“All students enjoy a wide range of opportunities which will enrich understanding, nurture talent and encourage pride in academic excellence.” Mr M McKeown (Head Teacher)
Welcome to
Lincoln Christ’s Hospital School

Year 7

The first year of secondary education is a major step for all children. It is a year of expanding opportunities of all kinds – school work, friendships, interests and learning to live in a large, mixed community.

We do our utmost to enable an easy transition from primary to secondary education for your child and to ensure that all children are given every chance to develop towards their full potential.

Lincoln Christ’s Hospital School has a long history of success, opportunity and high achievement echoed across all areas of school life. As an established Academy, we pride ourselves on offering a varied curriculum which allows for far reaching opportunities for all our students. Educational visits and cultural activities are available to all our students.

We hope that you, the parents, and the children will find the information contained in this booklet valuable. It will prepare you for joining a lively, exciting and thriving school. We strive to engender in each student self-respect, self-discipline, a sense of responsibility and a positive attitude to work.

LCHS is promoting our key values of Perseverance, Respect, Optimism, Unity and Determination in every aspect of school life. Pupils are going to be rewarded through the new school PROUD@LCHS system when they have shown that they have displayed these attributes which we strongly believe will allow students to grow and develop into well rounded and successful individuals.
Preparation For Transfer

We take care in ensuring an easy transition from primary to secondary school for your child. Our Head of Transition, Mrs Fearns-Davies, liaises with primary school teachers and our Progress Leader for Year 7 to oversee smooth progress from KS2 to KS3. All children preparing for transfer will have experience of their new school before the move in September.

Contact with local primary schools is maintained throughout the year, including curriculum links through language teaching, English literacy and numeracy sessions, drama events, sporting activities and teacher shadowing.

Mrs Fearns-Davies visits teachers and new students in their primary school to discuss current work and progress, friendship groups and any support needed in secondary school. A member of our Learning Support staff also visits to enquire about additional needs.

At the end of the summer term, all new students visit for a day to meet other students, get to know their tutor and to experience lessons. This is a very exciting day for all! We ask parents to collect their children at the end of the day and to join us in the Old Hall for refreshments where there will be an opportunity to chat with the Progress Leader and staff.
The Pastoral Team

The Progress Leader for Year 7 works with a team of form tutors. Each form tutor takes responsibility for pastoral care and monitors the academic progress of his or her students.

Each form group comprises a cross section of ability and social background, based on the child's selection of friendship groups and a careful study of the information provided by primary school staff. The aim is to integrate students from all contributory schools as well as to give them the security of retaining old friends. Our track record here is very good. In 2020-2021, each group will average 25 students.

Our pastoral team encourages communication between home and school. Please contact your child's tutor or Progress Leader if there is any aspect of school life you wish to discuss.

The School Day - Year 7

- The school day will start at 8.30am with either tutor or assembly time;
- All students will have 60 minutes of free time each day;
- All students will have, in addition, a total of 10 minutes (two x 5 minutes) between lessons 1 and 2; also 3 and 4 for travel/changeover/comfort break to ensure all lessons start promptly with one hour of learning being guaranteed;
- All students will have 25 hours per week of lesson time, to be split into 5 x 1 hour lessons per day;
- Tutor time is 20 minutes every morning to allow time for Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) sessions to take place, along with the promotion of British values. These sessions will primarily focus on student welfare and safety and will also support progression and personal growth;
- The school day will end at 3.00pm.
For Secondary School You Will Need.....

A pencil case containing:

- at least two black or blue ball point pens
- a pencil
- a pencil sharpener
- a ruler
- coloured pencils
- an eraser
- a protractor and a pair of compasses
- a calculator.

A dictionary will also be useful.

School bag:

You will need a bag in which to carry your books and PE kit. It is a good idea to have one to carry on your back with shoulder straps.

When you start at Lincoln Christ’s Hospital School we will provide you with a student planner.

It **must** be brought to school every day as it will help you to organize your days here and track your progress.

Students in Year 7 will be issued homework on a regular basis. This homework will be set by their classroom teacher and Head of Department. As a school, we value the importance of developing students who are autonomous and independent learners and use work outside of the classroom to support this. We are also mindful that our students are children and that the volume of homework needs to be appropriate for their age and ability. More information about the homework expectations for Year 7 will be shared at the Parental Engagement Evening in September 2020.
School Uniform Policy

Introduction

This School Uniform Policy was produced following an extensive consultation with all school stakeholders and in accordance with The Human Rights Act 1998 and DfE Guidelines as issued to schools in October 2007. It is compulsory for all students at the school.

Lincoln Christ’s Hospital School is committed to setting high standards in all aspects of school life. This school uniform is integral to this, promoting consistency and helping to set the right climate for learning for all pupils. If pupils take pride in their appearance, they take pride in themselves, their school and their learning. Another reason for this uniform policy is to ease the pressure that children can put on parents to provide fashionable and often expensive clothes for school.

The Governors require all students attending Lincoln Christ’s Hospital School to abide by their dress code and wear the school uniform, not only in school but to and from school and on school organised activities, unless instructed otherwise. There is no exception to the rule. It is a condition of membership of the school. The support of the parents is expected in enforcing this policy and it must be remembered that problems arise when the occasional student flouts the rule and others see it as unfair for them to conform to the school rule when somebody else does not.

Please help by ensuring that your son/daughter has all the correct uniform and arrives in school wearing it.

School Uniform

- **Blazer** A navy blue, school blazer with the school badge on the breast pocket.
- **Tie** LCHS tie appropriate for their year group.
- **Jumper** A navy blue, school jumper or cardigan with the school badge. These items are optional but may be necessary during the winter months.
- **Shirt** White, conventional, school shirt with top button.
- **Trousers** Graphite grey, smart, straight leg tailored trousers only in conventional school style. Cotton drill, jean style, chinos or skin tight are not acceptable (for the school to determine). Trousers should not be cropped (there should be no significant gap between the bottom of the trouser and the shoe).
- **Skirt** Grey, stitch down, pleated skirt with LCHS logo on the front only, black or grey tights. Skirt is not to be worn just with socks. Must be of reasonable length just above the knee and not rolled up.
- **Socks** Plain black or dark grey.
- **Shoes** Black, sensible shoes and shoes with a low heel are allowed. Flimsy, fashion shoes, canvas shoes, plimsolls, trainers or boots are not allowed. Where a pupil is forced due to legitimate medical reasons to wear trainers instead of shoes, a medical note is required.

Advisory note

If you are in doubt when purchasing any of these items from a retailer other than the ones specified in this document (especially school trousers) then please speak to the school directly to ensure they are within the school policy. Some retailers will advertise these products as school wear but have not been approved by the school or our policy. The school reserves the right to determine whether a specific item meets the school’s uniform policy.

- **items are available to purchase from Uniform Direct only.
- **items are available from Uniform Direct and Academy Uniform.

Lincoln Christ’s Hospital School
Physical Education Uniform

All items of Physical Education uniform must be badged items bought from our uniform suppliers. No other clothing is acceptable. It is strongly advised that parents ensure that all uniform items are clearly marked with the student’s name.

Compulsory for Girls
- School polo top (fitted or unisex);
- School shorts or skort;
- School football socks.

Compulsory for Boys
- School rugby top;
- School shorts;
- School football socks.

Optional for Boys and Girls
- School hoodie;
- School tracksuit bottoms;
- School polo top (boys);
- Navy blue or black base layer leggings and tops.

Other clothing and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Navy blue swimming costume (girls);
- Navy blue swimming trunks / shorts (boys);
- Red swimming cap (boys and girls);
- Shin pads (boys and girls);
- Mouth guard (boys and girls).

Any unacceptable item(s) will be confiscated and held in the student’s year office, to be collected at the end of the day.

ALL CLOTHING MUST BE MARKED WITH THE STUDENT’S NAME.

Blazers should be worn at all times outside of the classroom. Students are allowed to remove their blazers in the classroom with the teacher’s permission.
**Other Areas of Dress**

- **Coats** Hoodies, denim jackets, non-weatherproof sports tops or non-school cardigans and jumpers are not acceptable.
- **Nails** Long nails, false/gel nails and nail varnish are not permitted.
- **Jewellery** The only jewellery allowed is a wristwatch, one signet ring, one bracelet and one set of very small stud or sleeper earrings.
- **Hair** Extreme hairstyles are not permitted and the school reserves the right to advise parents on what it considers to be extreme. Closely shaved heads, brightly dyed/block or dip dyed hair and tramlines in hair or eyebrows are not acceptable. Rather than spend money unnecessarily on a hairstyle that is likely to be unacceptable students/parents are urged to consult with the Headteacher before any hairstyle is adopted. Long hair must be tied back for all Science, Sport and Design Technology lessons for Health and Safety reasons.
- **Make-up** Natural and subtle make-up will be accepted in school but excessive make-up will not. It is for the school to determine what is acceptable make-up.
- **Piercings** Stretchers, spikes, retainers, helix bars, facial or tongue piercings are not allowed.

**Items of clothing or jewellery that are associated with adherence to a religious faith or are associated with belonging to a particular ethnicity**

The school uniform above may be supplemented with the following items for students who are members of a particular faith/ethnicity. If any families have any queries relating to the religious/ethnicity points, they should approach the Headteacher. He, in turn, will take advice from the DfE and/or religious community leaders before any final decision is made.

- Sikh head dress (navy blue preferred);
- Jewish skull caps;
- Head scarves for girls who follow the Muslim faith or who wear them as a normal part of their dress (navy blue preferred);
- Facial jewellery for girls who follow the Hindu faith.

![Image of students in uniform]
Failure to follow the School Uniform Policy

This School Uniform Policy is an integral part of the Home School Agreement which all families and students accept when students join our school (can be found in admissions pack or on our website [Parents/Policies/Statutory/Home School Agreement].

To ensure that any infringement of the School Uniform Policy is handled fairly, school have a procedure in place. If a student has a medical reason or a note from a parent/carer, he/she will be issued with a green card for the dates set out in the note. If a student attends school without a note, he/she will report to the uniform store and will be given an appropriate replacement. The student will be issued with a red card and, consequently, given a 10 minute break detention.

It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to inform school of any infringement in writing (a signed note in the student planner) to authorise the infringement. When a student arrives in incorrect uniform and no note is received from home, it will be treated as an unauthorised infringement.

Furthermore, any students who persistently refuse to follow this policy will be held in breach of our School Conduct for Learning Policy and will have break and lunch privileges withdrawn. Persistent failure will result in the student being placed in supervised isolation. This may, in extreme situations include school exclusion.

Financial Cost

This policy has been developed to be an economical and cost effective way of clothing children for school. The school blazer is the single most expensive item. This is available complete with a badge from two independent suppliers.

If families have difficulties in being able to purchase any items as a result of financial hardship, they are asked to contact the Headteacher to discuss support that may be available.

Details of our local store supplier of all the items that carry the school badge

Uniform Direct, 333 High Street, Lincoln, LN5 7DQ
Uniform Direct, Dixon House, Dixon Way, Lincoln LN6 7XN
Curriculum

At LCHS we are exceptionally proud of our genuinely comprehensive and inclusive school. We celebrate the success of our students who have achieved individual excellence in a vast array of disciplines, whilst being mindful of the well-being of all. Over a seven year journey, LCHS students will flourish and develop the skills to contribute positively to society and be a role model to future generations. The success of our students encompasses not just qualifications, but the education of the whole child so that each student has a deep understanding of the community and world in which they play an integral part.

LCHS Curriculum Intent
Our curriculum is designed to challenge all students to achieve, what for them, is individual excellence and to be the vehicle for delivering deep social justice. We are fiercely ambitious and our curriculum reflects this passion to provide academic rigour whilst in-graining a strong sense of moral purpose in the character of our students.

A student in Year 7 will study the following subjects,

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Religious Studies
- Languages
- Art
- Music
- Drama
- Information Technology
- Design and Technology
- Physical Education
- Building Learning Power

The year group is divided into two mixed ability bands. In some subjects, students remain in mixed ability classes to be taught whilst, in others, students are put into sets based on the results of their Key Stage 2 tests and our internal assessments.
Attendance

96% is our minimum expectation for your child’s attendance. Students with high attendance make better academic progress and achieve higher grades and, of course, future employers will be seriously interested in attendance.

How can you help?

Take a family holiday in the school holidays. The school cannot authorise any leave of absence for family holidays during term time. Any holidays can lead to fixed penalty fines of £60-£120.

Bring your child back to school as soon as he/she is fit after an illness, or after a dental/medical appointment. Half a day’s learning is better than none at all.

Other ways parents can help:

We need contact numbers for emergencies. If these change, please let your child’s tutor know. If your child is absent, please ring the school. Prolonged absenteeism is referred to the Education Welfare Officer and our Pastoral Managers for investigation. We take a firm line on truancy.

Consultation Evenings

Consultation sessions are organised for all parents of students at the school. The first is held in the Autumn Term and is an opportunity to discuss with pastoral staff exactly how students are settling into their new surroundings. Further consultation evenings give a clearer assessment of students’ capabilities in each subject area.

Dining At LCHS

We offer a breakfast, mid-morning and lunchtime service which includes a wide range of tasty options at affordable prices, with regular special offers. All food is prepared on site. Our cashless catering system enables students to manage their own accounts, cuts down on queuing time and offers accurate and detailed information to parents on their children’s eating and spending habits. Attractive modern furniture and serveries are all part of the dining experience. Our Healthy School Award reflects our commitment to improving the health and well-being of our school community. For those parents who intend to provide packed lunches, we would ask that our healthy eating approach is respected. Energy or fizzy drinks are forbidden whilst crisps, sweets and chocolates are strongly discouraged.
Lincoln Christ’s Hospital School
Wragby Road, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, LN2 4PN
Email: education@lchs.eu
Tel: 01522 881144 Fax: 01522 881145
www.christs-hospital.lincs.sch.uk
Twitter: @LCHSed