

Frequently Asked Questions

Ordering and finance

When do we need to order PE Kit and House ties from school and when should we expect it to arrive? Do we order ties and polo shirts from a school clothing provider or through school.

You can order items such as ties and calculators on Parentpay. All other branded uniform items can be purchased from the list of stockists on the website.

Anything you purchase through school will be paid for via Parentpay and your order will be given out either via a sibling before the end of term, during transition days or we'll get in touch to arrange a suitable time with you.

When do we need to buy a summer polo shirt and how do we do this?

Summer polo shirts in House colours are only worn for the final half-term (June/July). Students will therefore not need these until May of Year 7.

And remember - polo shirts are optional, students can continue to wear a shirt and tie for the full academic year.

When will we be signed up to ParentPay?

You will receive an email in mid June with all the information you need for ParentPay. This will then allow you to order House ties. We will let you know which House you are in at the start of July.

You can order a tie as soon as you get your link to ParentPay - we will give the correct coloured tie to students either on their Induction Days or their first day in September.

How do we pay for school dinners?

You top-up your child's school meal account by Parentpay (minimum of £5). We recommend setting up an email alert in Parentpay which lets you know when your child's school meal account needs topping up.

If my child has FSM how is this credited?

Students in receipt of Free School Meals automatically have their allowance credited to their ParentPay accounts.

My child is currently entitled to Free School Meals at Primary School, does it automatically carry across to High School or do I have to reapply?

If your child currently attends a Primary School in the North Yorkshire area there is no need to reapply. However if your child attends a Primary school out of the North Yorkshire area ie Leeds, York, Wakefield and is currently entitled to Free School Meals, you will have to apply to North Yorkshire so that the entitlement continues. The application form can be downloaded by following the link on the school website.

<https://www.sherburnhigh.co.uk/parentalforms>

Will we be able to order a locker this year?

Yes you can! Please see the transition page for guidance on how to order a locker from <https://locker.rentals/>.

Contact between School and Home

How does Sherburn High contact us when our child starts in September? Is there a dashboard we login to?

We send out all our letters and large correspondence via emails. When you first join us it is worthwhile keeping an eye on your junk mail folders and making sure we are in your address book - particularly on Hotmail accounts. We will also contact you via text message with shorter announcements.

Parents/carers and students will be issued with a Classcharts login to track behaviour points. Parents/carers will also be asked to download the Arbor app

The First Day and Transport

Where do we go on our first day?

When students arrive on day one in September there will be lots of staff outside guiding them to the correct room. There is no need to worry - you won't get lost!

When will I get my child's bus pass?

These should arrive in the post. If you have concerns that these have not arrived before your child starts with us please contact Transportation at North Yorkshire. Click on the Transport button on the Transition webpage.

What will my child need to bring on their first day of school?

Stationery, all of which can be found on the transition page of the school website. A water bottle. Their lunch if they bring packed lunches. They will not need a P.E kit on their first day.

When will I find out which house and form I am in?

We will be sharing this information with you at the start of July.

Who do we contact if we have an issue?

Depending on the issue you could contact your child's form tutor or your child's Head of Year. Alternatively you can contact Miss Kirkham, our transition leader.

Curriculum and extra-curricular

What extracurricular activities do you offer?

We offer a range of activities and clubs both during and after school. Departments and teams will update students when they start in September.

How is the curriculum structured?

All lessons, except period 1 are 1 hour in duration and there is a two-weekly timetable (Week A and Week B).

There are 25 lessons per week.

Personal Development is delivered during Period 1. Additionally, at Key Stage 3 Religious Studies is delivered independently for all (2 hours allocated per fortnight).

At Key Stage 3 students are divided into an A and a B half for Foundation subjects. This is mixed ability.

In Year 7, all students are taught in mixed ability groups, except in Maths where KS2 SATS (traditionally) and an early baseline test determine setting.

In Year 8, all students except Maths and Science are taught in mixed ability groups. Science setting is based upon internal assessment data and KS2 SATs and English is taught in mixed ability groups.

At Key Stage 4 core subjects are set by ability in Maths and Science.

Option groups are largely mixed ability.

How is the curriculum structured in Year 7 and Year 8?

Subject	Year 7	Year 8
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Maths	8	8
English	8	8
Science	6	6
Geography	4	4
History	4	4
Languages (French)	4	4
<i>Design Technology</i>	4	4
Drama	2	2
Music	2	2
Physical Education	4	4
Information Technology	2	2
Religious Studies	2	2
Total	50	50
