



January 7<sup>th</sup> 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Happy New Year!

I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely break over Christmas and have had a positive start to 2019. We ended last term with fantastic celebration of student achievements in our first full House Assembly of the year. It was wonderful to see so many students recognised for their consistent hard work and positive contributions. Our visit from Santa also made the last day of term highly memorable!



### Communication

We are looking forward to seeing students back in school on Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup> for what promises to be an exciting term here at Colmers. We are keen to communicate with parents on a regular basis through our SIMS App so if you have not yet downloaded this on your phone, please do so via our school website. I know how important it is that we keep you informed when your child is doing well at school, as well as contacting you when we have any concerns. The SIMS App is brilliant for keeping you updated on a daily basis, you can regularly check attendance and detentions but even more importantly, it will be somewhere you can find out when your child receives recognition for Achieving Excellence, Belonging Together and Challenging Mindset. This term we are launching a new set of positive recognition comments, designed by our student council, which I hope you will enjoy!



### Curriculum Consultation

One of the pieces of work we do this coming half term is to decide on any changes we want to make to our curriculum from September 2019. We also launch the options process with our Year 8 students as they begin to think about the GCSE subjects they wish to study. I would very much like the opportunity to talk with parents and carers about some of the proposals we are considering and you are warmly invited to join a curriculum consultation conversation on Wednesday January 23<sup>rd</sup> either at 11 a.m. or 5.30pm. If you are interested in joining this event, please let me know either by phoning School Reception on 0121 453 1778 or by dropping an email to [enquiries@colmers.school](mailto:enquiries@colmers.school).

There will be an opportunity for all Year 8 students and parents to attend a special curriculum options event on Thursday February 28<sup>th</sup>, when you will be able to find out about all of the different subjects we will be offering from Year 9.

As ever, if you have any concerns about your child, do not hesitate to contact me directly and I will ensure the best person to respond gets back to you as a priority.

Emma Leaman

Headteacher



**Dates for your Diaries:**

Year 8 & 9 HPV Vaccinations	Monday 28th January 2019
Sixth Form Parents Evening	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2019
School closes for Half Term	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
School reopens	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Year 8 Options Evening	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Year 9 Booster Vaccinations	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Year 8 Parents Evening	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2019
Year 9 Parents Evening	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
School closes for Easter	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
School reopens	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2019