South Charnwood High School



Induction Booklet 2026

A Message from our Headteacher

Welcome to our school community; we are absolutely delighted to have you join us as you begin this exciting new chapter of your education. Moving to secondary school is a big step, but it is also a fantastic opportunity to discover new talents, make new friends, and take the next step towards your future.

To help you get off to the best possible start, I want to introduce you to our three core values. These are the standards that South Charnwood pupils live by every day to ensure everyone succeeds:

- **Polite**: In a large school, mutual respect is essential. Being kind, using your manners, saying please and thank you and treating others as you would like to be treated creates a positive environment where everyone feels safe and happy.
- **Prepared**: Organisation is the key to success. Being prepared means having the right equipment for every subject, wearing your uniform and lanyard correctly, and arriving at your classrooms on time and ready to learn. Completing all homework on time and to the best of your ability.
- **Productive**: We want you to make the most of every single minute. Being productive means engaging in your lessons, asking brave questions, and always putting in the effort to produce work you can be proud of.

This is the start of an incredible journey, and I look forward to seeing all the great things you will achieve during your time with us. Every day is a fresh chance to show what you are capable of, and I am confident that you will make the very best of the opportunities ahead.

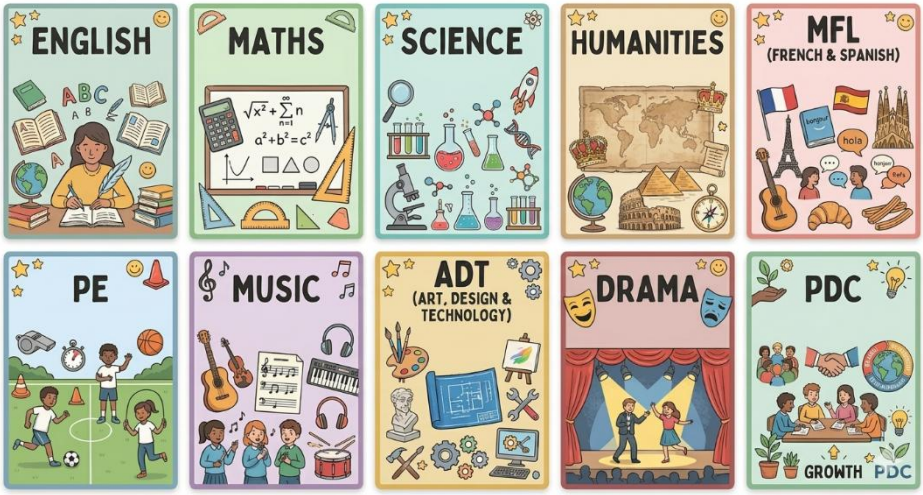
Mr. Andrews
Headteacher

Your Timetable

In Year 7, your timetable will look very different from primary school. You will move around the building to different classrooms and be taught by **specialist teachers** who are experts in their subjects.

The Subjects You Will Study

You will experience a broad and exciting range of subjects designed to challenge your thinking and develop new skills:



At our school, we operate a **two-week timetable**.

- There are **five lessons per day**.
- Because your Week 1 timetable will be different to your Week 2 timetable, it is vital to check your timetable each evening to ensure you are **Prepared** for the next day.
- You will have a different teacher and a different classroom for every subject, giving you the chance to use specialist equipment like science labs and music tech suites.

Equipment

To be **Productive** in every lesson, you must have the right tools. We expect you to carry these items with you every day:

Daily Essentials

- Writing pens (black or blue ink)
- HB Pencil and sharpener
- Eraser (rubber)
- Ruler (30cm is best)
- Coloured pencils
- A reading book (for your 15 minutes of daily reading)

Subject-Specific Equipment

- **Maths & Science:** A scientific calculator.
- **Music:** A pair of headphones or earbuds for composition work.
- **PE Lessons:** You must wear the official **SCHS PE t-shirt** and the **SCHS zip-up hoodie**.

The Start and End of Lessons

We believe that every second of your education counts. To make sure we don't waste a moment, we use two simple routines in every classroom:

- **Greet-Go:** At the start of every lesson, your teacher will be waiting to greet you at the door. As soon as you enter, there will be a learning task ready for you to start immediately. This ensures we "go" with our learning from the very first second.
- **Neat-Go:** At the end of the lesson, we finish with the same level of excellence. Before you are dismissed, you will be asked to pack away your equipment and stand neatly behind your chair. This allows the class to leave in an orderly way, ready for the next challenge.

The Power of Homework

Being **Productive** doesn't stop when the school bell rings. Homework is one of the most powerful tools you have to improve your grades and your confidence.

- **The 5-Month Rule:** Did you know that consistently completing all of your homework is the equivalent of attending school for an **extra 5 months** over the course of your secondary education? It is the difference between doing well and truly excelling.
- **The Routine:** You should expect to spend **30 minutes** on each homework task. Setting aside a quiet time each evening to focus on this will ensure you stay **Prepared** for your next set of lessons.

The Importance of Reading

Reading is the key that unlocks every other subject in the curriculum. To help you build your vocabulary and improve your focus, we expect all pupils to read for a **minimum of 15 minutes every single day**. Whether it is a novel, a biography, or an interesting article, this daily habit will sharpen your mind and is one of the best ways to stay **Productive** outside of the classroom.

Mobile Phones

To keep our school a focused, social, and safe environment, we have a clear policy: **Mobile phones are not permitted at school.** Phones must be turned off and kept out of sight in your bag from the moment you enter the school gates until you leave at the end of the day. If a phone is seen, it will be confiscated. This ensures that everyone remains **Productive** in their learning and **Polite** in their face-to-face interactions with others.

Uniform

Part of being **Prepared** and showing pride in our community is wearing the correct uniform at all times. Your uniform should be worn smartly, and your school lanyard must be worn around your neck every day; this is an essential part of our safeguarding and helps us identify you as a member of our school. Please remember that jewellery is not permitted. By following these expectations, you ensure that our focus remains entirely on your learning and your success.

Lunchtime & The SCHS Diner

The diner is a vibrant and exciting part of school life. Pupils are welcome to bring in a packed lunch, however, if you would prefer to have a hot meal then The Diner is the place for you! To keep things fresh, we run a **two-week menu** that mirrors your school timetable, offering everything from healthy salads and sandwiches to pasta and pizza.

- **Priority Access:** We know that starting a new school can be a big change. For your **entire first half term**, Year 7 will always be on the **first sitting**. This gives you plenty of time to get settled, see what's on the menu, and learn how the ordering process works without the rush.
- **The Rota System:** After the first half term, you will move onto our weekly queuing rota. This system ensures that every year group gets a fair turn and reduces the time you spend waiting in line.
- **Menus & Prices:** You can find the latest menus, price lists, and allergen information displayed clearly in The Diner or on the school website. When you start with us in Year 7, you will be issued with your school ID card which will also serve as your payment card for school meals. Your parent or carer will be able to top up your account online or by using the cash payment machine outside of The Diner.

If you would like to try the food on induction days, we recommend that you bring in approximately £3 in cash to purchase your meal.

Activities

There are lots of co-curricular opportunities on offer at lunchtimes.

- **Sport & Fitness:** Each year group is allocated a specific day to play football on our **3G pitch**. You can also challenge yourself on the **climbing wall** or use the **outdoor gym**.
- **PE Clubs:** Our PE department offers a rotating schedule of activities every half-term, including basketball, table tennis, football, and rugby.
- **The Library:** If you prefer a calmer environment, the library is open every day. It is the perfect place to pick out a new book or find a quiet corner to sit and read.
- **Outdoor Spaces:** There are plenty of benches located around the school for socializing. In the summer months, the school field is opened up for everyone to enjoy, and you are welcome to bring your own tennis balls to play with.

And finally…

If you are worried that all of this information will be too much for you to remember, don't worry, it will all be on the pupil website for you to access when you start in August.

