



# Sherburn High School

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Dear parents, carers and students,

I am writing to give you an update about transition.

## **NEU Industrial Action - Wednesday 5th July**

Unfortunately, due to the planned NEU Industrial Action announced this weekend, we will no longer be able to have Year 6 students on site on Wednesday 5th July during the school day.

Taster day activities planned for this day will be delivered in week one in September.

## **Year 7 Taster Day: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

We can't wait to meet our new students and have a busy day planned! See below for some important information about what will happen!

### **What time do students need to be at school?**

Students need to be on site by 8:30 a.m. They need to go straight to the main hall..

### **How do students get to school?**

Families are responsible for their child's travel to and from Sherburn High School.

### **What time will students leave school?**

The school day will finish at 2:45 p.m..

### **What do students wear and what do they need to bring?**

Students need to wear their current primary school uniform and a pair of trainers (as they will be taking part in team building games and activities). They need to bring a bag which is large enough to hold a water bottle and a pencil case.

### **What will students eat during the day?**

Students should bring a snack to enjoy at break.

During the morning all students will be registered on our biometric payment system. This will mean that they can enjoy lunch from our catering team. Students who are entitled to free school meals will automatically be registered for these.

Please ensure that your child's account has funds available so that if they wish to purchase food they are able to do so. (An email regarding Parentpay has been sent separately). We also want to remind parents and carers that we don't allow students to bring fizzy drinks to school for packed lunches/snacks.

Details of our in-house catering offer, including a price list, can be found on our website.

## New Intake Parents' Information Evening - Wednesday 5th July

All parents/carers and students are invited to attend an Information Evening on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Given the large numbers of students joining us, we have had to split the evening into two sessions. Please see below:

| 5:30 p.m.  | 6:30 p.m.  |
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| Athelstan Community Primary School<br>South Milford<br>Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School<br>Saxton<br>Brayton Primary<br>Burton Salmon Community Primary School<br>Selby Abbey<br>Carlton Primary | Sherburn Hungate Primary School<br>Brotherton & Byram Primary Academy<br>Green Lane<br>Hambleton Church of England Primary School<br>Fairburn Community Primary School<br>Kirk Fenton Church of England Primary School<br>Lady Elizabeth Hastings<br>Monk Fryston<br>Riccall Community Primary<br>Scholes Elmet Primary<br>St Bolotophs<br>Wistow Cof E Primary<br>Wood Thorpe Primary |

## September 2023

The first day for Year 7 students is Tuesday 5th September. To help students settle in, the only other year group in school will be Year 11.

On the first day of school students will spend the morning getting to know their form tutor and other students in their tutor group. They will take part in a variety of Taster Day activities so that they feel confident about finding their way around the site. They will start their lessons in the afternoon. Students will not need their PE kit on their first day; but they will be expected to be in their full Sherburn High School uniform from day one. Details of our uniform can be found on our website and we will also go through these on our New Intake Evening.

## *And finally...*

Don't forget to access <https://www.sherburnhigh.co.uk/transition> and follow our Twitter page @sherburnhigh for our latest updates. Even if you are not on Twitter you can access our feed on the main website: <https://www.sherburnhigh.co.uk/>

We thought you might find it helpful if we included our most recent Frequently Asked Questions which are on our Transition webpage.

In the meantime, if you have any further questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me,

Yours sincerely

Ruth Marsh  
Assistant Headteacher  
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## 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, socks, summer polos and rugby tops through school but we do not stock school blazers.

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). We allow parents to order them through Parentpay from the beginning of May each academic year. Students will therefore not need these until May of Year 7.

**When will we be signed up to ParentPay?**

You should have received an email last week with all the information you need for ParentPay. This will then allow you to order PE Uniform and House ties. We will let you know which House you are in at the start of July. You'll still be able to order a tie as we will assign the correct colour.

**How do we pay for school dinners/snacks on Transition Days and in term time?**

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 i.e. 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>

**How can I buy a Chromebook through school?**

Please follow this link: <https://www.sherburnhigh.co.uk/chromebooks>

**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.

You can also keep track of your child's attendance and view their school reports by downloading the My Child at School app. Information for this will be communicated with you in due course.

## **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 in 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.

## **Curriculum and extra-curricular**

### **When will the Bushcraft residential be?**

We are currently looking at dates in June/July 2024 which gives us plenty of time to be survival skills ready!

### **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 or 1 hour 5 mins in duration and there is a two-week timetable (Week A and Week B).

There are 25 lessons per week.

RSHE (Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education) 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 set 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 |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Maths                           | 8      | 8      |
| English                         | 8      | 8      |
| Science                         | 6      | 6      |
| Geography                       | 4      | 4      |
| History                         | 4      | 4      |
| Languages (French)              | 4      | 4      |
| <b><i>Design Technology</i></b> | 4      | 4      |
| Drama                           | 2      | 2      |
| Music                           | 2      | 2      |
| Physical Education              | 4      | 4      |
| Information Technology          | 2      | 2      |
| Religious Studies               | 2      | 2      |
| Total                           | 50     | 50     |