





Kindness - Curiosity - Determination

Academy Information

Open Evening Welcome Pack

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## Welcome - Open Evening 2023

Welcome to Churchill Academy & Sixth Form, and thank you for your interest in our school.

One of the most important decisions you will have to make is choosing the right secondary school for your child and at Churchill we believe we offer you an excellent option.

As parents, we all wish to see our children thrive and succeed. Churchill has a dedicated team of teaching and support staff who work hard to secure the best from every student, offering varied opportunities for them to grow in skills, knowledge, character and confidence. We are able to achieve this because of the mutually supportive partnership between school and home.



Our values shape our work with all students from day one right through to our high performing Sixth Form and beyond:

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This evening provides you with an opportunity to find out more about what we do, and I urge you to ask as many questions as you can! We are also holding Open Mornings on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th October so you can get a real feel for the learning environment that we cultivate every day. For further details, please see <a href="http://www.churchill-academy.org/Admissions/Open-Evening-and-Mornings/">http://www.churchill-academy.org/Admissions/Open-Evening-and-Mornings/</a>

Chris Hildrew, Headteacher

Our purpose: to inspire and enable young people to make a positive difference

Our vision: to set no limits on what we can achieve

#### How our open evening works:

- Guided tours will leave from reception at regular intervals. Alternatively, please use the map of the Academy to find your own way around.
- The Headteacher's presentation will be repeated in the Academy Hall at 5.15pm and 6.15pm. Tours will be available following each presentation from the Hall.
- Year 5 and Year 6 children can collect stickers from each department this evening. If you collect them all, please go to the Sixth Form or main reception to collect your reward!
- Refreshments will be available in the Sixth Form Common Room throughout the evening.

### 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; the Sixth Form (Year 12 and 13) functions as a separate "sixth house" and remains connected to all we do.

Academically, subjects are managed within Faculty teams. The broad and balanced curriculum 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 full attention, full focus, and full effort. 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, led by a Head of House, who is assisted by a team of tutors. Together they have the progress and well-being of your children as the 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











Stuart Katie O'Malley **Tudor** Alison Blackburn

Hanover Andy Slater Lancaster Chloe Taylor Windsor James Redman

## 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.



## Transition from primary to secondary school

This year, we have spaces to admit 270 students into Year 7 at Churchill Academy & Sixth Form. Around a third of our Year 7 intake last year came from outside our defined "catchment area". Making Churchill Academy & Sixth Form the first choice on your admissions selection gives you the best chance of securing a place here and taking advantage of the outstanding education we offer.

Last year, we admitted students from 42 primary schools including:

Ashcombe Primary School Ashton Gate Primary School Banwell Primary School Becket Primary School Blagdon Primary School Bournville Primary School Bridge Farm Primary School Burrington C of E Primary School Castle Batch Community Primary School Christ Church C of E Primary School (WSM) Christ Church Primary School Churchill C of E Primary School Fairlands Middle School Haywood Village Academy Henleaze Junior School Herons' Moor Academy Hutton C of E Primary School Kingsmoor Primary School Locking Primary School Lyde Green Primary School Mary Elton Primary School

Mead Vale Community Primary School Mendip Green Primary School Milton Park Primary School Oldmixon Primary School Sandford Primary School St Andrew's C of E Primary School St Anne's Church Academy St Annes Hewish St Georges Church School St Mark's C of E / Methodist Primary School St Martin's C of E Primary School Ubley Primary School Uphill Village Academy Walliscote Primary School Westhaven School Whitehall Primary School Winford C of E Primary School Winscombe Primary School Worlebury St Paul's C of E VA Primary School Wrington C of E Primary School

We plan to visit every child with a place in Year 7 in their primary school. Detailed information is passed between schools to ensure a smooth academic and personal transition.

All Year 7 students are due to have a transition day at the Academy in the summer, and many will also take advantage of our drama day and other activities. Students with special educational needs will have a specialised transition programme, including additional visits to the Academy, to make sure their needs are met.



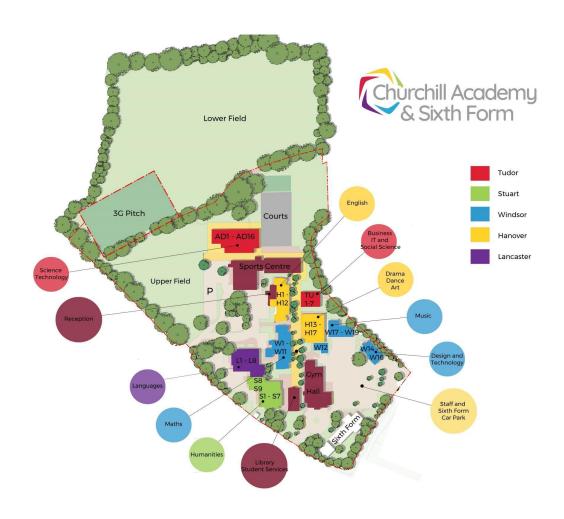
## Important dates

• 31st October 2023 - Deadline for online Admissions

Yatton C of E Junior School

- 1st March 2024 National Secondary Offer Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Year 6 Induction Day
- 27 June 2024 Year 6 Drama Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Year 6 New Parents' Evening

# Churchill Academy & Sixth Form - Map



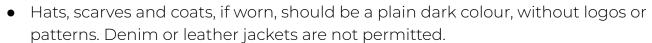
## The Academy Day

08:35 - 09:00	Registration/Assembly
09:00 - 10:00	Period 1
10:00 - 11:00	Period 2
11:00 - 11:20	Break
11:20 - 12:20	Period 3
12:20 - 13:20	Period 4
13:20 - 14:05	Lunch
14:05 - 15:05	Period 5

### 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
- Black socks
- Plain black flat polishable shoes. Must be all black, with no coloured logos or flashes. Shoes should enclose and protect toes and heels for health and safety reasons. Boots, canvas or fabric shoes or trainers are not allowed. Air Force or similar plain black trainers with uppers that are "polishable" are





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 <u>Code of Conduct</u> applies at all times that students are in uniform.

- Hoodies: Academy hoodies are acceptable to wear as part of the Academy's uniform.
  Hoods must be worn down. Other hoodies (those not issued by the Academy, or "trip" hoodies) are not acceptable and should not be worn to school.
- 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 watch and a ring. Piercings in the ear and/or nose must be studs only for health and safety reasons. Hoops, rings, dangly, spiked, chain link or spacer style earrings are not permitted. No other piercings are allowed (e.g. tongue or other parts of the body). All piercings must be removed or covered with a plaster when taking part in PE or Dance. All watches of any kind must be removed during exams.
- Make up: make up is not permitted in Years 7 or 8. Nail varnish, false nails and false eyelashes are not permitted.
- 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.
- Mobile Phones: Students should follow the rule: "my mobile phone will not be seen or heard in the Academy at any time." Mobile devices should be switched off and kept out of sight in students' bags or lockers throughout the school day. Similarly students should not have AirPods, earphones or earbuds in during the school day. The Academy takes no responsibility for any mobile devices brought to school by students. For more information on our "phone-free school see our Mobile Devices Policy.



## 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
- 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 (with Academy logo)
- Long hair must be tied back with a plain black hair band

All items should be clearly marked with the owner's name.

If you have questions about the sports kit please either ask in the shop or contact the PE Faculty Coordinators:

Mr Hayne - <u>JAH@churchill-academy.org</u> Miss James - HOJ@churchill-academy.org



#### **House Colours**

Hanover Gold Tudor Red Lancaster Purple

Stuart Green Windsor Sky Blue

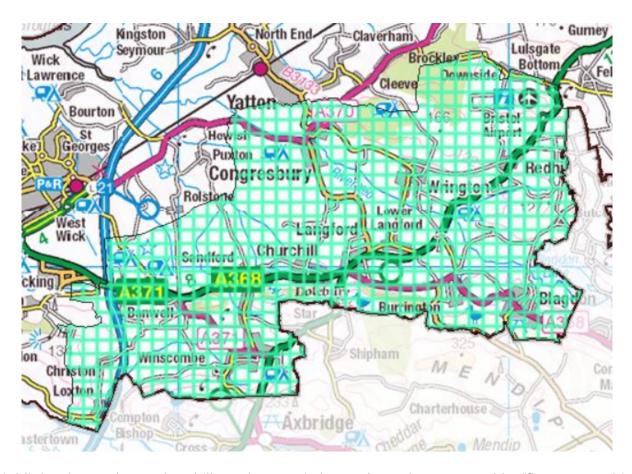
#### **Uniform & Sports Kit Availability**

The Academy's main suppliers are:

• Deane and Sons, Cheddar Tel: 01934 742530

NK Sports, Worle Tel: 01934 511005

### Catchment Area



Highlighted area shows Churchill Academy & Sixth Form's catchment area (the "first geographical area"). In 2023 33% of admissions to Churchill came from outside this area.



### Transport Information

#### Students travelling from within catchment area

Contact North Somerset school admissions and transport team on 01934 634712 or via their website. Applications should be made online. Search 'North Somerset Home to School Transport' in a web browser to find out more.

Any Applications received before the opening date will be rejected.

#### 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)
- Cost per student Standard Return (per year) £1,174.65\*
- Payment can be made by:
  - Eight equal monthly payments (by direct debit)
  - Yearly in advance\*

#### 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 to the member of staff on duty at the coach loop.



<sup>\*</sup>Prices September 2023/24. Please contact Bakers for information on discounts for full payments and additional children.

# Your notes

# Academy Information



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