

# CHILWELL SCHOOL

## END OF TERM NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another fantastic academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership. It has been a year filled with achievement, growth and memorable moments, and we are incredibly proud of everything our students have accomplished. Throughout the year, they have consistently demonstrated our SPARK values, showing resilience, kindness, ambition and respect in the classroom, around the school and within the wider community.

Our final week together has been a wonderful way to celebrate the year through Activities Week. Whether students were surfing on the Devon coast, exploring Cologne, taking part in creative workshops or enjoying board games and other activities in school, it has been a joy to see them embracing new experiences, challenging themselves and making

lasting memories with their friends. The enthusiasm, teamwork and positivity they have shown throughout the week have been a fitting reflection of what has been such a successful and rewarding year.

Our final day of this academic year will be Friday 24th July 2026. Students are not required to wear school uniform on this day and following a whole school assembly will be dismissed at midday. To help you prepare for the start of the new academic year, we have attached some key information. Please take a few moments to read through the updates to ensure that students are ready for a smooth return in September.

### September Dates

- Tuesday 1 September 2026 – INSET Day, school will be closed to students.
- Wednesday 2 September 2026 – New Year 7 and Year 12 students only
- Thursday 3 September 2026 – All students return to school.

We hope that you and your family have a wonderful, restful and safe summer holiday, and that our students enjoy a well-deserved break after such a busy and successful year.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah York

# Updates for September 2026

## School Uniform

Please take a moment to check that your child is ready for the new school year. Full details of our school uniform, including our uniform expectations, can be found on the school website.

As a reminder, we are currently phasing in an updated school uniform. This change is optional for all year groups, so there is no expectation that families purchase the new-style uniform if existing uniform remains suitable.

If your child has been experimenting with hair colour over the summer, please ensure that it has been returned to a natural colour before they return in September. We also ask that any false or acrylic nails are removed before the start of term, and that any piercings can be removed for PE lessons in line with our uniform and health and safety expectations.

Thank you for your support in helping students make a positive start to the new academic year.



## Sustainability – Refillable Drinks Bottles

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving sustainability, we are removing all single-use plastic bottles from school. From September, drinks in single-use plastic bottles will no longer be available to purchase in the school canteen.

Students will continue to have access to drinking water from the canteen and the water fountains located around the school. Flavoured drinks will also still be available to purchase; students will receive a token which can be used with our drinks dispensing machine to fill their bottle.

To support this change, all students will need to bring a refillable water bottle or drinks container with them each day from September. School-branded drinks bottles can be purchased via Arbor, although students are welcome to bring any suitable refillable bottle of their choice.

Thank you for supporting this initiative as we work together to reduce plastic waste and make our school more sustainable.

## Phone-Free School

From September, we will be strengthening our commitment to being a phone-free school by introducing Yondr phone pouches for all students.

On arrival each morning, students will be required to switch off their mobile phones and place them, along with any wearable technology (such as smart watches), into their Yondr pouch. The pouch should then be kept securely in their school bag throughout the school day. Students will unlock their pouches as they leave the school site at the end of the day. Full details of our mobile phone and wearable technology policy can be found on the school website.

To enable students a little more time to familiarise themselves with the unlocking process, during the first week of school, Key Stage 3 Students (Yrs 7-9) will be dismissed at 3.05pm and Key Stage (Yrs 10 & 11) will be dismissed at 3.10pm.

We are excited to introduce this initiative, which we believe will help create a calmer, more focused learning environment. By removing the distractions and pressures that can come with constant access to phones and social media, we hope students will be able to engage more fully in their learning, build stronger relationships with their peers, and enjoy a school day that is free from unnecessary digital distractions.

## Bike Security

From September, students will only be able to access the bike compound via the gates at the front of the school. These gates will be open between 8:20am and 8:40am each morning, and again from 3:10pm until 4:10pm each afternoon.

As there will be times during the day when the gates are open and the bike compound is unsupervised, we strongly recommend that all students secure their bicycles with a robust D-lock.

We would also like to remind families that, in the interests of student safety, all students cycling to and from school are expected to wear a cycle helmet. Thank you for your support in helping us keep our students and their bicycles safe.

## Updates for September Continued...

**Detentions**

Following feedback from parents and students, alongside a review of our behaviour data, we have made a number of changes to our detention system for the new academic year. We hope these amendments provide greater clarity and consistency for students and families.

- C2 sanctions will no longer escalate to a C3 detention. They will, however, continue to incur negative behaviour points.
- C3 and C4 detentions have been shortened to 15 minutes and 30 minutes respectively. However, failure to attend either detention without an approved reason will result in a two-hour detention.
- Detentions will now be served on the day they are issued. Where a student receives more than one detention on the same day, these will be served consecutively after school, up to a maximum total of 45 minutes.
- With the exception of medical or dental appointments, detentions will no longer be rearranged.

The vast majority of our students consistently meet our high expectations and never receive detentions.

We hope these changes provide a simpler, fairer and more consistent system, enabling staff to focus on supporting students to make positive choices and ensuring that learning remains at the heart of everything we do.

**Equipment for Learning**

Arriving at school each day with the correct equipment is an important part of being ready to learn. Having everything they need helps students to participate fully in lessons and ensures that learning time is used as effectively as possible.

The essential equipment that every student should bring to school each day is:

- Black pen
- Green pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scientific calculator

We also recommend that students have a compass, protractor, rubber, colouring pencils and a glue stick, as these are used regularly across a range of subjects and help lessons to run smoothly.

In September, every student will be issued with a clear pencil case for their essential equipment. We believe this will make it easier for tutors to check that students are fully equipped during morning registration and support everyone in being prepared for the school day.

Students are also expected to bring their mini whiteboard and whiteboard pen each day. These were issued to all students last September. If these need replacing, complete replacement packs, as well as individual items, can be purchased through the Arbor Shop.

The Arbor Shop also stocks the scientific calculators recommended by our Mathematics Department.

Students will continue to take exercise books to and from school next year to support their learning. We therefore recommend that all students have a sturdy school bag that is large enough to carry their books and equipment safely throughout the day. Thank you for your support in ensuring that students arrive each day prepared for learning and ready to make the most of every lesson.



# Safe, Supported & Ready to Learn



*"Our safeguarding team is committed to ensuring every student feels safe, supported, listened to and able to thrive both in and out of school."*

—Mr. Jay

## Enjoy a Safe Summer

As the summer holidays begin, we encourage all students to make the most of the break while continuing to make safe and sensible choices.

Whether spending time with friends, travelling, enjoying outdoor activities or using technology at home, we ask students to remember the importance of looking after themselves and others.

Staying hydrated, using sun protection, being aware of road safety, and making responsible decisions all help ensure everyone enjoys a safe and happy summer.



If something doesn't feel right or causes concern, students should always speak to a trusted adult.

Support is available throughout the holidays if it is needed.

We wish all of our students and families a safe, enjoyable and restful summer break.

## Confide – Report a Concern

At Chilwell School, the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is our highest priority.

Confide is our online reporting tool, allowing students, parents, carers and staff to raise any concerns that may affect the safety or wellbeing of a member of our school community.

Reports can be submitted anonymously by simply leaving your name and email address blank. Every concern is taken seriously and will be reviewed and responded to promptly by the appropriate members of our safeguarding team.

If you are worried about something, please don't stay silent – Confide is here to help.



## Thank You for Supporting Excellent Attendance

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, we would like to thank our students and families for their commitment to excellent attendance and punctuality.

Every day in school has contributed to students' learning, personal development and the many opportunities they have experienced throughout the year. From lessons and enrichment activities to trips, sporting events and celebrations, strong attendance has enabled students to make the most of everything Chilwell School has to offer.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning and success. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.



## Attendance Matters

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| 95% | = | 40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR<br>8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days    |
| 90% | = | 80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR<br>16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day   |
| 85% | = | 120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR<br>24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days |
| 80% | = | 160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR<br>32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days |

## Vision and Values

## Living Our SPARK Values

SPARK



Chilwell School

Every day, our students continue to demonstrate our SPARK values through their actions, attitudes and achievements both inside and outside the classroom.

- Success – celebrating effort, achievement, and progress
- Perseverance – showing resilience and determination when facing challenges
- Aspiration – aiming high and embracing new opportunities
- Responsibility – making positive choices and supporting our community
- Kindness – showing respect, empathy, and care for others

## Celebrating Our SPARK Values

Next week, we will be holding our SPARK Award Assemblies, and we couldn't be prouder of our students.

This year, over 400 students will receive a SPARK Award in recognition of consistently demonstrating one or more of our school values: Success, Perseverance, Aspiration, Responsibility and Kindness.

These awards celebrate the students who make a positive contribution to our school community every day—whether through their attitude to learning, determination to overcome challenges, willingness to help others, or commitment to achieving their very best.

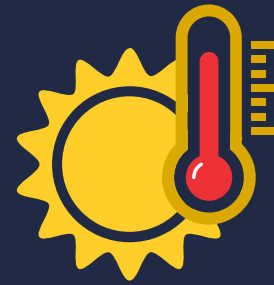
We are incredibly proud of every student receiving an award. Their achievements reflect the values that make Chilwell School such a positive and supportive place to learn.

Congratulations to all of our SPARK Award winners—we look forward to celebrating your success next week!

AWARDS

## Arbor Communications

Please continue to check Arbor regularly for important school updates and communications.



## Hot Weather

Our students have been fantastic during this week's hot weather. They have continued to work hard, shown great resilience and persevered brilliantly despite the challenging conditions.

With the warm weather set to continue, we will be maintaining our relaxed uniform for the remainder of the summer term.

Students may wear PE kit or attend in school uniform without a blazer or tie, with the top button undone.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring students bring a refillable water bottle and arrive with sun cream already applied.

## Living Our SPARK Values:

## Respect

Our disabled parking bays are there to support members of our community who need them. When these spaces are used by those without a Blue Badge, it can create significant difficulties for individuals who rely on wheelchairs, walkers or other mobility aids.

One of our SPARK values is Respect. By parking considerately and leaving disabled bays available for those who need them, we show respect for others and help ensure our school remains accessible for everyone.



# Community News

Our Community News pages highlight opportunities, events and activities taking place beyond the school gates. From local sports clubs and holiday programmes to charity events, volunteering opportunities and family support services, these pages are designed to help keep our school community connected and informed.

TOGETHER, WE CAN CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT THE VIBRANT COMMUNITY AROUND CHILWELL SCHOOL.

## Summer Tech Camps

Code Camp is running exciting Summer Tech Camps at Nottingham Girls' High School, giving children the opportunity to explore coding, robotics, game design and other digital skills in a fun, engaging environment.

There are free HAF places available for children eligible for Free School Meals, and the Early Bird discount for paid places has now been extended until 15 July.

Visit the Code Camp website to book a free HAF place if eligible.



Get creative with tech this summer!



Learn more

[www.codecamp.co.uk/nghs](http://www.codecamp.co.uk/nghs)

Nottingham Hoods, on behalf of Basketball England and Ball Out, are delivering the City of Basketball Nottingham 3x3 Programme throughout July at Mapperley Sports Village. 3x3 is an exciting, fast-paced format of basketball, giving players the chance to develop their skills through coaching clinics before putting them into action in competitive 3x3 tournaments.

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# 3X3 CLINIC

**SATURDAY 11 JULY**  
U16 3X3 CLINIC – 13:00-14:00  
U18 3X3 CLINIC – 14:00-15:00

**SUNDAY 12 JULY**  
U12 3X3 CLINIC – 13:00-14:00  
U14 3X3 CLINIC – 14:00-15:00

**SATURDAY 18 JULY**  
U16 3X3 CLINIC – 13:00-14:00  
U18 3X3 CLINIC – 14:00-15:00

**SUNDAY 19 JULY**  
U12 3X3 CLINIC – 13:00-14:00  
U14 3X3 CLINIC – 14:00-15:00

**MAPPERLEY SPORTS VILLAGE**  
RANSOM DRIVE, MAPPERLEY, NOTTINGHAM, NG2 5LR



# CALLING ALL YEAR 8 BOYS NOTTINGHAM CASUALS NEED YOU!

Bring yourself. Bring your energy. We'll bring the support. Everyone is welcome, no experience needed. Give rugby a try!

**GET IN TOUCH FOR SUMMER TRAINING DATES**  
**CONTACT 07899 847011**

**CANALSIDE BEESTON | NG9 1NG**



Riverside Diamonds U16's are looking for players for our new team. Training is on Thursdays 6.30pm until 8pm. At Long Eaton School, Thoresby Road, Long Eaton. NG10 3NP. Please contact me on 07753634450 for further details. Thanks Tony Maddock



# RIVERSIDE DIAMONDS

## U16 GIRLS WANTED!

Join our new U16 girls team for next season!

UEFA B LICENSED COACH  
EFL CLUB COACH

**MATCH DAY IS SUNDAYS**

**TONY MADDOCK**  
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All abilities welcome!  
Build confidence, develop skills, and make new friends!