

# WELCOME TO



# CHARTERS

— SCHOOL —

Adjusting to life at a new school, especially one so different to your primary school, might feel a little daunting but we are now in Year 10 and have written this booklet to help make that process easier!

We hope to see you around Charters in September!

Bronagh, Owen and Kaitlyn

## TIMETABLE AND LESSONS

Each September you are given your timetable for the year. It shows what your lessons are, what classroom you are in and what breaks you have. Your timetable will work in a two-week rotation, Week 1 and Week 2 and this repeats throughout the year. Your timetable will be laid out as follows:

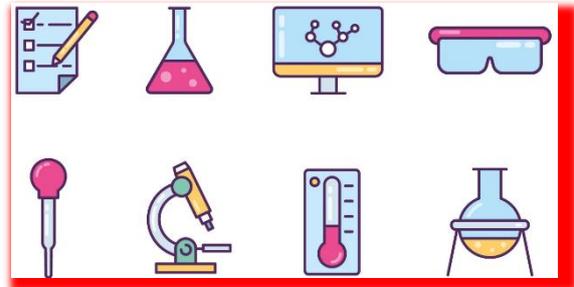
<b>Period</b>	<b>Time</b>
Registration	8.30 am to 8.45am
Period 1	8.50 am to 9.50 am
Period 2	9.55 am to 10.55 am
Period 3a	11 am to 11.28am
Period 3b	11.30 am to 11.58am
Period 3c	12 noon to 12.28pm
Period 4	12.30 pm to 1.28 pm
Second Break	1.30 pm to 1.58 pm
Period 5	2 pm to 3 pm



Each day you will have five lessons, which are each an hour long, as well as two half an hour breaks: one as your *eating break* and then a *second break*.

In Year 7, you will study: Maths, English, Science, PE, Geography, History, French, Spanish, DT, Food Technology or Textiles, Computing, Art, Drama, Music, Learn to Learn, and PSHE. You will also

have a Tutor Period. You will have some lessons more than others e.g.: Maths, English and Science which are your core subjects, and some less than others e.g.: Art, Drama and PSHE. For each lesson you will have a different teacher and will learn exciting new content.



## TUTORS

When you start Charters, you will be placed into Tutor groups. Each tutor group will have a Tutor, who is a member of staff who will help and support you from year 7 all the way to the end of year 11. Your Tutor will meet you for Registration each morning as well as providing you with school information and guidance to help make your experience as easy and positive as possible. Above all your Tutor is there for you and is someone you can talk to if you need it.

## WHAT IS LIKE ON THE FIRST DAY

Your first day is called an Induction Day which is like a 'training day', and just Year 7 and Prefects (and Year 12) are in school, along with your tutors will be there to help you if you get lost or have any questions. To start the day, you will have an Assembly, then you will be shown your Tutor room, where you will get your timetable and an explanation on how the school works. For the rest of the day, you will either be in your tutor room or doing 'introductory' lessons.

A first day at any school can be nerve racking, overwhelming, and exciting all at the same time. The transition from primary school to secondary school is probably the biggest change you will have in your school experience. 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.



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Charters offers a wide range of after school clubs which can be sports clubs such as: athletics, football, rugby, tennis, and hockey; or music clubs such as: chamber choir, orchestra, and guitar ensemble. School also offers some language clubs for those who have an interest in expanding their knowledge in a new language that isn't in the curriculum. Finally, drama and art clubs are also offered.

## LAYOUT OF THE SCHOOL

The school is divided into different areas, or 'blocks'. There are some signs around the school which will help point you in the right direction. Each classroom will have a letter e.g.: A or H followed by a number.

BLOCK	DEPARTMENT	SUBJECT(S)	EXCEPTIONS
H	Humanities	History, Geography, RE, PSHE	-
T	STEM subjects	Mathematics, Science	There are two Science classrooms in the block
S	Science	Biology, Physics, Chemistry there is also a Lecture Theatre	-
M	Modern Languages	Spanish, French, as well as some English classrooms	M0, M1, and M2 which are music classrooms, as well as M15 to M19 which are Design and Technology rooms.
A	Arts	Food technology, Textiles, Art and Drama	-
OTHER	PE Department, Main Hall	-	-

## KEY EQUIPMENT TO HAVE EVERY DAY

Having the following things in your bag will help make your lessons easier and more effective:

1. A pencil case which contains a pencil, pen, rubber, ruler, scissors, glue, and a highlighter
2. All the books you need for the day
3. A reading book
4. Timetable



## WAYS TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES

At the beginning you might find life at charters difficult but here are a few ways to deal with it:

1. Talk to/Ask a friend
2. Speak to your tutor
3. Ask another member of staff
4. Go to Student Services
5. (If necessary) speak to your Head of Year

## TOP TIPS

1. Managing homework!! To start with the amount of homework you get can seem like a lot, but it is there to help you with your learning. While the amount of homework you get might be a lot more than what you got in primary school, you will soon get used to it.
2. Try not to leave everything to the last minute. Getting into good habits with your revision and homework is great. Being organised will also allow you to do more of the thing you like to do rather than worrying about homework you are still to do.
3. The school is not really that big. In the first couple of days or weeks the school site could feel huge, and you might get lost but quite quickly the layout and whereabouts of your classrooms will get a lot easier.
4. 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.
5. If you get lost ask a member of staff for help. Before and after school, in between lessons and during break staff member will be around so if you get lost or are unsure where a classroom is then they will be more than willing to point you in the right direction.

