

Headlines

Chichester High School for Girls Specialist in Arts & Science



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Together we achieve

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the final edition of Headlines for this academic year. Most of you will receive this via email which is a great improvement and will ensure you get delivery quickly and easily. We are still hoping to communicate with all our parents and carers via email, so if you are 'connected' but haven't yet registered to receive our emails, please contact the school via informer@chichestergirls.w.sussex.sch.uk with the following details:

- Your daughter's name and form
- Name of the person with parental responsibility
- Confirmation of your email address where you wish future communications to be sent

Full details can be found on the front page of our website under the heading "keep up to date". www.chichesterhighschoolforgirls.co.uk - why not keep our school website on your desktop as a short cut? This edition of Headlines and any past editions can also be found on our website.



Staff Farewells



We say farewell to staff at the end of every academic year as they retire, gain promotion or move onto pastures new.

Three members of staff have retired this year after many years of exceptional service to the school.

David Williams (Deputy Headteacher) retires after 23 years in the post. He has taken the lead on a wide range of issues over his many years but has always been keen on making use of new technologies. He was responsible for introducing the first computer to the office staff. "I am a typist - I don't need one of these!" was the first barrier he needed to get over. The successful implementation led of course to the huge industry in school nowadays which is now our information system with its myriad of supporting programmes, for example, for data, attendance and reports. In recent years David has been responsible for KS4 students and they have benefited greatly from the care and guidance he has given them to achieve success in a wide range of qualifications. We will miss him greatly and wish him well as he moves to Wiltshire.

Joyce Dorey has been our Assistant Bursar for the past 11 years and has been keeping our finances under her watchful eye with a thoroughness and attention to detail that are second to none. We will all miss the jokes we shared with Joyce and the gales of laughter emanating from the staffroom at

lunchtimes.

Ros Murphy, our Head of Learning Support and SENCO for eight years is retiring and will be setting off on her many travels (in low season!) next year. She has led her large faculty and supported our special young people wonderfully over the years and will take with her the memories of the many successes she has had with so many pupils. The steps taken may have been small, but they were often significant and sometimes a turning point for a young person.

We thank David, Joyce and Ros for all their hard work on behalf of our pupils at the High School and wish them all a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Other staff who are leaving this term:

Lizzie Berry - Science Teacher
Kay Buley - Learning Support Assistant
Jan Cunliffe - English Teacher
Ruth Delgado - Technology Teacher
Rebecca McGillivray - Humanities Teacher
Emma Moore - Food Technician
Sam Munt - Music Teacher
Rachel Phiasanaxay - Drama Teacher
Margaret Stickland - Pastoral Support Manager

We thank them all for the care and support they have given our pupils and wish them well in their new posts, some of which are in different countries.



Changes to the School Uniform (Summer Option)



Over recent months we have 'battled' with uniform issues at school, particularly with the length of the school skirt, and also with the 'Summer Option'. Thank you to parents who have helped us by sending their daughter into school correctly dressed, and for reinforcing our uniform expectations.

The 'battle' has caused us to re-think the summer option for uniform and so we have made some changes to simplify things and to prevent any further abuse and interpretation of the rules.

The Summer option uniform may be worn from the start of the Summer term until 1st October. So we have a full month on our return to school in September to implement the changes before we return to standard uniform with blouses and blazers.

These are the changes to the Summer option:

1. Sandals are **no longer** allowed.
2. School shoes should be **completely black**. They should **not be made of fabric**. If they have laces, these should be black. Trainers are not allowed.
3. Plain black tights or **white ankle socks** are to be worn (or trousers). Footless tights are not allowed.
4. Skirts must be **knee length**. (To test this - the skirt should be touching the floor when the pupil kneels down). If a pupil's skirt is not knee length, she will be asked to wear trousers or to replace her skirt with one that is knee length.

5. Jewellery (apart from one pair of small studs or hoops worn in the earlobes) is not allowed. **Excess jewellery will be confiscated for the term if pupils choose to wear it.**
6. Other items worn by pupils which are not permitted, e.g. **hoodies, belts, etc will also be confiscated** for the term.

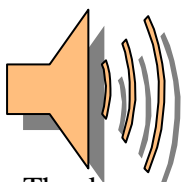
Confiscated items will be labelled and kept in a safe place until the end of term. They may be collected in person by a parent who requests this in writing, giving 24 hours' notice.

You will find a revised uniform list with this edition of Headlines.

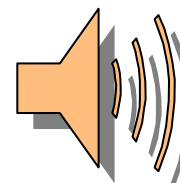
A pupil's version of the Summer option uniform will be displayed in every classroom and in corridors so that everyone understands what is and what is not allowed.

I would ask you please over the Summer, to take a look at your daughter's uniform, and to go through the rules with her. Please also help us by checking that she is in the correct uniform when she leaves the house in the morning or gets out of the car if you bring her to school.

Your help is very much appreciated.



Sounding Board



Thank you very much to the parents who registered to become part of our Sounding Board. This is a group which occasionally receives some questions from us to see how parents feel about an issue.

Recently we asked what parents would like to see on our new website which is currently being designed. You asked us to keep many of the items that are there already, but you wanted information on homework in particular. The feedback you gave us is being used by the design team at the moment. Next year, but it will take a while to get it up and running properly, you will be able to check what homework your daughter has been given by all her subject teachers, and the deadline for its completion. We hope this will help you to support your daughter's home learning more effectively.

If you haven't yet joined our Sounding Board, perhaps you are a parent of one of our new Year 7 pupils, log onto our website www.chichesterhighschoolforgirls.co.uk for details of how to register. Our next question to the Sounding Board will be in September.

Examination Results (and hopefully success!)

Congratulations to all students, mainly in Year 11 and the Sixth Form, who have worked so hard towards their examinations this term. Just the waiting to go now! I hope it is not too tense for you all.

All students in Year 11 and the Sixth Form will have been given detailed advice about when and where to pick up their results. (Also, see our website).

Summary

A level results - these can be collected on 19th August at the Sixth Form Centre
GCSE results - these can be collected on 24th August at the Sixth Form Centre

N.B. Science module results will be given out in Science lessons at the start of term in September.

If a student cannot pick up their GCSE or A level results, there are three options:

1. They will have given their tutor a stamped addressed envelope last term and the results will be posted on results day.
2. A relative can collect the results. However, the student **must** give the relative a signed letter saying that they give them the authority to pick up the results on their behalf. The relative **must** bring some form of identification, e.g. driver's licence or passport.
3. They can pick their results up from the Exams Office at the start of the new term.

Under no circumstances will results be given out over the telephone.

Enrolment into our Sixth Form will start immediately after the results have been issued to Year 11 students.

Good luck to everyone for results day! (Although luck has nothing to do with it as we know).

What is happening over the Summer holidays?

There is always a great deal to be done at school over the Summer holidays and this year is no exception. The grounds team have been busy tidying up the beds and borders ready for the new academic year. After some 'neglect', serious action has had to be taken when dealing with some shrubs that have got a bit out of hand so things look a bit 'scalped' at the moment.

We have our decorating team in and they are continuing with our rolling programme of redecoration. The toilets are always decorated over the Summer holidays.

Our ICT team, ably led by Jim Turner, is extremely busy doing all sorts of technical stuff over the holidays. By September, we hope to have our new wireless network fully installed so that we have additional flexibility for learning for everyone in the school. We are also joining our curriculum and administrative networks together so that all staff can have the same flexibility for their own work.



End of Year and Lockers



Thankfully we did not have the same emergency as we had last Summer term - if you remember we spent the last morning of the academic year at the Boys' School as our school was filled with noxious fumes from an overheated telephone battery. (You'll be glad to hear that the whole telephone system, which was due for renewal anyway, was installed successfully).

Unlike last July, this year most pupils were able to take the contents of their lockers home. If your daughter was absent at the end of the year and did not have a chance to empty her locker, she could contact the school to see if anyone is available to arrange a time to pick up her belongings. I am sure her PE kit could do with a good wash. Failing that, the contents of each locker will be bagged-up separately and labelled with the **number** of the locker. Your daughter should report to Pupil Reception at the start of the Autumn term to collect her belongings.

And Finally

Thank you for all the help and support you have given your daughter this year. Whether you've been helping her with her homework organisation, or checking uniform, or helping with coursework crises, being part of the audience for a show, or a taxi service, your help is very much appreciated. We cannot do this education business without you, and whilst your daughter may wait a year or so to let you know how much she valued your support, I'd like to say a big "THANK YOU" from everyone at the High School.

My best wishes to you all for a restful Summer break. I hope there will be some good weather and a drop or two of rain for our gardens. I look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Oliver-Watkins
Headteacher

CHICHESTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS SCHOOL UNIFORM LIST 2010

Standard uniform must be worn from 1st October until the start of the Summer term, but may be worn all year.

Essential Items

1. Regulation NAVY skirt of **knee length** (one style only is allowed and only available from school stockists, Ricara and Meritz).
2. Regulation NAVY (NOT black) trousers. Trousers should be tailored (NOT flared), made of non-stretching material and no longer than 1" off the ground.
3. Regulation WHITE blouse with revere collar. Long or short sleeved variations are available. Blouse material should be sufficiently 'thick' and opaque for the pupil not to need a T shirt underneath the blouse.
4. Regulation NAVY blazer with school badge. (**COMPULSORY**)
5. Regulation NAVY pullover – red stripe in v-neck. (Optional)
6. Plain black tights.
7. Shoes - a flat-heeled, black formal shoe. Heel maximum height 2 inches (5cm). (It is important that the shoes are well-fitting). NO boots or trainers. Fabric shoes are not permitted. All laces should be black.
8. Outdoor coat - any suitable style. NO denim jackets or 'hoodies'. (Blazers should be worn to and from school. Outdoor coat should be worn on top).

Summer Option – may be worn from the start of the Summer Term to 1st October.

No blazer - this should be left at home.

White polo shirt with school crest.

Navy **knee** length regulation skirt or trousers.

Plain black tights or white ankle socks. Footless tights are not allowed.

Regulation navy pullover (optional) - red stripe in v-neck. Cardigans are **not** allowed.

Polo shirts may be purchased from CHSG pupil reception during the year.



Optional Uniform Items

Scarf - plain NAVY or RED.

Hair slide - should be kept to a minimum and should be in navy, red or white only.

Visibility aids for journeys on dark mornings.

An umbrella for wet weather.

Please Note

Jewellery should be limited to a watch and one pair of small studs or hoop earrings worn in pierced earlobes.

No other piercings. Make-up must not be worn.

Non-uniform items, e.g. belts, jewellery, hoodies will be confiscated and kept until the end of term.

Nail varnish is not allowed.

For KS3 Physical Education - PE bag to contain:

1. White polo shirt with collar
2. Red cycling shorts or red football shorts (Athletics/Gym/Dance – **not** for Games)
3. White socks
4. White non-marking trainer shoes

Optional Extras

1. Blue/black jogging trousers (winter months)
2. Red pleated games skirt

For KS4 Physical Education - PE bag to contain:

1. White polo shirt with collar
2. Navy cycling shorts or navy football shorts
3. White socks
4. White non-marking trainer shoes

Optional Extra

1. Blue/black jogging trousers (winter months)

Uniform and price information is available from:

Meritz Schoolwear (tel: 01243 539909)
45 North Street, Chichester

Ricara (tel: 01243 778850)
42 South Street, Chichester