

# Welcome to Chesterton Community Sports College

Come and join us for our  
Open Evening!

Thursday 22nd September  
6pm – 9pm



Chesterton Community Sports College  
*'To Be The Best You Can Be'*



# Ethos & Values

Chesterton Community Sports College is a thriving and successful school with an established ethos based on the principle of being 'the best you can be.' The school is situated in the heart of the community and offers a broad and balanced curriculum that supports the development of the individual child.

We are a well-established school with a fully qualified and professional staff team who continue to drive our high standards forward. Chesterton Community Sports College has a strong reputation for its supportive, warm working atmosphere and caring staff.

GCSE figures and average point scores show a continuous trend of excellence and all of our pupils continue to make consistent and outstanding progress. We are proud that our pupils leave this school equipped with the skills and qualifications needed to prepare them for their next pathway.

Choosing a high school is an important decision for you and your child and we encourage you to visit the school, speak to the staff and pupils, and find out for yourself what it is like in the school, how we work and how we learn.

We look forward to meeting you and your child in the near future.



Mr. R Swindells BA (Hons)  
Headteacher



Mrs. S Waterhouse BA (Hons)  
Deputy Headteacher

## Primary Transition

At Chesterton Community Sports College, we want your child's first step into high school to be confident and happy. Moving to high school can be a daunting experience (for parents too!) which is why we have developed an excellent transition programme, which makes the process as stress-free as possible.

We have strong links with our local primary schools, and first hand knowledge of Year 6 children, through our academy partnership with Churchfields, Crackley Bank and Chesterton Primary. This enables us to understand the issues and concerns as well as the excitement and expectation that pupils face during this transition phase.

Our formal transition programme starts during Year 5 where children are invited to attend 'taster' days. Their experience is shared with their peers but they are also given the opportunity to meet other Year 5 children from our partner primary schools.

During Year 5 and 6, children are involved in activities at the high school that enable them to get used to the school setting, layout and facilities and they will meet many of the teachers that will be working with them in Year 7.

### THE SCHOOL DAY

7:30 – 8:15 – Breakfast Club (optional)
8:20 – Arrive
8:30 – Form Time (all)
8:50 – Lesson 1
9:20 – Lesson 2
9:50 – Lesson 3
10:20 – Lesson 4
10:50 – Break
11:05 – Lesson 5
11:35 – Lesson 6
12:05 – Lesson 7
12:35 – Lesson 8 – Year 7, 8 and 9 Lunch
1:05 – Lesson 9 – Year 10 and 11 Lunch
1:35 – Lesson 10
2:05 – Lesson 11
2:35 – Lesson 12
3:05 – End of school day
3:05 – 4:00 – School Clubs

'The school is a popular choice and is well regarded by parents, who value the range of support and opportunities that the school offers their children.'

*Ofsted Report 2016*

'At first I was really worried but once I got there, everyone was so friendly that I felt at ease almost straight away'

*A new Year 7 pupil*





# Our Uniform

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We take great pride in the appearance of our school and our pupils. First impressions are important and our school uniform is to be worn with pride. Part of our school values is to 'be prepared' and having the correct uniform and right equipment will ensure your child is effectively prepared for learning.

The uniform for the school includes:

- **Black blazer** with school badge.
- **White shirt:** It should be noted that this is a traditional shirt that buttons to the collar and is long enough to be tucked in.
- **School House tie.**

- **Black trousers:** Girls should note that the trousers must be of a formal style, i.e. not fitted trousers or leggings.
- **Skirts:** Girls are allowed to wear a school skirt which can only be purchased from the school shop.
- **Black shoes** (preferably low heel, not trainers, no logos, no colours, not canvas).
- **Jewellery:** For safety and security reasons, only one pair of sleeper or stud earrings may be worn in each earlobe. Pupils may wear a watch. In all cases, jewellery should be removed, if required, for safety reasons.
- **Hair** should be of a natural colour.
- **Nail varnish and false nails** are not allowed (for health and safety reasons).
- **An apron** is needed for Technology.

# PE Kit



- **Sky blue polo shirt, black shorts and black socks**
- There is also the option to have a blue, long sleeve thicker **jersey**, black **sports leggings** for girls (not thin, casual leggings) and a black **waterproof sports jacket**
- For outdoor field activities, **boots** are necessary. **Gum shields** and **shin pads** are recommended for rugby, hockey and football.
- **Trainers** with non-marking soles.

**'We pride ourselves on our smart uniform and high standards'**

Mrs. S Hawkins  
Key Stage 3 Leader





# Our Curriculum

Our curriculum remains innovative and prepares our pupils for the world they live in today. All subject areas are able to design their curriculum with flexibility and challenge to meet the needs of all of our pupils. We are constantly expanding the range of options available to pupils to ensure that their learning is modern, exciting and challenging.

## Key Stage 3.

Key Stage Three includes Year 7 and Year 8 and the focus of these two years is to develop a passion and enthusiasm for learning along with the essential skills and knowledge that is necessary for GCSE and for adult life.

### OUR KEY STAGE 3 SUBJECTS ARE:

English (this includes Literature and Media Studies)
Mathematics
Science
French
Spanish
Technology (Resistant Materials, Electronics, Graphics, Textiles & Food)
Computing
PSCHE
Religious and Multicultural Studies
History
Geography
Music
Art
Physical Education

## Key Stage 4.

At the end of Year 8, with the support and guidance of staff and parents, pupils choose their GCSE options. Having an extended Key Stage Four (Year 9, 10 and 11) means that pupils gain a breadth of knowledge and can move towards a more personalised curriculum. All pupils have compulsory subjects and these are the following:

### OUR KEY STAGE 4 SUBJECTS ARE:

Mathematics
Science
English Language
English Literature
French or Spanish
Core PE
PSCHE

Options are placed in blocks from which pupils can choose three. The choices vary from year to year but often include the following:

Food Technology
History
Geography
Music
Art (3D Art/Fine Art)
Photography
Sports Studies
GCSE PE
Dance
Drama
Film Studies
Computer Science
Media Studies
Italian
Health and Social Studies
Statistics
Child Care
Business
Theology
Citizenship
Media



**'I thought that choosing options subjects in Year 8 would be daunting for my son but due to the amount of support available, the process was actually very enlightening.'**

*A Year 8 Parent*





# Our Facilities

Our modern facilities enhance the learning experience here at Chesterton Community Sports College. Not only does each classroom contain up- to- date computer technology but they are bright and welcoming and make the learning experience better for all pupils.

**'The facilities we have make our school phenomenal and this is why I chose CCSC'**

*Year 8 Pupil*



## Our facilities include:

- **Apple TVs** or **Interactive Whiteboards** in all classrooms and **iPads** for all GCSE pupils.
- A new, fully equipped **computing suite** which comprises of **Apple TVs** and 60 state of the art **iMac computers**.
- A computing 'Development Area' where pupils get to experience practical activities such as creating their own networks and disassembling machines.
- Extensive sports facilities such as a purpose built **Dance Studio**, a **20m swimming pool**, a full sized multi-functional **sports hall** and a full size **astro-turf** facility.
- The **library**, which is often referred to as the 'Heart of the School' is a warm environment that welcomes all age groups and is the location for our very popular 'Homework Club.' The library has a wide range of modern fiction and non-fiction texts as well as access to iPads for class work.
- The **school canteen** provides balanced meals that meet the requirements set out by the Department of Education. The school encourages healthy-eating as part of an active lifestyle.
- Fully equipped **music classroom** that consists of 30 **iMacs** containing latest software such as Sibelius, Garage Band, Dance eJay and Logic Pro.
- **Technology classroom** including fully equipped workshops and **Food Technology room**.









# Clubs & Activities

Pupils are offered a vast range of extra-curricular activities outside of school hours.

The PE department offer a vast and varied range of clubs during lunchtime and after school. There are informal drop-in sessions in the sports hall at lunchtime where all pupils are welcome and they can practice their skills in small groups. The swimming teacher offers lifesaving opportunities and different swims for different year groups and ability ranges. There are also many teams that compete at local and regional level, for example football and netball, and there are both training sessions and matches scheduled after school.

Outside of PE, there are various other lunchtime and after school activities such as: magic club, book club, model-making, language at lunchtime and a writing group. Staff are always looking for more opportunity to start new and exciting clubs within the school hours and after school.

Pupils of all ages are encouraged to show responsibility and initiative and be part of the decision making in the school. We encourage pupils to be: subject leaders, school council members, sports leaders, house leaders, charity leaders and prefects - this means that many pupils can lead the way in ensuring the pupil voice is heard. Many of the meetings take place during the lunchtime or after school and reflect the commitment of our pupils to their school.

Chesterton Community Sports College offers excellent musical opportunities including bands, choir and ensembles. Individual instrumental lessons and vocal tuition is available, delivered by a team of specialist tutors.

In addition, there is an annual programme of field trips, educational visits, study days, clubs and competitions, and links with a number of further education colleges and universities which enhance the curriculum and ensure students hold high aspirations for their future.

Intervention and 'booster' sessions are available throughout the year and are offered to a range of pupils to support their education and progress. These are really beneficial as they give your child the opportunity to work in small groups and support their academic progression.



**'There is always plenty for us to do at lunchtimes and after school'**

*Year 9 Pupil*



# Parents & Carers

At Chesterton, we value the contribution of parents and carers within our school and welcome your involvement in supporting and encouraging pupils in their schooling. There are many ways that we keep in contact throughout the school year, for example:

- **Parent/Pupil Portal:** through your own log in, you are able to access and monitor your child's progress on the parent portal. This will allow you to view your child's attendance, behaviour, homework and profile.
- **Regular progress reports** (profiles) that give an overview of each subject and provide data on how well your child is achieving.
- **An annual written report:** these reports give detailed comments as well as grades/levels and give you a true picture of your child's achievements in school.
- **Parents' evenings:** appointments are made with subject teachers. This gives both parties the opportunity to discuss progress and achievement.
- **Parent/pupil workshops, events and performances.**
- **Communication** through letters, text messages and the pupil planners.
- **The school website:** this is vibrant and represents the day-to-day life of the school and is an effective means of communicating key events to parents. **Please visit us at: [www.ccsc.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.ccsc.staffs.sch.uk)**
- **'Show My Homework':** an online programme (and downloadable app) that enables staff to communicate with pupils and parents. All homework is transferred so that pupils and parents can access at any point, from home or at school.

## What To Do Next

If you require further information about any aspect of school, please do not hesitate to contact the reception to arrange an appointment or experience the school in a normal working day through a tour. This is encouraged as it shows you and your child what the school is like day-in and day-out.



**'We are really pleased and very proud of our child's progress. Having attended parents' evening, it is appreciated how dedicated all the teachers are to her education and well-being.'**

*Year 9 Parent*



We believe that Chesterton Community Sports College can support your child in achieving their personal best in a motivating and positive environment. We also understand that choosing the right school is an important step and we ask you to talk to our staff openly and ask the questions that you feel are important in making your decision.





# Support Systems in School

The school is caring and inclusive. Teachers and support staff work closely with different groups of pupils at different times in their school life whatever their ability.

Pupils with Special Educational Needs are offered support, depending on their individual needs. All of our SEN pupils are effectively supported and leave with the GCSE qualifications they need for post-16 progression.

We offer a wide range of out-of-hours provision, whether it be academic classes, intervention sessions, music groups or sports events. We hope this will support your child in the years to come.





# iPads and Teams

We are very lucky at CCSC as every pupil gets to have an iPad whilst at school.

iPads are each pupil's responsibility. Please ensure that your child looks after their iPad.

**Pupils will be expected to have their iPad fully charged each day.**

Pupils will be expected to follow the normal school rules and behaviour policies when using their iPads, both in school and at home.

As with all other learning platforms and online activities, parents and carers should **monitor their child's use of their iPads and Teams** to ensure that they are being used appropriately.

We have comprehensive filters and safety measures in place to keep children safe online when they are in school. Please continue to **monitor their online activity at home** to ensure that they are using their iPads safely.



**Microsoft Teams** is an online platform which allows teachers to share learning in a controlled environment. Teams has a number of uses and benefits:

- Pupils have full access to online versions of Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Outlook, which they can use to learn from home (part of our existing Office 365 platform)
- Teachers can upload and save files/resources which pupils can access in school and at home
- Teachers can set classwork and home learning tasks
- Each pupil has their own Class Notebook for each subject which they can access and update both in school and at home
- Live lessons can be delivered safely from a school platform





# iPads and Teams



## Crucial Knowledge Learning

Your child's subject teachers will set a range of crucial knowledge quizzes each week in Assignments, Microsoft Teams. The aim is to develop pupils' understanding and long-term memory, supporting their learning and developing their overall progress.

Pupils will **be expected to complete all set quizzes.** You will receive a weekly email to inform you of all set quizzes for each of your child's subjects, as well as which quizzes have been completed and which are outstanding.



Teachers will set quizzes and return marked work to pupils during school hours and after school. If your child is not using their iPad, **it is advisable that they switch off their iPad or Teams notifications** to avoid being disturbed.





If you would like more information,  
please visit our website  
[www.ccsc.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.ccsc.staffs.sch.uk), follow our  
social media pages (Facebook and  
Instagram) or call our school office  
with any questions.

We hope to see you all very soon!



Mrs L Jackson CEO

### Multi-Academy Trust

Chesterton Community Sports College is the lead school in the partnership that forms 'Collective Vision Trust.' The Trust was set up on the 1st December 2013.

#### Our current partner schools are:

- Churchfields Primary School, Chesterton, Newcastle-under-Lyme
- Crackley Bank Primary School, Chesterton, Newcastle-under-Lyme
- Chesterton Primary School, Chesterton, Newcastle-under-Lyme

### Values and Vision

The key aim of the Academy Trust is to ensure that all children are provided with the highest standard of education to achieve their personal best: this applies to both academic qualifications and to their wider aspects of learning that will support their development into young adults.

We aim that children leave our schools as fully rounded individuals who have the educational, social and emotional skills to play a full part in their local, national and inter-national community.

We aim to achieve this by working with stakeholders at all levels to develop their roles so that they are all reflective practitioners who embody our values of 'being the best they can be.'

Through all things we do, the children are at the centre of our thinking and planning. It is vital that we work together to build each child's life chances so that they can contribute positively, make a difference and be successful in life.



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