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## **WELCOME**

#### Miss Emma Rickards, Head of Year 8



am very much looking forward to welcoming your children into a very exciting year for them at the School. Your children are no longer the youngest in the Senior School and, as such, they are expected to be role models for the pupils in Year 7, setting a good example of dress, behaviour and commitment to school activities.

I will be working alongside Miss Megan Millar, who is the Assistant Head of Year. We have responsibility for the welfare, academic progress and conduct of the Year 8 pupils, as well as working with our wonderful tutors, whose rich collective experience is invaluable in encouraging each pupil to achieve their potential. As their first point of contact, the tutors play

a pivotal role in your children's well-being. The dedicated time given for tutors to have one-on-one conversations with your children allows us to celebrate, coach and support them as they progress through the School. It is an opportunity for your children to discuss their progress, concerns or accomplishments in a safe and impartial setting, where their well-being remains at the heart of our tutors' focus.

As I am sure you are aware, Surbiton High School offers a wide range of co-curricular opportunities through clubs during lunchtime and after School, and pupils are encouraged to participate in as many as they wish. Such clubs enable your child to gain a wealth of experience from a varied range of activities and mix in a wider circle of people, which we hope will stretch their horizons and open their mind. We look forward to guiding your children through this exciting year. It is destined to be a busy and rewarding one and we sincerely hope that your children will relish and actively embrace the wealth of rich opportunities Surbiton High School has to offer.

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Surbiton High School is regulated by the Department for Education and the relevant contact details can be found on the DfE website (www.education.gov.uk).

# WHERE TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION



ey policies and further information covering the following areas are available on the school's website, **www.** 

**surbitonhigh.com**, and also on request from the School Office:

#### **ISI Regulatory Policies**

- Academic Performance Statement
- Admissions Policy
- Aims and Ethos Policy
- Anti Bullying Policy
- Attendance Policy
- Behaviour and Discipline Policy
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Curriculum Policy Senior School
- Curriculum Policy Girls' Prep School
- Curriculum Policy Boys' Prep School
- English as an Additional Language Policy
- Exclusion, Expulsion, Removal and Review Policy and Procedures
- First Aid Policy
- Health and Safety Policy Group
- Missing and Uncollected Pupil Policy
- Mobile Digital Devices Policy
- Relationships and Sex Education Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- Special Educational Needs Policy

#### **Other School Policies**

- Bereavement Policy
- Carbon Neutral and Sustainability Policy
- Careers Policy
- Child-on-Child Abuse Policy
- Co-curricular Policy Senior School
- Code of Conduct Pupils
- Conducting Right To Study Checks
- Drugs Policy
- Educational Visits Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Gifted and Talented Policy
- Student Leadership Team Policy
- Mental Health Policy
- Non-Examination Assessments (NEA) Policy
- Physical Restraint Policy
- Provision of Information Policy
- PSHE Policy
- School Dog Policy
- School Worship and Assemblies
- Searches and Confiscation Policy
- SENDA Three-Year Accessibility Plan
- Sick Child Policy
- Staff Protection Policy
- Supervision of Pupils On Site Policy
- Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs
- UCST Terms & Conditions
- United Learning Health and Safety Statement of Intent
- United Learning Scheme of Delegation
- Whistle Blowing Policy
- Word Processor Policy

## **AIMS AND ETHOS**















urbiton High School aims to inspire our young people to discover and embrace their individuality in an intellectually rigorous academic environment. Balanced with outstanding pastoral care, our pupils become compassionate, respectful, courageous, and inquisitive members of the community, living out the school's motto: 'Amor nos semper ducat' ('May love always lead us').

These values are embedded into parts of the curriculum and celebrated with achievement certificates.

#### **OUR VALUES**

#### We are compassionate

We are kind and we care, in both thought and action. We consider those less fortunate and strive to support and offer aid. We are mindful of the gentle power of positive actions. We support and encourage those around us.

#### We are courageous

When challenged by our fears we are determined, not deterred. We call on resilience for strength when in the heat of the struggle. We bravely chase our dreams and fight for what we believe. When we fall, we pick ourselves up and forge forward.

#### We are inquisitive

We understand that a thoughtful question is the key to unlock understanding. We believe where answers provide ends, questions pose exciting beginnings. We are eager to explore, we question to discover, we are curious to learn more of the world at large.

#### We are respectful

We respect all people equally. We respect ourselves, our learning, our community, our environment, and the planet we all share. We strive to act with respect and integrity in all things. When we disagree, we do so respectfully.

#### We are a community

We are united - with a common focus. We value belonging to a wider community: our school community, our local community, our global community. We are inclusive of all, no matter our differences. We value and nurture the connections we form.

## **WELL-BEING AT SURBITON HIGH SCHOOL**

urbiton High School prides itself on the excellent support and care it gives to its whole community, and the School was delighted to be awarded the Optimus Education 'Wellbeing Award for Schools'. We acknowledge that every pupil is an individual and may, as a result, require different levels of support. To this end, we have a highly dedicated, professional team available to support your daughter.

Every pupil is allocated a Form Tutor and Deputy Form Tutor, who take on day-to-day responsibility for the welfare and support of the pupils. They encourage personal development, monitor academic progress and attendance, as well as being a guiding hand throughout the year.

The Head of Year oversees the personal development and academic progress of all the pupils in their year. Along with the Assistant Head of Year, they lead the Tutor Team.

We have a fully established school counselling team available to see pupils on a one-to-one basis, where more specialist pastoral support is required. We have two qualified Nurses, who are available to deal with health matters. They are also a great source of support for pupils. Our Learning Support Department also has a range of programmes designed to meet individual needs.■



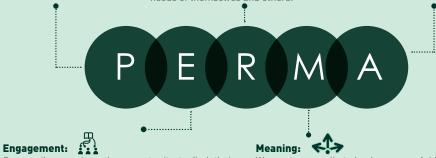
#### Positive emotion:

How to feel good - deploying our greatest strengths to tackle all situations. By developing a growth mindset and a can-do attitude, our pupils will learn to notice how are equipped with the tools to manage these emotions.

Other people are the best antidote to the downs of life and the single most reliable up. We are, emotionally, creatures of the hive, creatures who ineluctably seek out positive relationships with other members they are feeling so that they of our hive. By helping our pupils to develop strong relationships, they will be empathetic and responsive to the needs of themselves and others.

#### Accomplishment:

Our pupils will learn to take the positive feelings from accomplishment to tackle new challenges. We empower them to do something well, just for its own sake. Our tutors will know what the pupils do both in and out of School, and we celebrate success as a community.



Our pupils are given the opportunity to find their niche. We allow them to be fully absorbed in activities and help them to deploy their strengths to meet the greatest challenges that come their way.

We want our pupils to lead a purposeful life, to be able to understand what their end goal is and to know what they are striving for; not to just seek short-term reward or fulfilment.

#### Well-being

Well-being sits at the heart of the School and the welfare of the pupils is paramount. We are committed to inspiring, encouraging and empowering all of our pupils so that they may flourish. We see flourishing as life going well, even when

things may be hard. Our Charter for Wellbeing sets out in more detail our commitment to this, but at its core is our commitment to developing in the pupils what we describe as 'PERMA': Positive emotion, Engagement, Relationships, Meaning and Accomplishment.

## **KEY PERSONNEL**

#### **Form Tutor**

The Form Tutor is the first point of contact if you have concerns regarding your child's academic progress and well-being. Your child will have frequent contact with them, including regular one-to-one meetings. It is intended that they will remain as your child's Form Tutor throughout the duration of Years 8 and 9.

#### **Head of Year**

Miss Emma Rickards will oversee and monitor the well-being and academic progress of all pupils in the year. The Assistant Head of Year 8, Miss Megan Millar, will support Miss Rickards in her role.

#### Nurse

The School Nurse is available to see your child throughout the school day for assistance if they become ill or to talk to about medical and emotional issues. Support is offered to promote a healthy balance between academic and co-curricular activities.

#### Counsellor

The school counselling team is on hand for any pupils who need this support. More information is available on page 32. ■



## **ART**

he Year 8 Art curriculum focuses on building core skills: use of materials and technique, direct observation, contextual and historical study. As specialist Art teachers, we enable the pupils to work with a wide range of mediums. These include painting, ceramics, sculpture, printing, photography and textiles.

The Autumn Term offers Year 8 pupils the opportunity to work in a group to create a sculptural piece based on an environmental theme. They will begin the project developing their observational drawing and photography skills. They will then develop their ideas using a range of mediums inspired by other artists that relate to the

theme. Following from this, they will create a personal outcome reflecting their findings.

Throughout the year, pupils will be assessed on their observational and technical skills, ability to critically analyse artists' work, and on their creativity and imagination. In the Spring Term, pupils are assessed on a whole project which will include their work in class and homework, instead of a formal summer examination.

In the Summer Term, the pupils will continue to explore and develop their artistic practice as well as undergo a course in Art History. This is a fantastic opportunity for the pupils to widen their artistic knowledge and develop their historical understanding.





## **DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY**

esign and Technology will prepare the pupils for designing and making useful products in a wide range of materials and processes which will help them to understand how good design can influence and change the world in which we live. Pupils undertake three projects during the course of the year, each project focussing on one of the core areas of design and technology. Pupils are assessed through the designing and making activities within each project.

#### **Product Design**

The aim of this project is to encourage creativity and 'blue-sky' thinking, by designing a range of products that could be sold in a local theme park. The pupils will undertake research activities looking at the needs and wants of the consumer before embarking on designing their solutions. This scheme of learning will give the opportunity for the pupils to work individually and as a team with assigned roles to design a new themed ride and a product that will be sold in a gift shop. The practical skills will build on those learnt in Year 7, while developing their ability to model prototypes before manufacture.

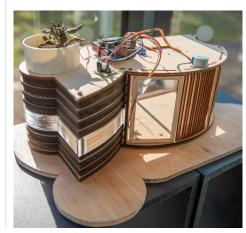
#### **Textiles**

The pupils will manufacture a pair of shorts. They will use skills gained in Year 7 to manufacture the garment using the sewing machine and investigate how textiles can

be strengthened and reinforced. Cotton will be investigated for its suitable properties and the environmental impact of the material will be considered. The pupils will understand how to use commercial patterns and will use embroidery techniques to embellish their work.

#### **Graphics**

The pupils will analyse existing packaging, and then go on to learn about computer graphics, carrying out a focused practical task using Photoshop. The pupils will produce a graphic product in the form of a set of charity cards and envelopes within a presentation box. The pupils will investigate the working properties of a range of papers and boards and suitable adhesives for these materials. The pupils will investigate and use batch manufacturing techniques in order to guarantee the dimensional accuracy and quality of the final product.





## **DRAMA**

n Year 8, pupils study Drama as a subject in weekly lessons. The curriculum is varied and exciting, providing pupils with opportunities to experiment, explore and create, as well as helping to prepare them for their future studies by building their knowledge and skills base. Assessment is focused on developing pupils' skills in the three key strands of Creating, Performing and Responding, and takes the form of both practical and written tasks. Topics covered in Year 8 include a range of skills-based schemes of work such as Mime. Mask and Melodrama. Stanislavski and Realism. and Working with Script. In addition to this,

we introduce pupils to more advanced and challenging issue-based themes and begin to develop pupils' understanding of technical theatre elements.

Year 8 pupils have the opportunity to audition for parts in the annual whole-school Musical or the Year 8 and 9 Production, both of which take place in the Autum Term. They are both highlights in the Drama calendar, with the pupils taking on larger performance responsibilty and challenging themselves with more mature themes and content. The department also run various clubs that Year 8 pupils can sign up for at the Co-curricular Fair in September.

## **ENGLISH**

he Year 8 programme of study for English builds upon the core skills developed in Year 7 and continues to be based upon three central elements of Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening, whilst additionally introduces the important knowledge of historical and literary context – understanding the time, place and genre in which a text is written.

There are five units taught in the year: prose study, non-fiction (linked to the Public Speaking Competition), short stories, poetry, and a Shakespeare play.

Texts are chosen to engage and challenge

our pupils. They could find themselves exploring texts as diverse as 'Much Ado About Nothing', 'A Christmas Carol', Roald Dahl's 'The Landlady' and a range of poetry, as well as a wealth of stimulating nonfiction materials.

Literacy skills are embedded into our schemes of work, ensuring that spelling, grammar and punctuation skills continue to be developed.

Pupils are encouraged to debate, read widely and write freely through a number of classroom-focused and co-curricular initiatives.





## **GEOGRAPHY**

Geography curriculum promotes interest in our changing and dynamic world. In the first term, pupils study Plate Tectonics (earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis) and will be introduced to the theory and evidence of continental drift in addition to the causes, effects and management of natural hazards. In the second term, pupils investigate Population Change, including research into population policy, migration and future demographic sustainability before investigating the effectiveness of measures of development and the

causes and solutions of global uneven development.

This diverse curriculum provides opportunities for pupils to gain a solid understanding of traditional geography as well as fostering an interest in current global issues. We also introduce pupils to GCSE-style examination questions and further enhance their mastery of key geographical skills, such as data interpretation and analysis.

## **HISTORY**

or the first term, we study English/British history between 1500 and 1688. Topics include Henry VIII's Break with Rome, the challenges faced by Elizabeth I and the causes, events and consequences of the English Civil War. We hope to complement our study of the Tudors with a trip to Hampton Court Palace.



Students have opportunities to practise their extended writing and source handling skills. They will complete an essay about the reasons for Henry VIII's Break with Rome and a further assignment examining interpretations of Oliver Cromwell.

In the Spring term students embark on an extraordinary journey through time in their African Kingdoms project, which intersects with their PSHE lessons. Working in groups, they have three weeks to transform their classrooms into museum exhibitions of ancient African civilizations. Students are able to compare and contrast the rich diversity of religion, culture, trade, and politics in Africa before the advent of the transatlantic slave trade.

The slave trade becomes the focus of the summer term. Students will investigate slavery itself, the abolition movement and the rise impacts and consequences of the British Empire.





## LATIN

n the first half of the year, we continue with Cambridge Latin Course Book 1, which ends with the dramatic and frightening eruption of Mount Vesuvius. What will happen to Caecilius and his family? Pupils complete an independent learning project focused on the eruption, which develops communication, organisation and academic resilience. We also learn about Roman baths, education and elections in the Roman world. In order to develop valuable skills, the pupils research, plan and debate, in togas, on the question, "Who were better, the Greeks or the Romans?"

In a shift to develop a curriculum that builds more naturally to GCSE, pupils then start a new coursebook, 'De Romanis'. This textbook is focused on the mythological stories and historical background of the Romans, with pupils learning about their gods and goddesses, religious practices and founding Roman heroes. Pupils become a lot more adept at recognising word forms and translating complex sentences.

We punctuate the year with an exciting trip to Bath, where we will focus on depictions of the gods in Roman art and the sinister use of curse tablets in religious ritual.



## **MATHEMATICS**

upils continue to build on work covered during Year 7 on Number, Algebra, Shape and Space and Statistics. While numeracy and general number sense remain a priority, in Year 8 pupils will develop increased proficiency with scientific calculators, and are introduced to Standard Index Form to assist with their work in Sciences.

In Number, greater emphasis is placed on percentage and ratio techniques together

with decimal manipulation, whilst in Algebra, an array of simplification methods is presented together with further work on linear equations. Spatially, pupils study perimeter and area of parallelograms, trapezia, circles and polygons, and are introduced to the volume of any prismatic shape. In Statistics, they will learn to analyse discrete grouped data. Greater emphasis will be placed on interpretation of statistical diagrams and measures, together with the elements of probability theory.

## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

upils in Year 8 will continue with two out of the four languages they 'tasted' in Year 7. They build on the basic grammatical concepts and topic vocabulary that they have already encountered. Topics are practical and language covers themes which pupils can easily relate to, such as: places in town and tourist information, giving directions, telling the time, talking about school, food and drink, opinions, sport and leisure activities, the weather, seasons and festivals.

All pupils are encouraged to join in with the activities which are part of European Day of Languages in late September. During this linguistic and cultural celebration, we host visits from external speakers, touring theatre companies and provide a myriad of linguistic and cultural experiences for the pupils. Always popular is our wonderful European breakfast, where the pupils can try food from a huge array of authentic European snacks.





## **MUSIC**

pupils have the opportunity continue Music curriculum by investigating a vast array of music, both inside and outside the classroom. An exciting, fresh and new programme of termly projects showcases: Music for Advertising, Pop Songs & Reggae. Each topic looks to develop an understanding of how music is constructed, produced and influenced by time and place in the context of a particular style or genre. Pupils start by listening to and learning about each topic practically, using xylophones, glockenspiels, keyboards, boom whackers, percussion and singing. They build on their skills from Year 7, through reading and listening to music and add to their growing knowledge of Music Vocabulary and musical genres. Pupils also build on their foundational knowledge from Year 7 of using Music Software - Sibelius Ultimate and Logic Pro X to compose music. Pupils have the opportunity to showcase their compositions to the class at the end of each

term, providing an exciting end to learning about a new topic. Outside the classroom, pupils can enrol in instrumental and singing lessons, where they are taught individually by accomplished professional musicians. All pupils, whatever their musical background, are encouraged to get involved with the extensive cocurricular programme on offer at the School. There is a wide variety of vocal and instrumental ensembles catering for all levels of experience and covering many different genres of music - from our hugely popular non-auditioned choirs singing hit pop songs, to our chamber music groups tackling challenging classical repertoire. The pupils invariably find their experience of co-curricular music both musically and socially rewarding, and they thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to perform throughout the year at school and at external venues. Each performance platform is exciting and memorable, and they often prove to be one of the highlights of a pupil's year.

## PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

he Year 8 curriculum is designed in view of the fact that it is a year when many pupils begin to ask themselves deep questions about the universe and their place within it. We begin with a study of the Buddhist tradition. Through a diverse range of activities, including a visit to a Buddhist temple, we look critically at the claims of Buddhist philosophy and the key features of Buddhist practice. An exciting course on ethics follows in the Spring Term. With a

focus on issues of crime and punishment, including capital punishment, it ends in a thought-provoking study of whether we should always try to forgive.

In the Summer Term, pupils will study a module that we have called 'Alternative Truth Claims'. This gives them a chance to consider the claims of smaller religions, including the Baha'i Faith, Mormonism, and Jehovah's Witnesses, as well as non-religious world views, such as Humanism.





## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

n Year 8, pupils have one double and one single period a week when they will take part in a full and varied PE programme. The PE programme is designed to consolidate and extend previously learned skills in Year 7 and to offer enjoyment and encouragement to all. The pupils will remain in one of the three pathways: Competitive, Artistic and All-Rounder.

The sports in their Games afternoons will remain the same, and skills learned will be developed further. During the pupils' single lessons, skills and techniques are further developed in existing areas. Single lessons work on a carousel with sports changing every half term.

Our co-curricular activities are extensive and pupils are encouraged to join as many clubs as possible.

## **SCIENCE**

cience is taught as the three separate disciplines: Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The pupils have one lesson of each subject a week and are taught in their form groups.

The aim of the Science syllabus in Year 8 is to prepare the pupils for their GCSE studies, which commence in Year 9. It focuses on teaching the key concepts, practical skills and analytical thinking necessary to be a successful scientist. The course is designed to surpass the requirements of the Key Stage 3 National Curriculum framework.

## The topics covered: Biology

- Nutrition, Digestive System and Enzymes
- Respiratory System
- Respiration and Photosynthesis
- DNA and Inheritance

#### Chemistry

- Elements and Periodic Table
- Chemical Changes
- Metal Reactivity
- Neutralisation

#### **Physics**

- Electromagnetism
- Energy Transfers Light and Sound
- Space



## **LEARNING SUPPORT**

he Learning Support
Department recognise that
every pupil is an individual and
that at any time in their school
life, they may have a need that affects their
ability to access parts of the curriculum.

The Learning Support Department offer numerous ways to support.

Specialist tuition is provided in small groups and individual support. All lessons are tailored to the individual needs of the pupil. If the timetable does not permit, this can be during registration or lunch so that important lessons are not missed.

In addition to this, pupils can drop in at any time if they feel they are struggling with any aspect of their work. The Learning Support Department has many specialist teachers, so there will always be someone to help. Also, if a pupil is concerned that they may not have enough time to complete their work they can come and discuss this confidentially.

Year 8 Study Skills is held once a week during registration time. This may include support with organisation, planning, writing, and a range of reading strategies. The programme is designed to be flexible, allowing pupils to attend for half a term or for an extended period.

A variety of clubs are offered, and these

include support for handwriting and touch typing. There is a Quiet Room for pupils who seek a peaceful break and craft clubs are also offered.

The Learning Support Department works in a practical affirming way to ensure that pupils not only have the support they need but also gain confidence in their own

strengths and ability to put into practice the strategies required for successful learning.

#### English as an Additional Language (EAL)

EAL pupils are given small group and one-to-one support via organised and structures lessons with an EAL teacher. The focus in these sessions is on shared

and guided reading to ensure that language and literary techniques are contextualised. There is also a focus on precise punctuation and grammar. Pupils are prepared for the Internationally recognised Cambridge Examinations.

EAL is provided at an additional cost.



## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

#### **PSHE and RSE**

In Year 8, Personal, Social, Health, Economic (PSHE) and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) lessons take place every week and are led by the Form Tutor. The programme is wide-ranging and diverse and focuses on a range of themes, including statutory topics and life skills. Particular topics will include: diversity, managing emotions, first aid, careers, and politics.

Through the PSHE and RSE programme, we aim to equip pupils with life skills and the self-awareness required to develop their talents and achieve their potential, to be the best that they can be. Pupils will be encouraged to become more reflective, aspirational and confident.

Over the course of the year, Year 8 will also take part in a range of SCOPE (Subiton-Cope) sessions which support pupils to realise their strengths, develop resilience and learn strategies for nurturing their well-being.

#### Co-curricular

Pupils will have the opportunity to choose from a broad range of co-curricular activities at the Co-Curricular Fair during the first two weeks at School.

Sport, Music and Drama are the pillars of the co-curricular programme and provide numerous opportunities for all pupils. Sports offered include cricket, football. netball, hockey, tennis, rowing, gymnastics, athletics and skiing. Details regarding training days, times, fixtures, competitions and team sheets can be viewed for the academic year via our school website or by visiting www.surbitonhighsport.com. Pupils can access further information using their own login details and view team sheets by inputting the password SHSSPORT25. Any changes to training and fixtures are updated on the site e.g. cancellations or postponed fixtures. Music ensembles include a number of choirs. Wind Band. Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble along with specific instrumental groups. Drama clubs will take place throughout the week and productions will be staged at various points throughout the academic year. Other stimulating, enriching and challenging clubs range from Chess, Art and Debating to Friendship Hour and Amnesty.

Pupils are encouraged to take advantage of the numerous, high-quality opportunities on offer which are designed to develop commitment, teamwork, curiosity, creativity and leadership, and form an integral part of a well-rounded education.

#### **Individual Music Tuition**

Individual music lessons are available from Visiting Music Teachers in singing and in the following instruments: double bass, cello, viola, violin, clarinet, flute, oboe, saxophone, recorder, French horn, trumpet, trombone,

percussion (including drum kit), and piano. Group music theory lessons are also available at no charge - details of this can be found at the Co-Curricular Fair in September.

To ensure good progress, each pupil who chooses to receive individual music lessons will attend a 30-minute, weekly individual music lesson over 30 weeks of the academic year plus a 30-minute, weekly music ensemble rehearsal, as well as completing individual music practice at home. Pupils in Years 7 to 11 receive individual music lessons during school hours on a rotating basis so that, as far as possible, pupils avoid missing the same academic lesson each week.

If you would like your child to receive individual music tuition, please request lessons by emailing Mrs Abigail Briggs at **abigail.briggs@surbitonhigh.com**.

#### **Positions of Responsibility**

Within each form, pupils can hold a variety of responsibilities, including House Captain, Games Captain, Charity Representative, and School Council Representative. The School Council Representative serves on the School Council for a year and is responsible for taking issues from the form to the Council and then feeding back to the form on matters discussed at School Council.

In the Summer Term, pupils in Year 8 are asked to make written applications

for positions in the Middle School Head Girl Team. Shortlisted pupils present at hustings to Year 7 and Year 8 pupils, with an electronic voting system used to determine the Middle School Head Girl, Deputy Head Girl and Assistant Head Girls. The team are expected to represent the Middle School at events across the School and present to their peers in assemblies. The Middle School Head Girl Team will also take a position on the newly formed Student Governing Body, working alongside the Senior Leadership Team to ensure that the students' voice is part of the School's strategic planning.

#### **Reporting to Parents**

At the end of November in the Autumn Term, you will receive a Progress Report, followed by another in February.

In April, you will be invited to meet your child's teachers at a Parents' Evening held after School. The pupils are invited to attend with their parents.

At the end of Summer Term, you will receive a Full Report for your child with an examination result and grade for each subject, together with a comment and an attitude to learning grade. Every pupil will read each report with their Form Tutor and set themselves targets for improving their learning.

#### **Monitoring Academic Progress**

To ensure your child flourishes academically, the Head of Year, Assistant Head of Years and Form Tutors will monitor their progress very carefully in a number of ways. These include:

- Reviewing and analysing the reports and taking appropriate action to support underachievers
- Carrying out internal monitoring and taking appropriate action to support underachievers
- Feedback from Parents' Evenings
- Feedback from subject staff when concerns about individual pupils are raised.

Parents will receive information about their child's progress, as detailed above. In addition to this regular reporting system, the Form Tutor will contact parents if there are any particular concerns.

#### **Looking Ahead**

Towards the end of Year 8, pupils begin to think about the subjects to choose for GCSE. During Year 9, you and your child will be invited to attend an Options Evening where the subjects on offer will be showcased and the GCSE process explained.

#### **Behaviours and Support**

The School aims to promote high standards of behaviour, self-discipline and learning through positive encouragement and reward.

Pupils that display our school values can be awarded merits in all areas of school life. The values are: we are compassionate; we are respectful; we are courageous; we are inquisitive; we support our community. Commendations are awarded for outstanding contributions to school life and bringing our values to life.

In the event of any inappropriate behaviour, pupils may be given a warning. Examples of warnings include behaviour, uniform and organisation. Warnings are monitored by tutors and classroom teachers. Pupils will be encouraged to discuss the mistakes that they make and find ways to prevent future warnings. Further warnings will involve communication home and we aim to work with parents to support all of our pupils in learning from their mistakes. Repeated inappropriate behaviours or serious misbehaviour may result in a detention being assigned.

#### **iPads**

All pupils have been issued with an iPad to use during their time at Surbiton High School. Though the iPad remains the property of the School, your child will be able to take it home and operate it as if it were their own. Reference materials that were previously required as hard copies, such as dictionaries, bibles or atlases, can now be accessed through the iPad. Please supply a set of earphones and a stylus that your child can use with their iPad.

Please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions section of the school website for further information.

#### **Mobile Phones**

The School is aware of the advantage to pupils' safety of carrying a mobile phone.

However, we cannot accept responsibility for lost or damaged phones. Mobile phones are to be switched off and secured in a Yondr pouch during the day. Yondr pouches cost £30 plus vat to purchase and will be added to the school bill. If lost or broken, the same charge will apply for a replacement pouch.

#### **Uniform and Personal Belongings**

An appropriate professional appearance is expected at all times. Long hair should be neatly tied back off the face. Correct school uniform, in good repair, should be worn and uniform checks are carried out regularly by the Tutor Team. Please use the Uniform List to ensure your child has the correct items. They must take responsibility for their personal belongings in School and they are asked not to bring valuable items or large sums of money into School. All their belongings should be named. Any items found 'astray' will be placed in lost property. Make-up and coloured hair are not permitted. No jewellery is permitted apart from a wrist watch and earrings which must be discreet, spherical and in gold, silver, pearl or clear glass. Pupils are required to remove their earrings for PE lessons.

If, for religious reasons, parents wish their child to wear a cross or another religious symbol, please would they write to the Head of Year, requesting permission.

If pupils' tights are laddered or need replacing, spare pairs will be provided from each Reception desk at a cost of £3 per pair, invoiced termly.

#### Parents' Association (SHSPA)

The PA Committee organises a variety of social functions during the year for the purpose of bringing people together, to help create a broader sense of community and to fundraise for luxury (non-infrastructure) items and experiences that enhance the pupil experience. The PA also holds a number of Nearly New Uniform Sales throughout the year. For more information, please go to www.surbitonhigh.com/parents-area/parents-association.

Membership of the Parents' Association is open to all parents and is automatic on payment of an annual subscription of £12 per family or such other sum as may be decided upon at any Annual General Meeting. This annual subscription is payable each academic year and appears on the school fee invoice in the Spring Term. Subscriptions do qualify for Gift Aid as the PA is a registered charity. The PA would be grateful if you could fill in the Parents' Association Gift Aid Form so that they can claim tax back from the Inland Revenue. Any higher rate tax payers can also include the subscription as a charitable donation on their annual tax return.

The PA rely on the community of parent volunteers and staff and couldn't continue to make an impact without them. Keep in touch with what they are up to by following them on Twitter/X **QSHSParentsAssoc**, Instagram **Qshsparentsassoc** and check out their website **www.surbitonhigh.com/parentsarea/parents-association**. They are always keen to get more volunteers, so if you're looking to be a part of the school community

and have fun getting to know other parents, they would love to have you on board!

#### **Personal Data**

Surbiton High School and United Church Schools Trust (UCST) collect, create and hold personal information relating to our pupils, parents and carers. This data is used for a variety of purposes in relation to our provision of education services, including monitoring pupils' progress and achievement and to safeguard pupils' welfare. We take our responsibilities under Data Protection laws very seriously and demand the same commitment from any company engaged to gather or process data on our behalf. Further detail is set out in our Privacy Notice available on the school website: www.surbitonhigh.com/ data-protection.

In order to ensure that the information we hold about you and your family is up to date, particularly in respect of telephone numbers, email and postal addresses, we automatically contact parents once a year and ask them to verify the details that we hold. Alternatively, you may contact the MIS team via **mis@surbitonhigh.com** to notify us of any changes at any time.

#### School News

News is posted on the school website along with calendar dates and sporting fixtures. We produce an online publication called the Surbiton Spirit, which gives a flavour of the activities enjoyed across the three schools. Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn accounts showcase what is happening on a regular basis, within the School, as well as

highlighting School achievements.

#### **Parents' Prayer Group**

The parents' prayer group meets once a half term at Surbiton High School to pray for the spiritual life of the School. Please contact Nana Asare (nana.asare@surbitonhigh.com) for further information.

#### **Green & Silver Club**

Growing out of the original association formed in 1898 (OGOSH – the Old Girls of Surbiton High), the Green & Silver Club has evolved to encompass all pupils, parents, and staff; past and present as one community. It is run by a committee of members. The Club focuses on celebrating the benefits of a Surbiton High School education by providing opportunities to create and rekindle memories, as well as to help forge beneficial connections between its members.

#### The Aims of the Green & Silver Club:

- to connect with current pupils and parents to raise awareness of the Green & Silver Club network
- to provide alumni with the opportunity for social and professional networking and career development
- to enable alumni to give back to the School through volunteering, mentoring or career talks to current pupils
- to publish news and information about the Green & Silver Club and the School
- to hold reunion events and functions throughout the year with a focus on increasing our alumni engagement
- to promote, enhance and support the

reputation of the School and its strategic aims.

The modest £12 annual subscription from current parents, together with donations of money, time and talent from so many of our alumni, parents and former parents, help support the Green & Silver Club.

#### **School Counsellors**

The team are qualified counsellors who work during term time to support our pupils' mental health. They help our pupils work through the ups and downs of teenage life and develop coping strategies to prepare them for the future. Pupils can self-refer or be referred by their Form Tutor and Head of Year. This can be done by a referral form on MIS which can be filled in and emailed to counsellor@surbitonhigh. com. Counselling sessions are confidential and offer a safe place for the pupil to talk. Parents may occasionally be notified, with consent from the pupil, if it is deemed appropriate. We want our pupils to be happy and flourish within the school environment. and we take the welfare of each pupil seriously. If you have any concerns about your child's well-being, please contact their Tutor or Head of Year in the first instance.

#### Health and Well-being

The Welfare Centre on the Senior School site is staffed throughout the week by our Registered School Nurses.

#### Illness or Accident in School

The School Nurses are available throughout the school day and, in addition, there are many First Aid trained staff on each school site. The Nurses provide help and support for pupils with specific medical conditions and those who are injured or become ill during the school day. Unfortunately, it is not possible for pupils to stay in the Welfare Centre for long periods of time if they are unwell. Please do not send your child to School if they are ill - not only can it be upsetting for them, but it can also cause viruses and infections to spread rapidly throughout the school population. If your child becomes unwell, and needs collecting from School, we will contact you. Therefore, please ensure that your contact details, including emergency contacts, are kept up to date. Please report to Reception to collect your child.

If a Nurse feels that your child requires hospital treatment as a result of illness or accident, a member of staff will accompany them to hospital and stay with them until you arrive.

#### **Medicines in School**

Many pupils will need to take medication at some time during their school life. As far as possible, medication should be taken at home and only taken in School when absolutely essential. However, some pupils may require regular medication either on a short or long-term basis to keep down the effects of, or control, a chronic condition or disability. In these instances, each case will be dealt with sympathetically. Prior to the administration of any medication, parents are required to sign a medicines consent form and, when requested, to supply a written update on their child's medical condition.

All medication should be delivered to the School Nurses in a sealed container clearly marked with the pupil's name. It should be in the container supplied by the pharmacy complete with written instructions for administration, side effects, expiry date etc. Parents are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that any medication kept in School is replenished before its expiry date. When regular doses of medication are required, these will usually be given during breaks to avoid disruption to the pupil's school day.

As Registered Nurses, they may administer medication in School on a regular or occasional basis with the written consent of parents. Students over the age of 16 years (or those deemed suitably competent) may give their own consent. Other members of staff are not permitted to administer medication to pupils unless they have been specifically authorised to do so. Dependent upon the circumstances and location of the pupil, medications will be administered by either a School Nurse or a nominated First Aid trained member of staff.

#### **Emergency Medication**

Emergency medication will always be given. Medication such as asthma inhalers, adrenaline injectors (EpiPens) and insulin pens need to be easily accessible and should ideally be kept with the pupil. Pupils at risk of suffering a severe allergic reaction and who have been prescribed an adrenaline injector (EpiPen) are required to have two pens in School. The second pen will be kept in an emergency box in the School Office, where it can be easily accessed by all

staff. The storage of any other emergency medication will be discussed with parents on an individual basis.

#### **Regular Medication**

Only prescribed medication will be administered on a regular basis. Antibiotics and antihistamine preparations do not usually need to be taken during the school day. Antibiotics can usually be given before School and immediately on returning home without compromising the consistently high level of medication in the blood stream throughout the day. Parents are requested to ask their doctor to consider the school day and prescribe accordingly when possible. Antihistamines are most effective when taken as a once-a-day dose in the morning. Short courses of medication (i.e. if an antibiotic is necessary) should be brought into School each day as outlined in 'Medicines in School' and returned home at the end of the day.

## Occasional Over the Counter (OTC) Medication

The School Nurses keep a stock of everyday remedies for common ailments. These are for administration to pupils and students in the Senior School and Sixth Form who become unwell in the course of the school day. Parents are asked to indicate consent in writing for the School Nurses to administer these medications as required when their child joins Surbiton High School. Pupils are encouraged not to use their own OTC medicines whilst in School.

#### School Calendar

Please note events and dates on the school calendar could be subject to change.

#### **Any Questions?**

If you have further questions regarding Year 8, please contact Miss Emma Rickards, Head of Year 8 (emma.rickards@surbitonhigh.com).



## **TRANSPORT**

#### **Public Transport**

TRAINS - Surbiton Station is an eightminute walk, with trains to Waterloo, Wimbledon, Raynes Park, New Malden, Berrylands, Hinchley Wood, Claygate, Hampton Court, Thames Ditton, Walton-on-Thames and Esher.

Kingston Station is a 20-minute walk, with trains to Waterloo, Putney, Barnes, Mortlake, Norbiton, Hampton, Strawberry Hill, Teddington, Twickenham and Richmond.

#### **Parking**

Unfortunately, there is no parking for parents or pupils on-site. Surbiton High School is in the 'Grove Controlled Parking Zone' of Kingston upon Thames (8.00am to 6.30pm from Monday to Saturday). The adjoining area, 'Riverside Zone', has less restriction (10.00am to 4.00pm from Monday to Friday). Within these zones, parking meters are available for short-term parking.

#### **Public Car Parks**

- Surbiton Station (eight-minute walk)
- Bittoms Car Park, off Penrhyn Road (15-minute walk)
- St James' Car Park, Kingston Hall Road (15-minute walk)
- Waitrose, Surbiton (six-minute walk, two hours maximum stay)

BUSES - There are frequent bus services past the School:

- K1 New Malden, Kingston, Tolworth
- K2 Kingston Hospital, Chessington
- K3 Roehampton, Kingston, Esher
- 71 Kingston, Chessington
- 281 Hounslow, Kingston, Tolworth
- 406 Kingston, Ewell, Epsom
- 418 Kingston, West Ewell
- 465 Twickenham, Kingston, Dorking

#### **Bicycles**

Pupils may choose to come to School by bicycle. The bicycle should be parked and secured in one of the cycle shelters, either behind the Sixth Form Block, Main Site car park or in the Mary Bennett House car park. Pupils riding their bicycle to School should wear appropriate high visibility clothing and a helmet.

#### **School Coach Routes**

There are ten bus routes offered for pupils in the School. All the coaches are fitted with seat belts. The routes, timings and prices can be found on the website, www.surbitonhigh.com/admissions/transport. For further information, please contact transport@surbitonhigh.com.

## Co-curricular Training at Hinchley Wood and Oaken Lane

Pupils are expected to use the bus service in operation after all training sessions to keep in line with the 'Green Travel Plan'. The bus stops at Hinchley Wood Station, Surbiton Hockey Club, Balaclava Road, Surbiton Train Station and the final stop is the Surbiton Assembly Rooms. Parents are welcome to collect from these sites, however **there is no on-site parking** and parents should refrain from driving into the Hinchley Wood site to collect after training.

#### **Away Fixtures**

Pupils are always bought back to School from away fixtures. Special drop off arrangements cannot happen en route back from fixtures.

#### **Home Fixtures**

With regards to home fixtures, there is no transport back to School, so pupils are encouraged to liaise with their team mates and parents to ensure they have a lift home. Parents are of course allowed to watch home matches.



## **CAREERS AND PROGRESSION**

ou may wonder why we are including a careers section in the Year 8 Curriculum Booklet so early in your child's school life. However, with options ever increasing, more competition at home and abroad, and more employers and universities expecting work experience, never has good career and higher education preparation been so important.

We also talk about careers early because it is so much more than just "thinking about jobs". A good careers programme should, over time, help pupils to think about

themselves - their skills, values, interests and more - and help pupils to connect these to future choices, such as GCSE, A-level, university, alternatives to university such as apprenticeships and, yes, job options too. After all, you and your child have already made a big (and hopefully wise) career decision: to attend Surbiton High School!

For further information and resources on our Careers and Progression provision, such as our Careers Newsletters and Bulletins. see: www.surbitonhigh.com/ senior/careers-progression.

#### THE STRATEGY

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Our Careers Guidance Programme is progressive and strategic. We use the wellestablished 'DOTS' framework for our work:

Decision-making skills in the future planning context: Pupils should become adept at weighing up the many future options surrounding education and careers and, once they have decided on goals to pursue, come up with a realistic and effective plan. They are also comfortable reflecting on their experiences and reviewing and revising their goals.

Opportunity awareness: What are the career and education opportunities out there? How do I find out about them? For example, research skills, open days, courses, work experience, attending relevant talks, super-curricular activities such as masterclasses and mini university courses online (MOOCs).

Transition skills: When a pupil has identified a future career or education goal they want to pursue (e.g. you want to get a work placement with Goldman Sachs or you want to gain a place at Oxbridge), they have the skills to achieve it. For example, we support them in areas such as job and university application writing skills, job and university interview skills and entry tests for universities.

**Self-awareness** in a careers and education context: What do I like? What are my strengths? What are my needs and wants? How do I know?

# **Sixth Form**

- each student with summary and action plan sent to on Year 11 interview, another individual guidance/higher education interview for student and parents
  - Structured programme exploring university and its alternatives via talks, visits and activities
    - degree subject and/or occupational groups to explore super-curricular activities to help inform degree/career choice and strengthen UCAS Small Group Supervisions - students placed in

parents

- Employability skills development, such as our Mock Interview Day
- Work experience support
- career guidance interviews available on request as well as mock interview and assessment centre PSHE reviewing what students have learned in the Caraers Programme and preparing for life after universities requiring additional support, such as medics, Oxbridge, veterinary, art school, etc. Support with UCAS and other university forms Specialist programmes for those degrees and Ad hoc guidance advice Surbiton High School

- further university and

- maximise performance and destination opportunities on leaving the Sixth Form.
- given in by pupils to ensure they pick the best combination to

## Programme, including one week placement and preparation and guidance interview for each pupil with Morrisby Profile feedback and summary and action plan sent to pupil and Work Experience

- Department works closely with the HOD/AHOY/SLT in checking early A-level indications The Careers

# Support on A-level results day

- Alumni may contact us for follow-up career advice after they leave us.
- Alongside the compulsory Year Group activities above, we also run optional activities available across years, including: Working Lunches students hear from different professionals about what they do, university admission tutors on entry
- to ensure the best outcomes for these destinations. degree employability skill development (e.g. how to write a killer CV).

  Competitive Pathways – The Careers Department works closely with the Oxbridge and Medical School Programmes is Careers Fairs – we run one large scale Careers and HE Fair (stall format) representing a variety of career areas. Evening and Applying to Medical School
  - School. rsities, an Oxbridge look out for our letters featuring our Applying to US Univer

Careers and HE Newsletter.

# Year 10 **PROGRAMME**

Year 11

Individual career

Year 9

Year

GUIDANCE

CAREERS

for a job/work experience – CV, covering letter and application form writing PSHE on applying

Profile (Early Years) Careers Questionnaire

Careers Competition (incorporating the Step into the NHS Careers) in PSHE

Introduction to Career

Year 7

do you know the ones you have, how competencies, how them and how do do you develop competencies Considering

advert for a career of their choice. In so

Careers Profile.

pupils create an

and Progression Planning – the Morrisby (Early Years)

doing, they develop career research skills. We are past National and twice

> completing an interest-based questionnaire that gets them thinking about forward

This involves pupils

you evidence them? Years) website and other websites such as UCAS to complete quiz on choosing GCSEs from a careers/ higher education Use of Morrisby Profile (Early

> Regional Winners of the Step into the NHS Careers Competition.

> > planning and includes

subject, degree and career ideas. It also encourages them to

perspective

- designed to develop available in the worlds of work and education. this learning to the opportunities self-awareness and then link PSHE activities
- Profile an extensive careers test looking at The full Morrisby and interests

Group Career Interviews - these Interviews now take place in Year 9 before

think about the factors

people consider in

place in Year 9 k GCSE choices.

making future choices and to challenge

career stereotypes.

Morrisby Profile feedback evening. Pupil and parental

Learning Enrichment, also have additional career interviews.

Those engaging in

to competitive universities and courses and take part in on entry i

# SENIOR SCHOOL UNIFORM

#### **School Uniform Suppliers**

AlleyCatz Claremont House, 34 Molesey Road Hersham, KT12 4RQ T 01932 223075 www.alleycatz.co.uk

#### **Nearly New Uniform Sales**

Regular nearly new uniform sales are arranged by the Surbiton High School PA Committee. For more details, visit www.surbitonhigh.com/parents-area/parents-association

Please note in order to adhere to the Uniform Policy, all uniform must be purchased through our uniform provider, AlleyCatz.

#### Labelling

All formal uniform should be labelled on the inside, with either iron-on or 8mm woven name tapes. All sports and art items also need to be clearly labelled inside (not on the outside) with either iron-on or 8mm woven name tapes. When requesting embroidery, please use initials only on the outside of bags, for safeguarding purposes.

#### **Appearance**

Pupils are required to wear school uniform and an appropriate smart appearance is expected at all times. Hair should be kept tidy and long hair should be neatly tied back off the face. Make-up and coloured hair are not permitted. No jewellery may be worn apart from a watch and two pairs of plain spherical stud earrings, which must be removed for PE, for health and safety reasons. If your daughter is planning on getting her ears pierced, please ensure this takes place at the start of the summer holidays to allow for healing.

#### PE Kit

Games bags and equipment are kept in the form rooms in lockers. Sports kit should be taken home weekly for washing.

#### Uniform

#### COMPULSORY

OOM OLSON	
• Coat	Plain dark colour, no trim, no fringes, no fur, smooth-faced fabric, hood optional
Blazer	Green with School crest and trim
<ul><li>Skirt</li></ul>	Dark grey with pleats
<ul><li>Pullover</li></ul>	Dark grey with trim on neckline
Blouse	Green and white striped, short sleeved
<ul><li>Art overall</li></ul>	Green
● Tights/Socks	Black tights or dark grey socks; knee length in Autumn and Spring Terms, ankle length (not trainer style) in Summer Term. White, unbranded ankle-length socks may also be worn in the Summer Term.
Shoes	Black (from approved styles list)
Rucksack	Plain dark colour
<ul><li>Hair ties/clips</li></ul>	Plain grey, black or dark green

#### ΩΡΤΙΩΝΔΙ

OFFICINAL	
• Gloves	Plain dark grey, black or green
• Scarf	Green with School crest
<ul><li>Woolly hat</li></ul>	Green with School crest
<ul><li>Pashmina</li></ul>	Green
<ul><li>Trousers</li></ul>	Dark grey (to order only, fitted in store)
<ul><li>Shorts</li></ul>	Dark grey
<ul><li>Headscarf</li></ul>	Bottle green/grey or black

#### **Sports Kit**

#### COMPULSORY

<ul><li>Games skort</li></ul>	Green and white
<ul><li>Performance polo</li></ul>	Green and white
<ul> <li>Performance fleece</li> </ul>	Green and white
<ul><li>Tracksuit bottoms</li></ul>	School regulation, green
<ul><li>Games bag</li></ul>	Green with School crest (option to initial)
<ul><li>Hockey socks</li></ul>	White with green hoop
<ul><li>Trainers</li></ul>	For indoor and outdoor PE (mainly white)
<ul><li>Dance t-shirt</li></ul>	White with School crest (GCSE and A-level pupils only)
<ul><li>Dance top</li></ul>	White with School crest (GCSE and A-level pupils only)
<ul><li>Socks</li></ul>	White, ankle/trainer style
<ul><li>Hockey stick</li></ul>	Autumn, Spring and Summer Term
<ul><li>Tennis racket</li></ul>	Spring and Summer Term
<ul><li>Shin pads</li></ul>	Autumn and Spring Term
<ul><li>Mouth guard</li></ul>	Autumn and Spring Term
<ul><li>Cricket shirt</li></ul>	(Compulsory in Year 8 upwards - A-squad only)
<ul><li>Cricket trousers</li></ul>	(Compulsory in Year 8 upwards - A-squad only)

#### OPTIONAL

<ul><li>Hoodie</li></ul>	Surbiton grey hoodie
<ul> <li>Waterproof sports jacket</li> </ul>	Green and white
<ul><li>Base layer leggings</li></ul>	School regulation, green
<ul><li>White base layers</li></ul>	Surbiton High School arm print
<ul><li>Boot bag</li></ul>	Green
<ul><li>Athletics spikes</li></ul>	
<ul><li>Athletics vest</li></ul>	Green and white (compulsory for co-curricular
	athletics team and cross country Years 7 to 11)
<ul><li>Performance shorts</li></ul>	Green (dual use for athletics and gymnastics)
<ul><li>Hockey trainers</li></ul>	Astro Turf trainers
<ul><li>Football boots</li></ul>	Compulsory for A and B-teams Years 7 to 11
<ul><li>Football top and shorts</li></ul>	Compulsory for co-curricular A and B-teams Years 7 to 11
<ul><li>Netball dress and shorts</li></ul>	Compulsory for A and B-teams in Year 8 upwards
<ul><li>Leotard</li></ul>	Compulsory for co-curricular gymnastics £35 (order via
	Head of Gymnastics, nicola.osborn@surbitonhigh.com)
Black lycra Milano shorts	Compulsory for ART 1 Groups - purchased directly from
	Milano Pro Sport

## **TERM DATES 2025-26**

#### **Autumn Term 2025**

Staff INSET	Monday 1 September to Tuesday 2 September
Years 7 and 12 Induction Day	Wednesday 3 September
Term Commences	Thursday 4 September
Half Term	Monday 20 October to Friday 31 October
Term Finishes	Wednesday 17 December (12.35pm finish)

#### **Spring Term 2026**

Staff INSET	Monday 5 January to Tuesday 6 January	
Term Commences	Wednesday 7 January	
Half Term	Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February	
Additional INSET Years 7 - 10 only	Monday 23 February	
Reception - Year 6 and Years 11 - 13 normal school day		
Term Finishes	Wednesday 1 April (12 35pm finish)	

#### **Summer Term 2026**

Staff INSET	Monday 20 April
Term Commences	Tuesday 21 April
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 May
Half Term	Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May (incl. Bank Holiday on 25 May)
Term Finishes	Thursday 9 July (12.35pm finish)

## **STAFF LIST**

#### Senior Leadership Team

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#### **Heads of Year**

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