Academy Information
New Parents’ Evening
Wednesday, 3rd July 2019

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Welcome to Churchill Academy & Sixth Form

I am delighted to welcome you as families of new students at Churchill Academy & Sixth Form, and look forward to getting to know you.

We are a school where students and staff alike believe in the value of determined and consistent effort to satisfy our hunger to learn. We challenge ourselves to go beyond what we already know, viewing setbacks and mistakes as opportunities to learn and grow. We do this in a culture of kindness and compassion, encouraging others to succeed alongside ourselves, as we pursue our core purpose: to inspire and enable all young people to make a positive difference in a school which sets no limits on what we can achieve.

With a highly skilled, experienced and caring staff, backed by supportive families and the wider community we can ensure that all our students are happy and successful at Churchill Academy & Sixth Form. I look forward to working in partnership with you.

Chris Hildrew, Headteacher
Our Values: Kindness, Curiosity, Determination

Martin Luther King Jr. said, “Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.” Our values make this vision a reality. We live our values in everything we do at Churchill, building character which ensures we get the best out of ourselves in all our endeavours.

**Kindness** is a strength of the heart. This “interpersonal” or “giving” strength helps us relate to others positively. At Churchill, we are kind to one another. This means that we are considerate and generous every day, caring for one another and doing everything we can to make sure everybody else has a good day at school. Kindness reinforces our shared sense of community; it builds trust and respect; and it ensures that we take our social responsibilities seriously.

**Curiosity** is a strength of the mind. This “intellectual” or “thinking” strength helps us to ponder, wonder, and create. At Churchill, we are constantly curious and hungry for new learning. We value enquiring minds and a spirit of exploration. The desire to know or learn something new motivates us to try our hardest in everything we do.

**Determination** is a strength of will. This “intrapersonal” or “doing” strength helps us achieve our goals. At Churchill, we are persistent and relentless in the pursuit of our goals – both academic and personal. This determination to keep going when learning is difficult, and to come back and try again when we struggle, helps us to succeed.
How the Academy is organised

At Churchill Academy & Sixth Form we have established a structure that addresses each individual’s needs within the large family that makes up our Academy community. The Academy is organised into vertical tutor groups that consist of students from Year 7 to 11 built around a well-established House system.

Academically, subjects are managed within Faculty teams. The broad and balanced curriculum covered is complemented by opportunities for further enrichment.

Beyond the taught curriculum there are extensive opportunities to enrich the learning experience. The Academy has an excellent reputation for its sporting achievements and for the Performing Arts as well as many other clubs and activities.

We expect all students to work hard and keep going until they’re proud of what they’ve achieved. We want them to have an attitude of “if it’s not excellent, it’s not finished.” We expect them to be courteous, considerate and supportive of one another and to make the most of many wide and varied opportunities available to them.

Students joining Churchill are attached to a House, each of which is led by a Head of House and is assisted by their team of tutors. Together they have the progress and well-being of your children as a primary aspect of their work. This ensures that a secure foundation is established both socially and academically for a happy and successful time at Churchill Academy & Sixth Form.

Heads of House

Hanover
Elizabeth Bradley

Stuart
Garaeth Davies

Tudor
Alison Blackburn

Windsor
Shaun Cross
The Student Services Department provides coordinated support and information to students, staff and parents.

The Student Services Department brings together:

- Student Welfare, including the House system
- Learning Support, including Special Educational Needs
- Pupil Premium support
- Safeguarding and Keeping Children Safe in Education
- Careers Advice and Guidance

Student Services also provides a range of intervention and support programmes in a structured environment that is calm, safe and focused upon progress.

The Student Services Department at Churchill Academy & Sixth Form is located upstairs above the Library.

**Pastoral Support Workers**

Ms Maire McNeil, Mrs Wendy Perham and Mr Chris Jenks.

Our Pastoral Support Workers are part of the Student Services team. These non-teaching members of staff have particular responsibility for student welfare, attendance, and ensuring that students have a successful transition from primary to secondary school.
# The School Day

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| Period 4           | 12.10pm - 1.10pm |
| Lunch              | 1.10pm - 1.40pm |
| **NO AFTERNOON REGISTRATION** |
| Period 5           | 1.40pm - 2.40pm |
| School Ends        | 2.40pm |
Insight Parent Portal

The Insight Parent Portal is how families access information about their children, and communicate with the Academy. It can be found via the “Login Links” at the top of the school website. All parents and carers are able to log onto the website using a personal user name and password, which is issued to new starters during the summer holidays.

In Insight you can:
- View school reports
- Get up-to-date behaviour and attendance information
- View timetables, homework, and exam entries
- Update your personal details
- Choose options
- Report an absence

If you encounter any problems with the system, please contact the Insight administrator either by telephone on 01934 852771 or via email at insight@churchill-academy.org
Churchill Academy Uniform

- Charcoal grey plain full-length tailored trousers
- If a belt is to be worn, this must be black and suitable for school
- Maroon School Uniform Polo Shirt with House Colour Trim and School Logo
- Maroon School Uniform Sweatshirt with School Logo
- Plain black flat polishable shoes. No trainers, no boots, no logos; shoes should enclose and protect toes and heels.
- Hats, scarves and coats, if worn, should be dark colour, without logos or patterns. Denim or leather jackets are not permitted.

When in uniform, students are public representatives and ambassadors for Churchill Academy & Sixth Form. The Academy uniform should be worn with pride and the Academy Code of Conduct applies at all times that students are in uniform.

- **Hoodies:** Academy hoodies are acceptable to wear as an outdoor coat. Other hoodies (those not issued by the Academy, or "trip" hoodies) are not acceptable.
- **Hair colour and style:** hair should be a natural colour. Extreme hair styles are not acceptable (for example very short hair or hair with designs cut in). Please check with the Academy beforehand if you are unsure. The decision of Academy staff on the definition of "extreme" and "natural" will be final.
- **Jewellery:** students are permitted a maximum of one watch, one ring, and one pair of earrings (one in each ear; studs or sleepers only).
- **Make up:** make up is not permitted in Years 7 or 8. Nail varnish is not permitted at all.
- **Hot weather:** in the event of extremely hot weather, the Headteacher will authorise PE kit as uniform for the day. This will be notified on a daily basis. Unless notified, standard uniform applies.

### House Colours

- **Hanover** | **Gold**
- **Stuart** | **Green**
- **Tudor** | **Red**
- **Windsor** | **Sky Blue**

### Uniform & Sports Kit Availability

The Academy’s main suppliers are:

- Deane and Sons of Cheddar
  - Tel: 01934 742530
- NK Sports, Worle
  - Tel: 01934 511005

School trousers are available from large stores. Deane and Sons of Cheddar sell charcoal grey trousers and do free alterations. See the website for more information.
Academy PE Kit

- Black polo shirt with house colour stripes and Academy logo
- Sports trainers (no plimsolls)
- Black football/rugby socks with Churchill logo
- White sports socks
- Shin pads
- Gum shield
- Swimming trunks or one-piece swimming costume
- Black shorts or skort with house colour stripes
- Black hooded sweatshirt with house colour panels and Academy logo
- Football/rugby boots with studs if required
- Optional: plain black tracksuit trousers or plain black sports leggings
- Long hair must be tied back with a plain black hair band

If you have questions about the Sports Kit please either ask in the shop or contact the PE Faculty Coordinators: Mr Hayne - JAH@churchill-academy.org Mrs Taylor – COT@churchill-academy.org

All items should be clearly marked with the owner’s name
Transport Information

Students travelling from within catchment area

Contact: North Somerset school admissions and transport team on 01934 634712

Students travelling from outside catchment area

e.g: Weston/Hutton/Locking etc.

Contact:  Bakers Coaches, 48 Locking Road, Weston-Super-Mare on 01934 415000 (Option 4) or visit https://schools.bakersdolphin.com/churchill.

Cost per student

- Standard Return (per year) £976.54*
- Standard Return plus Late Coach Option (per year) £1,088.09*

* Prices set until July 2019. Please contact Bakers for information on 5% discount for additional children

Payment can be made by:

- 8 equal monthly payments (by direct debit)
- Yearly in advance (5% discount given)

Please note
Students who travel by coach must stay on the Academy site until their coach leaves. If students miss a coach they must report to the Main Academy Office or the member of staff on duty at the coach loop.
School Term and Holiday Dates

Academic Year 2019 – 2020

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Inset dates for 2019-20

The Academy is strongly committed to professional development for staff, to ensure that students get the best possible provision. The Academy will be closed to students on the following dates so that staff can undertake vital in-service training:

- Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September 2019
- Tuesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} September 2019
- Monday 6\textsuperscript{th} January 2020
- Friday 14\textsuperscript{th} February 2020
- Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} July 2020

Save the date:

Year 7 Parents’ Information Evening – Monday 23\textsuperscript{rd} September 2019, 6:30pm in the Academy Hall. This meeting provides an overview of the year ahead, with an opportunity to share key information and address any concerns.
The Library

The Library occupies a central position in the school, and includes a large main library and a dedicated reading room. The Library is staffed by Mrs Dibble and Mrs Clemmett.

You can contact us at LRC@churchill-academy.org

Our opening hours are: Mondays-Thursdays 8.50-4.30, Fridays 8.50-3.20.

As well as a large collection of fiction and information books, the Library also subscribes to several magazines, including The Week Junior. There are 30 computers which students can book at lunchtime to do homework and research. Printing and photocopying facilities are available. We also sell stationery.

All year 7 students come to the library in their English lessons once a fortnight. The librarians lead interactive “reading for pleasure” activities during that time and the lesson includes dedicated reading time. Students are expected to read for a minimum of one hour a fortnight at home as their reading lesson homework.

To access the full version of A guide to library facilities and reading development for carers of new year 7 students, which includes recommended reads for the summer, please visit our blog: https://churchillacademylrc.wordpress.com/information-for-parents-carers/