

# Frequently Asked Questions - Year 7 2018

## **Where can I find Bus information?**

Bus information can be found by clicking on this link:

<https://www.chhs.org.uk/parents-carers/travel-to-from-school/>

## **What time do the Year 7's have lunch?**

At the beginning of the year, the Year 7's will be on first sitting meaning they can go for early lunch at approximately 1:00pm. Students are welcome to bring a packed lunch. If buying food from the canteens, please ensure your child has enough money on their account. Whilst we would never let a child go hungry, the canteen cannot authorise food purchases if the account would go into a negative. After lunch they can play out in their designated playground, take part in extracurricular clubs or make use of our quieter areas such as matrix.

## **Are the students taught in sets for any subjects?**

For Year 7 most subjects are taught in mixed ability classes, with the exception of English. Languages and PE are taught in set groups following assessments later in the year.

## **Are they taught as a form?**

Year 7 are taught in form for some lessons.

## **Who should my child go to if they have an issue?**

They should go to their form tutor, Mrs Foden as Head of Year 7 or Mrs Higgs if it is SEN related.

## **Who should I go to if I have a query?**

In the first instance, it is best to contact Mrs Foden either by email [lindsey.foden@chhs.org.uk](mailto:lindsey.foden@chhs.org.uk) or by phone 0161 485 7201. Or if it is an SEN issues email [elaine.higgs@chhs.org.uk](mailto:elaine.higgs@chhs.org.uk) If necessary, we can then arrange to meet at a mutually beneficial time.

## **What should I do if my child is anxious about starting High School?**

Please try to reassure your child that everyone will feel anxious and it is normal when starting a new school and getting used to a new environment. Many students will be joining us not knowing anyone. They will soon get used to High School and settled in. If they are anxious and nervous about social times they can make use of our quieter areas such as matrix.

## **What Extracurricular Clubs can my child do?**

Clubs will be announced during the first few weeks of the term. These will be announced in class by teachers, through form time, booklets and within department noticeboards.

## **Can my child have time off during term time?**

We will support your child's time off if they are competing in a competition with extracurricular clubs or taking examinations, for example in music. We will also

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support unavoidable medical appointments. We will not support or authorise holidays during term time – please refer to our attendance policy for further details.

## **What language will my child learn?**

Your child will learn the following language, please note these **cannot** be changed. Your child will, if they desire, have the option to learn a second language in Key Stage 4.

- 7CL, 7CV, 7MG, 7SW – will learn French
- 7HM, 7JS, 7ML, 7MO – will learn Spanish
- 7DJ & 7SA – will learn German

## **When can my child use their mobile phone?**

Mobiles are NOT required in school. However, we appreciate many students use these to contact home if required on their way to or way home from school. Students are allowed their phones out at break and lunchtime, in the canteens or playgrounds. They are NOT to be seen out in lessons or on the corridors. If your child needs to contact during the school day, they should see Mrs Foden or Student Reception. Please remind your child that they must use their phones in an appropriate manner, with no filming and photographing of others.

## **How short can my child have their hair cut?**

We do not allow haircuts that are less than a shave number two. If your child attends school with excessively short hair they will be kept in isolation. For further information please refer to our uniform policy:

<https://www.chhs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/uniform-policy-amended-july-2017.pdf>

## **What shoes can my child wear?**

At CHHS we do allow students to wear ALL black and ALL leather Converse, Superstars or similar versions. Students are also able to wear other school shoes including Doc Martin shoes (but not boots). Students are not allowed to wear any other kind of trainer for school. For further information please refer to our uniform policy: <https://www.chhs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/uniform-policy-amended-july-2017.pdf>

Finally, I wish you a very happy summer let's hope the sun keeps shining! I look forward to seeing all our new year 7's on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am until 12:00noon. We will then start the new academic year in earnest on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 8:35am.

Mrs Foden