



Welcome to the new school year and my new weekly update. My update will come out each Friday afternoon via e mail and will be a means of me communicating school news and celebrating some of the fantastic things happening in school.

We start our year following some great success in the examination results, as set out in my press releases on our website - see: <https://www.thecoleshillschool.org/blog/570-coleshill-students-and-staff-celebrate-excellent-gcse-and-btec-results> ) The students have come back to school looking very smart and with great attitude and purpose. As a parent of a new Year 9 and Year 11 student, I am conscious of both the nerves and excitement which a new school year at secondary school can bring. We have challenged the students to have high expectations and set themselves goals to achieve their absolute best this year. I know they will make you proud.

2019-20 will prove to be a landmark year in the school's history. In 2020 the school will have existed for 500 years and so it is fitting that we will also see the completion of our new classroom block, The Wilson Building, in 2020. We will be having a number of events over the course of the academic year to celebrate the history of Coleshill and our school.

I would like to update you on The Wilson Building. The construction work is now well under way, but there have been a few issues over the summer which have delayed the process and have meant some adjustments in school. A small amount of asbestos was found, buried in the ground, and was safely removed during the school holidays. Ashby and Croft have assured us there was never any risk to the school community.

The delay to the building project has meant that we have a temporary trackway on the playground. We are working with Ashby and Croft to ensure temporary pathways around the building compound are developed to ensure safe and effective movement. We are expecting the framework of The Wilson Building to be delivered during October half term. The building will then be worked on during the remainder of the autumn and spring terms. As the building work develops I will update you.

As part of our work with Warwickshire County Council and Safer Routes to School we have established that the A446 is not safe for students to cross and we thank families for supporting us to ensure that students do not do this.

We have grown again this year and so queues in the canteen may be a little longer and slower than normal, particularly at break time, at the start of the year. We ask students to be patient as this will settle down and we will ensure all students get their food at lunch time.

I look forward to keeping you updated about the amazing things that happen within our school community over the coming year. I leave you with some photos of some of our Year 7s, who have settled into the Coleshill family very well!

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