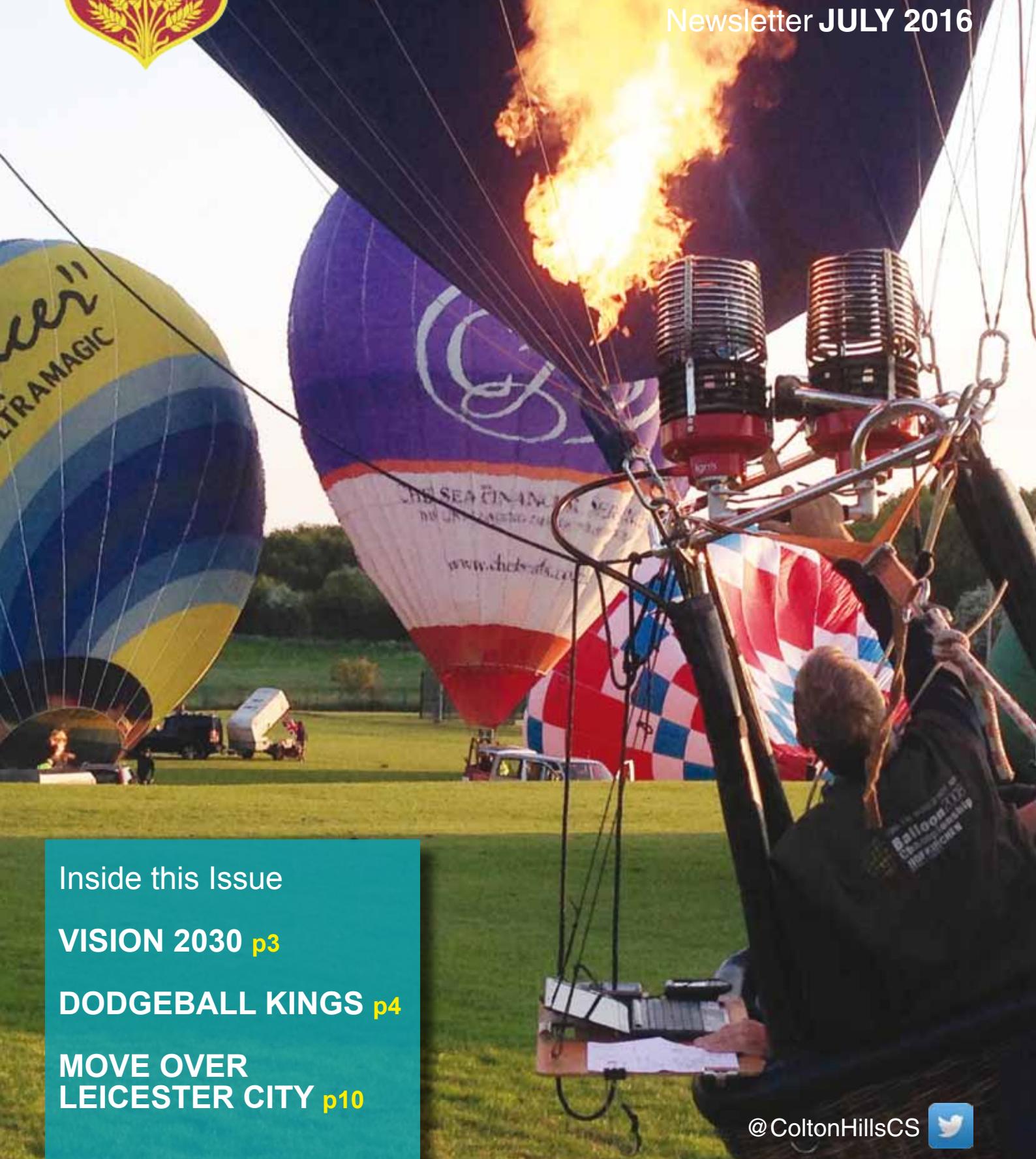




# Colton Hills Community School

*Learn, Grow and Achieve Together*

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# Introduction from the Headteacher

## Dear Parents and Carers

When I wrote to you last summer our successful Ofsted visit and judgement as a good school was fresh in our minds. However, I expressed our determination to move on and build on that success, and I believe we have done so. Student numbers continue to grow as more parents have chosen Colton Hills as their school of choice for their child. With this popularity and the resources it has brought, we have been able to invest in additional staff, subjects and courses that meet the needs of our rich and diverse community of students. The future has become even brighter.

The school motto I chose for the school when I took up post almost three years ago was Aspiration, Belief, Achievement and it has given me great pleasure to see so many of our students showing these very qualities. This year however, marked the year of national curriculum reform which brings more demanding KS2 tests, new GCSEs as well as A'Level exams, which also require students to take exams only at the end of a course. In order to prepare for this we created strong partnerships with local primary schools, the Local Authority, as well as experts from across the country to help pave the way for this brave new world.

This year, in order to prepare our students further for this challenge, we have introduced the concept developing a **Growth Mindset**. There is significant scientific evidence that illustrates children are not born with a fixed level of intelligence but with the right teaching, determined effort and good feedback, any skill or subject can be mastered. A person who understands and practices this is said to develop a Growth Mindset. We have also stressed to students the need to work with and alongside teachers in order to make this happen. Our new motto **Learn, Grow and Achieve Together** is therefore fitting.

This journey, which students must embark on, requires them to be very clear about the values needed to succeed and the key values we have identified for our students to focus on are:

**Respect, Fairness, Happiness, Commitment and Teamwork.**

I very much look forward to seeing these values underpin all they do next year, safe in the knowledge that they are already shared by all of the staff. With your support in regards to uniform, appearance and equipment we can all start the new school year with the highest standards of dress and punctuality.

I wish you a sunny (hopefully) and relaxing summer break.

**Alberto Otero**  
**Headteacher**



## Primary Schools Collaboration

Over the last term we have had a number of primary schools visit us with their year 5 students to attend a Science Experience morning or to take part in a DT Experience morning.

All of the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and it gave them an opportunity to work in our secondary school.

The primary schools that have attended are St Teresa's Catholic School, Grove School, Grafton School, Bantock Park, St Lukes and Woodfield Primary.



**Colton Hills School, the only secondary school to represent the City of Wolverhampton in the Vision 2030 film.**

**Turn to page 3 to see the article in full.**

# Visioning 2030

Colton Hills School were proud to support the City with the launch of their Vision for the City in 2030.

We were the only secondary school to feature in a film to launch the aspirations of the major organisations working in partnership towards a common goal. To transform the City of Wolverhampton into a prosperous and inclusive city that celebrates its diversity and heritage and plays its part on the regional, national and international stage.

The following students (see list below) aged 15 and 16 took part in the film each talking about what Wolverhampton meant to them.

Kadj Diallo  
Gursharankamal Basi  
Paul Satur

Reece Price  
Rahul Maheru  
Suraj Saharan

Please see the link below, please watch it because the students are a credit to the school.

<http://www.coltonhills.co.uk/news/50/95/New-Horizons-City-of-Wolverhampton-in-2030.html>



## EAL Sports Leadership Camp

In April the first national sports leaders day targeting students who are new to England and new to the English language was held at Colton Hills School. 50 students from a variety of secondary schools in Wolverhampton representing 15 different nationalities spent the day together developing employability skills and personal qualities through sport and communication.

Colton Hills hosted and organised the day in partnership with the Youth Sport Trust (YST). We believe this is the first such sports camp to have been held nationally and Colton Hills School identified this as an opportunity to involve and challenge young children who have so many skills, personal qualities and potential but at this stage of their life face many barriers due to their limited knowledge of English.

This day was a resounding success and involved international sports tutors from the YST who work all over the world with on sports camps. They had recently returned from Qatar and Malaysia. A national tutor Emily Reynolds

was also involved in the day's activities.

The group was visited over lunchtime by a female boxer Hannah Beharry who was ranked at one time third in the world and was 9 times British boxing champion. She spoke to the children about resilience and overcoming the challenges in a male dominated world. She also told how she believed that sport was responsible for giving her a ticket to travel the world and helping her make the most of her life.



# CHOIR HIT THE RIGHT NOTES

I just thought I'd let you know the Choir concert at Birmingham Symphony Hall was absolutely fantastic.

The students really enjoyed the experience and were an asset to the school.



## Colton Hills Boys Crowned Wolverhampton Dodgeball Kings at Kings!

On 17th March 2016, our year 8 boys made the short trip across the city to The Kings School to represent Colton Hills in the Key Stage Three Wolverhampton School Games Dodgeball Tournament.

Without knowing what to expect upon arrival, the boys were full of optimism and confidence having being regular partakers in extra-curricular Dodgeball practices throughout the course of this academic year.

Colton Hills were soon placed into Pool A alongside six other secondary schools from around the city. Each fixture consisted of the best of 3 games, where the victor in each game would be the team with the most players remaining after two minutes, or if all of the opposition players had been eliminated.

Colton Hills opened up against rivals Aldersley "A" with a resounding 2-0 score line in our favour, before seeing off Heath Park in the same fashion. Close neighbours The Royal were then dismantled in doubly quick time and the hosts Kings, despite providing some resistance, fell well short of our superior accuracy and movement. At this point, the boys then took on the undefeated SWBA, once more prevailing with a 2-0 win before seeing off Wednesfield with relative ease in our final group game. As a result, this left us top of the pool and set up a tense final with the winners of Pool B Aldersley "B".

In a close finale where the momentum swung in both teams' favours throughout each game, Colton

Hills came out on top once again with a familiar 2-0 victory to make it 14 wins and 0 defeats on the night, which I am sure will live long in the memory of the pupils involved.

The performance from all 9 pupils in year 8 was outstanding and the way they represented the school as a team was remarkable.

**The names of the champions are as follows:**  
**Babneet Kumar, Maksim Galkin, Arjan Gill, Pavneer Andhey, Adomas Beleckas, Joseph Ashley, Evaldas Griguzauskas, Haaver Tazeem and Ismael Egesi.**



**Keep up the good work boys!**

# Hot Air Balloons at Colton Hills Community School

**On May Bank Holiday Sunday the beautiful grounds of Colton Hills Community School was used for the launch of hot air balloons which was a spectacular sight for pupils, staff and the local community.**

The event was organised by the British Balloon and Airship Club (BBAC) which is a volunteer-based organisation which promotes the safety and enjoyment of hot-air ballooning. With a favourable wind the first in the air was former World and European champion Dave Bareford who along with 11 balloons flew from the school with take-off time between 20.00 – 20.30, in a BBAC competition called a ‘pilot declared goal’ task.



Alison G Odell CBE, the BBAC Competitions Club organiser said that all the pilots and officials were impressed with the school site and the Competition Director appreciated the Schools willingness to generously allow the Club to access the site at such short notice.

The School Business Director, Gerald O'Hara confirmed that the school were pleased that they could assist and support the organisers and many local residents watched with excitement as the balloons took off. Supporting voluntary organisations fits well with our core values as a community school and links with the use of our community and sporting facilities.

**We look forward to this spectacle being repeated at Colton Hills next year.**

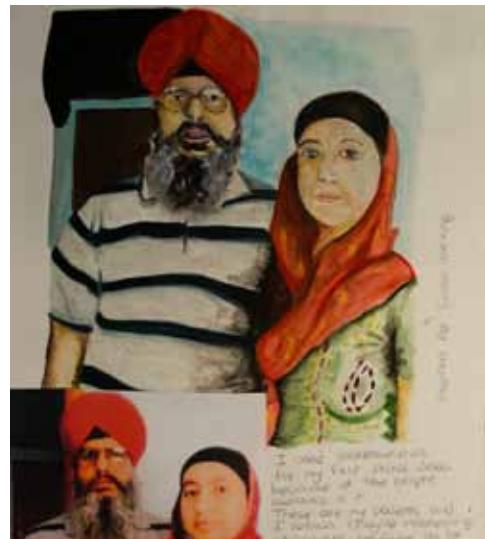
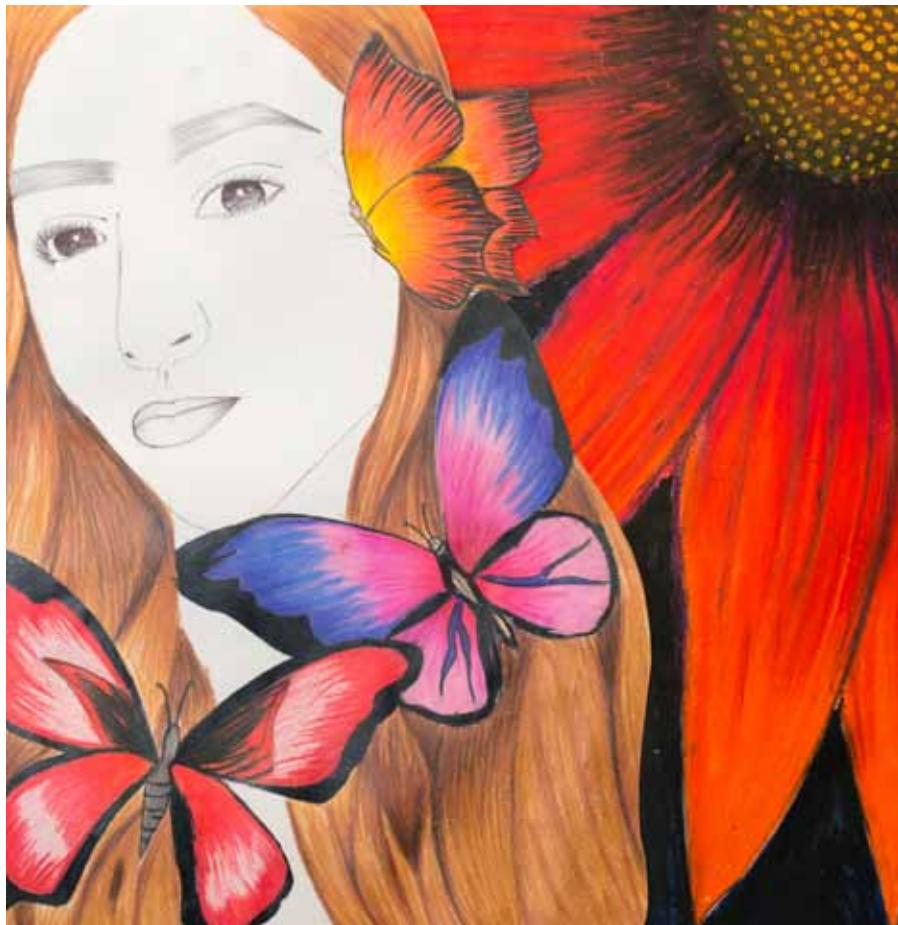


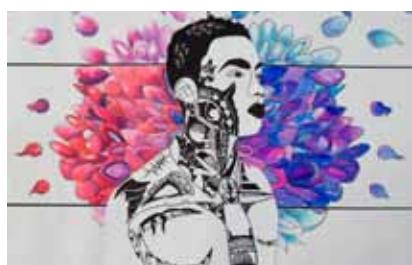
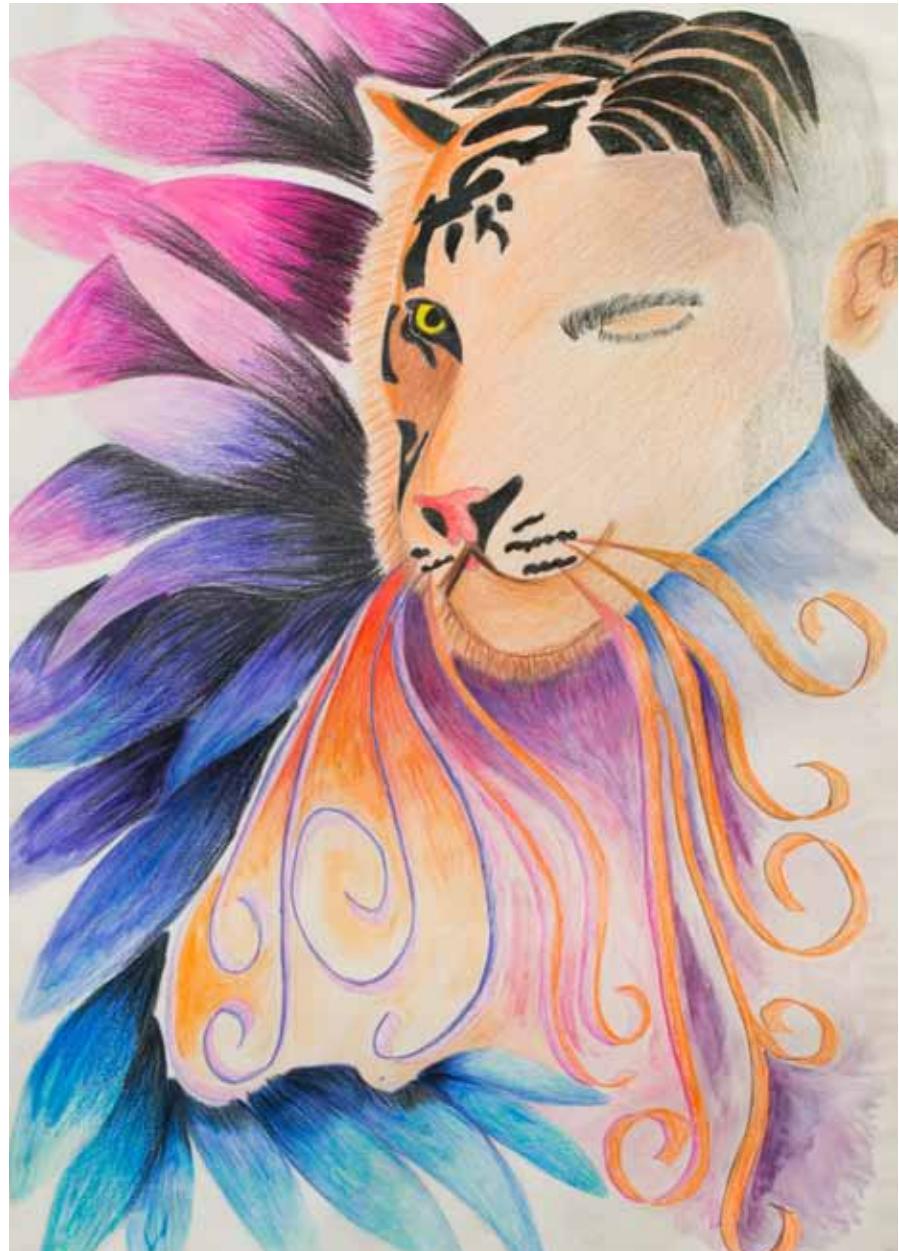
# **GCSE ART AND DESIGN WORK 2016**

**Year 11 students studying GCSE Art and Design have produced some excellent work this year.**

Their controlled assessment work was influenced by the work of traditional artists Georgia O'Keeffe and Emil Nolde and a range of contemporary illustrators such as Kate Powell and Florian Meacci.

**The students produced a range of creative mixed-media work, some showing exceptional skill and originality. When the results come out in August, they will be rewarded for their hard work and commitment!**





# **Faraday Challenge 2016**

**In February 36 year 7 students took part in the Faraday Challenge Event at Colton Hills.**

**The IET Faraday Challenge Days are cross-curricular activity days covering Science, Design and Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).**

The Faraday Challenge Days give students the opportunity to research, design and make solutions to genuinely tough engineering problems.

The Faraday Challenge Days are based around the BBC micro:bit devices and have been designed to introduce Year 7 students to coding and get them interested in this area so that they can move onto other, more complex devices in future. During the day the students worked on using the devices before coding the device to solve a problem of their choosing.

The students were supported by an industry mentor who judged the coding that the students had done to give an overall winner. Well done to the winning team for their safety device if involved in an accident.

**At the time of writing the winning team were joint 21st nationally out of 115 schools.**



## **Research placements**

**Two year 10 students from Colton Hills have been accepted to attend a three day residential event in London called The Magic of Materials. The students will be looking at different ways we can use materials.**

Three year 12 students have been offered a Nuffield Research Placement. These placements are over the summer break and the students will be based at the University of Wolverhampton on a project designed by the University. Also two year 12 students will be spending a week at the University of Wolverhampton to attend an Engineering Skills Camp.

**Each day they will look at a different aspect of engineering, concluding with a presentation of their projects to a Board of University Professors.**

# **Visit of German Exchange Students to Colton Hills School**

**From 16th May to 22nd May we were delighted to once again welcome 22 students and 3 teachers from our partner school in Germany, the IGS Helpsen.**

The German students were partnered with 22 of our Year 10 GCSE German students and together the Colton Hills and IGS Helpsen students undertook a range of activities, which allowed the German students to experience the life, language and culture of our students and country. German students attended lessons with their English partners, which they found really interesting. The PE Department arranged after school sporting activities including rock it ball, football and dance. We visited the local Gurdwara, where German students learnt about the Sikh religion. We spent one evening at the Old Wulfs Cricket Club, where the German and English students played cricket, followed by a barbecue. Other activities included a visit to the Cold War Museum at RAF Cosford, a visit

to Ironbridge and a day in Liverpool, where we learnt a lot about the culture and history of this important city.

**The German and English students got on well together, are now in regular contact with one another and the Colton Hills students are looking forward to going to Germany next year, to practise and improve their German, and experience the life and culture of the country.**



## **Colton Hills Millionaires!**

It has been another successful year for the Accelerated Reader scheme at Colton Hills. The students have been busily reading a wide range of books available in our extensive library. The students below have all read over one million words this academic year and achieved over 80% on the quizzes that check their knowledge and understanding of the book. Well done to everyone who achieved these great totals and we look forward to even more students being added next year.

<b>Jasmin Samra</b>	<b>3,865,944</b>
<b>Jaskaran Dhillon</b>	<b>3,370,252</b>
<b>Britney Bush</b>	<b>3,172,607</b>
<b>Gurdeep Singh</b>	<b>3,095,829</b>
<b>Tayne Amair</b>	<b>3,019,316</b>

Amanpreet Kaur, Bibek Ria, Kyra Buckley, Rohit Swarn, Sukhvir Takhar, Haider Khan, Krishna Sarki, Rohan Mahem, Jahmaal McIntosh, Kewal Dudhra, Philipa Quaye, Arunjot Singh, Ugnius Urbietis.

## **Readathon Winners Green House**

Congratulations to Green House for winning the Readathon this year!

Rahul Kumar (G6) has won a prize for the most money collected (over £30).

Benedicte Mayamona (G5) has won the prize for the most books read (24 in total).

## Move over Leicester City...

This is the story that the footballing world wanted to see!

Colton Hills students have been fantastic all year representing our school against various others across Wolverhampton. Our star studded teams have had their best extracurricular year to date with our Year 9's winning their league while Year 7 & 8 finished runners up in their respective leagues! Each team have listened well, been organised and shown an excellent attitude!

**This is the first time we have won or come second in a league in the last 5 years so well done boys!**



### Year 7

#### Division 2

Winners- ST CHADS

Runners Up- COLTON HILLS

### Year 8

#### Division 2

Winners- COPPICE

Runners Up- COLTON HILLS

### Year 9

#### Division 2

Winners- COLTON HILLS

Runners Up- ALDERSLEY



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Our Year 9 boys team won the City Athletics championships



Krishna Sarki - Silver in Javelin  
Jahmaal McIntosh - Silver in zoom & Relay  
Loic Boya - Gold in zoom & silver in relay  
Owen Edosomwan - Silver in zoom & relay  
Jay Moom - Silver in triple jump

In year 8 Alexia ran an incredible 26.96 in the zoom claiming gold!



**As part of PE lessons students in year 7 and 8 took part in the sports relief mile.**

Well done to all those who donated money and completed the mile.

Congratulations to Sonata Mieliauskaite – winner of the year 7 girls mile, Cameron Sidhu-winner of the year 7 boys mile , Faith Howe- winner of the year 8 girls mile and Haaver Tazeem- winner of the year 8 boys mile.

**The total raised was £80.**

## Gelliwig Residential Centre

**In June, 14 year 7's from Orange House had the chance to attend a residential in Porthmadog, Wales.**

We were lucky to have beautiful weather which allowed us to enjoy a wonderful afternoon on Black rock sands, students enjoyed swimming in the sea and exploring the caves and rock pools.

The following day students enjoyed exploring Caernarfon Castle, climbing many of the towers to enjoy the views over North Wales. This was followed by an afternoon at the Greenwood activity centre where students had the opportunity to participate in a range of activities including archery, racing the moon carts, riding the first people powered roller coaster, zooming down the sledge runs and riding the water slides. This was followed by an evening stroll along the river in Beddgerlert sampling the delicious ice creams. A tiring but very enjoyable day.

**The final morning once cases were packed allowed for a quick shopping trip to Porthmadog before returning home. I was delighted by the behaviour and attitude of students on the trip.**

**Also Green and Red House pupils attended the residential centre. In total over 50 students enjoyed this wonderful experience.**

A big thank you to the staff who gave up their free time to support this great opportunity for our pupils.

**The photograph below of Green House pupils and staff captures the moment perfectly.**



# **Calendar Dates**

## **Arrangements for the start of Autumn Term**

<b>Wednesday 7 September 2016</b>	<b>08.30 am New Year 7 Start 10.50 am Years 8 – 11 Start</b>
<b>Thursday 8 September 2016</b>	<b>8.30 am Year 13 Start</b>
<b>Monday 12 September 2016</b>	<b>8.30 am Year 12 Start</b>

## **Dates for your Diary 2016**

**Autumn Term: Wednesday 7 September 2016 to Friday 16 December 2016**

**Half Term: Monday 24 October 2016 to Friday 28 October 2016**

**KS3 Celebration Evening: Wednesday 5 October 2016**

**Y7 & Y11 Parents Evening: Tuesday 18 October 2016**

**KS4 Choices Information Evening for Y9 Parents: Wednesday 30 November 2016**

**Post 16 Choices Information Evening for Parents: Wednesday 7 December 2016**

**Post 16 Celebration Evening: Wednesday 14 December 2016**

## **Parental Engagement Meeting**

**Thursday 10 November 2016**

## **Open Events for Year 6 Parents**

**Thursday 29 September 2016 Open Evening**

**Friday 30 September 2016 Open Morning**

**Monday 3 October 2016 Open Morning**