

Open Days 2020

at Court Fields School



Meet our wonderful students.
Find out more about Court Fields 2020.
Plan the next part of your child's journey with us.

Parent Information



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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted that you have been able to join us on our Open Evening 2020. 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. I could not be more proud of our journey as a community over the last 18 months. I have an absolute commitment to our school, to continuing our rapid improvement, and pursuing the highest standards of academic and pastoral care.

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, competing in national challenges in photography, chess, horse-riding, 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 academic year has been noted by parents, students, staff and our community, as well as external visitors. Many of those who have seen the change in our school have described it as 'transformational', and 'a complete culture shift'. 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 use our Virtual Programme to find out more about 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 visit our website to view our Virtual Open Days Programme 2020. From there you can take part in our Virtual Tour, and a wide range of other events throughout September and October. We look forward to meeting you at one of our events, and your family joining our community at Court Fields School.

Mrs Polly Matthews
Acting Headteacher

Our Values

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

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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



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Welcome to Court Fields School

Our Virtual Open Evening

Open Evening this year will be done virtually. You can access the tour via the school website. On here you will find links to mini tours giving you information about each department. Feel free to dip into the bits you are most interested by.

When you are done why not enter the raffle?

There are 9 questions about the videos you have just watched. Fill in the Google form to be in with a chance to win some prizes. In a couple of weeks come back to see the showcases of the amazing work that is done through the school in each department and see how our new year 7s are settling in to life at Court Fields.

If you would like to book into an Open Morning virtual tour please email opendays@courtfields.net. You can also use this email to ask any questions which you would like answered on these tours. We will try to give you the experience and information that you request, and personalise the tour to the people attending, so let us know what you want to see!



Virtual Open Days 2020 at Court Fields School

The next exciting chapter of your child's life starts here.



Virtual Open Evening: 16th September 2020, live online from 6pm.

Meet the staff, tour the school, visit Faculties and hear from our current students, via our website tour.

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ART & DESIGN at Court Fields

Head of Faculty: Mrs J Binmore

Welcome to Art & Design!

Year 7 Overview

During Year 7, students learn and develop skills across the three basic disciplines. These include print, pencil and paint. We explore the different media and materials, and develop confidence in using them. Students will have one hour a week of Art lessons where we will practise and experiment with different media and produce excellent final pieces.



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 6 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.



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COMPUTING

at Court Fields

Head of Faculty: Mr I Keitch

Welcome to Computing!

The Computing Department

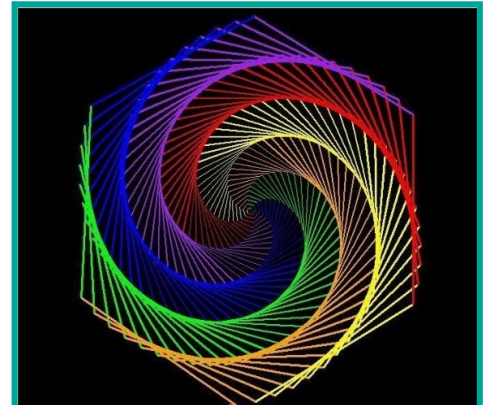
The Computing curriculum has developed at a fast pace over the last few years as technology has moved forward and allowed us to investigate new and exciting areas of development.

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.

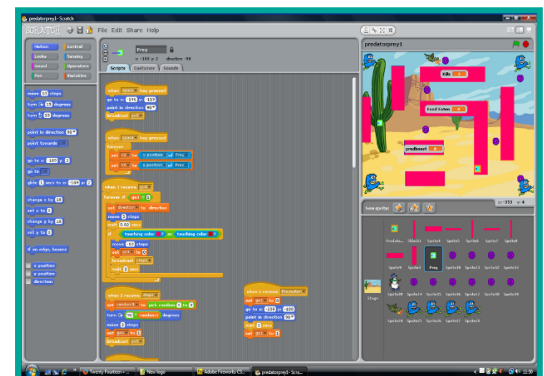
In Key Stage 4 we currently offer 2 courses in Creative Imedia and Computer Science.

The Creative Imedia course is more software based, looking at using programs to manipulate information and problem solve.

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



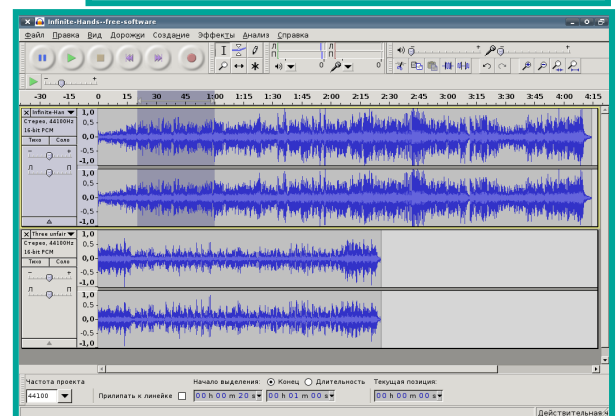
Key Stage 3: Creating games in Scratch



Key Stage 3: Coding with Python



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 2020/2021 we will be putting on a production of Oliver and we will see the return of the successful Whodunnit? in the summer.

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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 with natural materials.



Key Stage 4: Shortcrust Pastry



Afternoon teas prepared during enrichment week for VIP guests



Key Stage 3: Storage Project



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

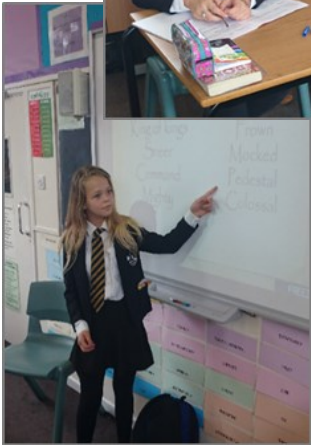
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ENGLISH at Court Fields

Head of Faculty: Miss 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 accelerated reader programme. Speaking and listening tasks will help to develop confidence and embed learning in a creative and dynamic way, as well as developing articulation.

We also offer a range of extra-curricular activities and competitions, such as creative writing, a spelling bee, debating club and theatre trips, to help you go a little bit further with your learning.

What will you learn about?

Over the course of the year you will study three extended 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.

Shakespeare's heroes and villains Students will engage with a range of Shakespeare's plays, from *The Tempest* to *Hamlet*. Students will learn about society in Shakespeare's time and begin to tackle Shakespearean language and structure while focusing on Shakespeare's ability to create the nastiest and most evil of villains.

Victorian Literature A trip through the wonderful world of Victorian London, considering a range of texts and genres and culminating with the study of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* in the run up to the Christmas holidays.

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 then try out a variety of creative writing methods and eventually build their own gothic anthology, making use of all of the learning they have done across the year.

Grammar for Writing Alongside all the literature modules above, students will have weekly grammar for writing sessions. These sessions aim to build on the grammatical and literacy knowledge students have developed at primary school by applying grammar to the writing process. All students will do a range of writing for various purposes across the year and hone their skills as journalists, authors and poets.

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HUMANITIES at Court Fields

Head of Faculty: Mrs C Joyce and Miss S Prouse

Welcome to Humanities!

The Humanities Team

Ms S Prouse: Head of Geography

Mr D Williams: Geography and Head of Year 11

Ms B Casson: Geography

Mrs C Joyce: Head of History

Miss E Fear: History

Mrs S Mackie: Head of Philosophy and Beliefs

Mrs A Mossman-Maternity



Year 7 Landscape in a Box project



Through teaching Geography, History and Philosophy & Beliefs 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:

- *The Tollund Man
- *Battle of Hastings
- *Medieval England

Year 7 Geography Topics:

- *Introducing Geography
- *Map Skills
- *Rivers
- *Africa
- *Landscape

Year 7 Philosophy and Beliefs

- *What are the answers to life's 'Big Questions?'
- *Who is Aslan?



MATHS at Court Fields

Head of Faculty: Mrs E Hutchinson

Welcome to Maths!

Court Fields Maths team

On entry to Court Fields students are placed into sets based on their mathematical ability and test scores in KS2 assessments. 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



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 simulate the rigours of the new GCSE and encourage more problem solving and a greater depth to understanding.

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 Art, breaking cyphers and exploring problems



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MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

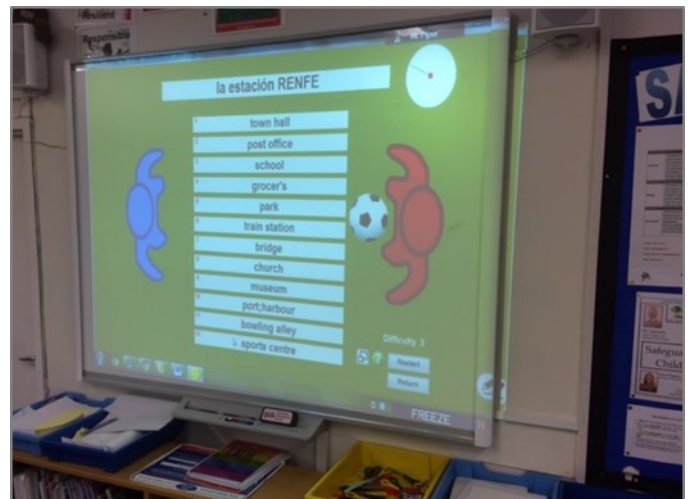
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Head of Faculty: Mr N Piper

Welcome to Modern Foreign Languages!

Lesson Focus

During Year 7, students take part in activities which teach them not only the basics of French and Spanish, 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, which mirror the assessment methods used at GCSE.

Course Content

In Year 7, students study modules of work including:

- Self, Family & Friends
- School Life
- Freetime & Hobbies
- Holidays

The majority of Year 7 students will study French **and** Spanish, and both languages are available as options at GCSE



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MUSIC at Court Fields

Head of Faculty: 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 Guitar 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. Students get really creative with the projects they produce.



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 Physical Education (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 a healthy active lifestyle and how to maximise their own performance in physically demanding tasks. They will learn different ways to do this.

They will also study Gymnastics, Volleyball, Cricket, Tennis, Rounders, Softball, Dance and Fitness. Opportunities for Leadership will also be provided.



Assessment

All students will study a variety of concepts in PE. They will be assessed using the new 1-9 GCSE grading criteria suitable for their stage of development. To help students achieve this we will develop their skills both physically and mentally and teach them how to analyse and improve performance. Students will be constantly updated on their current grade and progress during lessons. A more formal report will be issued yearly.

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:

Handball	Rugby	Football	Trampolining
Table Tennis	Basketball	Badminton	Rounders
Netball	Gymnastics	Softball	Tennis
#Girl Power	Athletics	Cricket	Parkour
Dance	Fencing		

We are always looking to expand our programme so if you would like to suggest an activity that we do not currently offer. We would love to hear from you.

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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.

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.

Year 7 Topics include – Organisms, Genes, Ecosystems, Earth, Forces, Electromagnets, Matter and Reactions.

The Science Team are:

- K. Swannack – Head of Science (Biology)
- L. Spiers – Second in Department (Biology)
- D. Brown – (Biology)
- M. Smith – Head of Year 8 (Chemistry)
- J. Nicholls – (Biology)
- A. Clark – (Physics)
- R. Mercer – (Chemistry)
- A. Etherington – (Senior Technician)
- J. Hartley – (Technician)



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LEARNING SUPPORT at Court Fields

Head of Faculty: Mrs V K McCarthy

Welcome to Learning Support!

We believe that 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. Our principles are that **challenge** 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 staff.



Please contact us using our dedicated email sen@courtfields.net if you have any questions

Meet The Team

Mrs McCarthy – SENCO
Mr Redwood – Assistant SENCO
Mrs Vernon – SEN Admin Assistant
Miss Etherington – Cognition & Learning Lead
Mrs Thomas – Communication & Interaction Lead
Mrs Smith – Physical and Sensory Lead
Mrs Woollacott – LSA
Mrs Austin – AFA (Achievement for All) Lead
Mr Hutchinson – LSA
Mrs Poole – LSA
Mrs Passmore – LSA

Just some of the Provisions we offer...

Lunchtime club
ALS – Additional Literacy Support
ELSA – Emotional Literacy
In-class support by a skilled LSA
Small group English
Small group Maths
Read Write Gold/IT support
Allotment/outdoor learning

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Applying for Court Fields School

Key Dates for Students Transferring from Primary School in September 2021

Applying for a School Place

The deadline for applications via the Somerset County Council website is the 31st October 2020.

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 6th July 2020 Day 1
Wednesday 7th July 2020 Day 2

There will also be a Welcome Meeting for Year 6 Parents' and Carers on 7th July 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: sch.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk
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 now!) at:

Twitter: @CourtFieldsSch facebook.com/CourtFieldsSchool Instagram: @CourtFieldsSchool

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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 Question

Please contact the School Office on our email address sch.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk in the first instance, or by phone on 01823 664201. If the Office are not able to answer your query they will pass your details to Mrs Westwood, our Head of Transition.

SEND Question/Support

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

Virtual Open Days Programme

Please visit our website and email us on our dedicated email address: opendays@courtfields.net to sign up for any part of the programme.

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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 are also currently launching 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 sch.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk, or by phone on 01823 664201 to express your interest.



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