



CHEAM HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 7 TRANSITION HANDBOOK

A basic guide for our new students/parents/carers starting with us in September 2023



“An Outstanding School”

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YEAR 7



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Mr Naudi
Headteacher

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Mr Oswick
Deputy Headteacher



Mr Vosper
Deputy Headteacher



Mr Brewis
Assistant Headteacher/
Director of 6th Form



Miss Connolly
Assistant Headteacher



Ms McLeish
Assistant Headteacher



Ms Marshall
Assistant Headteacher



Mr Newman
Assistant Headteacher



Ms Pelling
Assistant Headteacher



Mr Smith
Assistant Headteacher



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Mr Naudi, Headteacher

GREETINGS FROM YOUR HEADTEACHER - MR NAUDI

I am delighted to welcome you all to Cheam High School. I do hope you will find this booklet helpful in your transition from primary school to us.

This will allow you and your child to familiarise yourselves with your new school by giving you the opportunity to learn about some key staff.

We know that some children and their parents/carers worry about the change from primary to secondary and how they will get on in their new school. Hopefully, this booklet will help calm nerves.

Once students have started here, if there are worries or concerns, then please give the Tutor or Year 7 Team a call or send them an email. We want to work with you to help sort out any issues so that students feel happy and confident at school, ready to take full advantage of the excellent opportunities on offer at Cheam High School.



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Miss Pelling, Assistant Headteacher

GREETINGS FROM YOUR ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER – MISS PELLING

Hello Year 6 and all the parents and carers!

My name is Miss Pelling and I am the Assistant Headteacher attached to Year 7.

I work very closely with the Year Team and your Tutors to make sure that you are safe, happy, making progress and, of course, well behaved.

I would like to stress that we understand the emotions attached to this process and we will be working extremely hard to ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible. We appreciate that starting a new school with new people and new systems can be a challenge however we are here to support and guide you.

Parents and carers, it is imperative that we work together to ensure your child achieves the best they can and is a well rounded, valuable member of the community.

I hope you find this information pack helpful and I look forward to working with you in the future to ensure your child is successful at Cheam High School.



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Mrs Craughwell, Year Leader

GREETINGS FROM YOUR YEAR LEADER – MRS CRAUGHWELL

Hi everyone! I hope you are all well and excited about joining us in September. My name is Mrs Craughwell and I will be your Year Leader for Year 7. This means that I will be here to look after you, to help you with any problems and to make sure that you have everything you need to make a great start to your time at Cheam.

We know that you will have many questions about starting here at Cheam and we know that some of you may be a little bit nervous, but I can promise that you won't be the only person feeling this way. We will do everything we can to answer any questions that you may have before you start and to make sure that you are happy here at Cheam in September.

For now, enjoy the rest of Year 6. Make as many memories with your friends and teachers as you can and get ready to start making new friends and new memories from September!

I am looking forward to meeting you all!



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Mrs Lambert, Year Manager

GREETINGS FROM YOUR YEAR MANAGER – MRS LAMBERT

Hello and a very warm welcome to Cheam High School. I am so looking forward to meeting you all! I will be your Year Manager. Along with other members of the Year Team, I am here to help and support you through the transition process and through Year 7. This is a very exciting time and also a time when you will learn and experience lots of new things. We understand that as well as being exciting, this might also be a little daunting, so we have put together a varied transition programme to support you.

Before joining us in September, we will be talking to and visiting primary schools, holding transition days in July as well as an Information Evening and Summer School. When you join in September, there will be lots in place to help you find your way around, make friends and feel settled into life at Cheam High School quickly. We hope that all of these things will help you get to know the school and the Year Team well and that we will get to know all of you quickly too.

We want everyone to feel safe and happy in our school community, so I am always around to help you with anything that might be on your mind, no matter how big or small. You can find me in the Year Team Office, around school and in the playground at lunchtimes. It's my aim to learn all of your names by October half term – so come and introduce yourself and have a chat whenever you can.



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Miss Nicholson, Trust SENCo

GREETINGS FROM YOUR TRUST SENCO

Hello new Year 7! Welcome to Cheam High School.

We are really looking forward to you all starting in September and I cannot wait to get to know you. My name is Miss Nicholson and I am here to help you if you need extra support in the classroom or during your exams.

Looking forward to seeing you in September!

Miss Nicholson
Trust SENCo



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Mrs Chowdhury, SENCo



Mrs Ward, Deputy SENCo

GREETINGS FROM YOUR SENCo TEAM

Dear Year 7 (to be)

I cannot wait to meet you all. You are about to embark on a new and exciting journey. This journey will take you to old friends and new; experience old subjects and new and you will find new opportunities to enjoy. I cannot wait to see you thrive at Cheam High School and we are here to help you.

Mrs Chowdhury
SENCo

Hello, we can't wait to meet you and get to know you all. You must be very excited but with lots of questions too. We're here for you whenever you need us!

Mrs Ward
Deputy SENCo



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CONTACT US

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When you join us in September: yellow@cheam.sutton.sch.uk



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CHECK LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

You will have already received an email from us, asking you to complete these forms. If you have not already done so, please use these links to complete them as soon as possible. The information you provide via these documents will help us plan and prepare for your child's secondary school life.

- [Admissions Form](#)
- [Medical Form](#)
- [Parent/Carer Questionnaire](#)
- [Home School Agreement](#)
- [Photo and Video Permission](#)
- [Mobile Phone and Media Device Agreement](#)
- [Summer School](#)

Please ensure all of the documents are completed by **Wednesday 31st May 2023**

Summer School Enrolment Invite Deadline **Wednesday 31st May 2023**



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WELCOME MESSAGES FROM OUR SUBJECT LEADERS



Ms Prior, Art

Dear Year 6

We have so much planned for your Art lessons in Year 7 and I'm sure that you can't wait to find out what it is like to have an Art lesson at secondary school. I hope that you will be excited to try out all sorts of techniques and ideas – some will be familiar and some new. You will explore how to draw and shade objects from real life, revisit colour mixing and how to use this to create a still-life painting. You will also use clay to create your own clay sculpture, inspired by the artist Yayoi Kusama. You will get to know everyone in your class quickly as it will be the same friends that are in your Maths class. We are going to have so much fun together! Please don't worry about whether you are 'good' at Art because Art is a unique experience for everyone and it is really important that you enjoy the experience of making, being creative and developing your own style. We are all different and so is our artwork!

We are very much looking forward to meeting all of you in September.

See you soon

Ms Prior
Art



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Miss Hancock, English

The English department are really excited to meet all of our new Year 7 and we have a jam packed and fun year lined up for you!

You'll start the year exploring reading and participate in the *'Readathon'*. Once a fortnight, you will have the chance to have a library lesson. Our first class reader is a book called *'Refugee Boy'* where we learn all about Alem's story of arriving and starting a new life in England, with many difficulties along the way. We also study the classic novella *'Animal Farm'*, and we will have our first taste of Shakespeare when we study *'Romeo and Juliet'*. Alongside enjoying whole texts, we also explore a collection of work called *'Literary Shorts'*, which gives you an opportunity to explore texts from different times, cultures and genres.

Throughout the year, you will develop your writing skills as well as build on the reading and grammar skills that you have been developing in primary school.

Oh, and we also have a lesson once a fortnight called *'Let's Think in English'* which is all about developing your thinking skills!

We can't wait to get started!

Miss Hancock
English



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WELCOME MESSAGES FROM OUR SUBJECT LEADERS



Miss Squires, Geography

Hi Year 6, we are looking forward to meeting you all in September. You will meet four teachers when you arrive and we can't wait to get going on our journey around the world with you.

We will learn about:

- How our rivers and mountains got here
- Weather and Climate - what can we do to protect the UK?
- Population and Migration - how many people are here in the UK and where are they all from?
- Flooding/Major Rivers/Coasts and Erosion - how can we protect our coastline?
- You will also have the opportunity to research a European country of your choice and do some geographical research outside the classroom

Later in the year we also do a tour of South America. Then its over to Asia to look at how the ever growing population copes with natural disasters, changing economies and the development of sustainable cities. It's a really fun and creative subject and we look forward to starting your geographical journey.

Miss Squires
Geography



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WELCOME MESSAGES FROM OUR SUBJECT LEADERS



Miss Watson, History

Hello Year 6

Year 7 History involves learning how to be a good historian, so you can use evidence to build a picture of the past. We examine British History from 1066 and the Norman Conquest through to the Battle of Hastings and further into Medieval times. We learn about castles, the power of the church, crime and punishment, the Black Death and what it was like to live during that time.

History lessons involve a range of activities including working in pairs and groups. We will discover and debate the past, watch videos, create presentations and even re-enact the Battle of Hastings!

Miss Watson
History



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WELCOME MESSAGES FROM OUR SUBJECT LEADERS



Mr Coomber, ICT

Hello Year 6!

ICT at Cheam High School aims to teach you how to use computers and explain how they work. In Years 7 and 8 you will have one lesson per week of ICT. Students enjoy coming to ICT because of the interesting things we do.

Some of the fun topics we explore in Year 7 include:

- Using computers (typing skills, word processing)
- E-safety and cyber security
- Advanced programming in Scratch
- Understanding hardware and software
- Programming the BBC micro:bit mini computer

The best way you can be prepared for using computers in secondary school is to practise your typing skills and practise your coordination when using a mouse. Many students come to secondary school having used mostly touch-screen devices like tablets and mobile phones but typing skills are still a necessity in the modern world.

We look forward to seeing you in September.

Mr Coomber
ICT



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Miss Cutting, LIFE (KS3)

Hi future Cheam High Year 7s

My name is Miss Cutting and I am in charge of KS3 LIFE. You may have had LIFE lessons before but under a different name, PSHE?

At Cheam, LIFE stands for Learning Is For Ever. The lessons are quite different from your other subjects. LIFE is about preparing you for some every day challenges you may face both inside and outside of school. Your lessons will centre a lot around class discussion and listening to others and understanding their points of view.

The first term will be focused on helping you settle in at Cheam and will give you an opportunity to learn more about the school and voice any worries you may have. After this we will go on to consider more general topics such as healthy relationships, media and its impact, well-being and healthy lifestyles. I am sure we are going to have lots of interesting debates!

I hope you have a nice summer and I look forward to meeting you in September!

Miss Cutting
LIFE



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WELCOME MESSAGES FROM OUR SUBJECT LEADERS



Miss Drewett, Mathematics

Hi Year 6

I hope you are all well and enjoying the last few months at your primary school.

My name is Miss Drewett and I look after the Maths department. Myself, Mr Patel and Miss Shanmugan are really looking forward to meeting you in September.

We hope that Maths is already your favourite subject, but if it is not, we are going to try and change that! We want everyone to love Maths! 😊

When you come to Cheam in September, you can expect Maths lessons which challenge you, interest you and engage you. We have enthusiastic teachers who will enjoy teaching you and will encourage you to question why to Mathematical facts you already know as well as some new ones.

Please do not worry about anything over the summer, we will look after you all when you come in September and make sure that you are ok.

Have a lovely summer and see you in a few months time.

Miss Drewett
Mathematics



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WELCOME MESSAGES FROM OUR SUBJECT LEADERS



Ms Heery, MFL

Bonjour!

My name is Ms Heery from the Languages Department. When you start in September, you will all study French for the first year. Most of you will not have studied French before, so in the first term you will learn how to communicate with your teacher and your classmates in French. This means that lessons will be in French and very quickly you will be able to talk to your teacher and others in the class in French (even after your very first lesson!)

You will learn lots of songs in your French lessons and you will also learn lots of things about culture in French-speaking countries, such as art, music, poetry and film. There will be the opportunity for you to do some creative writing in French as well as performing role-plays.

We're all looking forward to meeting you in September – see you soon - à bientôt!

Ms Heery
Modern Foreign Languages



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WELCOME MESSAGES FROM OUR SUBJECT LEADERS



Miss Peacock, Performing Arts - Drama

Hello Year 6

My name is Miss Peacock and I am the Performing Arts' Subject Leader of Drama at Cheam High School.

Drama here is so much fun and you will learn a lot of new skills. You will explore plays and bring them to life such as *'Noughts and Crosses'* by Malorie Blackman and *'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time'* by Simon Stephens. We also devise Drama which is when you create a piece of original theatre from scratch - this allows you to be creative and use your fantastic imaginations!

We have three Drama studios that you will have your lessons in which will also be where we will be holding auditions for our whole school production. I hope to see lots of you audition for that!

I am really looking forward to meeting you in September.

Miss Peacock
Head of Drama



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WELCOME MESSAGES FROM OUR SUBJECT LEADERS



Mr Bunton, Performing Arts - Music

Hello Year 6

My name is Mr Bunton and I'm the Head of Performing Arts and Music.

You are very lucky at Cheam to have such a well-resourced Music department with complete classroom sets of Ukuleles, Acoustic and Electric Guitars, Bass Guitars, Acoustic and Electric Drum Kits, lots of Percussion, a Mac Suite and a Recording Studio!

In Music we look at a variety of genres from around the world from the music of today to the Baroque period of the 1600s!

Looking forward to meeting you in September!

Mr Bunton
Head of Music



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WELCOME MESSAGES FROM OUR SUBJECT LEADERS



Mr Harris, PE

To all our new Year 7 students

We are looking forward to meeting you all very soon. When you join us in PE we offer you a range of opportunities to get involved in Sport. We hope that you will find *at least* one activity that you enjoy and will want to continue to participate in all your life.

In your first half term you will be assessed in a range of different activities. We will then put you into groups so you will be playing with students of your own ability. Each half term you will take part in different activities. Some of the time you will be developing your skills in sports that may be familiar to you, but you will also be introduced to things you will not have tried before.

There will be lots of activities for you to get involved in after school too. Some of you will represent the school in a range of sports, but there are also lots of clubs where you can just play for fun. You will also have the opportunity to become one of our Sports Leaders, whom you may have met helping help out at different events at your junior schools.

Enjoy the summer and we will see you soon.

Mr Harris
PE



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WELCOME MESSAGES FROM OUR SUBJECT LEADERS



Ms Parr, Religious Studies

Hello Year 6!

Religious Studies is a subject that allows you to engage in the different religions that surround us in every day society.

You will participate in discussions because this is a subject where you are able to share your own thoughts, opinions and beliefs.

You will not only learn about religion but also from it. You will investigate the six major world religions: Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and Sikhism. You will also learn about creation stories from different cultures, such as the Hawaiian creation story. There will be an introduction to Philosophy too, where you will participate in key discussions on big questions such as '*What makes me, me?*' and explore the topic of Ethics, in which we think about how we should behave in our lives.

Ms Parr
Religious Studies



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WELCOME MESSAGES FROM OUR SUBJECT LEADERS



Ms Scott, Science KS3

Hello Year 6

We have been using our time wisely in Science to get ourselves super-prepared for you to be in our laboratories from September. We have some really great weeks planned for you all to take your first small steps to becoming scientists before taking one giant leap into the best subject at school.

Coming up in your first term you will begin to learn about the foundations of each Science: Biology, Chemistry and Physics. We will start by investigating cells, particles and space respectively. Within lessons you'll become a confident handler of scientific equipment in the laboratory including the Bunsen burner, microscopes, acids, glassware and even take a look at some explosive experiments.

Until then, keep exploring and asking why things are the way they are - because you're about to discover that Science will bring you most of the answers! We are looking forward to seeing you all.

Ms Scott
Science



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WELCOME MESSAGES FROM OUR SUBJECT LEADERS

Hello Year 6 - nearly Year 7!

The Technology department are looking forward to welcoming you in September. We will be completing three different projects which will give you the opportunity to use different materials. We will be completing a Pewter casting project, making a door stop out of recycled materials and a food project where we are going to make lots of healthy products and look at healthy eating and food waste.

Mrs White
Technology



Mrs White, Technology



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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS AND STUDENTS

The next section covers some of the basic information that you need in order to prepare for high school:

- Uniform
- PE Kit
- Equipment
- Bands and Sets
- School Map
- School Mantra
- Swap Shop
- Attendance
- Homework
- FAQs
- Mobile Phones



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UNIFORM FOR YELLOW YEAR 7



Very Important:

Skirts must be worn on or below the knee.

Please purchase uniform directly from the manufacturers' website: www.swischoolwear.co.uk where uniform orders can be placed from now. *Please note: the earlier you place your order the better.*

Please note: your Year colour is YELLOW

Shoes Allowed:

Leather or leather-look
traditional school/formal shoe



Shoes NOT Allowed:

Leather or leather-look trainer-like shoe
including Vans, Converse, Nike, Adidas





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PE KIT FOR YEAR 7

PE's motto: *'Sick or fit - bring your kit.'*

**SICK
OR FIT
BRING
YOUR
KIT**





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EQUIPMENT

Equipment we supply to you:

Your Lanyard
in your
Year Colour



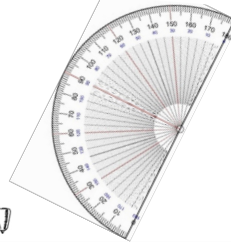
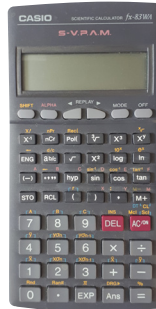
Your
Cashless Card



Your
Plastic Wallet
in your
Year Colour



Equipment you need to supply and bring with you everyday:



x1 Scientific Calculator

x2 Black Birs

x1 Green Biro

x1 Pencil

x1 Highlighter Pen

x1 Rubber

x1 Sharpener

x1 Glue Stick

x1 Pair of Compass

x1 Protractor

x1 Reading Book

x1 Ruler



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TEACHING ARRANGEMENTS

Below is an example as to how groups are set. Please note that there will be a lot of movement in the first term.



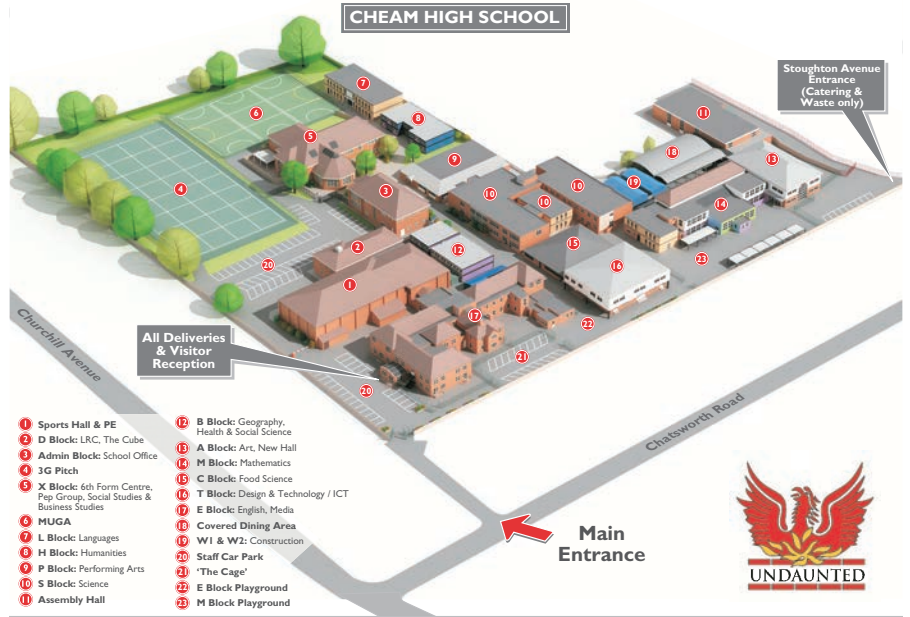
Band		Core Subjects		
K1	Q1	English	Mathematics	Games
K2	Q2	Same groups for: Communications French Geography History	Same groups for: Art Drama ICT LIFE (PSHE) Music Science	Usually taught in single sex groups
KC KH KS	QC QH QS	RS Technology		
KA	QA			



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SCHOOL MAP

- 1 Sports Hall & PE
- 2 D Block: LRC, The Cube
- 3 Admin Block: School Office
- 4 3G Pitch
- 5 X Block: 6th Form Centre, Pep Group, Social Studies & Business Studies
- 6 MUGA
- 7 L Block: Languages
- 8 H Block: Humanities
- 9 P Block: Performing Arts
- 10 S Block: Science
- 11 Assembly Hall
- 12 B Block: Geography, Health & Social Science
- 13 A Block: Art, New Hall
- 14 M Block: Mathematics
- 15 C Block: Food Science
- 16 T Block: Design & Technology / ICT
- 17 E Block: English, Media
- 18 Covered Dining Area
- 19 WI & W2: Construction
- 20 Staff Car Park
- 21 'The Cage'
- 22 E Block Playground
- 23 M Block Playground





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THE SCHOOL MANTRA

A **mantra** is not something you utter – it is something you *strive to become*.

At Cheam we want *all* our students to strive to become *all* of these things and we work towards this in *all* that we do.

Our **mantra** is linked to our behaviour system on IRIS where students will be rewarded for:

- C** **c**ooperation, working well with others
- H** **h**ardworking, good effort
- E** **e**nthusiasm and participation
- A** **a**spirational and improving
- M** **m**otivated and positive attitude
- M** **m**anners and courtesy



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SWAP SHOP REWARDS

We use an online platform called IRIS to track behaviour, both positive and negative, and the points collected can be used in our Swap Shop!





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EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

0 days off school	100%	Perfect Gold Award
4 days off school	99-98%	Excellent Silver Award
8 days off school	96-97%	Good Bronze Award
10 days off school	95%	Slight concern
19 days off school	90%	Concerned
29 days off school	85%	Very concerned

Good attendance and good results are linked. Poor attendance leaves gaps in your learning making it harder to progress

ATTENDANCE

Attendance really matters to us at Cheam High School.

Every school day counts and every missed day results in lost learning.

All students in Year 7 should aim for 100% attendance. Only attendance levels above 96% are good. Whilst 90% might sound like a good figure when used as a statistic, 90% attendance is a concerning level of attendance (one day off per fortnight for the whole school year) that impacts students' academic and social progress.

Attendance is so important to us because we know that attendance has a direct impact on our students' results in Year 11.

Our GCSE results in 2022 showed that students with attendance of over 95% achieved on average over two grades higher in every subject than students with attendance below 80%.

Students with attendance over 95% also achieved an average of one grade higher in every subject than students with attendance below 90%.

We also know that better attendance helps our students to thrive socially and helps with their transition to secondary school.

We have lots of incentives and prizes for good attendance at Cheam High School and cannot wait to reward you for sustaining attendance levels above 96%!



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TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS



Apps and their age restrictions:

Aged 13+ Facebook/Snapchat/Instagram/
Twitter/TickTok/Kit/YouNow/
Tubo/House Party/Money/
WhatsApp

Aged 17+ Sarahah/YOLO

Aged 18+ MeetMe/LiveMe

Before your child starts at secondary school:

Invest time to set parental controls on any mobile device for example:

- Location tracking to and from school
- Blocking of inappropriate websites and content
- Age appropriate social media time settings
- Installing a parental monitoring app such as Family Link

Useful Links:

- **Social Media Information:** [Advice and Guidance](#)
[Advice from the NSPCC](#)
- **Parent Zone:** [Under 13s and Social Media](#)

Once your child has started secondary school:

- Download the apps for SMHW, IRIS
- Check IRIS and SMHW daily
- Encourage reading
- Keep money topped up on their cashless card
- Keep school informed of contact details and health issues



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TOP TIPS FOR STUDENTS



Before you start at secondary school:

- Practise your route to school and time the journey
- Practise tying a tie
- Attend Induction Day and meet your tutor, some teachers and look around the school
- Attend Summer School and make new friends

Useful Link:

- **BBC Bitesize:** [Starting Secondary School](#)

Once you have started secondary school:

- Download the apps for SMHW, IRIS and Google Drive
- When you get your timetable plot your route on the school map to help you find your classes.
- Fill in the organisation page and have it visible in your room. This will help you remember all the things you need.
- Check IRIS and SMHW daily.



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FAQs FOR PARENTS/CARERS



What are the key dates in the transition process?

April 2023	Admissions and information forms sent out to parents/carers via email <i>NB: to be returned no later than 31st May 2023</i>
May/June 2023	The Year 7 Team liaise with feeder Primary Schools
5th and 7th July 2023	Induction Days <i>NB: your child will be allocated a date, which cannot be changed</i>
12th July 2023	New Intake Information Evening
24th - 27th July 2023	Summer School (optional)
4th September 2023	First Day of School
October 2023	Year 7 Information Evening
March 2024	Year 7 Subject Teacher Meetings



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Where do I buy the Uniform?

- Please go to swischoolwear's website: <https://cheamlink/QX0s>
- For a full list of uniform and further information, please visit our school website: <https://cheamlink/5C60>
- There is also a second hand uniform page that you can find on facebook.

How will my child's tutor group and class sets be decided?

We make careful decisions when creating tutor groups to ensure a fair spread of ability, gender and other needs. Our induction activities are designed to help students make new friends and integrate them into their Year Group. The Maths and English departments use prior data, baseline tests and regular assessments to set students. (Maths and English sets will then be used to determine other curriculum area classes).

How will CHS look after my child's wellbeing?

We value student wellbeing and work hard to promote a positive learning environment to support mental health across our school. We have a vast pastoral and safeguarding team who are able to support you and your child.

The first point of contact is your child's Tutor. In addition to the Tutor, we have a very experienced Year Team, consisting of a Year Leader (Mrs Craughwell), a Year Manager (Mrs Lambert), a Deputy Year Leader and an attached member of the Senior Leadership Team (Miss Pelling).

We have many trained first aid staff and a dedicated safeguarding and wellbeing team. If your child is ever worried or scared about anything, they can tell any adult (their Tutor would be the best place to start but anyone is fine).



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I believe I am entitled to free school meals or other financial support, how do I go about applying for this?

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals or other financial assistance for your child, please look at the information about this on our website: <https://cheamlink/c5PT>

How do I pay for school lunches?

When your child joins us in September, they will be given a photo ID card that will also be used as a "cashless card" for purchasing food in the canteen. You will receive information about how to add money onto these cards via the Parent Pay app.

How do I contact the Year Team?

If you would like to contact the Year Team *before* September 2023, please use the following email address: transition@cheam.sutton.sch.uk

From September 2023, please use this address: yellow@cheam.sutton.sch.uk



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FAQs FOR STUDENTS



What are the rules like at CHS?

The rules at CHS are clear and consistently applied. There are high expectations of all students and we expect everyone to follow the rules at all times. A copy of the behaviour policy can be found on our website.

How does the detention system work?

If you do not adhere to our classroom and school rules, then you may find that you receive a detention. These range from personal, subject and Year detentions to Leadership detentions. Depending on which detention you receive they could last for 30 – 90 minutes. If you do not attend a 30 minute detention and have no valid reason, then it will be automatically escalated to a 90 minute detention. You will be informed about detentions through our online behaviour system IRIS.

How does the reward system work?

You will receive reward points from members of staff for all the good things that you do. You can receive points for good work, good effort, being helpful and lots more. At different points throughout the year you will have an opportunity to trade-in these points for prizes at our Swap Shop.

What will happen on the first day?

We will meet as a whole Year Group for assembly. The Year Team will talk to you about your first week and other important things you need to know. You will then spend the rest of your day with your Tutor and the other students in your



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Tutor Group. You will receive your timetable and your Tutor will go through this with you. There will be lots of different activities to help you to get to know each other and your way around the school site. You will also have your photo taken for your cashless card.

What happens in Tutor time?

Every morning you will go to your Tutor room with the rest of your Tutor Group. You will spend this time doing activities and talking about things that are important to you and our school community as well as a weekly round-up of attendance and IRIS rewards

What can I do at break and lunchtime?

Year 7 have two dedicated areas during social time – the canopy by the canteen and the E playground. During this time you can buy food, eat food you have brought from home and socialise with your friends. You can play table football or table tennis and there is usually an area where you can play football too. The LRC is also open at these times and runs various activities, including Film Club.

Where can I keep my belongings?

Lockers are available if you would like one. Further details about this will be given to you in September.

What do I do if I get lost or have another problem?

Ask any member of staff you see and they will help you. If you go to the Year Team Office (At the bottom of the M Block) or the Main School Office, people there can help you too.



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MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Mobile phones and other electronic devices and accessories

Cheam High School adopts a gate-to-gate policy whereby all students need to have their phones turned off and in their bags, along with all accompanying accessories, from the moment they enter the school gate until the moment they exit the gate at the end of the day. Please note that this is inclusive of accessories such as wireless Air Pods, wired headphones/earphones, smart watches, chargers and portable chargers.

If students do not adhere to this policy, they will be sanctioned in accordance with the sanction ladder, in which consequences escalate for repeat offences.





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SOME THINGS TO GET EXCITED ABOUT

This section will introduce you to some of the things that you can get involved in outside of lesson time.

- The Diana Award - Anti-Bullying Ambassadors
- Student Council
- Tutor Representative
- Extra-Curricular Clubs
- Inter-Tutor Challenges and Competitions
- Learning Resource Centre (LRC) Events
- Trips
- Peripatetic Music Lessons
- ECO School
- IRIS Rewards
- Attendance Rewards



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Anti-Bullying Ambassador	Become a member of the Anti-Bullying Ambassador Team and help to make Cheam High School a supportive, encouraging and positive place to learn.
School Council and Tutor Representative	<p>Each Tutor Group elects two students to be Tutor Representatives. Students then have the opportunity to run for Student Council Representative. The whole of Year 7 vote and the two students with the most amount of votes are elected. The Student Council Representatives meet with the Tutor Representatives each half term and they take their feedback to the Student Council Meeting. It is a prestigious role and is very important in the running of the school.</p>
Extra Curricular Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Different sports clubs eg rock climbing, dodgeball, cheerleading• Arts clubs eg drama, film, music, dance and art• Chess Club• Philosophy Club• Dungeons and Dragons• Subject support sessions for students eg Maths Surgery, Science Club• MAGT groups eg A/A* lessons for targeted students• Inter-tutor competitions eg Drama Club or Year 7's Got Talent where students have to attend a certain number of rehearsals• Whole school productions• Learning activities or supported homework• The 12 days of Christmas



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Eco Committee	Join the Eco Committee and help the environment, promote eco awareness, plant and tend to nature around the school site.
Inter-Tutor Challenges	Throughout the year there will be numerous competitions and challenges that all earn IRIS points towards the Tutor Cup. The winning Tutor Group at the end of the year will get to attend a trip; in previous years this has been to Thorpe Park. There are also opportunities to win Tutor breakfasts, sweets/chocolates, pizza, points and badges.
LRC Events	<p>The LRC is a busy and popular area within the school. The shelves are bursting with new and relevant resources which are regularly updated.</p> <p>With books, Kindles, audio books, daily newspapers and a selection of magazines there really is something for everyone. A separate computer suite, adjacent to the LRC, contains 35 computers and is available during normal opening hours and lesson times.</p> <p>Throughout the school year the LRC runs numerous special events which are either of topical interest, tied in with the curriculum, or to raise money for charity. The aim is always to involve and interest as many students as possible.</p> <p>The LRC is staffed from 7.45am and is open to students at break and lunchtimes. Homework Club takes place in the LRC until 4.30pm every day.</p>



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BEHIND THE SCENES WE ARE...

- Liaising with primary school teachers to gather as much information as possible to help with, not only the transition process but your child's education as a whole.
- Working with SENCOs at every primary school to ensure needs are met.
- Analysing all information as it comes in from parents/carers and primary schools.
- Using the information gathered to arrange Tutor Groups and class sets.
- Planning additional support sessions to help with transition.
- Planning new and exciting extra-curricular activities .
- Responding to any questions or queries that we receive via email or telephone.

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SCHOOL WEBSITE

This holds a great deal of information on various aspects of school life. Please access this at any time. The address can be found on all letters and formal documentation and is:

www.cheam.sutton.sch.uk

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