



# Sherburn High School

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Dear parents, carers and students,

We can't wait to meet you on our Taster Days – see below for some important information about what will happen on those days!

## **Year 7 Taster Days: Wednesday 2nd July and Thursday 3rd July**

All of our new students are invited to spend two full days in school with us, on Wednesday 3rd July and Thursday 3rd July.

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

Students need to be on site by 8:25 a.m. They should go straight to the main hall where they will be greeted by staff.

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

Families are responsible for their child's travel to and from Sherburn High School. Bus companies have stated they will allow Year 6 students to use the bus service but this will be dependent upon space available so cannot be guaranteed.

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

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

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

Students should 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 on day one for break.

During their first 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 if they are coming from a North Yorkshire school. If your child is coming from a school outside of North Yorkshire and is entitled to free school meals, please contact us so that we can allocate this.

On day two, students will also be able to buy a snack for break from our catering team if they wish. You will shortly receive details on setting up your Parentpay account and you should ensure funds are available to cover the cost of any purchases.



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

### **New Intake Parents' Information Evening**

All parents/carers and students are invited to attend an Information Evening on Thursday 4th July. Given the large numbers of students joining us, we have had to split the evening into two sessions. Please see below:

<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Athelstan Community Primary School Kirk Fenton Parochial CE Primary School Barkston Ash RC Primary School Barwick Parade CP School Brotherton and Byram Primary Academy Kellington Primary School Saxton CE Primary School Whitkirk Primary School East Garforth Primary Academy Micklefield CE Primary Academy	Monk Fryston Hungate South Milford Burton Salmon CP School Fairburn CP School St Marys CE VC Primary School Boston Spa Thorpe Willoughby CP School Joseph Locke Primary School

### **September 2025**

The first day for Year 7 students is Tuesday 2nd 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 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.

### **Meet your new Head of Year – Mrs Makin**

Mrs Makin will be the Head of Year 7. She has just finished guiding our current Year 11 students through their GCSEs and is looking forward to meeting a new set of students. She is going to be a very important member of staff for both parents/carers and students, and has been very busy visiting lots of our feeder primary schools finding out all about our new students. I know she's extremely excited to meet you all in person.

### **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/>

If you have not yet completed our [Admission Form](#) please can you do this at the earliest opportunity to ensure we have correct details for your child prior to our transition days.

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 either Ms Marsh or myself.

Yours sincerely  
Miriam Oakley  
Headteacher

## **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 ties and calculators through school but we do not stock uniform.

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?**

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.

**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'll still be able to order a tie as we will assign the correct colour.

**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 School Meal account.

**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/home/parents/forms/>

**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 email. 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 before the end of term.

**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**

**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.

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
Design Technology	4	4
Drama	2	2
Music	2	2
Physical Education	4	4
Information Technology	2	2
Religious Studies	2	2
Total	50	50