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# Welcome to Court Fields School

‘Education is the most powerful weapon  
which you can use to change the world’  
Nelson Mandela



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# Ofsted Feedback



‘Court Fields is a happy and welcoming school. Pupils are positive about improvements to their school. They feel proud to attend. The majority of parents agree and say their child is flourishing at this school.’

‘Leaders are ambitious for pupils. They have created a culture where hard work is expected. Pupils enjoy good relationships with staff. Pupils are sensible and polite. Bullying is rare. If any incidents occur, pupils are confident that staff will resolve them quickly. Consequently, pupils feel safe.’



# Ofsted Feedback



‘Pupils follow a broad and ambitious curriculum. Pupils with SEND receive the support they need to follow the curriculum successfully.’

‘Subject leaders have thoughtfully planned the specific knowledge pupils need to learn in the Key Stage 3 curriculum.’

‘Pupils at the early stages of learning to read receive help to catch up. Leaders check that this has an impact on improving pupils’ fluency and comprehension.’



# Ofsted Feedback



‘Pupils know about the protected characteristics. They learn about beliefs and cultures different to their own, and say the school is inclusive and tolerant. Pupils receive effective support to plan their next steps in education or employment.’

‘Leaders offer high-quality professional development to staff. Staff say leaders communicate effectively with them and prioritise their well-being. Staff morale is high.’

‘Local governors and trustees are ambitious for pupils. They are not complacent, and support and challenge leaders to secure continued improvement.’



# Ofsted Feedback



‘Leaders have created a strong culture of vigilance around safeguarding.’

‘Pupils say that they feel safe and have a trusted adult in school. Leaders adapt the curriculum for pupils in response to local issues or concerns raised in school. For example, education around vaping has led to a significant reduction in such incidents.’



# Ofsted AFIs



## What does the school need to do to improve?

- In some subjects, the assessment of pupils' understanding of the curriculum is not precise enough. As a result, some pupils develop misconceptions or are unable to follow the next part of the curriculum successfully. Leaders should ensure a consistent and effective approach to checking what pupils know and remember over time.
- A minority of pupils do not display a consistently positive attitude to learning. They sometimes opt out of participating in lessons or lack the resilience to persist with a challenging task. Leaders and staff should work together to support all pupils to approach their learning positively and to become resilient learners.

# Overall Update



- Strong Ofsted 'Good' in all areas – keeping momentum
- 200 students in Year 7 for September 2023
- Full in all other Year Groups
- Fully staffed including 1 additional AHT
- Completion of the Cove building (Selworthy partnership)
- Planning/resourcing for increasing numbers
- Focus on maintaining momentum



# In 5 Years Time



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# Our Community



National Trust



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# Our Partnership



What we do



What we ask you to do

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# Curriculum



- Breadth – Full range of subjects
- Mastery Approach – Ensure knowledge is embedded
- Retrieve, Build, Progress



# Quality of Education



Learning does not happen unless students feel safe and secure, have positive, trusting relationships with the adults around them and perceive these adults as being fair.

Ensuring students have the emotional security to learn effectively will always come first in our school.

# Learning Handbook



- Guide to all of the essential knowledge and vocabulary for each subject
- Overview of homework as retrieval and to ensure retention
- Updated termly on the 'learning' pages of the website
- Full size knowledge organisers issued in class and also available on the subject pages of the website.

**Court Fields  
School**



**Year 7**

**Learning Handbook**

Autumn Term 2023



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# Reading



- Support at all levels
- Weekly in tutor time
- Weekly in English
- Daily at home





# Mrs Westwood

Assistant Headteacher,  
Personal Development & Safeguarding





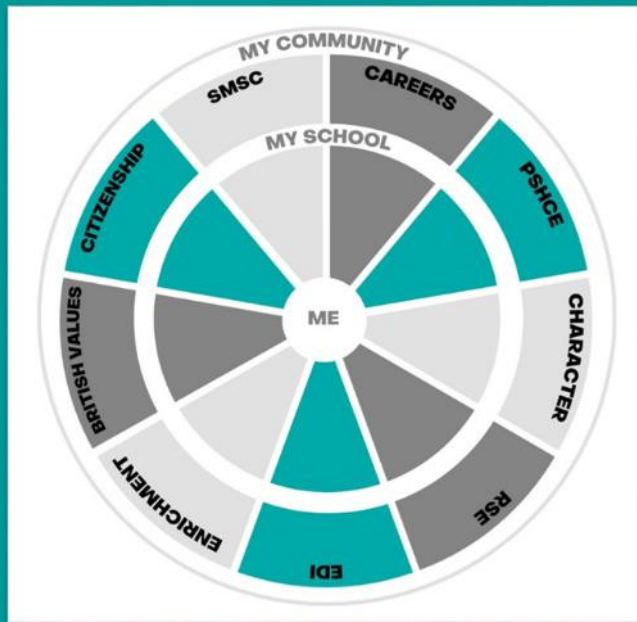
# House System

- 3 Houses: Blackdown, Duke and Monument
- Links through from community
- Underpinning ABP
- Developed through the curriculum
- Part of our Court Fields Experience



# THE COURT FIELDS EXPERIENCE

Developing our Court Fields students for their successful futures



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**E**QUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION (EDI)

**E**XTRA-CURRICULAR

**P**ERSONAL, SOCIAL, HEALTH, CITIZENSHIP & ECONOMIC EDUCATION (PSHCE)

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**E**R

**R**ELATIONSHIPS & SEX EDUCATION (RSE)

**C**AREERS **I**NFORMATION, ADVICE & GUIDANCE (CIAG)

**B**RITISH VALU

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**C**ITIZENSHIP

**N**SHIP

**S**Ocial, MORAL, SPIRITUAL & **C**ULTURAL EDUCATION (SMSC)

**C**

**E**NRICHMENT



	<p><b>I achieve because I am</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div> Ambitious</div> <div> Inquisitive</div> <div> Reflective</div> <div> Resilient</div> </div>
	<p><b>I belong because I have</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div> Courage</div> <div> Empathy</div> <div> Inclusive</div> <div> Listening Skills</div> </div>
	<p><b>I participate because I demonstrate</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div> Initiative</div> <div> Leadership</div> <div> Motivation</div> <div> Teamwork</div> </div>

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# CF Characteristics



## Characteristics of Court Fields Students

The characteristics that we develop in our students, so that they leave us equipped for success in their future, are supported by our Court Fields Experience. They enable our students to Achieve, Belong and Participate.



I achieve because I am:

Ambitious    Inquisitive    Reflective    Resilient



I belong because I have:

Courage    Empathy    Integrity    Listening Skills



I participate because I demonstrate:

Initiative    Leadership    Motivation    Teamwork

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# Team Around Your Child

- \* Senior Leadership Team
- \* SENCO
- \* Head of Year
- \* Tutors
- \* Teachers
- \* TAs
- \* Pastoral Team



# Communication & Support



- The Wellbeing Hub – day to day student enquiries. First Aid. Issues outside the classroom.
- Class Charts – Behaviour & Homework
- Planners
- Homework Club
- Cashless Catering
- Parent Bulletin
- Student reports twice a year
- Website – Twitter – Facebook - Instagram





# Who to Contact

Your first point of contact is the Tutor

We have a 48 hour response time

There will be a chance to meet with Tutors early on in the Autumn Term

Website – [www.courtfields.net](http://www.courtfields.net)

Reporting bullying/safeguarding – Tootoot via the website/App

School Email – [schooloffice@courtfields.net](mailto:schooloffice@courtfields.net)



# Mr Nicholls

## Head of Year 7

# Our Year 7 Team



Mr Nicholls (HOY)



Mr Miles (AHOY)



Miss Alge



Miss Channon



Miss Evans



Mrs Greenfield



Miss Etherington



Miss Murphy



Mrs P Stephenson



Miss Tucker

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# The School Day



8.00am - Free breakfast available for all students

8.35am – Warning Bell

8.40am – Tutor Time

9.10am – Lesson 1

10.10am – Lesson 2

11.10am – Break

11.30am – Lesson 3

12.30pm – Lesson 4

1.30pm – Lunch

2.05pm – Warning Bell

2.10pm – Lesson 5

3.15pm – Home Time

3.15 to 5pm – Homework Club available to all students



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# Attendance



- Court Fields has high expectations for attendance. We are beating national trends!
- You must report any absence to the school via the Absence Line on the first day of absence
- No term time holiday will be agreed in line with Local Authority policy
- Student rewards for whole and part year attendance

# Mobile Phones



- Following student, parent and staff voice and a large amount of research, Year 7s and 8s will not be permitted to use mobile phones in school
- They can bring their phone to school, once they enter the site it will be switched off and in their bag
- The school office and home can contact home for students as required



# Mobile Phones



## Our own research from PSHCE sessions:

### Year 7-8

- All except one child own a mobile phone
- Approximately 4 per Tutor Group have their phone charged downstairs at night, all other children have access in their room all night
- 90% have a personal account with Instagram, WhatsApp and TikTok
- Approximately 60% will look at their phone past 11pm
- Approximately 33% will look at their phone past midnight (even on silent)
- Approximately 15% agreed they were tired in the morning (in Y10 this grows to 50%)

# Uniform



We have been pleased to receive positive feedback on our students uniform over the last 4 years, but we are clear that there are a minority of students who are not consistently meeting our expectations for smart uniform. We have therefore, and in response to parent/student feedback, made some clarifications for September 2023. Thank you as always for your support.

As for this year, the Court Fields tie is available on Scopay online or from the School Office. The price from September will be £4.50 due to supplier price increases, but you can purchase at the old price of £4.25 until 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

House Badges must be worn on the blazer lapel for Years 7-10 and on the tie or jumper for Year 11. New logoed house badges are available from 1<sup>st</sup> September and are £1 each and available on Scopay or from the School Office.

# Uniform from Sept 2023



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# Uniform



Shoes can be either leather/leather-look formal school shoes or trainers. Suede, canvas or converse-style rubber toe cap shoes, or material trainers are not allowed.

Trainers with coloured logos are not allowed. Students are not allowed to wear boots or block-heeled shoes.

Silver tags must be removed from Nike Air Force shoes for school.



# Uniform



Blazers must be worn by students in Years 7-10 at all times unless in a classroom, actively playing sport at break/lunch, or when the Headteacher has directed that the weather is too hot for blazers.

Coats should be dark-coloured or hi-viz/reflective if appropriate for walking/cycling and waterproof/windproof. Fleecy fashion coats are not appropriate. Denim or leather jackets are not acceptable for school.

Jumpers are optional.



# Uniform



## Trousers

There will be a range of trousers available from SouthWest Schoolwear as follows:

[www.swschoolwear.co.uk/shop/pcategory/schoolwear/court-fields-school/](http://www.swschoolwear.co.uk/shop/pcategory/schoolwear/court-fields-school/)

Trousers are also available from other retailers.

All students are permitted to wear trousers, however they must be black and tailored.

Students may also wear black, knee-length, tailored shorts between Easter and October Half Term.

*Trousers that are NOT acceptable:*

*Jeans, chinos, leggings, jeggings, joggers, ultra skinny fit.*

# Uniform



## Skirts

Following consultation and feedback from students and parents we will only allow one type of school skirt from September 2023. This is available from SouthWest Schoolwear as follows:

[www.swschoolwear.co.uk/shop/pcategory/schoolwear/court-fields-school/](http://www.swschoolwear.co.uk/shop/pcategory/schoolwear/court-fields-school/)

If students prefer, they are permitted to wear trousers instead of the school skirt, however the trousers must be black and tailored.

No other type of skirt will be accepted for school from September 2023 for Year 7. Older students will have their skirt checked against the policy and approved (or not!)

We would like to thank parents for their support and feedback, which has clearly led us to adopt this single school skirt in response to their comments.

# Tutor Programme



Each morning Year 7s will meet with their tutors. During this time the following programme happens:

- Weekly assemblies
- Mentoring from their tutor
- Uniform and equipment checks
- Tutor competitions
- Developing life skills
- How to be a successful learner
- Revision skills
- Careers advice and guidance
- Wellbeing



# Enrichment



Get involved – so many clubs on offer (from bug club to badminton!)

Student Leadership:

Transition Leaders

Tutor Captains

Sports Captains

Tutor Leadership Roles



# Music Lessons



Do you know how positively learning a musical instrument impacts your brain? Results show positive effects on learning, memory, fine motor skills, verbal non-verbal reasoning, creating more capable, resilient young people.

We offer a full range of 1:1 and small group Peripatetic lessons.

We are also offering 3 free taster lessons for all FSM students in Year 7 from September. Simply sign up with your options in your music lessons and your time will be given to you.

Non-FSM students we offer a heavily discounted rate and again simply sign up via Mrs Chidgey

We offer both group and 1:1 lessons. All trial lessons will be at a cost of £5 and will be small groups



# Sample Extra Curricular Programme



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7/8 Futsal	Year 9/10 Girls' Basketball	Year 7/8 Girls Futsal	Year 9/10 Futsal	Year 7/8 Girls Basketball
All Years Badminton	Year 7/8 Girls' Football	Year 7 Rugby	KS3 Dodgeball	Staff and Year 11 Futsal
Year 10/11 Basketball	Year 9/10 Girls' Football	Year 8 Rugby	Art Club	Year 9/10 Girls' Futsal
All Years <u>#GirlPower</u>	Christian Union	Year 9 Rugby	Choir	Historical Fiction club
Chess Club	Music Practice Rooms	All Years Badminton Fixtures	Music Practice Rooms	Bug Club
e-Chess Club	LRC Drop-in	CF Dance	LRC Drop-in	Eco Club
Music Practice Rooms	Whole School Production Rehearsals (from HT)	Humanities homework club		Drama Club
LRC Drop-in		Music Practice Rooms		Gardening Club
				Music Practice Rooms

# Y7 Residential



A fantastic opportunity to build a sense of belonging for our students and spend time as a year group with Tutors and Head of Year.

## Ultimate Adventure Centre – Bideford

25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Surfing lesson/Coasteering on Croyde Beach.

Ultimate assault course (similar to the 'Total Wipeout' course)

High/Low ropes

Paddle Boarding & Kayaking

Orienteering & Camp Craft

Full board and evening activities



# Over the Summer



Don't leave any worries until September. Speak to us.

Reading

Have Fun!

At Court Fields – Be the Best You Can Be!

#BeKind

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# First Day at CFS



Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September @ 8.35am  
Year 7 & 11 only

Meet the Tutor Evening 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> September 3.30-6.30pm

**We are looking forward to  
working with you**



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