

COLMERS SCHOOL
& SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



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Welcome to **COLMERS**

A message from the Headteacher
Achieving Excellence. Belonging Together.
Challenging Mind-sets.

At Colmers, we want every one of our students to experience a positive and successful learning journey that prepares them fully for life beyond school. We have the highest aspirations for all of our young people, supporting each individual to achieve their own academic excellence.

Great teaching is our core business – we will always strive to make sure our classrooms are places that excite and inspire our learners, equipping them with the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to succeed in and beyond their examinations. We also believe that the exceptional extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities that we offer are essential for our students to thrive and be successful.

It is very important to us that every student, every member of staff and every parent and carer feels part of the Colmers family, a community in which we value our individual differences while working together towards shared goals.

Our relationships with parents and carers are essential to ensuring the safety and well-being of our young people, especially as they navigate the challenges of our fast-changing world.

Here at Colmers, we bravely challenge how we think and act so that we take every opportunity to learn and improve. New opportunities await our young people here in Birmingham and in the world beyond. It is our mission to help every Colmers student gain the confidence, curiosity and resilience they need to make the most of these opportunities and achieve their ambitions.



Ms Emma Leaman
Headteacher

**“OUR INTELLIGENCE,
ABILITY, RESILIENCE
AND COURAGE CAN BE
NURTURED AND GROWN.”**

Year 11





**“WE GET PUSHED
TOWARDS ACHIEVING
EXCELLENCE.”**

Year 7

ACHIEVING excellence

At Colmers, we have carefully designed our curriculum to challenge our students while meeting each individual child’s learning needs. In Years 7 and 8, students benefit from our special Bridge curriculum, promoting their literacy and numeracy as the key foundations to academic success. We emphasise the need for our students to become great thinkers with the ability to ask deep questions and make important connections.

Our expertise in key areas of English, Maths and Science is matched by a wide range of subjects to give our students the best possible educational experience. Students may choose between traditional academic subjects and more vocational options, supported to find a pathway that will open doors and create opportunities.

We carefully monitor the progress of our students, helping them identify what they need to do to improve and providing the support and challenge they need to achieve their very best.

Our facilities are a source of pride for staff and students alike, from our PE fitness suite, playing fields and astroturf through to the fully equipped Music, Arts, Technology and Computer Science areas. Every classroom is equipped with technology to enhance and accelerate learning. We commit to creating a very positive learning environment that supports every student to make great progress.

Our students are encouraged to develop their individual talents and interests outside of lessons and so find their own love of learning that will stay with them beyond Colmers.





BELONGING together

We aim to be a source of pride and optimism in the local community. We want our students to represent the best of the next generation both locally and nationally.

At Colmers, we believe that feeling part of your form, your Year group, your school and your community brings with it a support and confidence that is unique. Belonging together is an important part of growing up and an essential ingredient to what we offer at Colmers.

Our parents, carers, governors, local residents and the whole community are integral to this sense of belonging. We are all united in our commitment to securing the best future for every student.

Belonging together at Colmers means our students respecting the needs of others, having high standards of behaviour and being polite, punctual, and hard-working in and out of the classroom. We celebrate and respect our individual differences, supporting our students to be the very best version of themselves.

Our House system develops loyalty and healthy competition between student teams, Eagle, Wolf and Dolphin. The student council and tutor group representatives, ensure that each student's voice is heard and we value the contributions every student makes to the Colmers community.



“THE BEST THING ABOUT COLMERS IS THE FAMILY FEEL – YOU FEEL YOU FIT IN. I LOVE COLMERS BECAUSE IT IS AMAZING.”

YEAR 8



“WE MAY ALL BE IN THE SAME UNIFORM BUT WE EXPRESS OURSELVES UNIQUELY.”

YEAR 9

CHALLENGING mind-sets

We believe that every student can have a happy and successful future and we inspire our students to share in that belief.

We give students the confidence to make the right academic, social and moral choices so that they can succeed in every aspect of their life. This is underpinned by a continual emphasis on self-awareness and self-motivation to help them overcome the challenges that lie beyond Colmers.

To be really successful, we believe our students need to develop character as well as academic skills. We want our learners to solve problems, take risks, stand up after set backs, talk with anyone, imagine better worlds and work with others to achieve their goals. Students are given the opportunity to develop these skills and characteristics through subject-based lessons and a very wide range of extra-curricular activities. Our Learning for Life programme also focuses on a range of personal and social skills to best equip students for further education, training or employment.



“EVERYBODY HAS A
CHANCE OF A BRIGHT
FUTURE.”
YEAR 10



DARE TO dream

At Colmers, we help students to make effective, informed and considered decisions about themselves and their future.

We encourage our students to explore their ambitions and aspirations from the very start of their journey with us, both through the curriculum and in our extensive programme of enrichment activities. We want our learners to understand that their efforts and achievements in school can lead to fantastic opportunities beyond and to have the advice they need to make the best possible choices every lesson, every day, every year at Colmers. Our students benefit from a comprehensive careers education and guidance programme. Students have access to the school Careers Library and we enjoy close working links with a range of impartial advisors. Our careers fayre in Year 11, mock interviews and university away days add to our extensive provision.

Step up to the Sixth Form
Our Sixth Form is a hugely important part of our school community, providing students with tremendous opportunities to further their learning. We are ambitious

for as many of our students as possible to have the chance to progress to university. The academic pathways that we offer support our young people to achieve academically and gain the independence necessary to succeed into higher education or employment.

We develop our students into rounded individuals through a broad range of extra-curricular experiences, leadership opportunities and active involvement in the community. Our sixth form students are encouraged to be visible and interactive members of the school community as well as genuine role models for our younger learners. We broaden our students' experience of the wider world and create a greater appreciation of different backgrounds, experiences and mind-sets by nurturing close social and academic relationships with students locally, nationally and globally.



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