



Churchill Academy & Sixth Form



Academy Information For New Starters

2026-2027

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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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Chris Hildrew'.

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 exercise our values in everything we do at Churchill, building character to 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 discovery. We value enquiring minds and a spirit for 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 academically and personally. 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 structured

The Academy is organised into vertical tutor groups that consist of students from Years 7 to 11, which are built around a well-established House system.

Academically, subjects are managed within faculty teams and the student's study in their year group.

Beyond the taught curriculum there are extensive opportunities to enrich the learning experience and broaden knowledge. The Academy has an excellent reputation for its sporting achievements and for the Performing Arts, as well as many other clubs and activities including knitting, War-Hammer, STEM and Korean to name a few!

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 focus 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
Andy Slater



Lancaster
Dan Thomas



Stuart
Alex Hayne



Tudor
Alison Blackburn



Windsor
James
Redman



Student Services

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
- Well-Being Support

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 above the Library.

Pastoral Support Workers

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.

Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion
Katie O'Malley

Year 7 Transition Support Worker
Shaun Cross

Well-Being Pastoral Support Workers
Maire McNeil

Attendance Team
Caroline Whittle
Hannah Cadman
Abbey Galsworthy

SENCo
Aga Moncur

Behaviour and Culture

Our approach to behaviour at Churchill Academy & Sixth Form is designed to help achieve our vision - "to set no limits on what we can achieve" - and our purpose "to inspire and enable young people to make a positive difference."

We adopt a cultural approach to reinforce our values of kindness, curiosity and determination.

Assistant Headteacher for Culture and
behaviour

Garaeth Davies

CLA and PLAC coordinator

Nina Webber

Behaviour Support workers

Megan McIntyre

Philippa Strachan

Chris Jenks

Churchill Academy Uniform

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.

- Charcoal grey or black plain full-length trousers, or black tailored shorts
- 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 (first required branded item)
- 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 acceptable as school shoes, as are any plain black polishable shoes. Trainers with fabric uppers, or trainers with white or coloured logos or flashes, are not acceptable.
- Black socks only
- Hats, scarves and coats, if worn, should be plain, without logos or patterns. Denim or leather jackets are not permitted.
- If walking or cycling to school, we recommend students wear a high visibility addition to their normal coat or stickers on their bag, particularly during the winter months.
- **Tops:** 1/4 zip Academy tops can be worn as part of uniform. These are the second “branded item” in our uniform. Churchill Academy branded hoodies are also acceptable to wear as part of the Academy's uniform (branded items) but these are being phased out. 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 or nose piercings 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. Bracelets and anklets should



not be worn. Necklaces should be tucked inside tops. All watches of any kind must be removed during exams.

- **Nails:** nail varnish and false nails 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.” 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. We are planning to introduce lockable “phone pouches” in the next academic year.

House Colours

Hanover

Gold

Tudor

Red

Stuart

Green

Windsor

Sky Blue

Lancaster

Purple

Uniform & Sports Kit Availability

The Academy’s main suppliers are:

Deane and Sons of Cheddar Tel: 01934 742530 www.deansofcheddar.co.uk

NK Sports, Worle

Tel: 01934 51100

www.nkgrouppuk.com/collections/churchill-academy-sixth-form

Essential Kit:

Every day, students are expected to bring:

Essential Equipment (students must have this every day):

- two black pens
- two sharp pencils
- rubber
- ruler
- Scientific Calculator (Casio fx-85GTCW preferred)
- Reading book
- Timetable

Desirable equipment (students should have this every day):

- one purple pen
- one green pen
- protractor
- pair of compasses
- set of coloured pencils
- Glue stick
- Set of four highlighters
- Water bottle (reusable)

Academy PE Kit

- Black polo shirt with House colour stripes and Academy logo (third required branded item)
- Sports trainers (no plimsolls)
- Black football/rugby socks
- 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
- Optional: rugby shirt
- Long hair must be tied back with a plain black hair band



Specialist kit is available to students playing for Academy teams and to some option groups in Years 10 and 11. Please speak to staff for details.

*plain black unbranded shorts or skorts are acceptable alternatives



If you have questions about the Sports Kit please either ask in the shop or contact the PE Faculty Coordinator:

Mr Hayne-
jah@churchill-academy.org

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

My Child At School (MCAS)

The MCAS Parent Portal is how families access information about their children, and communicate with the Academy. It can be found via the “Contact Us” menu on 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 MCAS you can:

- View school reports
- Get up-to-date behaviour and attendance information
- View timetables and exam entries
- Contact the school with any queries
- Update your personal details

If you encounter any problems with the system, please contact the Data Officer either by telephone on 01934 852771 or via email at mcas@churchill-academy.org

The School Day

Monday to Friday	
AM Registration	8.35am – 9.00am
Period 1	9.00am – 10.00am
Period 2	10.00am – 11.00am
Break	11.00am – 11.20am
Period 3	11.20am – 12.20pm
Period 4	12.20 pm – 1.20pm
Lunch	1.20pm – 2.05pm
Period 5	2.05pm – 3.05pm
School Ends	3.05pm



School Term and Holiday Dates

Academic Year 2026 – 2027

Term 1	
Start: Years 7 & 12 Only: Monday 7th September 2026 Rest of School: Tuesday 8th September 2026	(Inset) Thursday 3 rd and Friday 4 th September Finish: Friday 23 October 2026
Term 2	
Start: Mon 02 November 2026	Finish: Friday 18 December 2026
Term 3	
Start: Monday 04 January 2027	Finish: Friday 12 February 2027
Term 4	
Start: Monday 22 February 2027	Finish: Thursday 25 March 2027
Term 5	
Start: Monday 12 April 2027	Finish: Friday 28 May 2027
Term 6	
Start: Monday 07 June 2027	Finish: Friday 23 July 2027

INSET dates for 2026-2027

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:

- Thursday 3rd September 2026
- Friday 4th September 2026
- Thursday 1st October 2026
- Monday 2nd November 2026
- Friday 20th November 2026
- Monday 22nd February 2027



Transport Information

Students travelling from within catchment area

For those requiring coach transport. Please see North Somerset Council's home to school transport team's website for eligibility criteria.

Contact: North Somerset Council's home to school transport team on 01934 634712 or via their website. Applications should be made online. Students are not automatically enrolled, Parents / Carers need to apply for their child.

Search [North Somerset Home to School Transport](#) in a web browser to find.

2026/27 Application Open Dates – 01 May 2026:

Year 11 and under mainstream

Year 11 and under SEN

Post 16 Discretionary Subsidised Assistance

For those not in catchment and/or not qualifying for free home to school transport

Students travelling from outside catchment area – Weston 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/?link=schools-churchill-academy>
Sign up and Bakers Dolphin will contact you when the new prices are announced.

Cost per student

• Standard Return (per year)	£1,230*
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** Prices set until July 2026. Please contact Bakers for information on 5% discount for additional children or updated prices. Price correct at publication (April 2026).*

Payment can be made by:

- 8 equal monthly payments (by direct debit September to April)
- 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.

The Library

The Library has a large main research area and a dedicated reading room. The Library is staffed by Mrs Dibble the school librarian.

You can contact the library at sdl@churchill-academy.org

The Library opening hours are:
Monday -Thursdays 8.30-4.30
Friday CLOSED all day

Fiction books: We offer a wide variety of up to date fiction books suitable for all ages and reading levels. This includes super readable dyslexia friendly 'lite bites' books, a short story collection, a self-help collection, manga, graphic novels and picture books.

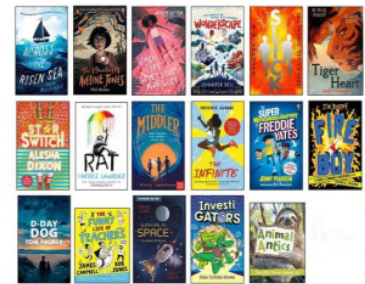
Non-fiction books: We stock a wide range of information books to support research and homework tasks.



All year 7 are given a free book
as part of

The Book Trust scheme

Pupils are set a Bookbuzz
challenge to win lots of prizes.



The Library also subscribes to *The Week Junior*, *Teen Breathe* and other magazines .
The Library has a bank of 30 computers that students can book at lunchtime to do homework and research. Printing and photocopying facilities are available. We also have some e-reader devices and an audiobook MP3 device available to use during library lessons. Pupils can borrow up to four books on loan for three weeks.

All year 7 & 8 students have a library lesson once every two weeks as part of their English lessons.

Music Lessons

The Academy offers instrumental and vocal lessons to all students. Lessons are provided either through the West of England Music Alliance (WEMA) or via private instrumental teachers. Lessons are delivered to students during the school day on a rotating timetable to ensure that the same academic lesson is not regularly missed.

To book lessons for 2026-2027 email musiclessons@churchill-academy.org which will send you more information on how to book.

Deadline for registering interest is the 4 July 2026

Lessons supplied by WEMA will need to be booked and paid for directly with them. You will be sent the information about how to do this once you have registered interest.

Please be aware that lessons supplied by WEMA can be booked at any time, but it is advised to do this before 4 July 2026 if possible. The instrumental fees for the WEMA lessons below are *projected* fees and are subject to change.

WEMA projected prices detailed below – subject to change	
30 minute individual lessons	£232.50
20 minute individual lessons	£115.50
30 minute group lessons (max. 4 students)	£116 or £77.95

NB Availability of group lessons depends on there being enough students to form a viable group

- 10 lessons are delivered per term and are bookable in advance.
- Instruments not on the list below can still be catered for. We have quite a selection to lend, or you can hire from WEMA

If parents require further information concerning instrumental and vocal lessons please contact Jeff Spencer via email

on jes@churchill-academy.org.



North Somerset Music Service Staff	Private Music Teachers
Flute - Diane Parfitt	Singing - Naomi Davies
Flute / clarinet / sax - Amy Dixon	Guitar/Bass - Ryan Davey
Sax/clarinet/flute - Steve Hacking	Piano - Stuart Phippen
Brass - Roger Sansom	Violin - tbc
	Drums - Ryan Thrupp

Churchill Academy & Sixth Form Map



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| TUDOR | GENERAL |
| 1 Science / Technology | 10 Staff & Sixth Form Car Park |
| 2 Business / IT / Social Science | 11 Gym and Hall |
| STUART | 12 Library / Student Services |
| 3 Humanities | 13 Reception |
| LANCASTER | 14 Sports Centre |
| 4 Languages | 15 3G Pitch |
| WINDSOR | 16 Upper Field |
| 5 Design & Technology | 17 Lower Field |
| 6 Maths | 18 Sixth Form |
| 7 Music | 19 Courts |
| HANOVER | 20 Parent and visitor car park |
| 8 Drama / Dance / Art | |
| 9 English | |



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Your Notes:

Save the dates:

Years 7 & 12 Start Monday 7th September 2026 at 8.30am. Staff will be on hand to direct the new students to their location.

Year 7 Parents' Information and Tutor Contact Evening Thursday 8th October 2026 at 6.30pm in the Academy Hall. This meeting provides an overview of the year ahead, with an opportunity to share key information and respond to any queries. You will also have the opportunity to meet with your child's tutor, to celebrate successes over the first month and address any further issues or questions.