



National Teaching School



**Choosing Churchill Community College 2021** 

The Secondary School of Choice in Wallsend



# STUDENT LIFE













## **HEADTEACHER - PAUL JOHNSON**

It is with absolute pleasure I welcome you to Churchill Community College. I am sorry that at this time, this cannot be into our building due to the coronavirus restrictions but I hope this booklet, our website and department videos give you an insight into our school.

I am incredibly proud to be Headteacher of Churchill Community College. I have worked at Churchill for a number of years and was delighted to be appointed as the school's Headteacher. I want to continue to build on the firm foundation that Churchill has being at the centre of our community by supporting all students at Churchill to be the very best of young people.

Our aims as a school are grounded in wanting to make a difference to the life chances of our students by

- \* Inspiring, supporting and challenging our students to achieve their best possible outcomes and have the widest possible opportunities when they leave school.
- \* Enabling, our students to form and develop the best possible character traits which allow them to flourish as kind, happy and fulfilled individuals.
- \* Equipping, preparing and providing our students with the experiences to actively engage with and make positive contributions in their relationships and communities, both locally and more widely.

What we believe makes us the school of choice for many families is the way we care passionately about each and every young person. We take our responsibility seriously and want every young person who comes to Churchill to be rewarded with a rich and successful education experience that will set them up for life.

We know making the right choice about the next school for your child is a big decision. When you choose Churchill, please be assured we take this responsibility incredibly seriously and we will not let you down. A future at Churchill Community College will mean your child gets the best possible start in life.

We look forward to you being part of our continued success.

Paul Johnson - Headteacher

## WHY CHOOSE CHURCHILL?

### In March 2019 Churchill Community College was visited by Ofsted Inspectors, they said:

- \* Leaders have a good understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the college and have confirmed that the teaching and results our students achieve are good.
- \* Staff are highly ambitious for all of our students and the college has an ethos in which students are encouraged to reach their potential, in a nurturing and inclusive way.
- \* Based on lessons observations and looking at students' work, they recognised that students are making good progress from their starting points across a range of subjects.
- \* Relationships between staff and students are very positive. Students are confident, polite and courteous to one another and to staff. Students show positive attitudes to learning.
- \* The curriculum is broad and balanced and constantly improving to meet the needs of students.
- \* There is strong support for students with special educational needs and/or disabilities and this helps them make good progress.
- \* Students generally behave themselves very well in lessons and around the college.
- \* Students benefit from very strong careers information.
- \* Sixth Form provision and outcomes are good.







## WHY CHOOSE CHURCHILL?

### WE PROMISE THAT CHILDREN WILL:

- \* Be safe, well looked after and, treated with kindness.
- \* Be known as an individual.
- \* Be happy enjoy school, make friends, feel confident here.
- \* Develop exceptional English and Mathematics skills.
- \* Be supported to develop into a kind, caring adult who can communicate well, work in a team, solve problems, be creative thinkers, develop exceptional English and Mathematics skills.
- \* Make the most progress they can every year, in every subject and achieve fantastic exam results at Key Stage 4 and 5.
- \* Be taught in every subject by teachers who are fantastic subject specialists.
- \* Be part of a college where your views as a parent are taken into account you know your child better than anyone else does.

### WE PROMISE THAT PARENTS WILL:

\* Have their views listened to - you know your child better than anyone else does.

### WE PROMISE THAT WE WILL:

- \* Listen to the views of children and act on those where we can.
- \* Take bullying seriously.
- \* All schools experience some level of bullying. Ours is very low and dealt with effectively. Children told Ofsted that 'they felt safe and comfortable to be themselves and that students here are very tolerant towards each other'.
- \* Give students lots of opportunities to be involved in activities outside of lessons e.g. art, photography, cooking, creative writing, and a variety of sports. There are visits to London, to theatres, art galleries, universities, sports competitions, Spain and the Czech Republic.



## **CURRICULUM - TEACHING & LEARNING**

### **SUBJECTS STUDIED:**

#### YEAR 7 AND 8:

English, Maths, Science, Art, Design Technology, Food Technology, Humanities, Modern Foreign Languages (French or Spanish), Music, ICT and Physical Education.

iLearn - in these lessons, students develop a deeper understanding of the wider world, by learning about the beliefs, cultures, difficulties and needs of other people. In addition we have termly focus days, with a range activities from money management to careers speed dating.

### **GCSE OPTIONS**

Students choose their options at the end of Year 8 and then study these subjects in Year 9,10 and 11.

All students will study English, Maths, Science, iLearn and Core PE.

Students can then choose a range of subjects from Art, Business, Computer Science, Food Preparation and Nutrition, Geography, Health & Social Care, History, Modern Foreign Languages, Music, Performing Arts, GCSE PE, Product Design, Resistant Materials and Sport.

### POST-16

Post-16 students can choose to study a range of subjects including Applied Science, Biology, Chemistry, English, Maths, Further Maths, Geography, Health & Social Care, History, PE, Physics and Sociology.

### Beyond the classroom we try to offer our students the choice of a vast range of experiences.

Sports Club, Music Band, Musical Instrument Lessons, College Choir, Dance, Sewing Bee, Food Club, Art Club, Chess Club, Residential visits to Cambridge University, Football / Rugby Tours, International Visits - France, Spain, Friendship Games, Visiting Artists, Auschwitz/ Holocaust Memorial, English, Workshops, Visiting Authors, North Tyneside Young Mayor, Young Parliament.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

At the end of Year 11 students achieve fantastic results in both their core subjects - English, English Literature, Maths and Science and from their option subjects. We pride ourselves on offering a wide curriculum with a real choice of subjects and courses that students can study at Key stage 4. This choice and range of subjects is taught by dedicated subject specialist teachers who are enthusiastic and passionate about their subject and who have the drive and ambition to support students to achieve the best possible results. These results enable all of our students to progress to the next stage of their learning at Churchill's Sixth Form, at college or through an apprenticeship.

We always celebrate our students' achievements in style and this year was no exception, with an Oscars style event, complete with red carpet, gold statuettes and balloons. It was a particularly special day given the events of 2020 and students seeing each other again and celebrating their achievements with staff.

Many of our students choose to remain at Churchill into our Sixth Form where they choose to specialise in a number of A level and vocational subjects. Again the success they achieve is something we feel incredibly proud to be part of; this success has enabled students to progress to a range of courses at university and through apprenticeships with companies across the country.

Students have chosen to study a vast range of courses at universities across the country.

Rhoda (Battle Hill PS)

Lucy (Hadrian Park PS)

Ellie (Stephenson Memorial PS)

Aaron (Battle Hill PS)

Zakk (Stephenson Memorial PS)

Jenna (Hadrian Park PS)

Lucy (Denbigh Community PS)

Lewis (Hadrian Park PS)

Medicine at Sunderland University

Mathematics at Newcastle University

Sport at York St John University

- History at Newcastle University

- Degree Apprenticeship with Engie

- Level 3 Business Administration

Apprenticeship with EDM Zone

- Childhood Studies at Northumbria University

- English Literature and Creative Writing at

**Newcastle University** 

# **CARE, GUIDANCE & SUPPORT**

We try to make 'Coming to Churchill' as smooth as possible, so children are settled, happy and feel safe.

We achieve this through the very strong links we have with the Churchill Family of Schools - Battle Hill Primary School, Denbigh Community Primary School, Hadrian Park Primary, Stephenson Memorial Primary School - and beyond. This means that we really know the young people who are joining Churchill and that we continue to build on the excellent work being carried out at the primary schools.

We run a range of events which primary school children of a range of ages attend. Our staff go into primary schools to visit lessons and run events. Primary children visit Churchill to take part in workshops in Science, Technology, Maths, PE, Art and English.

In the summer term, Year 6 pupils join us for transition days, which prepares them well for life at Churchill. These includes, two full days of lessons, activities and a parents' evening.

Prior to Transition Week, Year 6 pupils and their parents are invited to a transition meeting with key staff e.g. their Head of Year, the leadership team and the SENDCO. Parents and young people always tell us how much they value this.

At the start of Year 7, we try to invite all parents/carers of our new intake are invited to our (Welcome Assembly) followed by coffee and cake with staff, as we know the first day at secondary school can be a worrying time for parents/carers.



Miss Driver



Miss Hurst Year 8



Mrs Gosling Year 9



Mrs Forster Year 10



Mr Charlton Year 11



Mrs Teale Year 12 & 13



Mrs Ward

### WHAT OUR PARENTS/CARERS SAY

We understand that the move to a secondary school can be a daunting experience.

Churchill is the secondary school of choice in Wallsend and for the last four years admissions to Year 7 have been oversubscribed.

### Parents from last year told us:

"I just wanted to say thank you so much for your invites to Transition Week assemblies, presentation and today's assembly and coffee morning. It means a lot to be able to get to know the school where my child will be attending - thank you for all your support."

"Despite the restrictions because of the pandemic we were so pleased to attend Churchill for a meeting with staff. The transition work my child was set over the holiday and the book reading with staff helped my child to feel part of Churchill. He has now settled at Churchill and is thriving. Thank you."

"Last night my son was nervous, anxious and worrying about High School. First transition day done and it's all gone. He couldn't wait to share about his day with me. Whatever you did to turn round his fears so quickly is amazing. A huge thank you."

"I am delighted with how quickly my child has settled into Churchill, he comes home each afternoon and talks happily about his day at school."





# WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

These are some of the 'Thank You' messages students have written to our staff.

#### SIXTH FORM

"A massive thank you for everything you have done for me. You have really helped me develop into the person I am today and you always believed in me." Year 13

"Thank you so much for the opportunities you have given me and the Star Award nomination. Churchill has given me so many opportunities and I really appreciate these." Year 12

"The teachers pushed me all the time to achieve more than I thought I was capable of." Year 12

### **KEY STAGE 4**

"Thank you for never giving up on me." Year 11

"I wouldn't have achieved so much without the help you gave during the build up to my GCSE exams." Year 11

"Thank you for the support you gave to me for my Year 10 exams, I did so much better than I thought I would." Year 10

"I think Churchill is great, the teachers always help me and care about me. I have had lots of chances to do things and really enjoyed being a Transition Buddy. My best experience so far has been going to London - it was brilliant and I learnt lots." Year 9

### **KEY STAGE 3**

"Thank you so much for giving up your free time to help me with advice and support." Year 8

"I have really liked being able to choose my GCSE subjects at the end of Year 8, that I can study in Year 9, 10 and 11." Year 8

"I have really enjoyed starting Year 7 at Churchill, the staff are friendly and always happy to help me." Year 7

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# **CATERING@CHURCHILL**

# WORLD KITCHEN



We work closely with North Tyneside Catering Services to ensure all students have access to first class food throughout the day. We listen and act on what our students say so that we can offer a service that students want to use.

Our professional chef produces a balanced menu for students, which includes homemade traditional, international and vegetarian meals using a variety of fresh seasonal ingredients which changes on a regular basis.

### **Main Counter**

- · traditional dish including a pudding e.g. pork hotpot and sticky banana pudding with custard
- international dish of the day
- · jacket potato bar with a choice of hot or cold fillings and side salad
- · homemade soup of the day with a freshly baked roll
- hot wrap with marinated chicken, dressing and salad

### Deli Bar

a great choice of breads and variety of sandwich fillings and salads

### Pasta Bar

pot of hot pasta with a choice of tasty sauces

### **Courtyard Kitchen**

outside food service point serving food 'to go'

Information about menus and offers is displayed in the hall via menu boards and plasma screens, and is available on Facebook and the College website. Daily meal deals are available.

## **TIMETABLE OF ADMISSIONS**

Churchill Community College has been oversubscribed for the last four years and our current Year 7 intake is full. To ensure that your child gains a place at Churchill in September 2021 you should follow the steps listed below. Further information is available on North Tyneside Council's website.

10th September 2020 - Application process opens

31st October 2020 - Closing date for applications

1st March 2021 - National Offer Day. Information sent to parents.

15th March 2021 - Deadline for parents/carers to accept a school place.

The form can be found at:

https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/219/online-school-applications

If you have any queries please email school.admissions@northtyneside.gov.uk





## **SOCIAL MEDIA**









Take a tour of the college with our Google Virtual Tour (www.churchillcommunitycollege.org) and click on the Google Map link to start your tour.







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