

CHERRY WILLINGHAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL

September Newsletter 2010

Dear Parent, Carer or Guardian,

Looking forward to a brighter future

We have a really exciting year to look forward to at Cherry. Buoyed by our best ever GCSE results, we are confident that we will experience even greater success in 2011. To achieve 87% five A*-C grades was a fantastic achievement, particularly given the difficulties caused by the fire. I want to thank all the students and the staff for their perseverance and diligence during last term. To see all the smiling faces and tears of joy (mostly from parents!) on the 24th of August was a delight and testament to everybody's hard work.

Over the coming nine to ten months, we will see a lot of building work on the school site. The culmination of all this hard work will be the opening of state of the art facilities for ICT and mathematics. The new accommodation will be far superior to that which we had previously and will be a real bonus for the school and its learners. As we have more information, I will post drawings and simulations on the school website, to keep you informed.

Back to the present and we are so pleased with the way our new year 7 students have settled in here at Cherry. The older students have really looked after them well and that is one of the things I am most proud of as Headteacher - the way our students care for one another.

We have had a very smooth start to the new year, with most students (years 8-11) simply following the timetable they began in June. That hard work was really worth it, Mr Pindar!

The students look very smart in their new uniforms and we have already had lots of

positive comments from people in the local community.

For the first time at Cherry, we also have some sixth form students studying here. We have been able to do this by collaborating with other schools and because of the greater freedom our vertical options timetable provides us with.

As I promised in June, we are not planning any major changes to systems and structures at the school in the next twelve to eighteen months, but we will continue relentlessly to improve classroom practice, by considering the latest thinking in educational research and making sure teachers at Cherry have access to the highest quality continuing professional development.

New Staff

We do have quite a lot of new staff joining Cherry this year. All of these staff are vital in helping students achieve their outcomes and all new staff are listed below.

- Mr M Snee - Deputy Headteacher
- Mrs C Capps - teacher of art & design
- Miss V Blackburn - teacher of science
- Miss A Britt - teacher of technology
- Mr G Warnock - lead practitioner for mathematics
- Mr D Worsley - assistant caretaker
- Mrs K Smith - cover supervisor
- Mrs D Beeson - teaching assistant
- Mrs H Lobley - teaching assistant
- Miss F McCloughlin - teaching assistant

There are two members of staff, in particular, however, who will have quite high profile positions in helping the school realise its ambition to be the best small school in the UK. Martin Snee has been appointed as Deputy Head. He has responsibility for improving teaching and learning and was previously employed as a consultant for CfBT, in helping improve

teaching and learning in mathematics across the county. Gavin Warnock has been employed as lead practitioner for the mathematics specialism and is also being charged with developing intervention strategies, to help year 11 students to reach their targets. We want Gavin and Martin to develop mathematics education at Cherry, to ensure students receive the same excellent provision we provide in the other specialisms of PE and computing.

I hope you can detect from the tone of my message that staff at Cherry are both excited and optimistic about what the future holds for the school. Our motto is 'Be your best' and we intend this year to be the best ever for the school!

Yours sincerely

Mr E Fitzpatrick
Headteacher

Uniform

It is very important that students comply with regulations regarding uniform. Even so, some of the older students feel that they can blur the boundaries of what is acceptable with regard to uniform. Students who do so will be given a written warning to rectify their uniform, but those who persist in not following the rules will be sent home until they comply with correct uniform. A uniform list is provided elsewhere in the newsletter.

Mobile Phones

Students are allowed to bring mobile phones on to the school site (Please refer to the mobile phone policy on the website.), but they are only to be used by students to contact parents/carers on their journey to and from school. The school will accept NO responsibility for phones that are lost or stolen. If mobile phones are misused (e.g. used in a lesson or to send unpleasant text messages or digital images), they will be removed from the student and stored in the school safe until a parent or carer can collect them.

Students who refuse to hand over phones when asked by staff will face a fixed term exclusion. Students who are seen using a phone in the yard or in other recreational areas of the school will be asked to turn their phone off and put it away. During this academic year we are intending to review our policy on the use of mobile phones and other digital devices.

Attendance

One of the critical indicators that determines whether students will be successful at school is ensuring they have a very good attendance record. Our target for attendance is 95%. Holidays that are taken in term time will normally show as an unauthorised absence. Parents can expect a phone call from the attendance officer if their child is absent.

Year 7 Parents

A very warm welcome to all our new year 7 parents. I do hope you will get involved in the parents' forum as we are keen to listen to your views and develop an open and honest dialogue. As with all our parents, we want you to become an advocate for Cherry, so we can recruit more students and help others realise what a good school we have.

Please note the new school website is:

www.cwcs.info

This newsletter contains the following important information:

1. Examination report.
2. Term dates and training days.
3. Homework timetable.
4. A uniform list.
5. Transport/lunch arrangements policy 2010/2012.
6. Information about remission and free school meals.
7. Application for remission of charges.
8. Reply slip.
9. Photographic image form (to be completed for Y7s only)
10. Home/School agreement (to be completed for Y7s only)

You can find calendar dates for pupils and year information on the website.

School Day (5 x 1 hour lessons)

8.30 - 8.40	Morning briefing
8.40 - 9.05	Tutor time
9.05 - 10.05	Period 1
10.05 - 11.05	Period 2
11.05 - 11.30	Break
11.30 - 12.30	Period 3
12.30 - 1.30	Period 4
1.30 - 2.15	Lunch
2.15 - 3.15	Period 5

PERSONAL PROPERTY

1. Please ensure that all equipment and clothes are labelled. (We had bags and bags of lost property at the end of last term.)
2. Please do not allow your child to bring expensive items, including trainers and clothing to school.
3. CD players, IPODs and mobile phones are not banned, but we prefer that they are not brought to school.
4. Please check your insurance policy to see that it covers your child's property at school, as we cannot obtain insurance cover ourselves.
5. We do our best to find missing items. Very little is stolen (though it can happen here as elsewhere): most is mislaid. We cannot accept responsibility for items that go missing, though we try very hard to find them.
6. Lost property will be displayed during the last week of each term. Pupils will be notified of the date prior to this via registers and posters around the school. Any items not collected will be sent to the charity shop.
7. Please ensure that your child abides by the uniform rules, as we reserve the right temporarily to confiscate incorrect items.
8. BB guns, pen knives or anything remotely offensive are banned from the site. If they are brought in, they will lead to an exclusion from school.

STUDENT PLANNER

Please check that your child is using the planner properly and is noting homework down. **Please sign** the planner **at least every fortnight**.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance rates at the school are good, but there is always room for improvement.

1. Please ensure that you send a signed absence note with your child when he/she returns after illness, even if you have already telephoned the school.
2. Please contact the school if your child is away. We attempt to contact you on the first day of absence by telephone.
3. **Do not take your child away from school during the school terms. This has an adverse effect on school achievements, particularly for pupils in years 9, 10 and 11 who are studying for GCSE examinations and who have coursework assignments.** Unless holidays in term time are unavoidable, these absences will be considered unauthorised (i.e. truancy). We have introduced attendance panels into the school where school staff, the education welfare officer, a governor, parents and children are present. These are for named children whose attendance is too low. Parents are expected to attend and to work with us to improve matters.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Curriculum information for all year groups is now available on the school website www.cwcs.info

Please go to the curriculum tab bar at the top of the opening page to access it.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The school photographer was in school on the morning of Wednesday 8th September to take individual photographs of all pupils and family groups. Please could you send in orders speedily to the main school office?

UNIFORM

A copy of the updated uniform list is attached.

- * The blazer is a compulsory item for all pupils in years 7 - 11.
- * Pupils must not wear additional jackets under the blazer.
- * We expect shoes, **not trainers**.
- * Make up is not allowed in years 7 - 10 and **subtly** in year 11.
- * Skirts should be plain or pleated and black. They should be no more than two inches above or below the knee.

JEWELLERY

May we emphasise the governors' clear policy on this? For health and safety reasons and for appearance, no jewellery at all is allowed, except for a single stud or sleeper in each ear. Eyebrow studs cannot be covered by a plaster. This policy has not changed for ten years at least, but still some claim not to know!

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

- * We are keen to improve the quality and safety of our service.
- * Video surveillance is in use on occasions.
- * Stagecoach has termly season tickets at a reduced rate, with extra concessions for second or third children in a family. Parents will already have purchased season tickets for this term.

REMOVING 'CONTRABAND'

We hope that your child does not arrive at school with things he or she shouldn't have. If this does happen, we reserve the right to remove the item from the child, sometimes retaining it safely until the end of a week. A

parent is very welcome to collect the "offending" item. Please support our policy.

SCHOOL POLICY ON DETENTIONS

- * The school tries to use these sparingly.
- * Detentions may be at lunch time or after school, though pupils who go home to lunch may be detained after school, if parents prefer this.
- * For after school detentions, parents are always given at least twenty-four hours' notice, normally in writing.
- * Parents are expected to make transport arrangements for a child who is detained, though the school will normally try to help out in extreme difficulties.
- * All schools have the right, in law, to detain children and it is an expectation that parents will support the policy. Parents are always welcome to come and discuss problems. Most pupils do not receive detentions because they obey the rules and get their work done on time.
- * It is a condition of entry to the school that parents accept the above policy.

Please help your child or children to be organised and efficient.

Suggestions:

- * Put a copy of your child's daily timetable and homework timetable on the kitchen wall.
- * Ensure that the necessary books and equipment for the day are taken to school.
- * Check the student planner regularly to ensure homework is being written down **and** that it is done and taken in on the correct day.
- * If you find that homework is not being written down or your child is always saying no homework was set, please check with the school. It is school policy that homework should be set in line with the timetable.

- * Insist that exercise books and text books are kept immaculately. No graffiti! Work should be well presented. Do not be afraid to expect him or her to repeat poor quality work.
- * Please delve into bags to ensure communications have reached you and please send back reply slips promptly!
- * Hire a locker for your child.

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Telephone number: 01522 751040
 Fax. number: 01522 595368
 Web site: www.cwcs.info
 Email: enquiries@cwcs.lincs.sch.uk

What is Cherry Willingham Community School really like?

- When was the last time you visited the school during the working day?
- Would you like to see how well children behave in lessons?
- Have you looked at our new facilities?

If you'd like a guided tour, please arrange one by telephoning the school office. (Tel. 01522 751040)

Cherry Willingham Community School is a completely non-smoking school site.

- * This now follows Lincolnshire County Council advice and extends to everybody who works here.
- * We propose to continue to take a firm line with pupil smokers.
- * Visitors to the site are requested to follow our policy.

LOCKER CHARGES

With effect from September 2010 the locker charges will be as follows:

Year 11	-	£10.00
Year 10	-	£13.00

Year 9	-	£16.00
Year 8	-	£19.00
Year 7	-	£22.50

All charges include a £5 deposit, refundable on return of the key.

A form is available from the school office in respect of all applications. A disclaimer will need to be signed by a parent or guardian.

Help us to help you to help us

- * Target setting day (Thursday 2nd December 2010). The school will be closed for the day for appointments.

We re-introduced 'traditional' parents' evenings in response to your requests, but last year's parental turnout was low.

Y11 Weds 2nd Feb 2011
 Y9 and Y10 Tues 5th April 2011
 New Y8 and Y9 Tues 12th July 2011

We hope to send you many positive letters about your child's achievements and also to make you aware if there are problems.

BUT...

- * Please let us know immediately if you have any concerns.
- * Please let the head teacher know if we have not responded quickly to your requests for information/appointments, etc.
- * If you wish to discuss academic issues, please make an appointment to see a head of department or individual subject teacher. Don't delay!

What have you done today to make you feel proud?

- * This is the challenge to all our pupils: little things, big things, making a difference to pupils' lives.
- * Pupils can earn merits for their work.

They can earn bronze, silver and gold awards each term for their efforts.

- * They can gain a host of other awards including service to the school.
- * They can take responsibility for other people.

PE DEPARTMENT

Safety in Physical Education Mouth guards in Sport

In accordance with recent guidelines, I am writing to advise you that your child will take part in some sports at **Cherry Willingham Specialist Sports College** for which a mouth guard is required.

It is now mandatory that all mouth guards bear the CE Mark of Approval. Substandard mouth guards not only fail to provide the protection needed by your child, but are potentially dangerous, as they can easily be dislodged and inhaled.

In the interests of your child's safety, therefore, we have invited O-Pro, who specialise in the provision of sports mouth guards, to provide this service to the school.

All OPRO shield mouth guards bear the CE Approval and come complete with a dental warranty. They have a patented OPROfin technology, allowing the teeth to mould into the fins for a snug and comfortable fit. There are four levels of protection to choose from, ranging from £1.99 to £19.99.

We urge all parents/guardians to arrange for their child to purchase a CE approved mouth guard, either through the school using the O-Pro service, through their own dentist or a local sports shop. Any damage to teeth is for life and although such injuries are quite rare, wearing a suitable oral protector can significantly reduce or even prevent any lifelong damage.

If you would like to take advantage of this service, the O-pro leaflets will be coming into school for September.

If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Dilks
Head of Physical Education

ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGES

Can you please inform us of any changes to details as soon as possible? We need the information in case of emergencies.

Please telephone changes to: 01522 751040 or email to: enquiries@cwcs.lincs.sch.uk

Many thanks

ALINA McCAVISH RIP
1949 - 2010

As most of you will know by now, Mrs Alina McCavish died during the summer break. As well as being a valued friend to many of us, she was a true and committed professional, who kept us on our toes!

Whilst she taught here, she was a great supporter of the Good Will Village for orphans in India and raised much needed funds (including her retirement gift from colleagues) to allow the work of this project to continue. In honour of her memory, her two sons, Jonathan and Dominic, both ex students of the school, plan to continue her good work. As a school we have decided to help and will be donating cash, as this seems the most appropriate way of ensuring Alina's cause is championed.

I know that many parents and students, present and past, would want to show their appreciation of Alina and I hope that many of you will make a small contribution in recognition of all that she brought to the

school. Her priority was always to achieve the very best from her pupils and she worked tirelessly to achieve this.

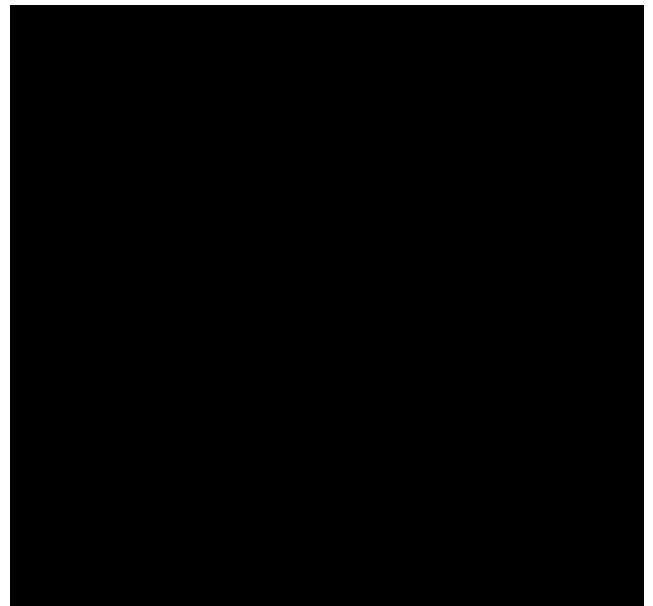
Thanks from us all, Alina.

Mary Pearce

MRS CLARK

Good news. Baby Oliver John Clark was born on Monday 6th September. Although he was born prematurely, he is making very good progress and both mother and baby are doing well.

Mary Pearce



Please see above the black and white image of our new school badge. A colour image can be viewed on our school website as can the images for the school's blazer badge.

These will be available some time in October; we will let you know when we have confirmation of their availability.

Staff Structure

Mrs L Abbott	Catering assistant
Mrs S Adams	Teaching assistant
Mrs J Arthur	Attendance officer/SEN admin
Mrs C Ashcroft	Senior administrative assistant
Mr D Bates	Caretaker
Mr P Bauckham	Teacher of technology/IT
Mr L Beesley Alexander	Teacher of PE/guidance co-ordinator/acting pastoral leader for faculty
Mrs D Beeson	Teaching assistant
Miss V Blackburn	Teacher of science/English
Mr C Brewer	Teacher of IT/MFL/Pastoral Leader for Tennyson Faculty
Miss A Britt	Teacher of technology
Mr A Bunney	SSCo
Mrs K Burrows	Midday supervisor/catering department
Mrs C Camm	Subject leader of MFL/SLT intern
Mrs C Capps	Teacher of Art & Design
Mrs H Challis	Catering manager
Mrs E Clark	Teacher of English/Pastoral Leader for Alexander Faculty/subject leader for drama
Mrs S Coates	Administrator/clerk to governors
Mrs M Cooper	Receptionist
Mrs P Cooper	Catering assistant
Mr L Dales-Johnson	Teacher of mathematics
Mr G Dilks	Subject leader of PE
Mrs J Dobbs	Teacher of science/peer mentor co-ordinator
Miss G Filisetti	Teacher of MFL
Mr E Fitzpatrick	Headteacher
Mr M Flowers	Subject leader for music
Miss L Froggatt	Teacher of PE
Mr M Frost	Subject leader for R.E/Cope
Mrs M Grant	Teaching assistant
Mrs L Green	Cover supervisor
Miss M Green	Midday supervisor
Mrs M Green	Cook
Mrs F Greenwood	Midday supervisor
Mrs S Guirgis	Teaching assistant
Mr I Halliwell	IT technician
Mr G Hart	Partnership development manager
Miss C Hellier	Teacher of English
Miss K Holbrook	Teaching assistant/inclusion officer
Mr I Hughes	Teaching assistant
Mrs S Hutchinson	Administrative assistant/exams officer
Mrs R Jackson	Subject leader for English
Mr R Jillings	Teaching assistant
Mrs F Lewis	Teaching assistant/inclusion officer
Mr R Little	Cover supervisor
Mrs H Lobley	Teaching assistant
Miss F McCloughlin (Dowdall)	Teaching assistant
Mrs S Maxwell	School business manager
Mr N Muir	Teacher of science/Pastoral leader for Newton faculty
Mrs L Myers	School business manager
Mrs C Oldfield	Teaching assistant
Mr C Pearce	Teacher of English/PHSEE & Citizenship/Senior Teacher
Mrs M Pearce	Pastoral Manager/Senco/Teacher of English
Mrs M Pearson	Teaching assistant
Mr I Pindar	Deputy Head teacher/Subject leader for IT/teacher of technology
Mrs J Porter	Teaching assistant

Mrs A Pyrah	Teaching assistant
Mr J Radcliffe	Teacher of science
Mrs C Redfern	Teacher of mathematics
Mrs S Reynolds	Teaching assistant
Mrs K Robson	Midday supervisor
Mr P Rubery	Caretaker
Mr S Russell	Community football development officer
Mrs R Sawyer	Subject leader for geography
Mrs L Sharp	Teaching assistant
Mr C Simpson	Premises manager /Educational visits co-ordinator /Science technician
Mr G Sims	Senior technician
Mrs S Sivakumaran	PE Teacher/primary liaison
Ms T Skinner	Catering assistant
Mrs K Smith	Cover supervisor
Mr M Snee	Deputy Head teacher/teacher of mathematics
Mr P Spence	Teacher of IT
Mr G Warnock	Lead practitioner for mathematics/teacher of mathematics
Mrs S Warnock	Subject leader of history/SLT intern/Gifted & talented co-ordinator
Miss I Widdowson	Head of hearing support department
Mr G Wilson	Subject leader for science
Mr D Worsley	Assistant caretaker

Examination Report 2010

In terms of examination results, 2010 provided the school's best ever set of results, so there was much to celebrate here at Cherry.

87% of students achieved five A*-C grades, which was a 13% improvement upon the previous year and is 6% better than the results achieved in 2008.

50% of students achieved five A*-C grades, including English and mathematics, which was a 6% improvement upon the previous year and 2% better than the school's previous best results in 2008.

Core Subjects' Performance

English

72% of students achieved a grade C or better in English, a 15% improvement in performance from the previous year. 97% of students entered for English literature secured a grade C or better. This was an excellent achievement.

Mathematics

52% of students achieved a grade C or better, which was marginally better than the 51% recorded the previous year. The principal reasons for the differential between the mathematics and English results are:

- mathematics results traditionally lag behind English results;
- There were several long standing staffing issues, which the school's leadership team leadership has resolved resulting in the appointment of two new mathematicians, who both have county wide reputations.

The target for the new team in mathematics is to close this gap and surpass the national average for students achieving a C grade or better in mathematics of 57%

Science

72% of students achieved (two or more) C grades or better in science. This is an improvement of 26% from the previous year. The department and the school's leadership team worked hard to ensure that provision in this area improved and they should all be congratulated on their magnificent efforts.

We are committed to the target that, in 2011, we will break the 50% threshold for students achieving five or more GCSE passes at grade C and above, including English and mathematics. Mr. Warnock will be leading an intervention programme which will require some students to attend extra support lessons during half-terms and which will involve some redesign of their curriculum diet. The school is, as ever, reliant upon the support of parents in ensuring that students at Cherry have the maximum opportunity to succeed.

Non Core areas

For the vast majority of other subjects performance improved. Areas which produced outstanding results were:

(GCSE passes at C and above)

Spanish 100%
French 90%
Resistant materials 85%
Geography 84%
PE 82%
Art and design 74%
Music 73%

The performance of students in BTEC dance, PE and OCR ICT was also outstanding. The only disappointing areas were the performance of students in food technology and in health and social care. This situation has been resolved due to a change in staffing and a review of the curriculum provision.

It was good to see the increase in students achieving A and A* grades. A list of students who achieved exceptional results is listed below

Alistair Bochel, Oliver Rushby, Carly Fields, Jake Powell, Lewis Yates, Samantha Lee and Ryan Whelan

2011 Cohort

We will be reviewing the development of the vertical curriculum carefully, to ensure it delivers an increased choice of subjects for students and improved outcomes. Our embryonic sixth form will continue to grow and we aim to be offering twenty to twenty-five places next year. The provision will essentially be based around our specialist areas at advanced level, with some 'catch up' courses for students who would benefit from these. If you have any enquiries, please contact Mr. Pindar at the school.

We are confident that in 2011, we will break the 50% threshold for students achieving five or more GCSE passes at grade C and above, including English and mathematics. Mr. Warnock will be leading an intervention programme which will require some students to attend extra support lessons during half-terms and which will involve some redesign of their curriculum. The school is, as ever, reliant upon the support of parents in ensuring that students at Cherry have the maximum opportunity to succeed.

To close, let me reassure parents that the leadership team and staff at Cherry will work tirelessly to improve the quality of teaching and learning the school provides for its students. If you have any concerns about your child's progress, please contact the school office to speak to me or to other senior colleagues at the school.

E Fitzpatrick

TERM DATES AND TRAINING DAYS

Term one

Monday 6th September 2010
Friday 22nd October 2010

Staff training days

Wednesday 1st September 2010
Thursday 2nd September 2010
Friday 3rd September 2010

End of term one break

Monday 25th October 2010
Friday 29th October 2010

Term two

Monday 1st November 2010
Friday 17th December 2010

End of term two break

Monday 20th December 2010
Monday 3rd January 2011

Staff training day

Tuesday 4th January 2011

Term three

Wednesday 5th January 2011
Friday 18th February 2011

End of term three break

Monday 21st February 2011
Friday 25th February 2011

Staff training day

Monday 28th February 2011

Term four

Tuesday 1st March 2011
Friday 8th April 2011

End of term four break

Monday 11th April 2011
Monday 25th April 2011

Term five

Tuesday 26th April 2011
Friday 27th May 2011

Bank holiday

Monday 2nd May 2011

End of term five break

Monday 30th May 2011
Friday 3rd June 2011

Term six

Monday 6th June 2011
Friday 22nd July 2011

REVISED SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS

8.40 - 9.05 Registration and tutor time/assembly

9.05 - 10.05 Lesson 1

10.05 - 11.05 Lesson 2

11.05 - 11.30 Break

11.30 - 12.30 Lesson 3

12.30 - 1.30 Lesson 4

1.30 - 2.15 Lunch

2.15 - 3.15 Lesson 5

HOMEWORK TIMETABLE

2010/11

Year 7

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BAND X1	ENGLISH SCIENCE	MFL HISTORY	MATHS TECH ART	MUSIC	RE GEOG
BAND X2	ENGLISH SCIENCE	MUSIC GEOG	MATHS TECH	RE HISTORY	MFL ART
BAND Y1	GEOG	ENGLISH MUSIC	SCIENCE MFL RE	MATHS ART MUSIC	TECH HISTORY
BAND Y2	HISTORY	ENGLISH RE	SCIENCE MFL ART	MATHS GEOG	TECH MUSIC

Year 8

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BAND X	TECH RE MUSIC (X2)	GEOG ART (X1)	HISTORY MFL MUSIC (X1)	MATHS	ENGLISH SCIENCE ART(X2)
BAND Y	GEOG ART(Y2)	RE MFL ART(Y1)	TECH	ENGLISH MATHS	SCIENCE HISTORY MUSIC

Year 9

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ALL	SCIENCE	OPTION A	ENGLISH	OPTION B	MATHS
BAND X			RE		MFL
BAND Y			MFL		RE

Year 10

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	MATHS	OPTION A	SCIENCE	OPTION B	ENGLISH RE

Year 11

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	OPTION A	MATHS RE(SET E2/2)	OPTION B RE (SET E/1) RE(SET E1/2)	SCIENCE ENGLISH	OPTION C RE(SET E2/1)

CLOTHES - SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school expects all students to fully comply with its uniform code. Students who do not comply with the uniform expectations can expect to be sent home. It is a parent's, carer's or guardian's responsibility to ensure their child is correctly prepared for school.

The school uniform is an important part of creating a smart and business-like community of learners who share common goals and values. After much consultation with parents, staff, governors and students, our new uniform has been decided upon and will be fully operational in September 2010.

The uniform requirements are:

BOYS

Black Blazer
Blazer Badge
White Shirt
Black Trousers
School Tie
Grey Jumper (optional)
Black Shoes
Apron

P.E. KIT

Black Football Shorts
Training Shoes (clean for indoor use)
Black Football Socks
White T Shirt (or old uniform white polo shirt)
Football Boots (only Astroturf type or plastic stud type)
Burgundy and Black Rugby Shirt
Towel
Shin Pads (for rugby and football)

OPTIONS

Both boys and girls have the option to bring a set of plain black tracksuit trousers which will compliment the optional plain black windproof jacket - purchasable from school. A mouth guard is strongly recommended for contact sports.

It is not acceptable for pupils to sit in lessons wearing outside clothing. The current fashion jacket (e.g. "hoodie") is not permitted, only a plain dark coat as outerwear.

Training shoes are only permitted to be worn at break times on the field and tennis courts.

Nail varnish, jewellery and makeup must not be worn except stud earrings.

Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. The school reserves the right to define "extreme". Issues may relate to extreme length or shortness of hair, hair colourings, style, or braidings. Please consult with us before very individual styles are adopted.

Supplementary Equipment - Pupils should be provided with the following items of equipment: - ball point pen or fountain pen, calculator, pencil, ruler, rubber, coloured pencils, 45 and 60 degree set square and protractor.

An old shirt may be useful for art and craft lessons.

GIRLS

Black Blazer
Blazer Badge
White Shirt
Tailored Black Trousers or Black Skirt
(to just above or below the knee)
School Tie
Grey Jumper (optional)
Black Shoes or Ankle Boots (with flat heels)
Black Ankle Socks or Black Opaque Tights
Apron

Black Shorts
Training Shoes (clean for indoor use)
Black Football Socks
White T Shirt (or old uniform white polo shirt)
Football Boots (only Astroturf type or plastic stud type)
Burgundy and Black Rugby Shirt
White Sports Socks
Towel
Shin Pads (for hockey and football)

Transport/Lunch time arrangements 2010/2011

School policy

a. School Bus - Transport

- (i) Pupils are expected to behave sensibly at all times.
- (ii) Smoking is specifically prohibited.
- (iii) Pupils must remain in their seats at all times.
- (iv) Pupils are expected to show consideration to other pupils at all times.
- (v) Pupils must show consideration to members of the public at all times, especially if they travel in the bus.
- (vi) Pupils may only travel on buses with a permission to travel pass.

NB If the above are not complied with, the bus company and the school reserve the right to remove the privilege of school transport whether it is paid or unpaid.

b. Cycling

- (i) Parents and pupils must ensure that bicycles are maintained in a roadworthy condition.
- (ii) Bicycles must be ridden safely and in strict accordance with the Highway Code. Access and departure only by pedestrian entrance.
- (iii) Bicycles must not be ridden on the school grounds.

NB If the above are not complied with, the school may remove the privilege of riding to school.

c. Pupils off premises

- (i) Pupils are not allowed to leave premises at break.
- (ii) Pupils may only leave premises at lunch-time with a lunch pass, which will only be issued to pupils who are going to their own house for lunch.
- (iii) It is not wise for parents to give permission for other children to come to their house, especially if unsupervised.
- (iv) Pupils are not allowed to the Cherry Willingham shopping precinct except with permission from the school.
- (v) Pupils are expected to obey school rules on their way to and from school, which includes no smoking and the wearing of correct uniform. They are expected to behave sensibly.

Application for free school meals

- * If you would like to apply for free school meals, please contact Mrs Cooper in the school office.
- * Information sets out the eligibility for free school meals.
- * There is no need to make a further application at this stage, if your child is currently receiving meals. You will be reminded when you have to re-apply.

Application for remission

Parents/Guardians wishing to claim remission for any school trip/visit must have completed a form and returned it in advance to the school office.

It is important therefore that the attached form is completed and returned to the school office not later than ten working days from receipt of the form.

In order to qualify for remission, parents must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- * Income based job seekers' allowance.
- * Income support.
- * Child tax credit.
- * Disability working allowance.

Please provide **original** evidence of the above documentation to validate your application (originals will be returned to you promptly).

It should be noted that not all trips are eligible for remission.

It is important to note that if remission is applicable to a school trip and insufficient funds are received including voluntary contributions the trip will not take place.

If your circumstances change, you must notify the school office in writing immediately. Failure to do so may result in necessary action being taken.

If you are not currently receiving benefits and your circumstances change, please contact the school office for a remission form.

As a minimum request you will be expected to complete a new form at the beginning of each year.

Application for remission of charges for school activities

Tutor group

Name of child(ren)
.....
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.....

I wish to seek remission for school charges based on the following. Please (✓)

Already in receipt of free school meals []

Income based job seeker allowance []

Income support []

Child tax credit []

Disability working allowance []

Please attach evidence to be shown to the school office. (Original documents must be produced. These will be returned the same day.)

Signed (parent/carer/guardian)

Date

Newsletter Reply Slip

I/We have received the September newsletter.

I/We have also received the:

Term dates and training days
Homework timetable
Uniform list

I/We have received the uniform list and agree to abide by the regulations.

Have you also returned slips re:

Application for remission of charges (if applicable)?
Photographic image form (Y7s and new students to the school only)?
Home/School agreement (Y7s and new students to the school only)?
Medical emergency and contact form for sport?

TRANSPORT

My child will normally travel to school by (please tick):

Foot School Bus Bicycle Parents' car Other car Taxi

DINNER ARRANGEMENTS

My child will normally eat (please tick):

at own home at school (packed lunch) at school (hot meal)

(N.B. pupils are only allowed to leave premises to eat in their own home)

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian/Carer Name of Child _____

Date _____ Tutor Group _____

**TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS OF Y7s
AND NEW PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL ONLY**

Dear Parents, Carers or Guardians

School Policy in the safe use of photographic images

The school has adopted the LEA policy and advice with regard to the above. We are very keen to do the utmost to protect our children from any dangers at all to do with photographs in newspapers on websites and in school brochures in particular. Just about all parents are delighted to see a named picture of their child appearing in a local newspaper for example: Our policy is a very strict one. You are welcome to a full copy of the policy by applying to the school office. A tiny minority will never want their child identified e.g. because of court proceedings. We shall be consulting parents as to whether camera phones should be allowed in school.

The school will strive to ensure that images are carefully taken e.g. children will not be photographed in full in leotards or swimsuits. You are advised that you should always seek permission from the head teacher before you photograph or video in school. Visitors are not allowed camera phones on site.

I should be grateful if you would sign the consent form below and return to the school office as soon as possible. **Failure to advise us of your preferences will lead us to assume your consent.**

Yours sincerely

**Mr E Fitzpatrick
Head teacher**

- NB
1. If images are taken for other purposes additional consent will be sought.
 2. The consent will remain in place whilst your child is at school. Parents/carers should advise the school if their circumstances change.
 3. Parents are advised that we store images of pupils in our school archive. Website images will be changed periodically and then deleted. Images remain in leaflets and brochures until a new one is produced.

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HOME / SCHOOL AGREEMENT

1. The parents / guardians / carers of

(please print child's name)

I / We shall try to:

- * see that my child goes to school regularly, on time and properly equipped;
- * let the school know about any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work or behaviour;
- * support the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour, encourage appropriate behaviour to and from school, including on school transport;
- * support my child in homework and other opportunities for learning;
- * attend parents' evening and discussions about my child's progress;
- * get to know about my child's life at school.

2. The school will:

- * normally call back to parents within 24 hours;
- * contact parents if there is a problem with attendance, punctuality or equipment;
- * let parents know about any concerns or problems that affect their child's work or behaviour;
- * send home regular assessments and an annual record of achievement;
- * set, mark and monitor homework and provide facilities for children to do homework in school;
- * arrange parents' evenings during which progress will be discussed;
- * keep parents informed about school activities through regular newsletters and notices about special events.

3. Pupil: I shall

- * attend school regularly, on time, in full uniform and with all necessary equipment;
- * abide by the three principal rules (see overleaf);
- * do nothing to cause embarrassment to myself, my parents or my school.

Signed Parent/Carer/Guardian(s) Date

Signed Head teacher Date

Signed Pupil Date

Our School Rules

- Follow all instructions given by all members of staff.
- Work and behave in a way that does not disturb or upset others.
- Look after classrooms and equipment and the whole school environment.