



Carshalton High School for Girls

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 17 JULY 2026

Dates for your diary

Week A

01.09.26 - INSET Day

02.09.26 - INSET Day

03.09.26 - Year 7 and 12
start usual time

03.09.26 - Year 7 school
photographs

04.09.26 - Year 8, 9, 10, 11
& 13 start usual time.

Week B

09.09.26 - Year 7 Parent
information evening

Welcome

Thank you for your support and partnership throughout this year. The relationship between home and school makes such a difference to our girls, and I am very grateful for the trust and encouragement you show every day.

Congratulations to Seacole House, who were crowned overall winners of this year's House Competition. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and sense of belonging shown by students across all four houses. The house system continues to go from strength to strength, and we look forward to building on this even further next year.

This week, we were delighted to celebrate the achievements of so many students at our Sports Awards Evening. It was a valuable opportunity to recognise the commitment and teamwork demonstrated by our girls throughout the year, and to celebrate their successes.

Our Summer Concert and Art Exhibition last week were also fitting reminders of the talent within our school community. Through music, performance and art, our students continue to impress us with their confidence and dedication. Thank you to the staff who supported these events and to the families who joined us in celebrating the girls' achievements.

Our end-of-year activities provided opportunities for students to spend time together, create memories and enjoy experiences beyond the classroom:

Year 7 enjoyed a day at the bowling alley, full of friendly competition and laughter.

Year 8 took part in a very engaging RAP therapy experience.

Year 9 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to see Hadestown, experiencing live theatre at its best.

Year 10 spent a day at the zoo, learning more about wildlife and conservation while enjoying time together as a year group.

Above all, I am incredibly proud of our girls. Throughout the year, they have shown kindness, resilience and determination, embracing opportunities, supporting one another and representing the school with pride. Their achievements, both large and small, are what make our school such a special place.

Mrs Durrett has shared a selection of revision resources, virtual work experience opportunities and wellbeing activities through Unifrog. These are entirely optional, but students may find them useful over the summer if they would like to explore future pathways, pursue personal interests or prepare for the year ahead.

As the summer break begins, we encourage our girls to enjoy a well-earned rest, spend time with family and friends, and make the most of the opportunities the holidays bring. We also ask that they continue to take care of themselves, stay safe and make sensible choices both online and offline.

Finally, thank you once again for everything you do to support the school and your daughters' education. It has been a privilege to work in partnership with you this year, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning and achievement.

I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable summer.

With best wishes,
Peter Baumann-Winn
Headteacher



✦ NOTICES

Free school meals

From the 2026/2027 academic year there are new eligibility criteria for Free School Meals:

- There will be a targeted FSM entitlement for families in receipt of Universal credit (provided they have a household income of no more than £7,400), or the guaranteed element of the Pension Credit, or support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- There will be an expanded FSM entitlement for families receiving Universal Credit with a household income of over £7,400 a year.
- Transitional protection will end – this means those children who have been receiving Free School Meals and who no longer qualify under the above benefits will stop receiving these.
- All Free School Meal eligibility must be rechecked annually – this will take place in the June to September period.

We ask our families to make an application, even if you do not think you are eligible. This will:

- Enable us to record if a family is eligible for targeted free school meals or expanded free school meals
- Ensure eligibility can be rechecked annually without a new application having to be made
- Enable anyone not currently eligible to have their eligibility automatically rechecked periodically. This means if your circumstances change and you become eligible; you will not need to reapply in the future.

To apply please visit the London Borough of Sutton Website: [Apply for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium - Parent or Carer Details - Section 1 - Self](#)



Sutton's parenting support programmes are a source of support for all parents and carers and offer an opportunity to share parenting experiences, develop a greater understanding of child development, build positive relationships and learn skills to deal with challenging behaviour.

[Learn more about the London Borough of Sutton's Parenting Support here.](#)



CHSG Sustainability Tip of the Week

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

– Margaret Mead

Students:

Take pride in the sustainable habits you've developed this year. Challenge yourself to continue them over the summer by reducing waste, saving water, recycling, and looking after nature.

Parents:

Thank you for supporting our school's sustainability journey. Over the summer, continue encouraging simple environmentally friendly habits at home—they all make a difference.

🌿 End of Year Reflection

Throughout this year, we've explored many ways to protect our environment—from reducing waste and saving energy to appreciating nature and making sustainable choices. Every action has contributed to a greener school community. Let's carry these habits into the summer and return ready to continue making a positive difference. Together, we can help build a more sustainable future.



YEAR 7

It is hard to believe we have come to the end of our first year (and what a year it has been!) of secondary school. As we come to the end of Year 7, I would like to celebrate all the hard work, progress, and achievements of each and every one of our students. It has been an exciting year full of learning, new friendships, and memorable experiences.

Throughout the year, students have shown resilience, curiosity, and determination in their lessons. They have taken part in a variety of activities, including sports, educational trips, clubs, and creative projects, helping them develop new skills and confidence.

I am incredibly proud of how well everyone has settled into secondary school life. Moving from primary school can be a big step, but our Year 7 students have embraced the challenge and become valued members of the CHSG school community.

A huge thank you goes to all our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Working together has helped our students to achieve their best.

As we look ahead, we encourage everyone to enjoy a well-deserved summer break. Take time to relax, read a good book, spend time with family and friends, and return on the 4th September refreshed and ready for successful year as Year 8 students.

I wish all our Year 7 students and their families a safe, happy, and enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back for Year 8!

Happy Summer and see you in September!

Ms Brice

Head of Year 7

YEAR 8

Year 8 Summer Awards Assembly

On Monday we held our termly Awards Assembly. We have much to celebrate in Year 8. 63 students have achieved 100% attendance this year, 10 Students were awarded the Tutor Award by their Form Tutors, 34 students were commended for their academic progress and effort by their teachers and Heads of Department, 35 students were successful in their application to be a Year 9 ambassador and Jessica-Rose 8G1, received the Head of Year Award. Many congratulations to you all!





YEAR 8

Student Shout-Outs

Ivy M, 8G2

"On Sunday 12 July, I took part in the annual Sea Sunday event with the Navy Cadets. Sea Sunday is a special occasion when churches and maritime charities come together to pray for and support seafarers around the world.

This year, we attended the service at St Mary's Church in Beddington, where we were blessed by the priest and wished safe passage for any future offshore trips and maritime activities. It was a meaningful experience that highlighted the important role seafarers play and the support they receive from communities and charities. I was proud to represent the Navy Cadets and take part in this important annual event."

Vedha SR 8G2

We are delighted to celebrate Vedha's (8G2) recent success outside of school. Over the weekend, Vedha won a gold medal at the Best Leg International Open Taekwondo Championship, held at Crystal Palace on 12 July 2026.

This outstanding achievement is a testament to her dedication, perseverance, and sporting talent. We congratulate Vedha on this fantastic accomplishment and look forward to hearing about her future successes. Well done, Vedha!

Mrs Devaney

Head of Year 8



YEAR 9

The Final Week!

We would like to congratulate all of the students who took part in our reduced Sports Day last Friday – there were some exceptional results.

Another big well done to all of the students who completed their DofE expedition last weekend in (again) very hot conditions. A special thank you to Mr. Boulter for all his hard work and dedication to this great programme.

Year 9 and Key Stage 3 completed!

We would like to say a huge well done to all of the students this year. It has been a great year with so many highlights, including:

- Theatre Trips
- Sporting Events
- Pride Month
- DofE
- Crystal Palace mentoring programme – including a trip to Everton's stadium!
- Diana Award Mentoring programme
- And many more!

Thankyous

I would also like to thank all of the students in Year 9, your dedication and hard work have been a pleasure to be part of this year, special thankys:

- Student Ambassadors
- Student Council & Parliament Reps
- Any students that have helped with Parent's/Open evenings or tours

Staff Thankyous:

- All of the wonderful Year 9 tutors
- Miss Cardoso – Assistant Head of Year 9
- Mrs. Baker – A huge help and support to all of the staff and students in Year 9

And finally, thank you to all of the parents of the Year 9 students – your support is truly appreciated.

Wishing you a restful, safe and happy summer holidays.

Mr. Osborne

Head of Year 9



Congratulations to all of our students (and staff!) for making it through another busy summer term, especially during the last few weeks of exceptionally hot weather. As we reach the end of the academic year, we'd like to take a moment to reflect on everything our Year 10 students have achieved since September.

We began the year by celebrating Black History Month in October, with our CORE group delivering informative and thought-provoking assemblies that encouraged reflection across the school community. In December, students came together to create our annual Christmas hampers, once again demonstrating the kindness and community spirit that makes CHSG so special.

The Spring Term placed a strong focus on preparing students for their post-16 journey. Our Careers Fair gave students the opportunity to speak with representatives from a wide range of colleges and industries, from healthcare to banking, helping them to explore the many pathways available after GCSEs. This was followed by Work Experience Week, where students gained valuable insight into the world of work. Many returned feeling inspired about future careers, while others discovered that a different path might suit them better. Whatever the outcome, we hope this experience has helped students feel more confident about their next steps.

In April, our CORE group once again took the lead in organising our annual Culture Day. It was a fantastic celebration of the rich diversity within our school, with students sharing their cultures through food, music and traditional clothing. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the day such a memorable success. There have also been countless enrichment opportunities throughout the year. Students have enjoyed Geography field trips to the coast, theatre visits to London's West End, financial literacy trips to the City of London, and even an unforgettable week in Vienna learning about Sigmund Freud. We can't wait to see what exciting opportunities next year will bring.

The final week of term ended on a high with Sports Day, where our students showcased their athletic talents and represented their houses with enthusiasm and determination. On the same day, we also celebrated student success at our Rewards Assembly, where dozens of students received academic achievement, attainment and tutor awards. A special congratulations goes to Francesca L in 10R1, who received the Head of Year Award for her resilience and determination when things have been challenging.

As we look ahead to September, we are excited to welcome our Year 10 students back as our newest Year 11s. Wearing their Year 11 cardigans marks the beginning of an important and memorable year. There will undoubtedly be challenges ahead as students prepare for mock examinations and, ultimately, their GCSEs. However, we know this cohort has the resilience, determination and maturity to rise to the occasion. After all their hard work, they will be able to celebrate their achievements together at Prom. We look forward to watching them continue to grow in confidence and leave CHSG with not only the grades they aspire to achieve, but also memories that will last a lifetime.

Student Shout-Out

Congratulations to Bethany N in 10G2, who recently competed at the RDA National Championships in Dressage at Hartpury Equestrian Centre in Gloucester. Competing in temperatures of 31°C with a very excited overstimulated horse, which Bethany spent the whole test calming down, her hard work paid off as she was crowned the Grade 3 Open Champion. What an incredible achievement—well done, Bethany!



Finally, we would like to wish all our students and their families a wonderful summer break. Whether you're spending it relaxing at home or exploring somewhere new, we hope you have a safe, enjoyable and well-deserved holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September!

Mrs Pearce
Head of Year 10

Miss Nedjai
Assistant Head of Year 10



As we reach the end of the academic year, I would like to congratulate our Year 12 students on what has been an exceptional first year in Sixth Form. I am incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.

The transition from GCSE to Sixth Form is a significant one, yet this year group has consistently impressed us with their resilience, work ethic and willingness to step outside of their comfort zones. They have approached challenges positively, supported one another throughout the year and truly embodied our CHSG values.

Students have represented CHSG Sixth Form with pride through Young Enterprise, where our team won the Mystery Shopper Award at the Old Spitalfields Market Trade Fair. They have taken part in Model United Nations, the UK Maths Challenge, university visits to Roehampton University, careers experiences at The O2, and inspiring workshops including Jack Petchey's "Talk That Talk", first aid training and self-defence. They have also embraced the world of higher education through UCAS preparation, alumni talks, personal statement workshops and a growing engagement with super-curricular opportunities, with many students securing prestigious programmes, competitions and summer schools.

From our Head Girls, Deputy Head Girls, Heads of House and Senior Prefects to our Peer Mentors, Young Enterprise teams and student volunteers, so many students have given back to the school community and made a positive difference. It has also been wonderful to see students complete meaningful work experience placements, helping them to develop valuable employability skills.

We ended the year with our Aspirations Days, where students developed their communication and leadership skills, explored university pathways, worked towards their SSAT Gold Leadership Accreditation, and celebrated together with a well-deserved trip to Chessington World of Adventures. It was the perfect way to recognise everything this remarkable year group has accomplished.

This week also marked our Year 12 to Year 13 Transition Day, where students were introduced to what their final year of Sixth Form will look like and the expectations that come with it. They continued developing the first draft of their personal statements, ensuring they have a strong foundation to build on over the summer. To end the day on a high, Daisy L and Gracie B organised a fantastic Taskmaster Challenge, followed by a Year 12 picnic on the field.

As we now look ahead to September, I am excited to welcome our students back as Year 13. They return with a strong foundation, a wealth of experiences and the confidence to take on the exciting challenges ahead. Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. I wish you all a restful, enjoyable and well-deserved summer break.

Miss Robinson
Head of Year 12





Roblox - Major Update to In-Game Reporting Tools

I am sure many of you saw the report on ITV news last week regarding safety on Roblox, something we have covered previously in these newsletters. Since this, Roblox has been making some pretty big changes. They announced their new age-based Kids and Select accounts where children are being automatically placed into more specific age categories. Then, over the last few days, Roblox has announced big new changes to in-game reporting tools. Users have always been able to report within Roblox, but it can often be quite complex finding a specific category, which is why some young people don't bother reporting at all. But Roblox have now stated that this process has been simplified so that questions are automatically adapted based on the type of report, skipping any irrelevant questions and making the reporting process much better.

Please ensure you are supporting your daughter to use Roblox safely, the article below includes the story of a 14-year-old girl groomed through Roblox.

[Roblox - major update to in-game reporting tools.](#)

AskAboutGames

AskAboutGames has always been an incredibly useful resource for parents with lots of advice and guidance for parents in relation to children and gaming. Recently they have released two new resources:

- The Power-Up Pact - which is all about starting conversations around safe gameplay so that video games can fit into family life.
- Conversation guide - as well as video games in the Power-Up Pact, this guide helps parents keep the conversations going by asking about apps, websites and online spaces children use every day.

[Power-Up Pact.](#)

[Conversation guide.](#)

Self-generated indecent images

We recently wrote to you about an ongoing concern where young people are being targeted online and offered money in exchange for sending self-generated indecent images.

Those responsible are often highly manipulative. In some cases, young people are encouraged to set up PayPal or other online payment accounts so money can be transferred before being moved into their personal bank account. This can make the activity appear legitimate when it is, in fact, a form of child sexual exploitation.

We strongly encourage you to regularly check your daughter's phone and online activity. In particular, please:

- Check social media and messaging apps, especially Snapchat.
- Look for any unknown payments or payment apps, including PayPal.
- Be aware of vault apps. These are apps that appear to be everyday tools, such as calculators or clocks, but are actually password-protected spaces used to hide photos, videos, messages or other activity.
- Talk openly with your daughter about the risks of sharing images online and reassure her that she can always come to you or another trusted adult if she is worried or has made a mistake.

[16 Secret Apps Kids Use to Hide Things from Parents \(2026 Guide\)](#)

supreme SEND Specific

Any Age

FREE
for those
eligible for
benefits-related
Free School
Meals

*Eligibility is based on benefits-related Free School Meal criteria. Universal Infant Free School Meals do not automatically qualify.

27th July – 20th August 2026

Monday – Thursday 10am – 2pm

Supreme's SEND Specific/exclusive Summer HAF Club provides a safe, nurturing, and fun environment where children and young people can learn, explore, and build confidence during the school holidays.

Designed specifically for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), our camps offer tailored activities, experienced support staff, and a fully wheelchair-accessible venue to ensure every child can participate comfortably and confidently.

Activities May Include:

Sensory Play	Arts & Crafts	Cooking sessions	Music & movement	Interactive games
Outdoor Play	Educational Workshops	Soft Play & Calming Spaces	Community trips	

We understand that every child is unique, which is why we work closely with families to provide the right level of support, including personal care and additional needs support where required.

Our experienced team creates a welcoming environment that encourages social development, independence, creativity, and most importantly – fun! We believe every child deserves an enriching holiday experience.

Features of our camps



Fully wheelchair friendly venue



SEND-trained staff



Personal care support available



Inclusive and structured activities



Safe & supportive environment



Opportunities to build friendships & confidence



Scan to Register via our site



ARBOR HOW-TO



Report an absence

1. Log in to Arbor
 - Open the Arbor Parent Portal in your browser or the Arbor App
 - Enter your email address and password
2. Select your child
 - If you have more than one child, choose the correct child from your dashboard
3. Go to 'Attendance' or 'Report Absence'
 - Look for the **Attendance** section
 - This can be found under **Quick Actions** or on the dashboard under **Statistics**
 - Click **Log Absence**
4. Enter absence details
 - Select the time students will be absent
 - Add a reason
5. Submit the absence
 - Click **Log Absence** to send the information to the school

Arbor can only be used for same day absences. Future absences and appointments cannot be logged on Arbor, and an email must be sent to: attendance@carshaltongirls.org.uk



Sign up for a trip or workshop

1. Log in to the Parent Portal or Arbor app.
2. Click **Activities**, then **Trips**.
3. You will see any trips available to your daughter.
4. Click on the trip you wish your child to join.
5. If sign-ups are open, a green button will appear saying "Sign up (your daughter's name) for trip."
6. Click the button and then click the **Make Payment** or **Add Consent** button and complete the steps to sign-up. Please make sure the Consent button is ticked.
7. If the trip can be paid in instalments, please refer to the description to pay the correct deposit amount to confirm your daughters place, as this could be different to the minimum instalment available.

Workshops and prom payments will also show on Arbor as trips.



Top-up meal account

Logging your child's absence is quick and easy using the Arbor Parent Portal or App.

1. Log in to Arbor
 - Open the Arbor Parent Portal in your browser or the Arbor App
 - Enter your email address and password
2. Select your child
 - If you have more than one child, choose the correct child from your dashboard
3. Go to **Payments** or **Accounts**
4. Select Meals
5. Click green **Top up account** button
6. Enter the amount you wish to add
7. Click **Pay now**
8. Follow the secure payment steps using your card
9. Confirm the payment

Arbor does not facilitate automatic reminders in the way that ParentPay did. Please check your daughter's account balance regularly and top-up her account in good time to avoid going into deficit.



Need help?

If you have any difficulties accessing Arbor, please contact the school office for support.