

# Welcome to Chertsey High School

'Enlightening Minds, Changing Lives'

This is your guide to joining Chertsey High School.  
Inside is all you need to know to feel happy and  
confident when joining our fantastic school.





# What do I need on my first day?

You are required to come to school in the correct uniform from your first day.

## Our uniform expectations are high because:

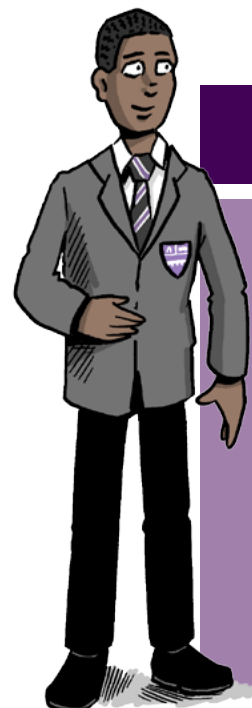
- When we all wear the same uniform, there is less unkindness and bullying.
- Wearing the same badge and the same clothing encourages you to think of the needs of the community as well as your own.
- Learning to polish your shoes, knot your tie, fold your trousers (if applicable), and hang up your blazer creates habits that will stay with you for life.

## I always need the following equipment:

- Non-shatter ruler
- Pair of compasses
- Protractor
- Eraser
- Box of 12 coloured pencils
- Clear pencil case
- Whiteboard pen
- Unbranded, clear water bottle
- Small pair of blunt-edge scissors
- School planner - your tutor will give you this on your first day
- 3 lead pencils (B, HB, 2H)
- Handwriting pen (black/blue)
- Glue stick
- Purple ballpoint pen
- Pencil sharpener
- Scientific calculator (Casio FX-83GTX)
- Highlighters
- Reading book
- Earphones/headphones

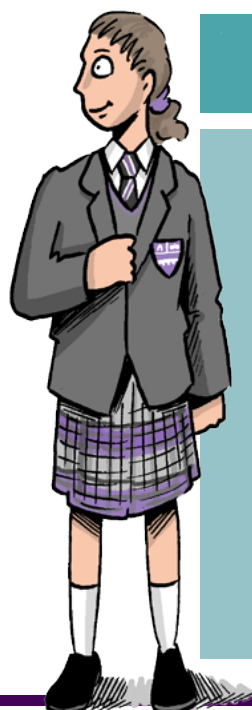
## Uniform Top Tips:

- Make sure your uniform meets the highest expectations.
- Wear black professional shoes and not trainers.
- Wear your blazer and tie to school every day.
- Girls, remember to never roll your skirt up.
- Offer a handshake to members of staff or any visitors to the school.
- Never wear your black coat inside the building.
- Mobile phones and smart watches are never to be seen or heard.
- Your hair should always be neat. If it is longer than shoulder length, it needs to be tied up.



## Boys' Uniform

- Grey blazer with school badge
- Grey jumper with purple trim
- School tie
- Plain white school shirt with long or short sleeves
- Plain black long trousers
- Plain black or grey socks
- Plain black smart overcoat
- Plain black school backpack
- Sensible plain black flat shoes



## Girls' Uniform

- Grey blazer with school badge
- Grey jumper with purple trim
- School tie
- Plain white school shirt with long or short sleeves
- Grey and purple tartan skirt
- Plain long black trousers
- Grey tights or white ankle socks
- Plain black smart overcoat
- Plain black school backpack
- Sensible plain black flat shoes

# What is expected of me?

We want Chertsey High School to be a friendly, happy and peaceful school to learn in. To achieve this, we need to be strict and firm but fair.

We have high expectations of you, and you can achieve them by demonstrating our core values of **knowledge**, **determination** and **love**.

Here are some ways you can do that:

## Knowledge

- Trying your best in your lessons.
- Putting your hand up and contributing to every lesson.
- Doing well in tests and exams.
- Being above your target grade in all your subjects.
- Competing for the school in a sport, music or academic event.
- Winning school, borough or national competitions.
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## Determination

- Trying hard in subjects that you may not have studied before, or that you have previously found difficult.
- Accepting when you are wrong and learning from your mistakes.
- Learning a new skill – such as playing a musical instrument – and sticking at it.
- Making excellent progress in grades across your subjects.
- Turning up to every practice or rehearsal.
- Taking part in many House competitions.
- Keep trying in subjects that you may not have studied before, or that you have previously found difficult.

## Love

- Being an active member of the local community by helping someone who is stuck.
- Picking up litter.
- Mentoring another student.
- Taking on roles of responsibility within the school.
- Being a member of several extra-curricular clubs.
- Introducing yourself to someone you don't know in your tutor group or one of your classes.
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## Behaviour

All students should behave well, both inside and outside the school, by respecting themselves and others. You should always meet our high standards in your conduct, behaviour and appearance. There is recognition for meeting our standards, but there are consequences if you do not. When a staff member asks you to do something, you should do it immediately.

## Houses

Our House system gives you lots of fun and challenging ways to work together and compete against others. Some of these opportunities will happen in lessons, and others will take place at lunchtime or after school. The House system gives you a sense of belonging, and you will feel responsible for yourself and the others in your House. Each House is named after an inspirational historical figure who demonstrated our values.

Our six Houses are:

- Newton, after physicist and mathematician Sir Isaac Newton.
- Nightingale, after Florence Nightingale, the founder of nursing.
- Tolkien, after novelist J.R.R. Tolkien.
- Wilberforce, after William Wilberforce, who led the movement to abolish the slave trade.
- Garrett Anderson, after Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, the first woman in Britain to achieve a medical qualification.
- Pankhurst, after Emmeline Pankhurst, who founded the Suffragette movement to gain Votes for Women.





# Pastoral support at CHS is available when you feel worried or upset, or just need someone to talk to...

"When you join Chertsey High School, you become a member of our CHS family."



## The Lighthouse

We encourage and recognise good behaviour and ensure each student feels supported. You will be part of a tutor group, and your tutor will be the first person you should go to if you have a problem or need a chat. You will meet them before you join us and see them every morning before attending lessons.

Each year group has a Head of Year who oversees the pastoral care of the year group. They are also an important link between home and school, so your parents/carers can contact them if they have any questions or anything they want to discuss.

We offer a range of services where you can find help, advice and support, which include counselling, mentoring and PSHE lessons. We also have specialist and SEN Teaching Assistants.

At 'The Lighthouse' we promote **healthy** emotional, social and behavioural development for each student that is willing to work with us. We aim to provide additional pastoral support to all who need and request it. The Lighthouse also provides ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) sessions. Our ELSA can help with:

- Social skills
- Bereavement
- Social situations
- Anger management
- Self-esteem
- Real-life problem-solving skills
- Workshops
- Friendships

The Lighthouse is open during the school day and is available by appointment only.



# Q&A

It is normal to have some questions before joining secondary school. Here are some answers to our most frequently asked questions.

## How can I make new friends?

*Everyone in Year 7 will be in the same position and looking to make new friends. Take every opportunity to make new friends during break/lunch or by joining an extra-curricular activity. Don't be worried. You will make lots of friends in the CHS family.*

## What tips can you give to help me do my best at Chertsey High School?

*Please make the most of your time with us. Have fun, do your best academically and be focused. Always do your homework on time and follow our expectations and rules.*

## I am worried about getting lost. How will I know my way around the school?

*You will be given a timetable during your transition days, and you will have a tour of the school. All teachers and students will be able to help you in your first few weeks. If you are lost, just ask someone for help.*

## What do I do if I have a worry or am struggling?

*You can talk to your tutor, who will see you every morning. Your Head of Year and all your teachers will also be able to support you. It always helps to talk so speak to whoever you feel most comfortable talking to.*

## How will I record homework?

*Record your homework in your diary. Remember to write clear instructions and include the date set. Further information will be available on Microsoft Teams.*

## When are break times?

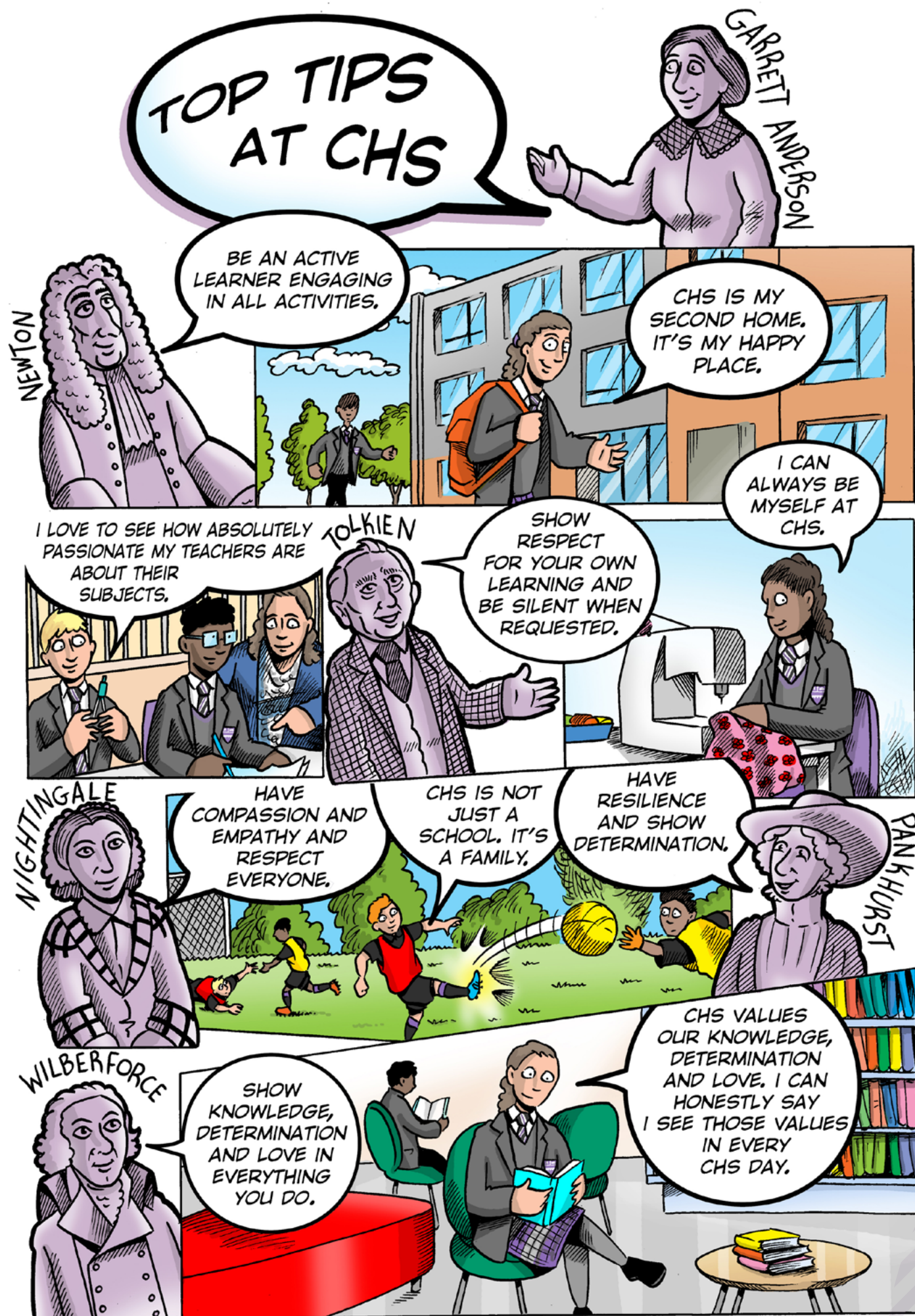
*In Year 7, break times are 11-11.20am and 1.20-2pm. During break times you can get something to eat from the school canteen.*

## How will you help me to succeed?

*We have a nurturing school ethos. We want every student to succeed and we respond to each student's individual needs. We do this by encouraging a love of learning and developing your self-esteem and character in our supportive Christian atmosphere.*

*The 'Chertsey High School Way' is about putting you centre stage. You tell us your dreams and we will help support and nurture them so that you will achieve your full potential and more!*





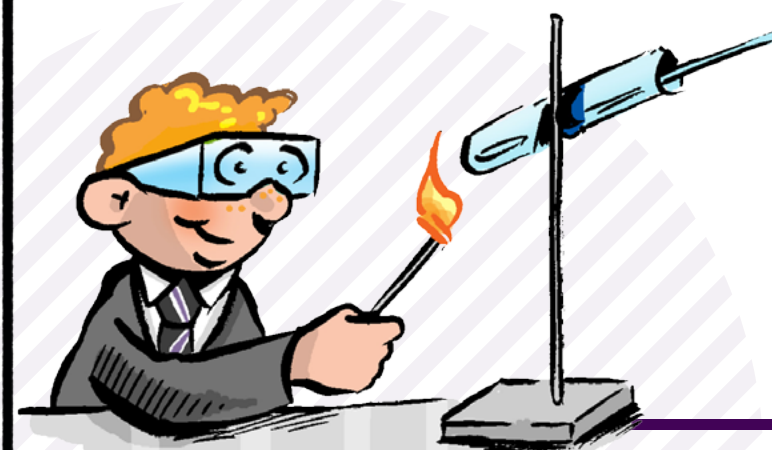
## What happens during a school day?



You will have five 60-minute lessons a day. We have an alternating two-week schedule, which means you will take some lessons in A week and others in B week.

Here is what the Chertsey High School day looks like:

Timings:	Session:
08:30 - 09:00	Tutor
09:00 - 10:00	Lesson 1
10:00 - 11:00	Lesson 2
11:00 - 11:20	Break
11:20 - 12:20	Lesson 3
12:20 - 13:20	Lesson 4
13:20 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:00	Lesson 5



## Extra-Curricular Activities

We have an exciting programme of extra-curricular activities to suit a range of interests. It's a chance for you to try something new, follow your own interests, or do something you have always dreamed of doing. You are encouraged to do at least one extra-curricular activity a week. New clubs are regularly added to the timetable, and we publish the complete list at the start of each term.

- 3D Design Club
- Badminton Club
- Bake-Off Club
- Basketball Club
- Choir Club
- Coding Club
- Dance Club
- Debating Club
- Drama Club
- Fashion Club
- Football Club
- ICT for Business Club
- Maths Challenge Club
- Music Production Club
- Netball Club
- Orchestra Club
- Science Club
- Sign Language Club
- Table Tennis Club
- Ukulele Band



## Homework Club

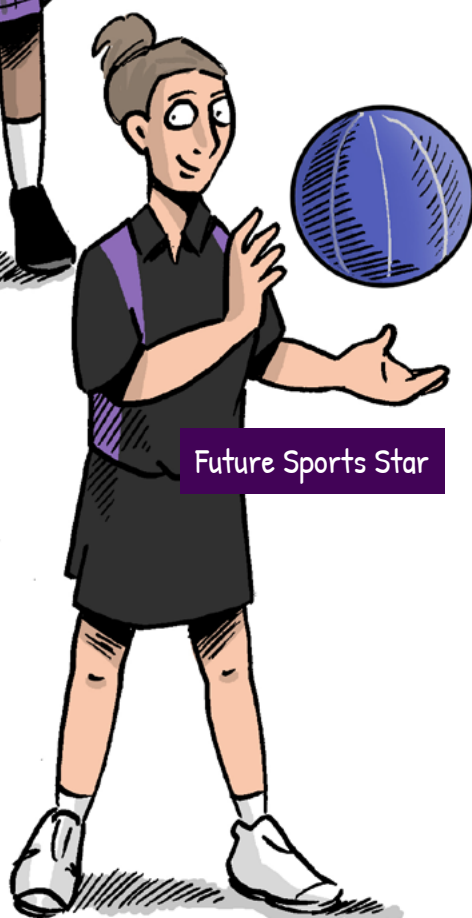
If you need extra help with your homework or need more time to do it, you can come to one of our Homework Clubs. They run after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.



# Equality, Diversity and Inclusion for All

Equality, diversity and inclusion are crucial at Chertsey High School. We want everyone to feel they belong and can be their authentic self when they join us. We raise awareness of equality and diversity, reducing discrimination and prejudice. We value all students equally, and we celebrate our differences. You will achieve your best in a school where you feel you belong.

"There is no ceiling to your ambitions here at Chertsey High School."



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