

# Welcome to Charters School



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# What will be expected of me at Charters School?



We have high expectations for you and we want you to reach your full potential.

We have three key values which help make Charters School such an exceptional community:

## UNITY

Get to know your classmates, other students and teachers.

Help each other whenever you can as well as around the school.

## RESPECT

Treat all members of our school community and beyond the way you would like to be treated.

## EXCELLENCE

Make the most of the opportunities that are offered to you.

Be on time each day with everything you need and with a positive attitude.

Take responsibility for your own learning outside the classroom.

## Where will I fit in?

You will be part of a Tutor group and join one of our three school Houses, which are Bulldogs, Eagles and Panthers.



Each House has a nominated charity and does fundraising events throughout the year. You will do lots of activities with your House, such as fundraising for your House's nominated charity, bake days, events and quizzes. You will be given House Points for each activity and there will be lots of friendly competition to be the House with the most points each year.

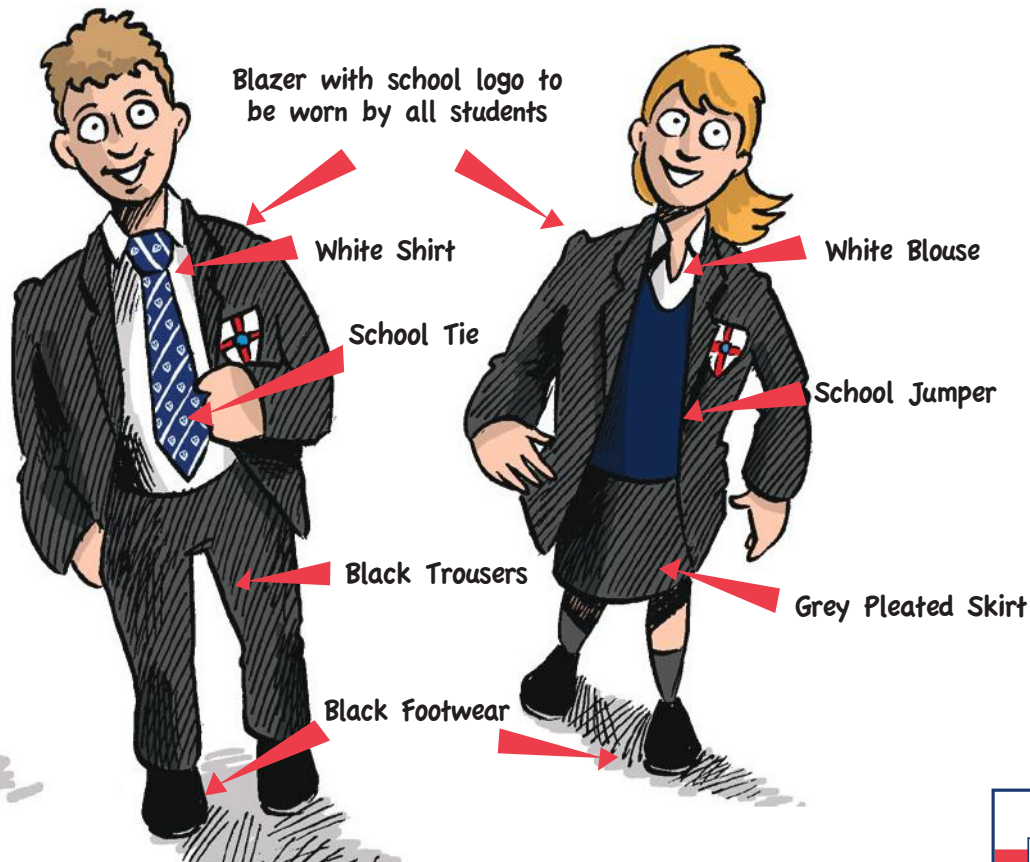


**Top Tip from students:** The number of students in a school like Charters can be overwhelming at times. It is good to remember that everyone has felt like this at some point.

# What about school uniform?

We are all proud to be part of Charters School. We expect you to show pride in your school by wearing the correct uniform from your first day here.

Make sure you have got all of your uniform well before school starts.



**Top Tip from students:** Try not to leave everything to the last minute.





# What else do I need to bring with me?

You will need the following items every day:

- Pencil Case
- Pencil and Sharpener
- Pencil Eraser
- Writing Pen - Black or Blue
- Marking Pen - Red or Green
- Ruler
- Scientific Calculator
- Protractor and Compass
- Highlighter
- Glue

Make sure you have a strong backpack to carry your equipment and books for the lessons you have that day.



In order to develop your key skills including independence, perseverance, practice, preparation and enrichment, teachers will set you home learning activities. This gives you the experience of working by yourself and helps to strengthen your knowledge of, and even extend, work begun in lessons.

**How will I manage to carry everything I need when I am at school?**

Use a locker. Most students only carry the books that they need for a couple of lessons at a time and keep the rest in their locker. You can book one from 1st June via [www.ilsschools.co.uk](http://www.ilsschools.co.uk) for a small annual fee. They are very popular so book yours as soon as you can!



**Top Tip from students:** If you do not understand something in a lesson, just ask. Teachers are there to help you, so if you don't understand or need them to explain something again all you have to do is ask.

# What will my school day look like?

You will have five lessons, eating break during period 3 and then one other break known as second break at 1:30 pm:

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|--------------|----------------------|
| Registration | 8.30 am to 8.55 am   |
| Period 1     | 9.00 am to 9.55 am   |
| Period 2     | 10.00 am to 10.55 am |
| Period 3a    | 11.00 am to 11.28 am |
| Period 3b    | 11.30 am to 11.58 am |
| Period 3c    | 12.00 pm to 12.30 pm |
| Period 4     | 12.35 pm to 1.30 pm  |
| Second Break | 1.30 pm to 1.55 pm   |
| Period 5     | 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm   |

You will move between classrooms for your lessons. This will be something new for you but don't worry - you will soon get to know your way around. You also have a 5-minute movement time between each lesson, to ensure you get to lessons on time.



## What subjects will I study?

You will study a fantastic range of subjects. Some you will be familiar with from primary and some will be new to you:

**English, Maths, History, Biology, RE, Chemistry, Physics, French, Spanish, Personal Development, Drama, Music, Computing, Design Technology, Food and Textiles.**



## What about food?

We have a brilliant restaurant at Charters School! You can have snacks, full meals and street food.

You just use biometrics by using your finger to pay when you collect your food to charge your online account.



**Top Tip from students:** Before and after school, in between lessons and during break, staff members will be around, so if you ever need any help they will be more than happy to support.



# What clubs can I take part in?

There are lots of Extra Curricular Activities on offer at lunchtime and after school, which include:

Poetry, Creative Writing, Book Club, Pride Soc, Junior Dance, Chess Club, Textiles Club, Science Club, STEM Club, Girls' Robotic Club, Cooking Club, Boys' and Girls' Hockey, Rugby and Football, Tennis, Netball, Table Tennis, Basketball, Badminton, Vocal Group, Chamber Choir, Junior Orchestra and Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

We also have regular school productions, sporting competitions, trips and events.

You can find out everything you need to know at our 'freshers fair' when you join us in September.

These activities are a great way to meet new people and make friends. Perhaps you will find something that you will love for the rest of your life. You may even discover your career direction. There are such brilliant opportunities that we recommend that you join at least a couple.



**Top Tip from students:** Moving to secondary school is a fantastic opportunity to try new things. Charters has loads of clubs, so push yourself and try something new ... you may love it!

# What can I do when I need help?

Everyone has worries from time to time. We know that lots of students will feel nervous or anxious about coming to secondary school.

It is always better to share your worries, so we have a 'Pastoral Team' which include your Tutor, Deputy Head of Year, Head of Year and specialist teachers. If you are worried about anything at school or outside, please let them know so they can help.

We talk about good mental health regularly in your Personal Development Lessons and Tutor Time and promote 'World Mental Health Day'.

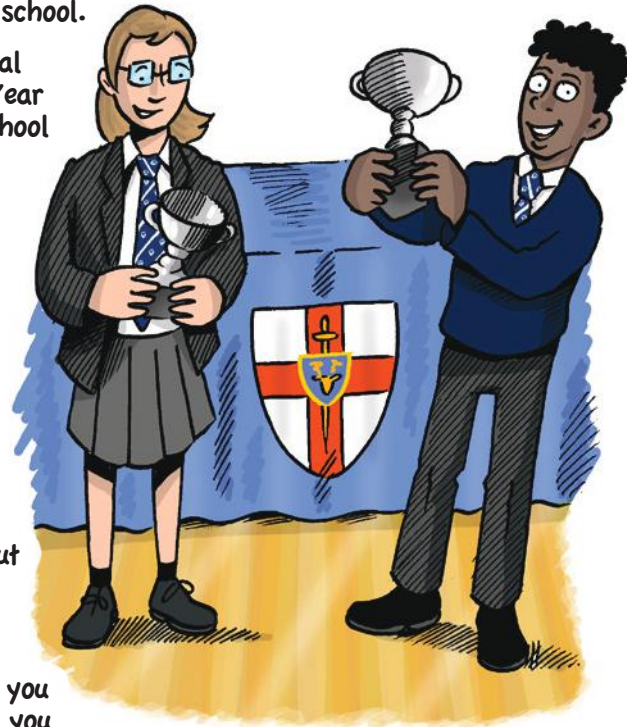
We also have a full time school ELSA to support the emotional needs of our students and our worried@ email address lets you share any worries or concerns you may have as you get used to secondary school life.

## What happens when I have done well?

We have high standards for everyone at Charters School. We have clear and simple rules and we are also very clear about consequences for breaking rules.

But we much prefer to praise you when you have done well.

We use 'Abor' – an app which records your homework and how you are behaving. When you have done well, your teachers will give you points. Students who have done very well will receive awards!







Eight Character Pillars underpin our school Values of Unity, Respect, Excellence.

Character Education supports your curriculum learning, ensuring you have the skills and tools needed to move through your time at Charters and beyond.

# Where will you go with Charters School?

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