



## Newsletter for Families 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

*Our vision is to create an excellent school that gives every child no matter their background or beliefs, the opportunity to live happy and fulfilling lives, go to university or pursue the career of their choice.*



### Principal's Message

The return to school after half term has gone extremely smoothly. Lessons have been calm, focused, and hard working. It has been great to see so many students getting involved in extra-curricular activities which really develops their passions and understanding of subjects or areas of interest.

A reminder that it is not long until the start of Year 11 mock exams - I have been impressed with the way they are really committing to all of the revision opportunities that are available to them in the school.

My assemblies this week have been called "Everyone needs a friend like Kevin" and explored the relationship between Kevin Sinfield and Rob Burrows, both of whom played rugby at club and international level together. Since retiring Rob Burrows has developed Motor Neurone Disease and Kevin has worked tirelessly to raise awareness, fundraise, and support the MND community. I closed the assembly with some key messages:

- In a world where you can choose to be anything, be kind.
- Kevin's resilience, work ethic and determination are all things that students can take into the classroom.
- Finally, we are a no-banter school as this often leads to misunderstandings and upset. Students can report anything that is upsetting them or another student to any adult in the school and we will do our best resolve the situation.



## Reports

All students in Years 7-10 have now received their first report of the year, which will contain an attitude to learning and a homework grade between 1-4. Please ensure that you both view and discuss this report with your child. Please contact the front office who will support you with any questions or queries you might have.

We are also excited to inform you that all students in Year 7-10 will be sitting their knowledge tests in late November which will also be reported home later in the term alongside students' reading ages. Staff will be preparing students for these knowledge tests in lessons over the coming weeks.

## United Learning Parent Survey

Our Parent Survey is now LIVE! Today we have sent out a letter with further details about how to access our annual survey to collect your views on the school. Tell us what you think about our school by following this link: <https://edurio.com/poll/a6GYW2>. The survey is run by an independent survey company, and you can opt in to win a £25 Amazon voucher. We look forward to hearing your views!

## Uniform

The vast majority of students are coming to school in perfect school uniform, and I thank you for your support in that. We will always lend items of uniform to students should they have mislaid or lost any item. There is no sanction for not having full and correct school uniform, providing the student concerned borrows an item. We have lent out a significant amount of uniform this year but have not received it all back. If you do have any items of uniform belonging to the school, please return them with your child next week.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of uniform expectations in one or two areas:

- Coats - No denim jackets are permitted.
- Hoodies are not permitted.
- Leggings are not permitted.
- Clear, plastic nose studs are allowed but metal studs are not permitted.

## Rewards

We are currently putting the final touches together for our new rewards system. This will be launched with students and parents in the next few weeks.

To provide our students with tangible rewards we are looking for donations of rewards from local businesses. If you are aware of any local businesses that may be willing to support our rewards system, please do contact Mr Baynes at: [paul.baynes@coleridgecc.org.uk](mailto:paul.baynes@coleridgecc.org.uk)



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## **Attendance**

Thank you for your support with attendance so far, this academic year. I am pleased to report that our attendance figures have improved compared to this time last year and we are in line with the national average.

We will continue to work with our students on a weekly basis discussing the importance of good attendance and punctuality. We will also be identifying what barriers individual students have to good attendance and what we can do to support students and their families in breaking down these barriers.

A final reminder that if your child is absent for any reason you must contact the attendance team at the school every day your child is absent. The contact details for the attendance team are:

**Telephone:** 01223 712300 (option 6)

**Email:** [attendance@coleridgecc.org.uk](mailto:attendance@coleridgecc.org.uk)

## **The Arbor App**

We would like to remind all parents and families to download the Arbor App if you have not already. This is one of the main ways that we can communicate with you, allowing you to receive notifications when we send messages or information to you. You can also check all the details we have on file for you and your child are correct and let us know of any changes that need to be made. We have attached a user Guide to this newsletter to support you in accessing this App and showing you how to use it.

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