

## FAQs for Year 7 Open Evening

### **Q: Are we offering tours of the school for Year 7 intake 2021/2022?**

**A:** Unfortunately, due to Government guidelines around group gatherings, the requirement to socially distance, and the way in which school is currently organised to maintain year group bubbles, we regret that we will not be able to offer tours of the School.

We have, instead, composed a virtual tour available to view via our website with additional videos and presentations which you will be able to view at your leisure and, which we are confident, will be representative of the school's offering.

### **Q: How many spaces are available in year 7?**

**A:** Our Published Admission Number is 219 external students into Year 7. In addition, pupils in Caroline Chisholm School's Primary Phase Year 6 automatically transition into Secondary Phase making a total of 279.

Each year group in secondary phase comprises 9 forms with a total of 31 students in each form.

### **Q: What is your admissions criteria for Secondary phase?**

**A:** Our admissions criteria can be found on our website by visiting - <https://www.ccs.northants.sch.uk/admissions/year-7-secondary-phase>

Our linked area covers Grange Park, Wootton, Wootton Fields, St George's Fields, Courteenhall and Quinton although we do welcome and have placed students who have applied from areas outside our linked area.

### **Q: What support do you have in place for students with any learning needs?**

**A:** We have a dedicated Learning Support Team who will work very closely with you and your child's primary setting to ensure we are equipped to support your child both within the classroom setting and generally.

See below a link to our Learning Support page for more information:

<https://www.ccs.northants.sch.uk/pastoral-care/learning-support>

If you have any specific questions relating to SEN needs of your child, then you can email the team directly at [LSLT@ccs.northants.sch.uk](mailto:LSLT@ccs.northants.sch.uk).

**Q: What extra-curricular activities are on offer?**

**A:** We offer a wide range of extra curriculum activities and clubs including Performing Arts, Science, Book clubs, Modern Foreign Languages, Homework club and a huge range of sporting activities. Clubs take place during various times before/after school and also during lunchtimes, and we encourage all students to participate in at least one chosen club.

Our offering of clubs is, unfortunately, currently severely restricted at the moment due to the current pandemic but we will look to getting these up and running again as soon as it is safe to do so.

**Q: Do you provide after school care of any kind?**

**A:** We do not offer any formal after school care for students although we offer a range of clubs that students can join.

Formal before and after school childcare is provided for our younger (mainly Primary phase) students by Bright Horizons who operate their own arrangements. They can be contacted at: [wooldale@brighthorizons.com](mailto:wooldale@brighthorizons.com) for more information.

**Q: Do you have an online platform for monitoring homework?**

**A:** Over the lockdown period, we have seen a big shift towards using mobile technology both in lessons and to support learning and assessment.

As a school, staff and students use Microsoft Office 365 as the key platform for learning and on which homework is set, completed and handed in. Students will find themselves regularly using Word, Teams, OneNote, Class Notebook, MS Forms and Powerpoint.

Parents are sent a weekly digest of all homework set.