

# Welcome to Chatsworth

**New starter pack**

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Transitioning from Primary School to High School is an important and exciting time, yet it can also be daunting to both parents and children. We hope this guide provides you with important information to ease the transition process. If you have any queries relating to any content of the guide, or require additional information then please contact the key contacts listed within, who are more than happy to assist.

Chatsworth High School and Community College, is a Special Education Needs School for pupils with severe, profound and multiple learning difficulties and Autism. Chatsworth caters for students in Key Stage 3, 4 and 5.

- Students aged between 11 - 14 years old in Years 7 - 9 are in Key Stage 3. (High School)
- Students aged between 15 - 16 years old in Years 10 and 11 are in Key Stage 4. (High School)
- Students aged between 17 - 19 years old in Years 12- 14 are in Key Stage 5. (Community College)

Please note that classes are not grouped in relation to students' year group, therefore some classes may have mixed year groups.

## The school day

On our main site, school starts each day at 8:55am and finishes at 3:25pm Monday-Wednesday and 2:30pm on Thursdays and Fridays. The school day is broken down into 45 minute lesson periods, with a break at 10:25am and lunch at 12:15pm.

At the moment we are operating on a class based model, so students will predominantly be based in their classroom with their teacher delivering most subjects. Students are able to access a range of other spaces in and around school as part of their timetable such as the hall, sensory rooms and outdoor environments.

We have a weekly assembly session on a Friday afternoon which the whole school and college access. This is a great opportunity to get together as a full school community, to share successes and information.

## Curriculum

Our school curriculum is tailored around four main pathways thinking about student's lives after school and into adulthood. With this in mind, we place the student at the heart of everything that we do and we plan and deliver a very aspirational education to help each individual be as independent as possible.

### **Our four pathways are:**

- Employability
- Life Skills and Community
- Relationships and Sociability
- Inclusion and Wellbeing

Our students do not follow a pathway but instead the pathway follows them so that they can transition between different pathways for different subjects and topics as appropriate.

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum, delivered through the below subjects:

Assembly Citizenship Community Living ( <i>Some KS3, all KS4&amp;5</i> ) Cooking Creative Arts Cultural Studies Duke of Edinburgh ( <i>College only</i> ) Functional Literacy	Functional Numeracy Functional Technology <b>OR</b> Information Technology Home Management ( <i>Some KS3, all KS4&amp;5</i> ) Personal Social and Emotional Wellbeing Physical Exercise and Leisure Studies Relationships, Sex and Health Education Science Work Related Learning
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As a school, we have access to hydrotherapy, rebound therapy, physiotherapy, sensory integration, speech and language therapy, music therapy and art therapy to support students to reach their potential. We also work closely with the "Manchester United Foundation for Learning" to promote students emotional wellbeing.

## School lunches and snacks

School lunches are provided by, in-house external caterer Chartwells. Lunch menus can be found on our website or by contacting the school office. Prices from September 2021 are £2.81 (Standard) or £3.25 (large).

Please send a healthy snack in to school from home each day for your child.

## Free School Meals

### Who qualifies?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit (not working)
- Universal Credit (working and net earnings are less than £7,400 per year)\*
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit Run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- If you get support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

## School contributions

We kindly request £1.50 voluntary contributions from each High School student each week.

This amount covers:

- Use of the school minibus
- The purchasing of ingredients for cookery lessons every week

## Payments

Payment to the school, for various items and activities can be made via Parent Pay (details have been sent to parents through ParentMail). Payments for lunch and voluntary contributions can be made each term, each month or each Monday morning for the full week ahead.

## Uniform orders

Students in the High School are required to wear a uniform, which consists of a white polo shirt, black trousers/skirt and a Navy blue sweater. For PE, students wear a white, T-shirt and blue shorts.

Our school uniforms are provided by **McLellan Clothing, Moorside Road, Swinton M27 0HJ** and can be ordered online via their website [www.mclellanclothing.com/chatsworth/](http://www.mclellanclothing.com/chatsworth/) or by calling [0161 794 1169](tel:01617941169)

## After School Clubs

Chatsworth High School and Community College run five extended school clubs. There is a fee for each session your child attends at each club. These fees are reviewed annually.

After School Clubs for Year 7 students usually start after October half-term, and the reason for this is to allow students to settle in, become familiar with staff and for staff, who may not necessarily have worked with a particular student, a greater chance to get to know and understand their needs. After School Club for Year 8 and above usually commences end of September

The five clubs we currently offer are:

- **Chatsworth's Youth Group** - runs every Monday night, from 3.30-5.30pm
- **Let's Get Cooking Club** - runs every Tuesday during term time from 3.30pm till 5.30pm
- **Sports Club** - takes place every Thursday during term time only from 3.30 to 5.30pm
- **Saturday Club** - runs from 10am to 2.30pm. Each student brings in their own pack lunch.
- **Summer Club**

*Please note, the above clubs may change, and will only operate if safe to do so, following Covid-19 guidance. Further details on school clubs, prices and how to register will be sent out in the new academic year. Places subject to availability.*

## Offsite trips

Throughout the academic year students may participate in educational offsite visits. You will be provided with details of the trip, once the trip has been confirmed, and parental consent will be requested.

## Residential trips

Chatsworth is pleased to be able to offer (dependent on circumstances) a number of different residential holidays to our students during different times of the year.

Previous trips have included:

- Lledr Hall outdoor adventure activity Centre
- Pontins Prestatyn Sands Holiday Park
- Angel Fields Festival in Liverpool
- CAFT – Children's Adventure Farm Trust

## Aspiration Days

Working closely with you to ensure that your child achieves their aspirations is important to us here at Chatsworth High School and Community College.

As part of this work, we will hold 'Aspiration Days' throughout the year. These days will provide an opportunity for you to work closely with your child's teacher and attend workshops, whilst your child explores their own aspirations, experiences activities and events relating to life beyond school.

These days are designed to give you an opportunity to really get to know us, discuss any worries or concerns you may have about your child's future and express your aspirations for your child.

## Person Centred Reviews

Chatsworth High School and Community College are highly committed in ensuring that current and future provision in all areas of life meet the varying needs of each young person. Consequently, we conduct all our annual review meetings in a person centred style.

Each annual review is an opportunity for parents and carers and relevant professionals to get together to discuss the past year and to take a look at the year ahead. For our Year 7, 8, 10, 11, 13 and 14 students, reviews are one hour long and are known as "Working Vs Not Working" reviews. Here it will be discussed as to what is working for the student and what isn't working.

For Year 9 students, their reviews are structured in an "Important to and for" format. Where discussion is centred on what is both important to the student and what is important for them.

Our Year 12 students have a preparing for Adulthood "Citizenship" review.

## School Council

Chatsworth has a busy and enthusiastic School Council. They have worked hard on a range of projects and have joined in a wide range of activities to raise money and help out other people.

The school Council have decided that their job is:

**"To make the school better for everyone"**

## Other useful information

### Key contacts

For matters relating to your child's transition, please contact the school office (details on front sheet) to speak with:

- Helen Birkinhead (Headteacher)
- Rachel Hill (Trust Business Manager)
- Emma Brockway (Transition Project Officer)

### Local Authority Transport

Assistance with transport is provided, by the Local Authority for primary and secondary school age pupils attending special needs schools within the Salford area and beyond.

If transport is to be provided, the authority will determine the type of provision to be made; this may take the form of travel cost reimbursement or even more individualised contracted transport. Provision made will take account of the pupil/student's severity of learning difficulty and/or mobility needs.

Transport needs will be reviewed in line with an annual review process as a pupil's transport needs may change over time. Schools will review transport provision and make recommendations to the LA through the statutory review process with a view to moving pupils to independent travel as soon as possible.

The application process for transport for the next Academic Year is now online. Even if your child currently has a place on transport they will only be assigned a place next year if you submit a new application for September 2021. Please could you use the online application form instead of the paper form as these can cause delays in the process or get lost.

Please follow the link below to apply.

<https://www.salford.gov.uk/transporttoschool>

Please note we are unable to assist with Transport queries or complaints in the school office.

You can contact them directly via e-mail: [TransportSEN@Salford.gov.uk](mailto:TransportSEN@Salford.gov.uk) or by calling: 0161 925 1361

### **Register for free school meals to help out your school**

If your child is eligible for free school meals, it's worth registering them even if they're not going to have the school lunch. This is because schools receive a 'pupil premium' - an extra

payment for each eligible child which they can spend on useful services. Registering might also get you extra help for things like music lessons or school trips.

If you believe that you are entitled to a free school meal please apply via Salford City Council's website [www.salford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/free-school-meals/](http://www.salford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/free-school-meals/)

*The above information regarding Free School Meals and Transport has been taken from Salford City Council's website, listed above, and was up-to-date at the time of publishing, please visit their website to ensure up-to-date information.*

For those students aged over 16, you can make a claim directly with school. Please contact the school office on [chatsworth.highschool@salford.gov.uk](mailto:chatsworth.highschool@salford.gov.uk)

## **School Website**

Information relating to our school governance and policies and procedures can be found on our website at [www.chatsworth.salford.sch.uk](http://www.chatsworth.salford.sch.uk)

## **Data collection and consent forms**

Data forms have been sent out to all parents, requesting details of your child's needs, parental consent, emergency contacts and medical conditions. This data is extremely important to us as a school, so please can the forms be returned by the deadline, which will be provided. Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

## This is our school building

### Our school entrance

welcome



### Our school reception area

office



**Our school dining hall**



**Our outside gym**

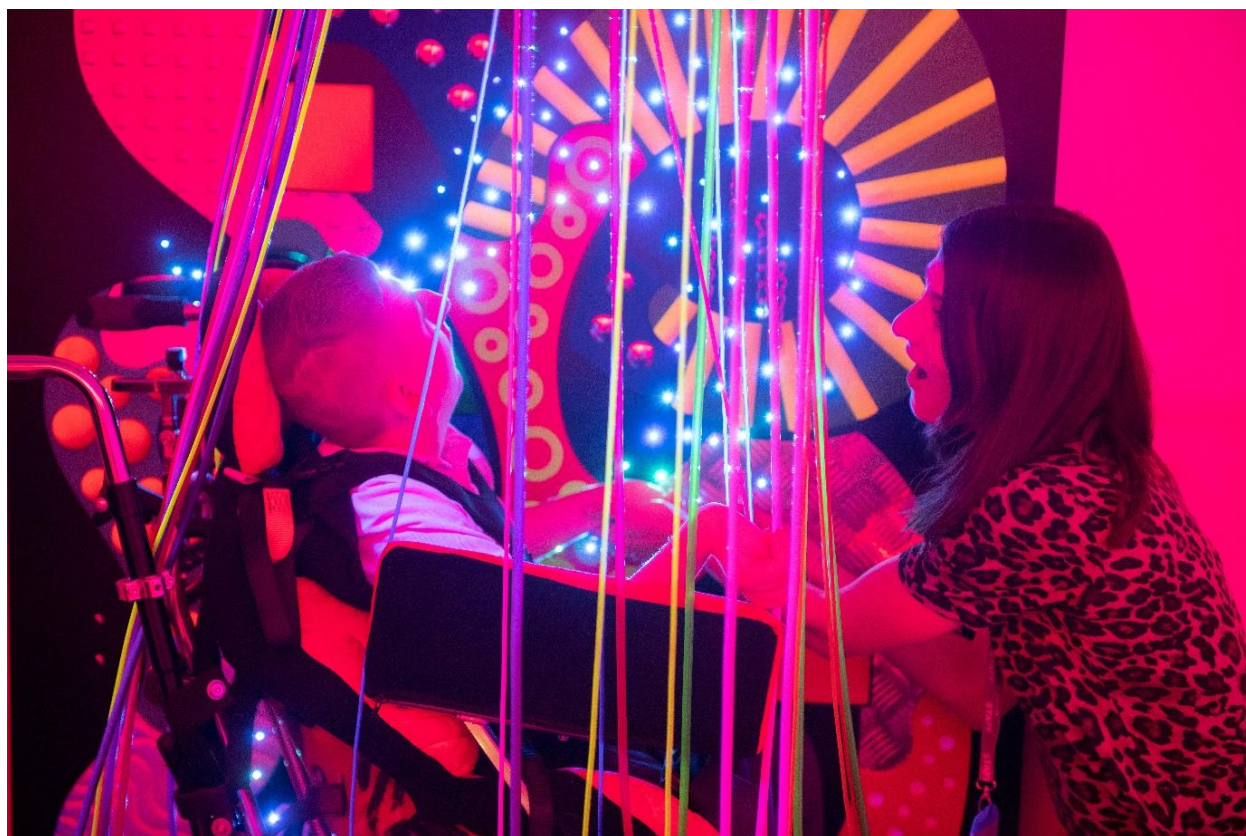
OUTSIDE GYM



**Our break-time 'quad' area**



**Our Light room**



## Inside our school

