# CHSG



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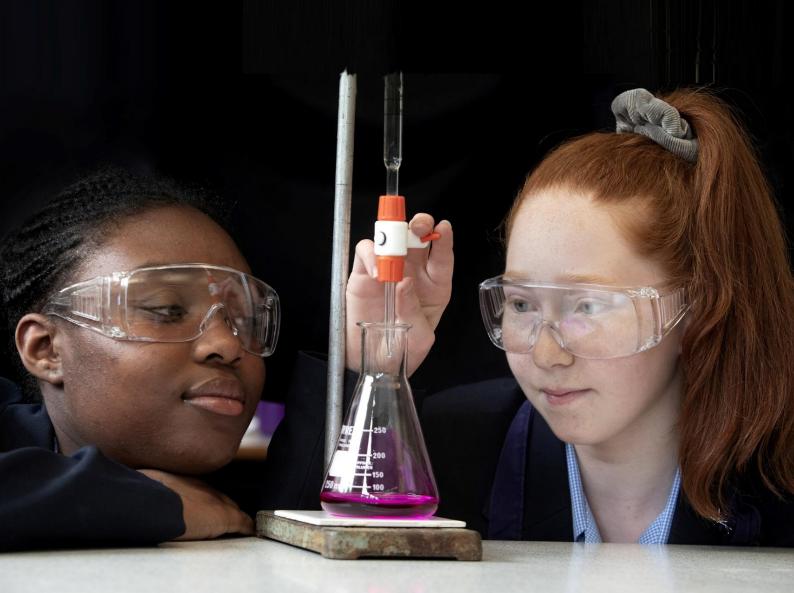
# Welcome

Welcome to Carshalton High School for Girls.

Our aim, over the next few months is to help you to approach the transfer to our school with confidence and to enjoy the challenge such a change presents.

This booklet is all about us! It describes the way we do things here, at CHSG. We are a school that is fearless in its commitment to excellence. We take learning seriously – and we will help you to do the same. We take behaviour and conduct seriously. We take friendships and fun seriously, too. We have found, over time, that when students join us in aiming for excellence in every part of their school life, they do really well. We hope you will too.

We're glad you're joining us - you are very welcome!



# **Year 7 Team**

We are keen that you settle into Carshalton High School for Girls as quickly as possible and there are a number of members of staff who, along with your Form Tutor, are available to help with this. You'll get to know who they are very quickly but here's a handy set of photos to help you on your way.

# **Year 7 Team**



Miss Golightly Head of Year 7



Miss Martino Assistant Head of Year



Mrs Watkins Pastoral Support

# **Senior Leadership Team for Year 7**



Mr Devenney Headteacher



Mr Sambrook
Deputy Headteacher
for Curriculum



Mr James Assistant Headteacher SENDCo

# **Settling In**

We run a series of events and opportunities in the Autumn and Spring terms to support your transition to secondary school. We want you to feel happy and to make your transition run smoothly. Below are all the events taking place:

## Headstart (Wednesday 29th June)

Headstart is our additional Induction Day for those of you who are the only one, or one of two, coming from your current primary school. This day gives you a chance to get to know others in a similar position, as well as several members of staff. Headstart will take place exactly one week before the main Induction Day.

#### **Induction Evening (Monday 4th July)**

Induction Evening is an opportunity to hear from the Headteacher and key members of the Year 7 team about what you should expect as you begin at Carshalton High School for Girls. You will hear more about our school priorities and what excellence looks like in different areas of school life.

## Induction Day (Wednesday 6th July)

Induction Day is a full day which serves to give you a taste of what life at Carshalton High School for Girls is like. You will spend time with your new Tutor Group, experience some lessons, have lunch in our canteen and have the opportunity to meet your new Form Tutor.

### **Summer challenges (Summer Holidays)**

Keep a look out for some challenges coming your way this summer! The booklet you will receive will be a part of your induction programme in September-have fun completing your booklet.

#### **Computer Induction (September)**

We use several online platforms to support you in your learning. When considered separately most are very intuitive but we recognise the potential difficulties that may result if you are not given enough time to learn each programme. You will spend several of your Computer Science lessons learning how to register, log on, access your emails and use platforms such as MS teams.

#### Who am I? - the character of a CHSG student. (Autumn term)

This is an exciting new venture for the 2022/2023 Year 7 students which will provide the opportunity to spend a school day in late September focusing on our core values. You will spend the day taking part in activities and getting to know your Tutor Group better as you commit to aspiring to be an excellent CHSG student.

## **Teachers**

### Head of Year, Assistant Head of Year and Tutors

The HOY, together with AHOY, has overall pastoral responsibility for the year group. They support Form Tutors as they get to know you, help you settle in, and help you understand and meet our expectations of you as a student. Your HOY will monitor your progress and will work with the Raising Standards Leader to ensure you are making progress. Any queries or concerns from parents/carers should be addressed to your Form Tutor in the first instance – they will know you best and will be best placed to help with any difficulties.

#### **Subject Teachers**

During the course of Year 7 you will study: English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, a Modern Foreign Language, Visual Arts, Drama, Dance, Computer Science, Music, Physical Education, Design Technology, Religious Education and Citizenship.

You will be in several different class groups for your subjects so you'll have the chance to meet many other students in the year group developing friendships across the whole year group

You will have a different teacher for each subject. If any concerns about a subject arise and especially about the class work or homework that you do not fully understand, you should ask your teacher about it straight away.

# **Routines for Excellence**

We are convinced that excellent learning is part of a broader set of routines that will set you up for success.

### **Pre-Registration Year Group Line Up**

Every morning Year 7 line up outside the MUGA at 8.30am before registration. This time is used to give announcements that are applicable to the year group, and to set the tone for the day. Line up helps you to focus your mindset on the events of the day ahead.

#### **Equipment and Uniform Check**

It is a basic expectation that you have the correct uniform and equipment for the day and we carry out a uniform and equipment check each morning. Our equipment list and uniform policy is in the Policies and Procedures booklet that you will receive shortly.

#### Homework

Homework is set regularly by each subject and serves to help you remember recent learning, or prepare for future learning. We recommend that where possible, you find a quiet space at home to complete homework efficiently. This is a part of secondary school life that you might find worrying. We are looking for you to be organised and show us your best when you complete your homework, that's all. Your teachers and other key staff are here to help support you to succeed in this area. It does take hard work, but so does all learning.

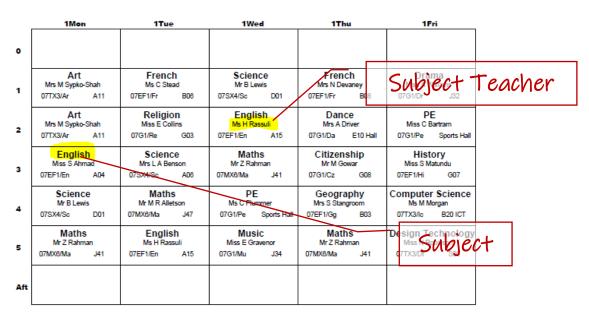
#### **Behaviour Conduct**

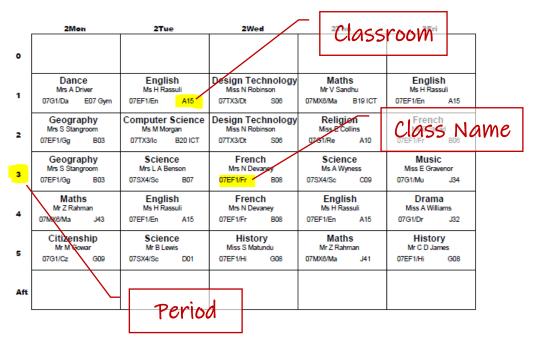
Our vision for behaviour is 'disruption free classrooms', you have one simple choice, to either be in class working hard and progressing with your learning or you will be removed from your peers for the remainder of the day.

Behaviour is everyone's responsibility. To ensure you make good progress we must have a calm and purposeful learning environment and you must all behave appropriately to ensure this happens. We will be teaching you about behaviour as part of our Pastoral Development Programme because we feel it is important you know what good behaviour looks like and how it contributes to your learning. Behaviour is your responsibility; you must work just as hard on your behaviour as you do on your schoolwork. Having good learning attitudes will equip you for the future and help you build positive relationships.

We will teach you about our behaviour expectations, routines, and systems when you arrive in September. We expect Excellence: everywhere, every day

#### What a typical day at CHSG looks like.....





# This Is Us......

At CHSG there are five school values. We believe that these values contribute to 'Cultural Capital' that will equip our students to become future citizens of the community. They will enable the students to champion change in society and be guided by a strong sense of discipline and moral purpose.

## Be our best

- To put all the effort possible into achieving your goals.
- To display exemplary behaviour.
- To be sincere and honourable.

### Be involved

- To participate in lessons, school life and our community.
- To be motivated.
- To embrace opportunities.

# Be together

- To support each other every day.
- To unite as a team.
- To work cooperatively.

## Be ambitious

- To be prepared for what is ahead.
- To set high expectations for ourselves.
- To be determined, enthusiastic and resourceful.

#### Be aware

- To keep safe.
- To be knowledgeable about ourselves and the world around us.
- To be mindful and considerate to others.







# **Extra-Curricular Activities**

The school runs a rich programme of extracurricular activities that includes a number of sports, Computer Science, Dance, Drama, Music, Art and Crafts. We hope you will choose to participate in at least one of these. Details are issued termly, and can be found on the school website. As part of the induction process, we will be holding a 'Freshers' Fair' where you are informed of the clubs on offer and you are encouraged to sign up to at least one club.



# **Developing Excellent Citizens**

## **House System**

Each student is allocated via their Tutor Group to one of four Houses.



Each House has a member of teaching staff who has a specific responsibility as Head of House, who is also an AHOY for Years 8-11. They will make themselves known to you very quickly in September.

The House system is the main means by which fundraising for charity and community-building events take place.

# Rewards

#### **Golden Tickets**

Praise, encouragement and rewards are central to the ethos of our school. We believe that we get the best out of our students through praise, and we give rewards for effort and participation to motivate and inspire you.

We believe an effective rewards system and the celebration of success are essential to promote an ethos of high standards of excellence. They have a motivational role in helping students to realise that good, considerate behaviour, self-awareness and responsibility to self, and others, is valued.

There is the opportunity in every lesson for students to be rewarded.

Each member of staff will award ONE Golden Ticket each lesson. This can be for excellent work, effort or attitude to learning in class.

The tickets are rewarded at the end of the lesson and the reward celebrated.

The Golden Tickets can fit into your lanyards and are worth 3 house points!

Golden ticket winners are also entered into a draw each term with the opportunity to win vouchers to spend!

# What If.....

## I can't find my classroom?

Don't panic there will be plenty of other students or teachers to help you find your way.

# I forgot my PE kit?

Find Mrs Watkins who can call home to see if someone can bring it in or you will receive a detention.

# I struggle with my homework?

Always try your best, do what you can but most importantly speak to your teacher before your next lesson.

# I want to go to a club?

You can sign up at the freshers fair or on our online booking systems for clubs when it is available.

### I am late?

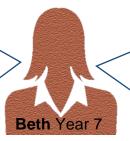
You will receive a 30-minute centralised detention afterschool that day unless it this an authorised late.

# My bus/train is late?

Call your parent or carer to ask them to call the school to inform them you will be late or you will receive a detention.

# What Our Students Enjoy About CHSG

What I like about CHSG is History. I really enjoy the history at CHSG, I enjoy going on trips to expand my understanding and to be around other people who enjoy history and learning about the past with me



#### **Beth's Top Tip:**

At CHSG, everyone understands that it is a new school, you will not know your way around everywhere for the first day or two, but you learn quickly, and all the teachers understand that you are in a new place, so no one will be cross if you are a little bit late!

What I like about CHSG is lunch time and PE. PE is a really fun subject that I enjoy a lot and I also like lunch times because it's a time for me to catch up with my friends outside of learning.



#### Dena's top tips:

Be yourself! Don't let anyone change you.

Don't be scared to make mistakes! Everyone has gone into the wrong class or the wrong form at least once, it may seem like you're the only one who's done that but remember that you're not the only one.

Have fun!

What I enjoy about CHSG is PE. I was really looking forward to it from the start of secondary school and there are many opportunities to choose from.



#### Tiya's Top Tip:

Don't be afraid if you think you'll be late too your lessons. If you are struggling to find your class room, then ask a teacher or an older student because they will help you.

What I enjoy about CHSG is dance. I enjoy doing dance as it has many different opportunities within it, we do many different genres of dance including hip hop, contemporary jazz and more. Our school offers loads of dance clubs and activities for everyone to be involved in. All the teachers are lovely and will help you if you get stuck when creating choreography or performing it.



#### Hollie's Top Tip:

Don't be scared to get involved Don't feel pressured to do something if you know you can't. Don't worry if you forget things in the first few weeks, it will all be fine!



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