

Chorus Education Trust

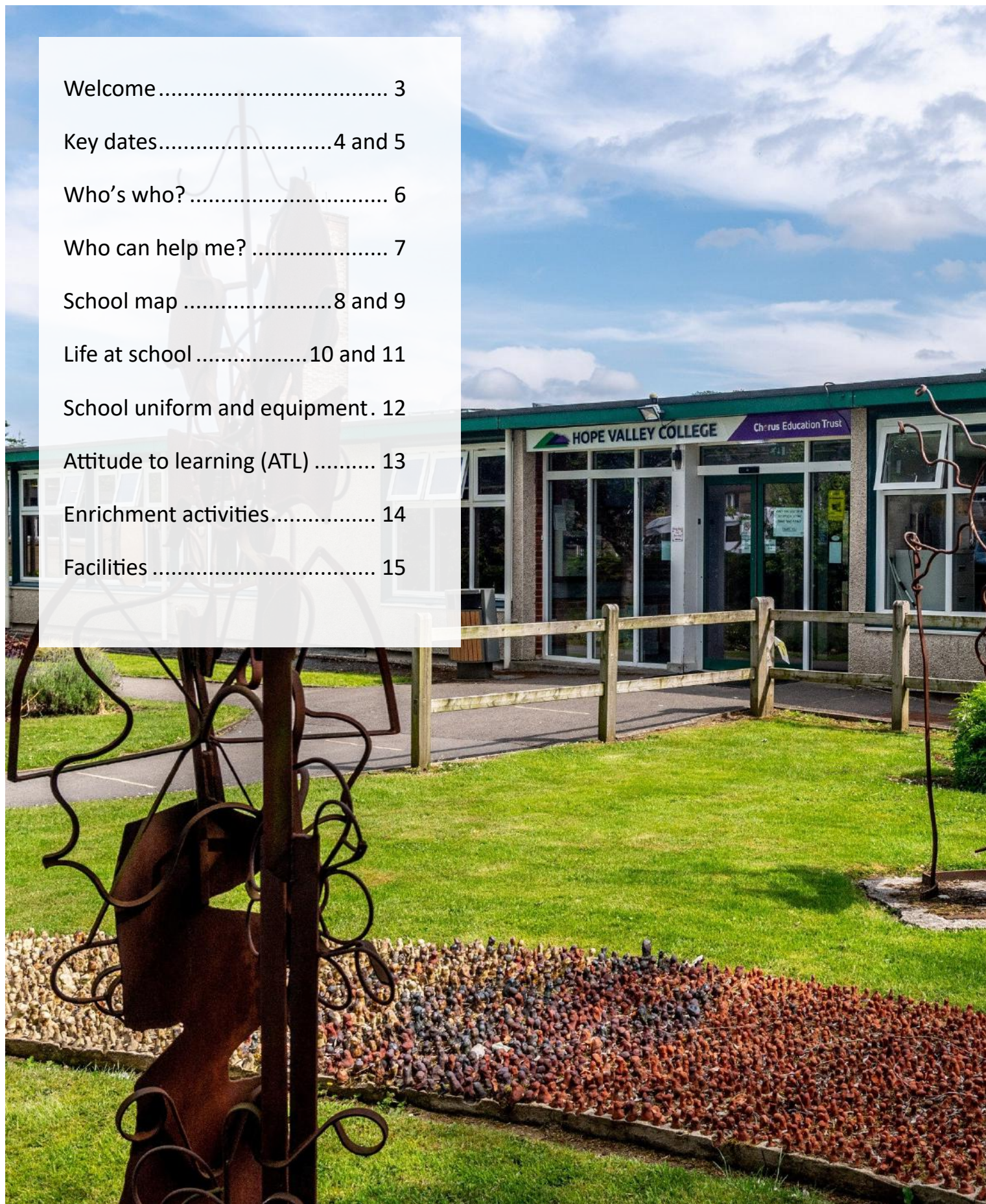


Joining Hope Valley College Year 7

in September 2025

Contents

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Welcome..... | 3 |
| Key dates..... | 4 and 5 |
| Who's who? | 6 |
| Who can help me? | 7 |
| School map | 8 and 9 |
| Life at school | 10 and 11 |
| School uniform and equipment. | 12 |
| Attitude to learning (ATL) | 13 |
| Enrichment activities..... | 14 |
| Facilities | 15 |



Welcome



Welcome to Hope Valley College!

We have created this booklet to help answer some of the questions you may have about moving from Year 6 to 7—we call this the transition process.

Hope Valley is a small, friendly school. We are passionate about supporting our students to achieve their potential and are really looking forward to welcoming you.



Moving to a new school is always going to feel a little bit daunting and at the same time exciting. We hope that, together, we can make the transition from primary to secondary school as easy as possible. You may know lots of people who are also joining Hope Valley College, or you may know no-one...yet. Either way, there will be plenty of opportunities to meet your new teachers and make new friends.

We will provide you with more detailed information about school life when you join us for a day in the summer (transition day). We will also hold a welcome evening for your parents and carers on the same day. During these events we will help you prepare to join us here at Hope Valley, including the opportunity to buy your school uniform.

We are excited to have you joining us here at Hope Valley and look forward to meeting you. In the meantime, please look at our website to find out more about your new school:



www.hopevalley.chorustrust.org/transition

With very best wishes,

Mrs D Petts

Headteacher, Hope Valley College

Key dates

Over the next few months, we will invite you to meet us, find new friends and explore your new school at a series of events. You will be able to ask any questions that you may have and sample some of the activities that we offer our students.

There are lots of events and we encourage you to make the most of the opportunities

to get to know us. These events are designed to ensure that you feel happy and confident about joining us in September.

In addition we will be sending information to your parents/carers and will give you the chance to let us know all about yourself so that we are ready for your arrival at Hope Valley in September.

 www.hopevalley.chorustrust.org/transition

Primary school visits

The Year 7 transition team aim to visit you in your primary school to help you prepare for your move to Hope Valley. They will also discuss your needs with your primary teachers.



SEND coffee mornings

- Thursday 26 June: 8.30–9.00am; 9.00–9.30am; 9.30–10.00am
- Friday 27 June: 8.30–9.00am; 9.00–9.30am; 9.30–10.00am

If you have a special educational need or disability (and have an EHC Plan or are on the SEND register at your primary school) your parents/carers will be invited to one of our SEND coffee mornings.

This gives them the opportunity to meet the team who will be working with you, to learn about the support available and to ask any questions. This will help us to work with your parents/carers to support you throughout your time at Hope Valley.

Transition day

Thursday 3 July, 9am—3.30pm

You may start transition day by catching the bus to Hope Valley from your village meeting point— the bus driver will be expecting you. You will also catch the bus home after the end of school at 3.30 pm.

During the day, you will experience a variety of taster lessons, meet your new teachers and school staff, have the opportunity to make new friends and explore your new school.

We ask that you:

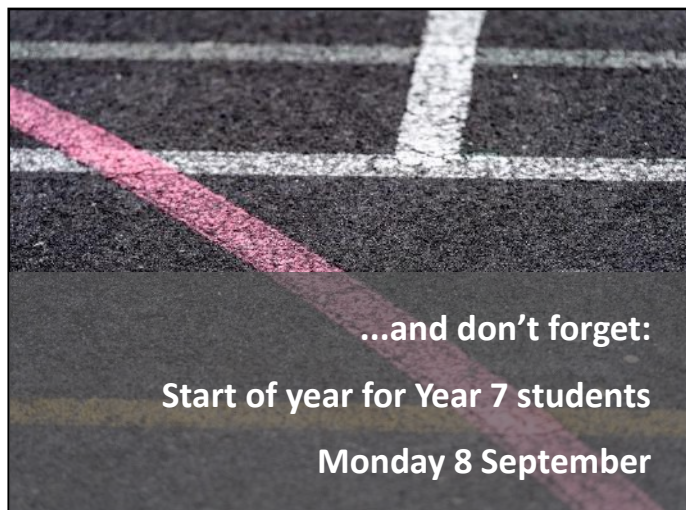
- Bring a pen and pencil.
- Wear your primary school uniform.
- Wear footwear that is suitable for PE activities.
- Bring a packed lunch (if you are entitled to Free School Meals, you will receive a packed lunch at school).



Welcome evening for parents and carers

Thursday 3 July, 5.30—6.15pm

Your parents and carers will be invited to join us to find out more about life in our school. They will also be able to buy your uniform from 5.00pm. They will hear a presentation made by Mrs Petts, Headteacher at Hope Valley College.



Who's who?

Leadership Team



Mr James

Chief Executive Officer,
Chorus Education Trust



Mrs Petts

Headteacher of Hope
Valley College



Mrs Hayes

Deputy Headteacher



Mr Beeden

Deputy Headteacher



Miss Millington

Business Manager



Who can help me?

Your form tutor

You will meet your form tutor when you visit school.



You will finish most mornings with your form group in tutor time, which happens just before lunch. This is a chance for your form tutor to talk to your form about any important news, and to check how you are doing.

Other help

There are lots of people here to support you, including our Pastoral Team who, together with our Safeguarding Manager, look after your safety and wellbeing.

Some of them are pictured below.



Ms Cooper-Hughes

Pastoral Manager



Ms Daniel

Pastoral Manager



Mr Griffin

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
(SENCO)



Mrs Cottle

Attendance Officer

Mr Robinson

Safeguarding Manager

Ms Starbuck

Head of Key Stage 3
(Years 7, 8 and 9)

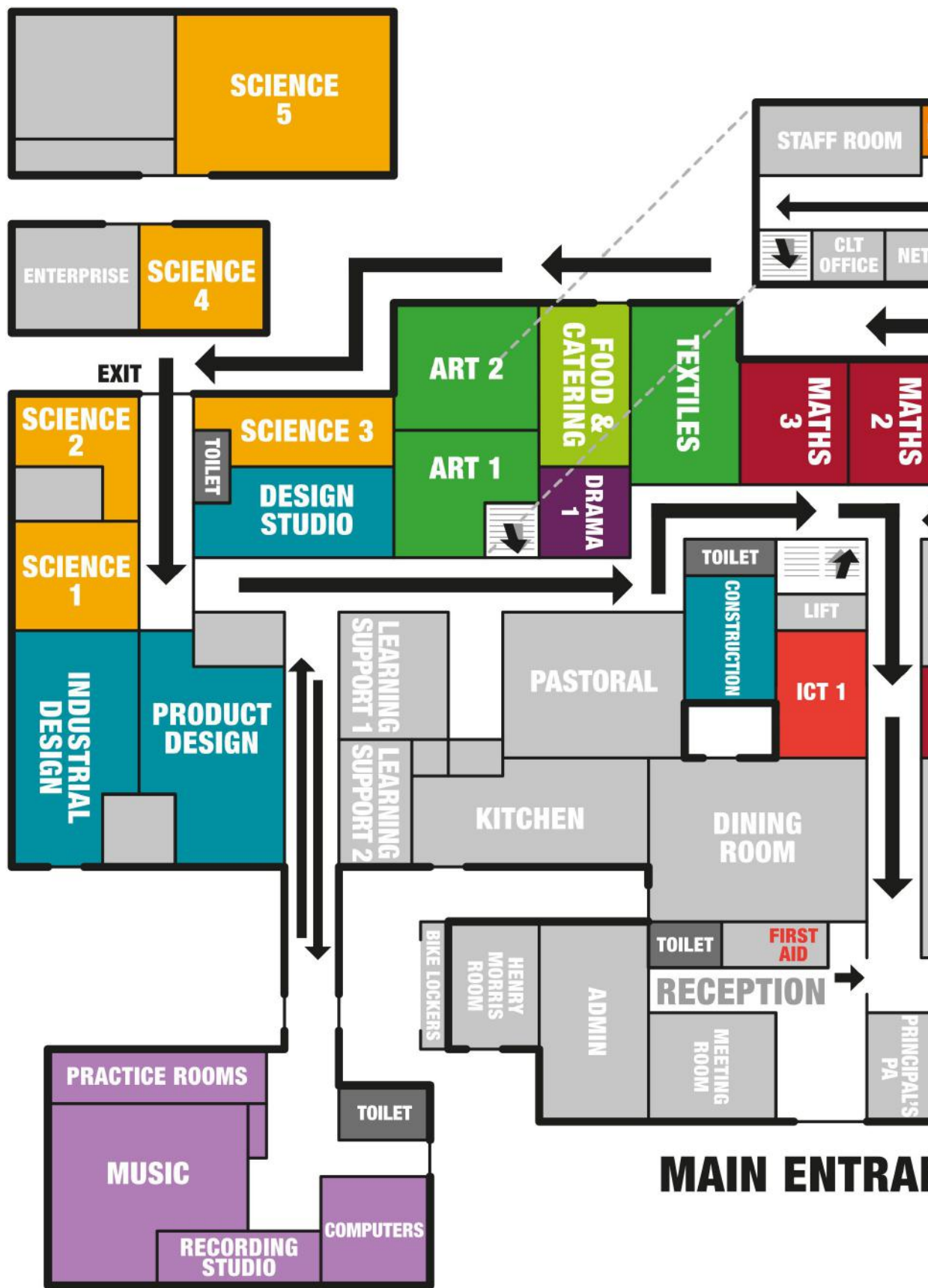


Mr Jenkinson

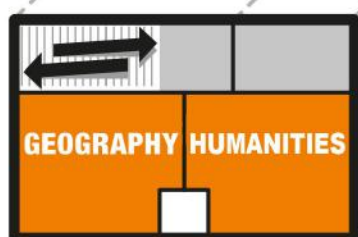
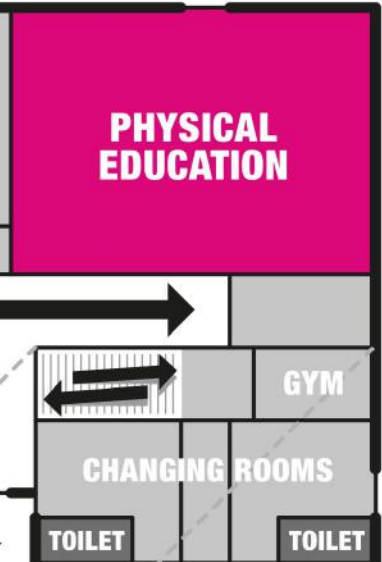
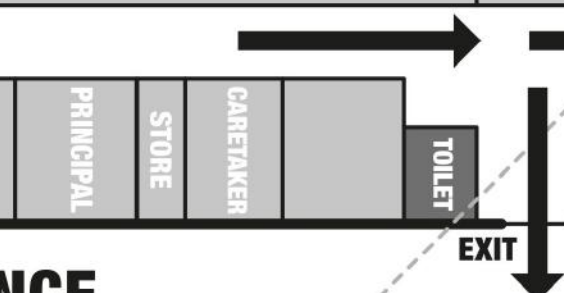
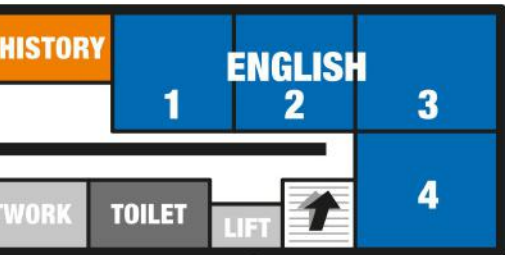
Head of Key Stage 4
(Years 10 and 11)



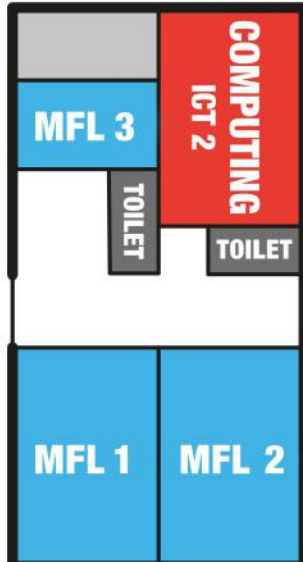
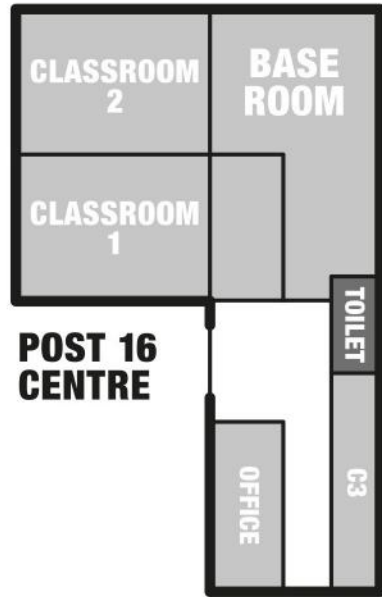
School map



FIRST FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR



PEVERIL BLOCK

Life at school



School day

The school day starts at 8.55am. You are welcome to come in to school from 8.45am are ready for the start of the day.

School ends at 3.30pm.

 www.hopevalley.chorustrust.org/schoolday

- Tutor time
- Period 1
- Break
- Period 2
- Period 3
- Lunch time
- Period 4
- Period 5

The Hope Valley College Way

We have some key messages that are the foundation of everything we do. These are:



Be the best that you can be

- Be kind.
- Be respectful.
- Be ambitious.
- Be hardworking.
- Be polite.
- Be responsible.



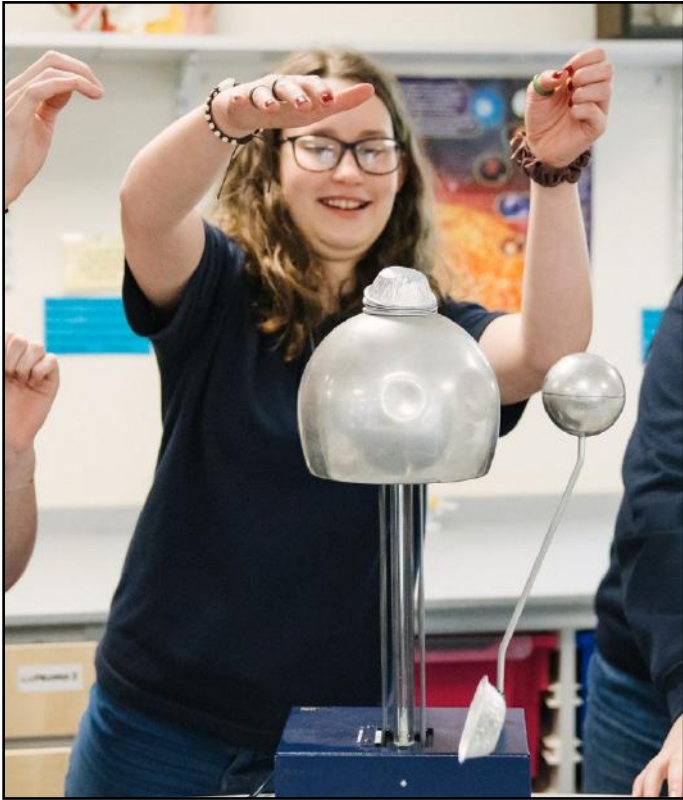
Turn up, take part

- Come to school every day, on time.
- Be ready to learn.
- Be resourceful.
- Go to every lesson on time, all of the time.
- Take part in every lesson.
- Take part in clubs, teams and visits.



High standards, high expectations

- Follow our rules, even when no one is watching ('character').
- Work hard in every lesson.
- Achieve the best grades you can.
- Be a good role model wherever you are.
- Be resilient.
- Be reflective.



Lessons and subjects

There are five lessons (periods) in each day, each one hour long, as well as a morning break and a lunch break. Each lesson will take place in a different room, with a different teacher. You can use the map to find your way around—or ask if you think you are lost.

You will study a wide range of subjects. Your teachers will teach you in specially equipped classrooms. These include the science laboratories, drama studio, music rooms, gym, design and technology rooms and indoor and outdoor PE facilities.

www.hopevalley.chorustrust.org/curriculum

Lunch

You will visit our dining room to have lunch—we offer a fantastic choice of lunches, and break time snacks. You will pay for your lunch using your fingerprint.

www.hopevalley.chorustrust.org/catering

Mobile phones

You don't need to have a mobile phone at Hope Valley, but we know that you might bring one with you. The rule about your mobile phone, mobile devices and earphones/pods is simple:

Mobile phones should be switched off and in your school bag between 8.55am—3.30pm.



School uniform and equipment

Uniform

Our school uniform is straightforward and comfortable. We expect you to follow the simple rules that are detailed on the website, which also contains full details of the uniform:

 www.hopevalley.chorustrust.org/uniform.



- Navy blue polo shirt with HVC logo.
- Navy blue sweatshirt or hoodie with HVC logo.
- Plain blue or black trousers, knee-length skirt or tailored shorts.
- Flat shoes or trainers.



PE kit

You will always change into PE kit when you have a PE lesson and return to your school uniform when the lesson is over. The kit that you need to have is given opposite. There is lots more information on the website, and also a handy checklist for you or your parents/carers to use.



- PE shirt with HVC logo.
- Black shorts or tracksuit bottoms.
- Plain black warm layer.
- Trainers for indoor use, or on the multi use games area (MUGA).

If you play football/rugby:

- White or black knee-high football/rugby socks.
- Football boots/Astro turf trainers (deep grip).
- Shin pads.
- Gum guard/shield.

Attitude to learning (ATL)

We want to make sure that you develop the skills and abilities necessary to be successful. We focus on 'attitude to learning' to help you achieve this.

You will receive an ATL grade from your

teachers each half term. These will be shared with your parents, and your form tutor will help you to use this information to develop an exceptional attitude to learning.

We will help you to be:

 www.hopevalley.chorustrust.org/attitudetolearning

RESILIENT

Respectful

READY TO LEARN

RESOURCEFUL

Reflective


Equipment

We want you to be ready to learn when you come to school, so you should bring with you every day:

- 2 x black pens.
- 1 x green pen.
- 2 x pencils.
- Ruler.
- Rubber.
- Pencil sharpener.
- Coloured pencils.
- Scientific calculator.
- Compass.
- Angle measure.
- Set square.
- Protractor.
- Student planner (school will give you this).
- Tissues.
- Apron for food tech lessons.
- Dictionary.
- Refillable water bottle.

Enrichment activities

We run a wide range of clubs and activities for you to enjoy. We also arrange lots of trips and visits, even having an activities week in the summer. In the past, the activities have included STEM themed days (even having a real rocket ship at school), residential trips to PGL activity centres and trips to cities and castles. You can find out more at:

 www.hopevalley.chorustrust.org/clubs

Activities on offer may include:

- Additional maths.
- Art club.
- Beginner's wind band.
- Big band.
- Book club (Bookasaurus).
- Climbing club (bouldering).
- Climbing club (top rope).
- Drama club.
- Dungeons and dragons.
- F1 STEM club.
- Film studies.
- Folk band.
- Football.
- Friday film day.
- Grade 5 music theory club.
- Homework club.
- IT, gaming and social club.
- Languages homework club.
- Library helpers.
- Lunch time board games.
- Mountain biking.
- Netball.
- School production choir.
- School production rehearsal.
- STEM club.
- String group.
- Student newspaper.
- VEX robotics.
- Wind band.

Outdoor activities

We love getting outside into the wonderful countryside that surrounds Hope Valley. You will have the opportunity to take part in outdoor activities such as orienteering, weaselling, mountain biking and learning about survival techniques, during your time here at Hope Valley.



Facilities

Your new school has great facilities that you will be able to enjoy when you join.

Our bright and cheery dining room is where you will have your lunch, and many of our classrooms have interactive screens that help your teachers make your lessons enjoyable and productive.

Outside, we have plenty of space for you to enjoy in your breaks and also in some lessons. Students can make use of our multi-use games area, bike pump track and climbing wall.



Library

Our library is at the heart of the school. It provides plenty of books for you to read for work and for pleasure, and also provides a place for you to relax or work.

You will have a weekly lesson in our fantastic library so that you can develop your reading.

 www.hopevalley.chorustrust.org/library

We can't wait to meet you!

In the meantime, if you have any queries, our contact details are below



Hope Valley College
Castleton Road, Hope, Derbyshire, S33 6SD
Tel: +44 (0) 1433 620555
Email: enquiries@hopevalley.chorustrust.org
Website: www.hopevalley.chorustrust.org