

Headteacher's Blog: 5th June 2020

A new era beckons as H Block is removed

This week has seen some significant changes in the school site, as we reach the final stages of the Wilson Block being complete. This photograph shows something which our Year 7 and Year 8 students will not have seen before, our school playground and field without the presence of H Block!

For the last 18 months, the temporary classrooms have housed classes across all year groups and served us well, as we lived through the construction of the Wilson Block. Their removal is an exciting reminder that we are drawing ever closer to the completion of our new school building. Within the next few weeks The Wilson Block will be completed, there will be a new 'plaza' area to use as a playground and all the existing playground and fields will be in use again. This will mean students will have significantly better facilities than those they left back in March.



Planning is continuing for wider reopening to Year 10 and 12 students

Over half term, we have received further guidance from the government that secondary schools may plan to increase the number of students on site from Y10 and Y12 from 15th June, with up to 25% of students from each of these year groups allowed on site at any one time. As mentioned in the previous Blog and communication from Richard Gill (CEO), we are now moving to Phase 3 of our plan for reopening and have started to contact all students in Y12 and Y10 to help us plan for how this will work for our students. Every family in Year 10 and 12 will receive a phone call by Monday 8th June at 3pm. You can be assured that thorough planning is taking place to ensure we are able to offer a safe and effective provision for our students and we will be writing directly to families to confirm dates and details, once these have been approved by the Trust Board of ATLP.

Remote learning update

As set out by the government, it is important to note that remote learning remains the primary mode of education for the vast majority of children and it is important that students are engaging in the activities that are being sent to them by their teachers.

Please use the table below to identify the work being set for each year group and how to access it. As ever our aim is to support our students and their families by providing work that is accessible, engaging and there to be completed if they are well and able to do so.

Year Group	Work set	How can students access work
Year 7 and Year 8	Oak National Academy for Maths, English, Science Languages, History and Geography. Other projects may be sent by creative subjects and Citizenship	Use the timetable below to access teacher support on MS Teams if they need to ask questions. Work to be completed on paper. If internet access is difficult, please request work packs to be sent.
Year 9 and 10	Year 9 no longer need to access Oak Academy lessons Units of work to be set by subjects which include a piece of work that students are to submit for teacher feedback. Unit of work will set work for period of up to 3 weeks.	Go4school alerts will inform students and parents that work has been set on MS Teams. MS Teams is the platform to access, view, complete and return work for feedback. Please see instruction sheet for support. If internet access is difficult, please request work packs to be sent.
Year 11	Optional work/reading on website for students to prepare for A' Levels	School website "Home Study" area
Year 12	Subjects are setting work for completion and return.	Variety of online methods are being used by teachers to set work

Oak Academy timetable for Year 7&8.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.30-10.30	Maths	Maths	Maths	MFL	Geography
11.00-12.00	History	English	English	English	English
13.00-14.00	Science	MFL	Science	Maths	Science

Please note that Year 9 students should now access their work from teachers using the MS Teams platform (help sheet attached). They will need to use their Coleshill emails to access the platform and from here they can view the resources planned by their teachers and return work to their teachers for feedback and comments on their progress. If your child has forgotten their email or password, they can email passwords@thecoleshillschool.org with their FULL NAME and year group.

We have been using MS Teams with Y10 and Y12 since May and have seen an increasing engagement from students. Please encourage your son or daughter to visit the platform to see how this works and share the help sheet attached to this Blog to help them.

Assemblies and activities

We want to reassure our students and their families that they remain an integral part of The Coleshill School and we are committed to their education and wellbeing. I hope you have been able to watch the assembly from Mrs Cornell that was posted before half term on our You Tube Channel. The competition is still open so please email any videos to coleshillschool1520@gmail.com. Today we have posted the second assembly by Miss Oberg on language, which can be followed here <https://youtu.be/KX0BL9kQDA0>. There is also another challenge for you to get involved with!

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