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Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to introduce ourselves to you as the Year Leaders for Year 8. Having taught in the school over a number of years, we have had the privilege to teach the majority of students, and we are looking forward to leading the year group into this new important stage of their education and their Year 8 studies.

We have come to know Year 8 as a conscientious, talented and ambitious group of students whom, whether in an academic or extracurricular capacity, are always dedicated to school life at Colton Hills. We know how important our job is for the students under our care, and also how vital it is to be the main contact point for you, the parent.

Our main targets for the initial part of the year are to settle your child, whether new or returning, into their Year 8 studies and to establish a positive, ambitious and warm ethos for Year 8 as a group. There are many new and exciting things on the horizon for the year ahead at Colton Hills, which will be shared with you in due course, but for now I just wanted to establish contact and to let you know if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Listed below are some important pieces of information for September when students return to school:

- Year 7 Only – Friday 3rd September 8.45 am – 2.15 pm
- Year 8-11 – Monday 6th September 8.20 am – 3.00 pm
- **Tutor groups and new rooms:** Your child will be supported by their tutor throughout their time at Colton Hills. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor if you have any concerns.

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Year 8	8C1	8C2	8K1	8K2	8AT1	8AT2	8WT1	8WT2
Year team: Miss Tolliday, Mr Matthews, Mrs Payne	Mr Swallow	Mrs Oleschuk	Miss Jassi	Miss Kosker	Mr Patel	Ms Kpeglo	Miss Dyson	Mrs Machin
	S34	F34	F38	F36	F26	F35	F29	F31

- **Uniform** – Year 7-10 are required to wear the new school uniform and PE kit. Year 11 are required to wear the current uniform and PE kit. Please refer to the uniform policy on the website.





- **Arrangements for PE/dance:** From September students will continue to wear CHCS branded PE on days they have PE or dance, when directed by their performing arts teacher. We have made this decision as we have recognised the importance of maximising time for students to do physical activity with the current mental health agenda. Students must not wear any items other than CHCS branded PE kit. A number of items are available to suit all weather e.g. tracksuit bottoms, mid and base layers for when it is cold and shorts when it is hot. Sports trainers are also required, not fashion trainers such as converse or vans. Failure to wear correct kit will be sanctioned in the same manner as incorrect uniform.
- **Independent Study:** Independent study (homework) is an expected requirement for all students at Colton Hills School, we want to support students to build good independent study routines in Year 8 as this will support academic success as they move through the school. Your child should expect around 2 hours of independent study per night, per week day. This will include two subject and a literacy and numeracy task. A formal independent study timetable for students to follow to support them with their studies. This will be distributed in September and we will also work with students to support them to develop routines that will support them to complete homework. We would also please ask that you are helping support us by regularly checking and signing your child's student planner on a weekly basis.

Equipment List Reminder

A pencil case • 2 Black writing pens • 2 Red pens • 2 Green Pens • 2 Pencil • 1 Rubber • 1 Sharpener • 1 Ruler • 4 highlighters (different colours) • 1 Scientific Casio Calculator • A reading book • A pocket dictionary

Entering into year 8 is a crucial point within your child's education. During this academic year a range of careers events and activities will be offered to help your son/daughter to consider their chosen career. This is important to ensure that the following year, your child is prepared to make their option choices in year 9 and can aspire to follow the path to lead them to success. During Year 8, we will be focusing on embedding good routines and learning habits at school and at home to achieve excellence. We will also be working towards developing their 'character' through the enrichment and extra curricular activities, so they can work towards achieving their PRIDE award.

As mentioned previously, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on the school number Tel: 01902 558420.

We look forward to meeting you soon and throughout this coming year.

Kind Regards

Mr Matthews and Miss Tolliday – Year leaders

Mrs Payne – Assistant Year Leader

