



July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

REFLECTIONS ON 2018/19

I am writing to thank you for your support over what has been a busy and successful year at The Coleshill School. This year has seen the beginning of a new era for the school with building work starting on The Wilson Block, a £3.4 million building project funded by Warwickshire County Council, which will provide both excellent facilities and open up a new area of the school for social space, meaning we can accommodate approximately 1300 students. This growth in our school reflects the excellent work of the school and local community, with over 200 students now making us their first choice every year.

We have had many memorable moments this year, with the Centenary Remembrance Service a real highlight, which included children from the local primary schools reading poetry alongside our Year 7 students after working with a local author. More recently our Year 9 students have had the opportunity to reflect on the horrors of war with 75 students visiting Auschwitz; this followed a visit from a holocaust survivor who spoke to the whole of Year 9 earlier in the year. Staff at Auschwitz commented on how respectful our students were and I am constantly impressed by the way in which our students represent the school and you, their families.

Achievements in the arts and sports have been strong again this year. We are proud of all our students who take part in sports, whatever their level. We have again topped the North Solihull League for school games and our sports teams continue to dominate across several sports in the region. I am looking forward to installing our new trophy cabinet in September! In December we witnessed the incredible talent of some of our performers in 'The Dreaming' and said goodbye to some truly talented actors in Year 13 who have gone on to drama schools. This week we have enjoyed seeing the fabulous work of our art students in our annual Art Exhibition.

We are also embracing technologies, with our work as a Digital School House continuing to support students, both from our local primaries and our own school, to develop coding skills which will be needed in the jobs of the future. STEM continues to grow in the school, with some fantastic events for our students from saving the planet to designing robots.

Our Sixth Form has continued to thrive this year, with some excellent results anticipated from Year 13. There have been a range of interesting speakers and opportunities for our students to develop their learning beyond the classroom. Our students have also benefited this year from outstanding careers advice and guidance, with our school being a regional leader and one of the first in Warwickshire to achieve the national standard in careers.

In lessons we have been focusing on developing our students to be effective Coleshill Learners, with an emphasis on cognitive science as set out in my letter to you last month. A recent visit from leaders across Arthur Terry Learning Partnership confirmed our learning and teaching as being highly effective; our lesson structure and the excellent subject knowledge demonstrated by our teachers were noted as strengths. We are looking forward to the introduction of knowledge organisers and using new teaching strategies to support students in the development of knowledge, skills and retrieval practice in 2019/20.

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Key dates for end of term and start of the 2019/20 academic year

SUMMER HOLIDAY DATES 2019:-

12.10 pm – Friday 19th July – Break up for the summer holiday – school buses will collect students from 12.10 pm. If any parents want their child to remain in school until they can collect them please contact the school reception.

Monday 22nd July – Training Day

GCE results will be available Thursday 15th August 9.00 am – 11.30 am *

GCSE results will be available Thursday 22nd August 9.00 am – 11.30 am *

Tuesday 23rd July to Friday 30th August – Summer Holiday

*A separate letter regarding the collection of GCE and GCSE results will be sent to Year 11 and 13 families. There is also information on our website.

START OF AUTUMN TERM 2019:-

Monday 2nd September – Staff Training Day

Tuesday 3rd September – Staff Training Day

8.45 am Wednesday 4th September – Start of Term for Years 7, 11, 12 & 13 only

8.45 am Thursday 5th September – Start of Term for all Year Groups

Thursday 24th and 25th October Staff Training Days

Please see our website for the full list of our training days for 2019/20.

Uniform and standards

A big thank you to all our students and families for your support with raising the standard of our uniform in recent weeks. The introduction of student cards has sharpened the students' appearance and enabled us to reward good behaviour around school more effectively. Our uniform demonstrates to the local community that we have high standards. It also shows that our students care about their school and are part of a community that loves learning. Our students look very smart and I know you will support us in ensuring that we maintain the highest standards and want our students to stand apart. A reminder that in the new academic year we are moving to shoes only, with no trainers, canvas or logoed shoes allowed. This includes footwear such as Nike Air Max, Converse or Adidas Superstars. Other schools that have introduced this have reported a significant cost saving for parents and also that families have appreciated the clarity on what is and is not allowed.

Please do take the opportunity to check our website for the full uniform and equipment list to ensure your child is ready to start the new academic year.

Safer routes to school

As part of preparing for our new building we have been working with Highways and Safer Routes to Schools. It is important that no student crosses the A446, by foot or bike, as this is a busy dual carriageway and there is no safe place to cross. The road will soon be even busier due to the increase in traffic and heavy goods traffic due to HS2. Any student needing to cross the A446 must travel by bus or car and cannot bring a bike to school. The school has worked with local bus companies to ensure there are enough spaces for students on our buses. Whilst we realise that this will disappoint some students our first priority has to be their safety.

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I have now been at The Coleshill School for ten years and have seen the school go through an incredible journey of growth and improvement. We go into 2019/20 looking forward to the 500th anniversary of The Coleshill School which was founded in November 1520. We will therefore be reflecting on this momentous achievement and celebrating throughout the year, with details to follow of our main anniversary celebrations.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your support for our school community and the belief you have shown in our staff and students over recent years. I feel very privileged to work with your children every day and to lead such a wonderful school community.

I wish you and your families a wonderful summer.

Yours faithfully

Ian Smith-Childs

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Headteacher

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