Open Days 2022 at Court Fields School



Meet our wonderful students.
Find out more about Court Fields 2022.
Plan the next part of your child's journey with us.

Parent / Carer Information Guide



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Quiz

Please join in with our Quiz as you walk around the school, using the QR code below, with the chance to win some lovely prizes, donated by local businesses.

The answers will be found in the relevant departments

Winners will be announced following a draw. Please don't forget to leave contact details.





Our Values

Our values frame what we do every day. They sum up our ambitions for our students to:

Achieve. Belong. Participate.

Our Expectations

Our expectations for students are clear, simple, and can be easily supported at home:

- Attend school
- Be punctual
- Be well presented
- Have respect for yourself and others
- Complete all work to the best of your ability
- Be organised
- Never give up easily and seek help when in difficulty

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted that you have been able to join us on our Open Evening 2022. This will enable you to find out more about the opportunities available for students at Court Fields School. We are very proud of our school and our students.

Together with our staff, Governors and our wider community in Wellington, we are working to provide the very best education for our children, both academically and pastorally. Our students' achievements include performing at the highest levels in Sport and the Arts, developing wider skills via the National Citizenship Service and Duke of Edinburgh Awards, achieving our Schools' Eco Award, competing in national challenges in Maths and Science, to name just a few.

Our aim is for every child to achieve, belong and participate and this is at the heart of everything we do at Court Fields. We believe in the absolute moral responsibility we have for equipping students with the best possible exam results, we know that this opens doors for students and prepares them with outstanding attitudes and a strong moral foundation.

We are ambitious for our students and our school. Our improvement, particularly over the last two years, and in the midst of the turbulence of the global Covid pandemic, has been noted by our school improvement partners and OFSTED. We will be relentless in ensuring that this progress continues.

Court Fields School is an academy and part of The Castle Partnership Trust. We work closely in collaboration with schools in this partnership to share excellent practice and ensure the best outcomes for the children in our care. We develop young people with outstanding attitudes and integrity, and prepare them well for life in an ever-changing world.

I would encourage you to visit Court Fields and meet our students. They represent the very best of Court Fields School. Visitors to our school always comment on their courtesy and politeness. Our students are an absolute credit to us, themselves and to their parents and carers.

If you would like to find out more about Court Fields School, please do contact us to make an appointment to visit, or come to one of our Open Mornings. Our students are always delighted to show off their school and answer any questions. We look forward to meeting you, and your family joining our community at Court Fields School.



Welcome to Court Fields School

A Block

Upstairs is the **Modern Foreign Languages Faculty in Rooms A2 and A3**. There is an opportunity to join in interactive games and take part in a languages quiz in A2. Then why not pop in to our Café in A3 for a well-earned cup of coffee and a croissant! Staff and students are available to answer any questions.



B Block

In the **Learning Resource Centre**, there is an opportunity to see the video from a previous ski trip as well as a display from the Madagascar trip. The **Careers** Advisor is also available for any questions regarding your child's future after Court Fields.





The **Maths** Department is upstairs. Come along to maths in Rooms B11, B12 and B13, then downstairs to B1. You can relax for a few minutes in B11 and have a go at calculated colouring while you have a chat with the Head of Department and ask any questions. In B12 there is a chance for you to pit your maths skills against each other using Plickers and even to try your hand at horse racing or the human fruit machine in B13. Then come to B1 to see our future F1 car engineers at work! Students are

designing, simulating and engineering an F1 race.

Student Wellbeing Hub at the entrance to B Block provides a fantastic space to support individuals and groups of students, as well as wellbeing space. The Hub also has a newly developed sensory garden, where students can go if they need to have a quiet space. The sensory garden is accessible through the gate in the car park tonight.





Labs B2, B3 and B4 are in the **Science** corridor. We are looking into microscopes, amazing bugs, investigating the photosynthesis of pondweed and looking at the human skeleton. Spot, our therapy dog is also making an appearance. There will be screaming jelly babies, making the colour green from acids and alkalis, turning pennies into gold and making toothpaste for Elephants! There are also lasers, plasma balls, UV lamps

and security pens and non-Newtonian fluid, so please come and get involved!

B Block Extension

Our Music and Drama rooms are accessed at the end of the Science corridor



In **Music**, you are invited to have a go at the music technology and instruments throughout the evening. There are opportunities to listen to student

performances and Mrs Chidgey, Head of Music, is available to answer any questions.



Next door to **Music** is the **Drama Studio**, where you can get involved in improvising and mask work. Student Ambassadors are available to talk to you and Mr Reed, Drama

Welcome to Court Fields School

C Block

The **Computing** department warmly welcomes you into C2. The computing courses we offer allow students to develop a range of skills and gain experience in a variety of different programs including programming such as scratch and python whilst also allowing students to create products using specialist software. Students are available to assist and talk about their work. Computing staff are available to answer any questions.





Humanities is mainly taught in C block and consists of Geography, History and World Views, as well as Humanities. Rooms C3, C4 and C6 are open, where you can see and take part in the following activities: **Geography**: can you build an earthquake resistant building out of spaghetti? **History**: Historical figures: who are you the same height as? **World Views**: Philosophy tree—give your responses to the questions. Mystery bags—guess the items., a discussion and debate task, and Guess the Link between famous

people.

The **Art & Design** department is in Rooms C7 and C8. There are displays of KS3 and KS4 work and a camera set up to play with. Year 11 students are using the studio to work on GCSE coursework.





Technology and Food Technology rooms are C10, C12 and C13. In C10, one of our Food rooms students from mixed years are selling freshly baked biscuits for a small donation to charity. In C12 students are making products to help encourage wildlife into our gardens and in C13 we have students using our 3D printers and laser

cutter to create a range of products.

D Block and Eliot Building

D Block and E Block are home to the **English** department. D Block is open tonight and you can solve some riddles, then meet students and see samples of work in D1 and D2.





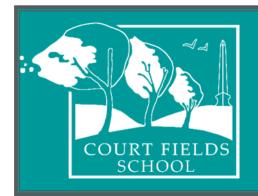
Sports Hall and SEN Department

As you look around our fantastic sports facilities in the **PE** department you can have a go at a variety of activities which are being run by our amazing

Sports Leaders. Trophies, awards and a PE information board are on display in the Sports Hall Foyer.



Come and visit the **Learning Support Department** which is situated in its own suite of purpose built rooms in the Sports Hall. You can meet the SENCO, Assistant SENCO,



ART & DESIGN at Court Fields

Head of Faculty: Mrs J Binmore

Welcome to Art & Design!

Year 7 Overview

During Year 7, students follow a basic level introduction to the four main disciplines of art. These include Drawing, Painting, Sculpture and 3D. We learn how to use sketchbooks to record effectively and present our work. We will create several final piece, which are displayed both in school and on the art teachers school Instagram which you can find at @cfsartteacher. Students will explore media and take risks to develop their skills.



Printing

In our printing unit we look at cultural prints from around the world. Students have the opportunity to develop their own response through effective research and planning.

The Drawing Project

This project runs for approximately 8 weeks and gives students techniques and skills in pencil sketching, shading and mark-making. We look at how we blend coloured pencils and how we use tone in all media to develop a sense of 3D. Students choose the technique they wish to use to allow some ownership over their own progress.



The Painting Project

Based on the artist Julian Opie we learn how to effectively mix colour and apply paint in a particular style. We look in depth at how other artists work and develop our skills in writing a justified and informed opinion.





COMPUTING at Court Fields

Head of Faculty: Mr I Keitch

Welcome to Computing!

The Computing Department

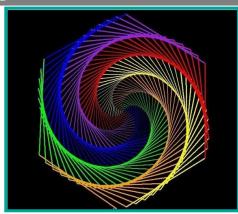
The Computing curriculum has developed at a fast pace over the last few years as technology has moved forward and allowed us to investigate new and exciting areas of development.

In Key Stage 3 the syllabus allows students to experience a range of programs and gain experience of the ways in which computers can be used. Programs such as Scratch and Python programming are used in combination with more software based projects to edit music, design websites and create movies and animations.

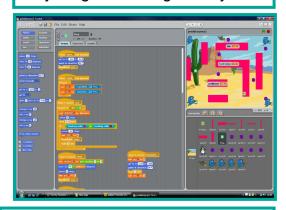
In Key Stage 4 we currently offer 2 courses in Creative iMedia or Computer Science.

The Creative iMedia course is more software based, looking at using programs to create design led outcomes for example digital graphics or websites.

The Computer Science course looks at how and why computers work the way they do, focussing on software development and programming.



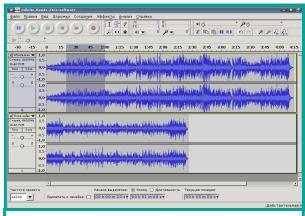
Key Stage 3: Coding with Python



Key Stage 3: Creating games in scratch



Key Stage 4: Computing: Motherboards – how computers work



Key Stage 3: Editing music in Audacity



DRAMA at Court Fields

Head of Faculty: Mrs J Binmore

Welcome to Drama!

Lesson Focus

The Focus at Key Stage Three is on a spiral curriculum which each year adds Drama Skills and knowledge about different kinds of Drama and Theatre to students' understanding of the medium as a whole.

We aim to develop effective group work skills and analytical and evaluative skills, recognising that these are equally important as the acquisition of skills and knowledge in Drama and Theatre.





Each year, students complete a scheme of work on: Devised Drama; Scripted Drama; Process Drama; Social Themes; The History of Theatre: Theatre from other Cultures.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We have many fantastic opportunities available for young people who want to pursue Drama at Court Fields. During 2021/2022 we will be putting on a production and we will see the return of the successful Whodunnit? in the summer.



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY at Court Fields

Head of Faculty: Mr I Keitch

Welcome to Design and Technology!

Lesson Focus

The Technology curriculum has changed significantly in recent years as we aim to prepare students for life in an ever-changing technological world. Projects range from core skills working with wood, metal and polymers to Computer-Aided-Design and Manufacture. New and Emerging Technologies are also taught in all areas.

Food Technology has a stronger focus on nutrition and the Science behind the food we eat, core skills are also developed with a focus on understanding what is a healthy, balanced diet.

Our curriculum and projects at Key Stage Three are engaging and fun whilst ensuring that the students will have secured the knowledge needed to be successful when they opt for the subject at Key Stage Four.



Key Stage 3: Colour changing light. An introduction to electronics whilst developing skills



Key Stage 4: Shortcrust



Key Stage 3: Storage Project



Key Stage 4 sculpture project – working with non-ferrous materials



Afternoon teas prepared during enrichment week for VIP guests



ENGLISH at Court Fields

Head of Faculty: Mrs T Bruce

Welcome to English!



What can you expect in Year 7 English?

As Year 7 students you will build on the key knowledge and literacy skills you have developed at Primary School. As well as using and improving your skills in literacy and writing, you will be introduced to a range of more challenging and exciting texts and will hone your written skills, developing an innate sense of how language works.

Reading for pleasure as well as purpose will be a focus and you will be given ample opportunity to do this through the wider reader programme. Speaking and listening tasks will help to develop confidence and embed learning in a creative and dynamic way, as well as developing articulacy.

We also offer a range of extra-curricular activities and competitions, such as creative writing, debating club and theatre

What will you learn about?

Over the course of the year you will study five modules in English, all covering key skills in reading, writing and speaking and listening. The modules will bring together a range of fiction and non-fiction, linking texts through their historical and social contexts and have been especially designed to complement learning across the wider curriculum.

The Art of Rhetoric: Students will learn about Aristotle and the history of rhetoric. They will watch and read a range of famous speeches before creating their own and presenting to their peers.

Shakespeare: Relationships with Others Students will engage with a range of Shakespeare's plays, from The Merchant of Venice to The Tempest. Students will learn about society in Shakespeare's time and begin to tackle Shakespearean language and structure while focusing on Shakespeare's ability to explore relationships of all kinds.

Victorian Literature: The Gothic Our most popular Year 7 module! Students will read a range of gothic stories, poems and moving image texts from the 1800's right up to the present day. Students will also try out a variety of creative writing methods.

Crafting Character: This module will encourage students to use a range of literary techniques to develop their description of character. Students will study a collection of stories to focus on how different writers establish characterisation.

Refugee Boy: The final unit of the year is the novel 'Refugee Boy' by Benjamin





HUMANITIES at Court Fields

Heads of Subject: Miss S Prouse

Welcome to Humanities!

The Humanities Team

Mrs A Mossman: Head of Humanities

and Head of History

Miss S Prouse: Head of Geography
Mrs R Battishill: Head of World Views
Mr D Williams: Geography and Head of

Year 7

Miss B Burke: Geography (maternity

cover)

Miss J Reyland: History

Mrs B Ogilvie: Geography & Humanities



Year 7 Landscape in a Box project



House Competition

Through teaching Geography, History and World Views we aim to help students understand the ever-changing world we live in and be well informed to ensure they understand topical news and current affairs. We have subject specialists that teach the students of Court Fields from Year 7 through to Year 11.

Year 7 History topics:

- * Introduction to History
- *Tollund Man Report
- *Romans—Anglo-Saxons—Vikings
- *Battle of Hastings and William the Conqueror
- *Islamic civilisations
- *Medieval Britain

Year 7 Geography Topics:

*Topic 1: Africa

*Topic 2: Changing landscapes

*Topic 3: Map skills

*Topic 4: Rivers

Year 7 World Views

*What is Identity?

*How do journeys impact identity?



MATHS at Court Fields

Head of Faculty: Mrs N Stephenson

Welcome to Maths!

Court Fields Maths Team

On entry to Court Fields students are placed into sets based on their mathematical prior attainment. They will be taught using a variety of strategies and resources, building on the progress made in KS2. During the first year they study all areas of Mathematics - Number, Algebra, Geometry and Measures and Statistics. Students develop a range of independent learning strategies and use peer, self and group assessment of work. We are keen to develop students' abilities to reason mathematically and work independently on problems set for them, as well as reflect on their own learning





Students are formally assessed each half term, but in addition to this they will have informal assessments in class and through the use of homework on Hegarty Maths. The assessments are designed to find out what students have learned and highlight areas that might need more development. They are used to review the teaching and help the class teacher to plan for upcoming lessons.

We aim to encourage confidence in Mathematics for students of all abilities.

Competitions are run throughout the school to motivate and engage pupils. There are also a variety of extra-curricular activities that they can get involved with, such as looking at the application of Maths in car racing, breaking cyphers and exploring problems.





MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES at Court Fields

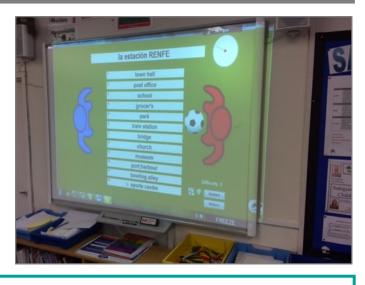
Head of Faculty: Mr N Piper

Welcome to Modern Foreign Languages!

Lesson Focus

During Year 7, students take part in activities which introduce them not only to the three "pillars" of language learning (phonics, grammar and vocabulary), but also key language learning skills, which will increase their competence and confidence in using a foreign language for purposes of communication. This involves the use of a wide range of resources and activities such as language games, role-play, songs, quizzes and interactive ICT tasks.





Assessment

Progress will be assessed in 4 key skills:

- speaking
- listening
- reading
- writing

Each term students undertake a range of tasks that aim to measure their understanding and identify areas for further development.

Course Content

In Year 7, students study modules of work including:

- Self, Family & Friends
- School Life
- Free time & Hobbies
- Holidays

French and Spanish are taught at Key Stage 3, and both languages are available as options at GCSE.





MUSIC at Court Fields

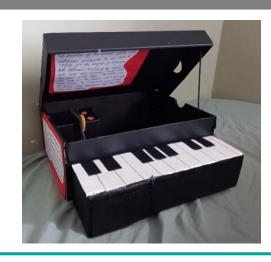
Head of Subject: Mrs S Chidgey

Welcome to Music!

Year 7 Overview

In Year 7 we look at the building blocks of Music. These include the Elements of Music, Keyboard and Ukulele Skills and Instruments of the Orchestra.

Children have had a mixed Music education through primary school and it is our aim to build on that knowledge and experience. They have Music for one hour per week and are assessed against standard levels for attainment.





The Piano Project

This homework project runs alongside the Keyboard Skills unit for approximately 6 weeks and gives students basic techniques and skills in piano. We look at how technique can improve musical skills and develop good habits. Students work individually to develop their skills to allow some ownership over their own progress.



Elements of Music

These are the building blocks of all Music and students develop their understanding through a variety of tasks including listening, performing and composing.

The Orchestra

In this unit we look at the traditional symphony orchestra and all its tone colour. Students have the opportunity through practical sessions of exploring each orchestral family in turn.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) at Court Fields

Head of Faculty: Mr J Conway

Welcome to PE!

Lesson Focus

During Year 7 we ensure that all students try a variety of activities. They will cover sports such as Badminton, Rugby, Netball, Football and Handball. We think it is vital that students are also aware of what is required to lead healthy active lifestyles and how to maximise their own performance in physically demanding tasks. They will learn different ways to do this. They will also study aesthetics, volleyball, cricket, tennis, rounders, softball, dance and fitness. Opportunities for Leadership will





<u>Assessment</u>

All students will study a variety of concepts in PE lessons. Regular assessment will take place in all KS3 PE lessons, to allow students to be reflective and understand areas of improvement. Additionally, students will be assessed at the end of each activity block based on their physical, cognitive and leadership skills. Students will use our PE assessment tracker to understand current knowledge and areas for developing further knowledge within that specific PE activity -type.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We actively encourage ALL students to participate in some form of extra-curricular physical activity. Some of the clubs will be a route into playing competitive sport for the school, whilst others are organised on a more recreational basis. Either way, ALL students are ALWAYS welcome. We currently offer our Year 7 students the following extra-curricular activities:

HandballRugbyFootballTrampoliningTable TennisBasketballBadmintonRoundersNetballGymnasticsSoftballTennis

Athletics Cricket Yoga

We are always looking to expand our programme so if you would like to suggest an activity that we do



SCIENCE at Court Fields

Head of Faculty: Miss K Swannack

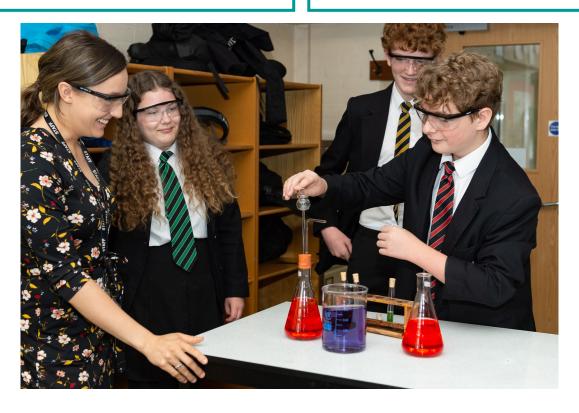
Welcome to Science!

Year 7 Lessons

Students study a wide variety in their 5 years in science. Everything from Body cells and Genetics to the Solar System and the Atom are studied and taught by our staff who have specialisms in all 3 subjects. The love of learning Science and understanding its importance to the world around us is at the centre of all our lessons. Practical activities are essential and at Court Fields a wide range of well-equipped practical lessons are used to increase our students understanding and enjoyment. There is also a focus around STEM and careers that follow from learning Science. Year 7 Topics include – Organisms, Genes, Ecosystems, Earth, Forces, Electromagnets,

The Science Team are:

- K. Swannack Head of Science (Biology)
- R. Mercer Second in department (Biology and Chemistry)
- D. Brown (Biology)
- M. Rooke (Biology and Chemistry)
- J. Nicholls (Biology)
- A. Clark (Biology and Physics)
- A. Etherington (Senior Technician)
- J. Hartley (Technician)



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LEARNING SUPPORT at Court Fields

Head of Faculty: Mrs V McCarthy

Welcome to Learning Support!

We believe that learning does not happen unless students feel <u>safe and secure</u>, have <u>positive</u>, <u>trusting</u> <u>relationships</u> with the adults around them and perceive these adults as <u>being fair</u>.

Ensuring students have the <u>emotional security</u> to learn effectively will always come first in our school. Our principles are that <u>challenge</u> is at the heart of every lesson for every student, and our students with additional needs should be supported to meet that challenge.

Our team work closely with class teachers and Tutors to ensure that every teacher is a teacher of SEN. This ensures that our students have the best support in the classroom, and that they are scaffolded to make good progress. This high quality teaching forms the basis of our provision, complemented as appropriate by additional support and intervention via our specialist team of SEN





Please contact us using our dedicated email

Meet The Team

Mrs McCarthy – SENCO

Mrs Norman—Assistant SENCO

Mrs Vernon – SEN Admin Assistant

Mr Redwood - AAO and KS4 Mentor

Miss Etherington – Cognition & Learning Lead

Mrs Thomas - Communication & Interaction Lead

Mrs Smith – Physical and Sensory Lead

Mr Hutchinson - SEMH Lead

Mrs Passmore - ELSA Lead

Mrs Poole - TA

Miss Hurford - TA

Miss Carter - TA

Mrs Pamplin - TA

Mrs Ramirez - TA

Mrs Lock—TA

Just some of the Provisions we offer...

Lunchtime club

Homework Club

Thrive support

Breakfast Club

Young Somerset

ELSA – Emotional Literacy

In-class support by a skilled TA

English Intervention

Maths Intervention

Read Write Gold/IT support

Allotment/outdoor learning

Communication and Interaction Support

Read Write Inc

Applying for Court Fields School

Key Dates for Parents & Carers of Students Transferring from Primary School in September 2023

Open Morning Tours

Visit Court Fields School on during a working morning, get to know the site, meet staff and students and have an opportunity to chat informally with the Headteacher and the Senior Leadership Team.

 Monday 26 September
 9.30 - 11.00 am

 Tuesday 27 September
 9.30 - 11.00 am

 Wednesday 28 September
 9.30 - 11.00 am

 Thursday 29 September
 9.30 - 11.00 am

 Friday 30 September
 9.30 - 11.00 am

Please let us know if you would like to attend a morning visit so we can arrange for sufficient guides to be available in order for you to have a full tour of the school and meet with our staff and students. Please contact us to book on one of our tours on the main school number (01823 664201) or on our email: schooloffice@courtfields.net

Applying for a School Place

The deadline for applications via the Somerset County Council website is the 31 October 2022. Please see the information overleaf from the Local Authority.

Welcome Days

Your child will join us for two Welcome Days to ensure that their transition is as smooth as possible, and to get to know our school. These will be on:

Tuesday 4 July 2023 Day 1 Wednesday 5 July 2023 Day 2

There will also be a Welcome Meeting for Year 6 Parents' and Carers on 5 July 2023 at 6 pm

Contact Us

We are a very approachable school, and we want to answer any questions or queries that you may have. Please do contact us using the details below:

Phone: 01823 664201

E-mail: schooloffice@courtfields.net

Website: www.courtfields.net

We use social media to share our news, useful information and to celebrate success with our parents/carers, students, and the wider community. Please do follow us (you could sign up this evening!) at:

Twitter: @CourtFieldsSch Facebook.com/CourtFieldsSchool

Instagram: @CourtFieldsSchool

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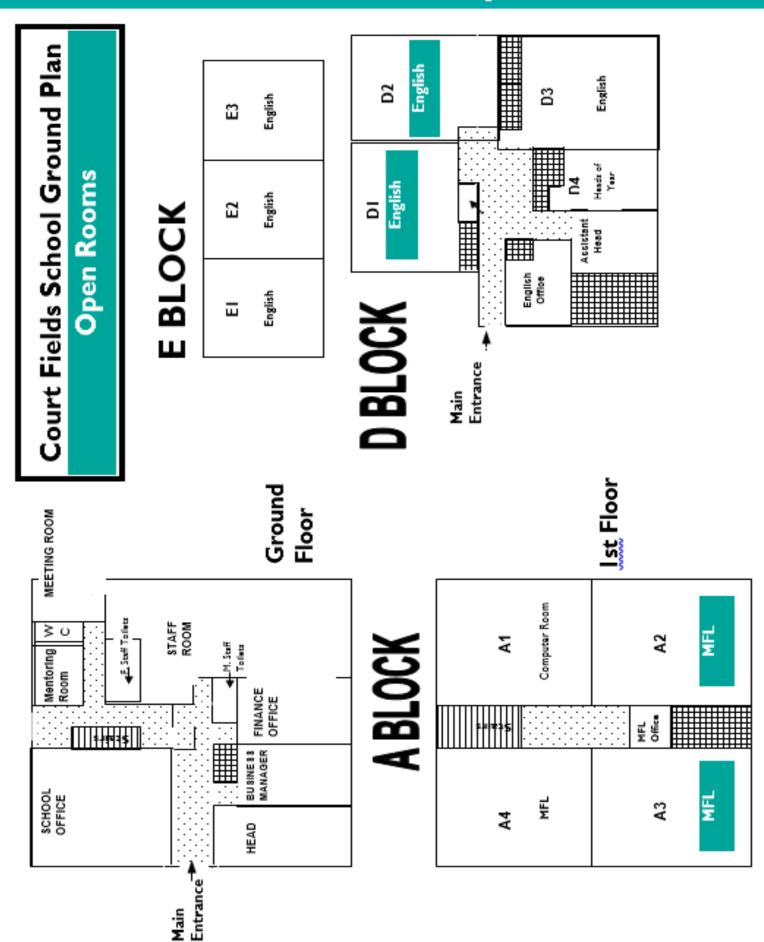
The admissions process for school place applications for September 2023 has begun and the Somerset County Council website is now live for parents/carers to make their online Secondary applications.

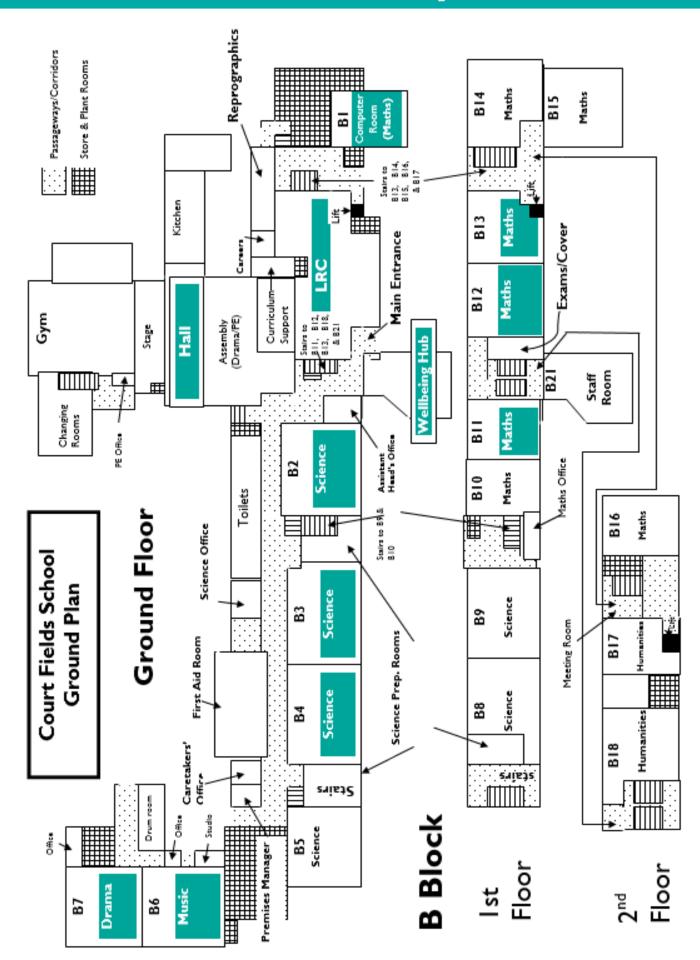
For children due to transfer to secondary school, the closing date for applications is **31 October 2022**, and the national offer day is **1 March 2023**.

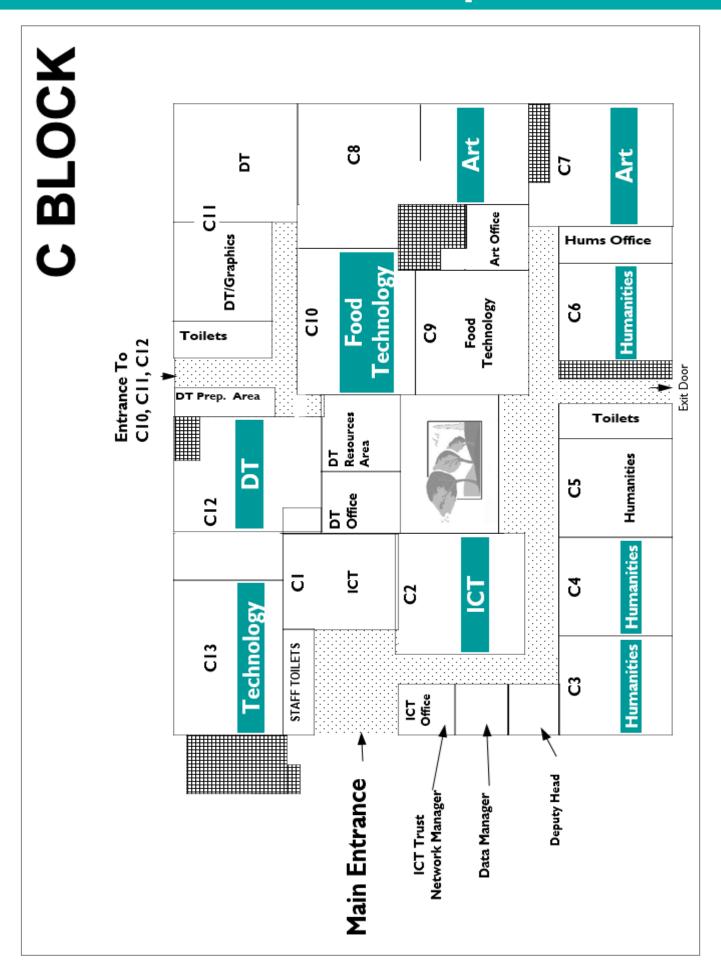
The secondary admission guide can be found on the SCC website www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions from early September. Parent/carers are advised to read the guide thoroughly before making an online application.

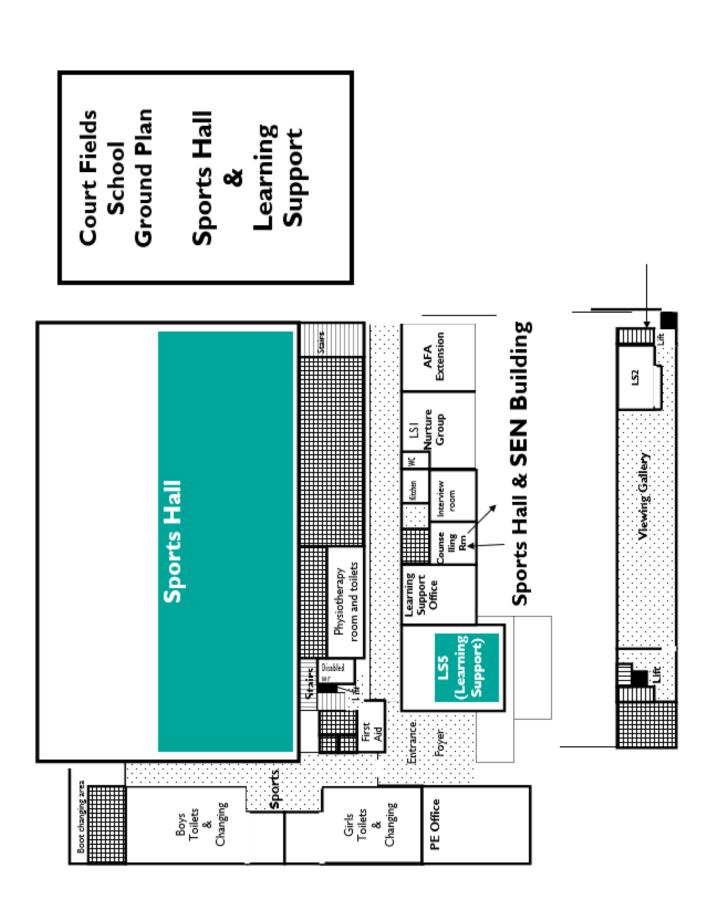
In previous years the Admissions & Entitlements Team have written to every parent/carer of children due to transfer school explaining how to apply, key dates and where to find further information. This is no longer done due to budget constraints. Information can be found on their website www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions and they also use Facebook, twitter and local press to raise awareness.

Please also follow Court Fields School on Facebook, twitter & Instagram for regular updates on this, and much more.









Useful Information & Contacts

If you have any questions or would like more information about our school, please follow the contacts process below. The school operates a 48 hour response system to ensure that you receive a response in a timely manner. We encourage parents and staff to use email where possible for ease of communication.

General Transition Questions

Please contact the School Office on our email address schooloffice@courtfields.net in the first instance, or by phone on 01823 664201. If Office staff are not able to answer your query they will pass your details to Mrs Westwood, our Head of Transition.

SEND Questions/Support

Please contact our SEND Department using the email address sen@courtfields.net.

Additional Opportunities to Visit the School If you would like a further opportunity to visit the school please sign up for our Open Mornings. These are running from Monday 26th September to Friday 30th September and start at 9.30am. Please contact the school office on schooloffice@courtfields.net or

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To keep up to date with all school matters please visit our website regularly at www.courtfields.net. In particular please see the tab for Parents and the Safeguarding tab. On our website you will find a wide range of useful information, including information on our ClassCharts online system for behaviour, attendance and homework, our uniform guidance and much more.

We also have a Parent Bulletin which is uploaded to our website, Facebook and twitter each week to keep parents informed and up to date with what is happening in school, key messages and celebrations of success. At the end of each term we publish on our website a Termly Magazine for parents, students, staff and our wider community. Again, this provides vital information, but also gives greater opportunities for celebrating our successes.

We have our Court Fields Community Group (formerly the Friends of Court Fields). This group of students, staff, parents, carers, families and the local community will be key in helping us on our journey as a rapidly improving school. We would encourage prospective parents/carers to join this group, so please do get in touch using the email schooloffice@courtfields.net, or by phone on 01823 664201 to express your interest.



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