Action and Magic to provide all students at Colton Hills a healthy and nutritious breakfast option every single day, free of charge. This is part of a government-funded initiative that has been developed in response to the pandemic, and allows schools to sign up to the National Schools Breakfast Programme.

We are providing students with a breakfast bagel through a grab and go service, which allows us to maintain our year group bubbles.

The initiative has been well received and it's great to see so many students taking the offer up.



Community resources re-open in a COVID safe way

At Colton Hills we are fortunate to have some great facilities that our community is able to use. During the peak of the pandemic we unfortunately had to close these facilities to comply with government guidelines.

However, in recent weeks we have been able to re-open some of our facilities in a COVID compliant way, with the swimming pool, dance studio and football fields once again available for groups to use.

We look forward to being able to re-open the rest of our facilities soon, but if you would like more information on what is available please contact the Communities office via cbanksecoltonhills.co.uk



Concern box

The wellbeing of our students is always important to everyone at Colton Hills, but we know that it can often be difficult for young people to open up about worries that they may have about either something going on with themselves, or a friend.

To this end the safeguarding team at have arranged for a concern box to be installed in school.

This secure box allows pupils to post any worries that they may have, and a member of the safeguarding team can then provide assistance and support as needed.





In Focus: our new House structure

Our new Houses

Last year our House system proved very popular with students and teachers alike, and building on from that success we have made a few adjustments to the House structure.

We now have 4 Houses, named after people who really embody the Colton Hills ethos of courage, happiness, courage and success. Each of our House figureheads faced challenges and adversity, but made a huge impact in the world around us.

The new houses are

- Curie
- Kahlo
- Tull
- Turing

We would like to express our thanks to Roshni in year 10 who created the amazing House icons that you can see here, are now being used, she worked so hard and they look great. Thanks Roshni!

During the recent Activity afternoon in school it was brilliant to see that the competitive spirit has already taken hold, as students competed with pride for their respective houses. We are looking forward to more interhouse competitions – keep an eye on future newsletters for more information.



Our new House logos



Meet the artist



Stuff about Roshni



Interhouse Activity Afternoon - Report

It was a perfect day on DATE for the first Interhouse activity afternoon of the year.

It was a bit more challenging than a normal Sports Day, as students still needed to stay in their year group bubbles but it was great to see all of the students involved in some exercise and friendly competition.

There were a range of activities so there really was something for everyone, and the smiling faces showed how much being out in the fresh air was enjoyed.

Special thanks go to the PE department for putting the afternoon together - and don't forget you can follow them on twitter and instagram @coltonhillspe

Congratulations to
Turing House

Champions of the
Interhouse
Activity Afternoon





In Focus: Coping with COVID

Our COVID-19 Response

The start of the September 2020 term has been one like no other. The impact of COVID-19 has been felt in so many aspects of life.

At CHCS safety has always been our priority, but we also wanted to make sure that the wellbeing of our students and staff was looked after, particularly in the first few weeks of term.

Our specialised curriculum during the first week helped students to explore the impact of COVID, and provided a safe space for them to express their feelings about the pandemic.

Inside school we have posters and screens reminding everyone to wear their masks and keep a safe distance and we have brought in one way systems, hand sanitising stations and our year group bubbles are working well.

We are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe, and will continue to do so. We are all in this together, and we will get through it together.

How you can help

We have all been so thankful for the support that parents and carers have given us throughout the re-opening of school. With your continued help we will continue to keep our staff and students safe.

Here's just a couple of things you can do

- **Send your child to school with a mask and make sure they know how to wear it properly - we are adhering to the government guidelines so masks must be worn in all communal areas.**
- **Review the Government advice regularly - we are still in an evolving situation so advice changes. The best website to use to keep up to date is <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>**
- **If your child is ill and showing symptoms of Coronavirus please do not send them to school. Instead arrange for them to have a test. if the test is negative they can come back.**

Thank you for all of your support.



Dates for your diary

**Half term holiday
26-30 October**

**Autumn term 2
2 Nov - 18 Dec**

Keep up to date

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