



South Charnwood High School

‘encouraging excellence, valuing people’

Year 11 Parents/Carers Information Evening 2026/2027



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term

9th September	Parents' Information Evening
14th to 18th September	Intervention Week (Head of Year)
23rd September	Post 16 Evening
16th - 27th November	Mock exams (2 weeks)
14 th December	PS16 Deadline
TBC	Mock Interviews

Spring Term

5th January	Mock Results Day
21st January	Parents' Evening
February – April	All college interviews
18th - 2nd January	Intervention Week (Head of Year)

Summer Term

12th - 16th April	Intervention Week (Head of Year)
5th May	GCSE examination period begins
24th June	Year 11 Prom
19th August	GCSE results

ACHIEVING AT GCSE

Why are GCSEs important?

- Almost all jobs now require at least Maths and English GCSE at level 4/5 or above
- GCSEs determine the level of qualifications your child takes next year
- GCSEs determine the college your child attends next year
- Universities use them to assess academic ability
- They can affect the career your child ends up pursuing

What is GCSE success?

Each pupil has been given a challenging but realistic GCSE expected target for each individual subject that they study. Pupils should be aiming to achieve at least this grade if not higher. You will be able to compare your child's current progress and predicted GCSE grade with these targets in the reports in Go4schools.

STUDY SUPPORT

In addition to the teaching in lessons, which continues up to the day of the exam, we will:

- Run structured revision programs. School departments will usually organise these, often at lunchtimes and after school
- Provide a range of revision materials which will focus on important exam skills
- Target pupils who have been identified as having particular needs
- Run "Catch up" sessions some lunchtimes and after school
- Ask subject staff to be available to discuss problems with individuals
- Issue Progress Check grades regularly
- Hold mock exams

All Year 11 pupils are encouraged to attend subject specific study support sessions, which are available at lunchtimes, after school and in the Easter holidays (tbc). If your child's work has fallen below his/her expected progress targets, he/she will be expected to attend these extra sessions. We will inform you in advance if your child's work is not of the required standard and would appreciate your support in ensuring that he/she attends, to help him/her to achieve his/her expected progress target grades.

CAREERS SUPPORT

To support students in their career decisions, we provide:

- Post 16 Progression Evening
- 1 to 1 careers interview with an LEBC Advisor
- Lessons in writing a personal statement and C.V.
- Lessons in PS16 Search and Apply
- Mock interview practice provided by LEBC
- Website platform provided by school with information regarding local apprenticeships and general information

To ease the tension of this crucial year, we provide:

- Year 11 prom in July
- Ongoing pastoral support from Tutors/Head of Year, Behaviour Manager, Mrs A. Aldridge and Pastoral Support Assistant, Mrs A. Penfold.

MONITORING YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS

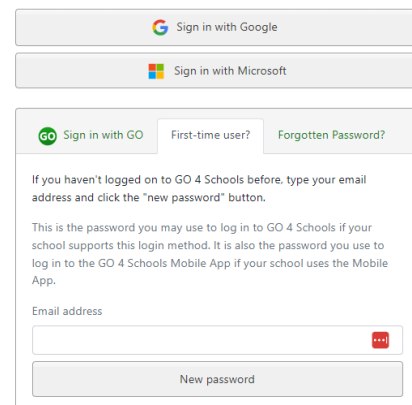
You can keep up to date with your child's progress by accessing their current and projected GCSE grades by logging onto Go4schools.com. You can also view your child's latest progress report in Go4schools.

If you have never logged into Go4schools then you click on the parents' tab in the top right corner of the screen. First time users should enter their personal email address under the "First-time User" area and click "Please send me a password". The email address MUST match the email we have on our system in school, otherwise it will not be recognised and you will have to contact the school to update your email address.

When you have received your password, please enter your email address and password under the "Welcome" section of the login page.

Sign in

Please note that not all login methods are supported by all schools.



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If you haven't logged on to GO 4 Schools before, type your email address and click the "new password" button.

This is the password you may use to log in to GO 4 Schools if your school supports this login method. It is also the password you use to log in to the GO 4 Schools Mobile App if your school uses the Mobile App.

Email address

New password

PUPIL REFERENCE

Attendance and punctuality will form part of your child's Pupil Reference. This term, their form tutors will be asked to comment on:

- Punctuality
- Behaviour
- Commitment to learning
- Relationships with Students
- Relationships with Staff

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH EXAMS

How you can help now:

- Encourage your child to complete his/her work on time
- Check that he/she is doing his/her homework
- Make sure that he/she is in school every day and on time
- Ensure that the balance of work and play is right

Revision - Please encourage your child to:

- Devise a revision timetable
- Keep their books and notes organised
- Keep sessions to no longer than half an hour or an hour at most, and then a short break before starting another subject
- Revise specific topics in each subject, not everything at once
- Start each session by tackling the most difficult bits first
- Revisit each subject several times
- Use different revision methods such as mind maps, notes, pictures and spider diagrams
- Work with a friend on occasion to allow them to test each other and talk about the work
- Use revision guides from college or bookshops. Some are available on line, and there are websites such as BBC Bitesize at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education>
- Study no more than two subjects a night

Please ensure that your child:

- Has somewhere to study
- Eats properly and drinks plenty of water
- Doesn't listen to television and loud music when revising
- Is supported positively and is reassured to build his/her confidence
- Can explain the information that he/she is revising in a way that you can understand, because this will aid his/her understanding.

When the actual exams arrive:

- Make sure that your child continues to attend lessons up to the examination in each subject
- Give your child time, space and peace to work before and between exams
- Emphasise the need for plenty of sleep, especially the night before an exam
- Don't let him/her work himself/herself into a state of exhaustion – encourage him/ her to take regular breaks
- Ask him/her to put his/her social life on hold.

On the day of the exam:

- Ensure that he/she gets up on time and is in school at least 15 minutes before the exam is due to start
- Ask if he/she has everything he/she needs and nothing he/she shouldn't have
- Wish them good luck as they leave!

POST 16 DESTINATIONS

WHERE DO SOUTH CHARNWOOD PUPILS GO?

Top 5 destinations of leavers from July 2026 (provisional figures)

College	No.
Loughborough College	73
Brookvale Groby Learning Campus	19
Leicester College	19
SMB College group (inc Stephenson's College)	16
WQE	10
Bosworth Academy	5

SCHOOL LEAVING AGE

In England, your leaving age depends on when you were born. You can leave school on the last Friday in June as long as you'll be 16 by the end of that year's summer holidays. You must stay in some form of education or training until your 18th birthday if you were born on or after 1 September 1999.

Your options are:

- Full-time education - e.g. at a school or college
- An apprenticeship or traineeship
- Part-time education or training - as well as being employed, self-employed or volunteering for 20 hours or more a week.

16 to 19 Maths and English condition of funding

All pupils starting a new course aged 16 to 18, who do not hold a GCSE grade 4 or above in Maths and/or in English, are required to study these subjects as part of their course.

CVs & PERSONAL STATEMENTS

In Year 11 C.V.s and Personal Statements are prepared to assist pupils when applying for college or employment. In the past you would have applied for schools on behalf of your child. This time they will be applying themselves, so please check what they are submitting.

CVs

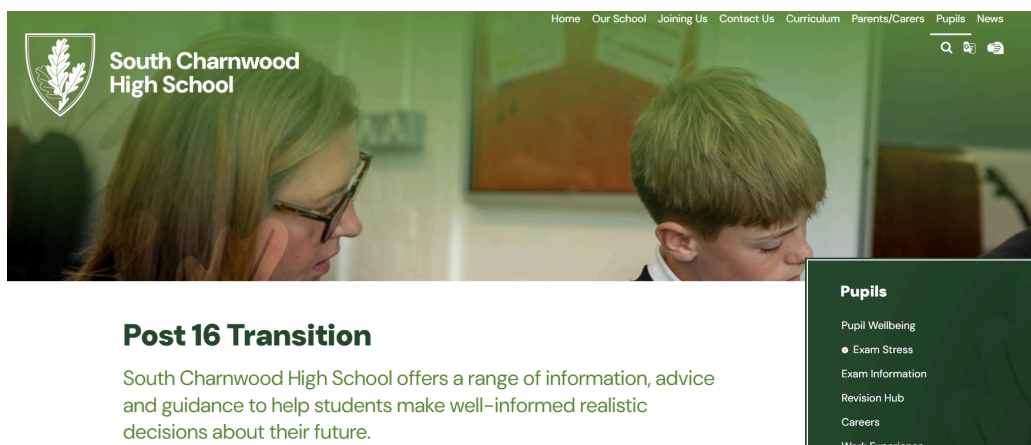
All pupils have been given the opportunity to write a C.V. in Year 10. If they have not, please ask him/her to complete one using a template on Microsoft Word. If they do not have any suitable hobbies, interests or achievements, please encourage them in these areas.

Personal Statements

Your child will write his/her statement in September and it will be included in his/her college application. It should be on 1 side of A4, size 12 font and include the pupil's name. It should be laid out in full sentences that are not too long and be 6 paragraphs long as follows:

1. I am a Year 11 pupil at South Charnwood High School studying ... (number) GCSEs in ... (list subjects).
2. I particularly enjoy studying ... (favourite subjects) because ... (reason). I have been told that I am particularly good at ... (skills & qualities).
3. Apart from my studies, in school I have taken part in ... (clubs etc.). This has helped me to develop my ... (skills & qualities).
4. Outside of school, I take part in ... (babysitting, swimming etc.). This has helped me to develop my ... (skills & qualities).
5. I found myself a part-time job at(name of firm). My duties were to ...(what you did). This experience taught me that
6. When I leave South Charnwood High School I want to study... (College subject/s). This/these interest/s me because ... (reason). I think that I am suitable for this/these course/s because ... (reason). After college, I would like to go on to follow a career in ... (car mechanics, medicine etc.).

There is a Personal Statement Template and C.V. Guide on the South Charnwood High School website on the [Post 16 transition page](#).



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Post 16 Transition

South Charnwood High School offers a range of information, advice and guidance to help students make well-informed realistic decisions about their future.

Pupils

- Pupil Wellbeing
- Exam Stress
- Exam Information
- Revision Hub
- Careers
- Work Experience

COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

Students and parents/carers should go along together to find out what the colleges are really like before pupils apply to them. Please check college websites for dates. We will inform you of any open days we are made aware of.

College	Date	Time
Ashby Sixth Form	Saturday 31 st November Wednesday 4 th November Saturday 14 th November	12.30pm – 3pm 5pm – 7pm 10am – 12.30pm
Beauchamp City Sixth Form	Saturday 31 st	TBC
BMC College	Saturday 10 th October Saturday 28 th November	9.30am – 1pm
Bosworth Academy	Thursday 29 th October	4.30pm – 7pm
Brookvale Groby Learning Campus	TBC	
Cedars Martin Sixth Form	Wednesday 17 th September	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Countesthorpe Academy	Wednesday 11 th November	4.30pm – 6.30pm
DeLisle College	Thursday 29 th October	6pm – 8pm
Leicester College (all campuses)	Saturday 31 st October Wednesday 18 th November	10am – 1pm 5pm – 7.30pm
Loughborough College	Saturday 3 rd October Saturday 14 th November Saturday 5 th December	9.30am – 1pm 9.30am – 1pm 9.30am – 1pm
NWSLC – Wigston Campus	Thursday 15 th October	5pm – 7.30pm
St Pauls Catholic School	Tuesday 13 th November	5pm – 7pm
Stephenson College	Tuesday 29 th September	5.15pm – 7.15pm
WQE (both campuses)	Tours available to book online	TBC

EMPLOYMENT

Whilst many of our pupils may not yet be ready to join the workforce, the availability of work, and their suitability for it, should be an important part of their career choice.

The Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP) have identified 8 local sectors as having potential for increased growth:

- Food and Drink (12,000)
- Textiles Manufacturing (11,000)
- Distribution and Logistics (52,000)
- Tourism and Hospitality (35,500)
- Creative Industries (9,000)
- Low Carbon (14,000)
- Business and Financial Services (40,200)
- Engineering and Manufacturing (62,000)



Other strong local sectors are:

- Health and Care (52,000)
- Construction (16,000)
- Education (46,000)
- Public Administration (20,000)
- Retail (40,000).

LLEP reports that a lack of the right skills in applicants is the most common cause of recruitment difficulties (39% of those experiencing recruitment difficulties), with a lack of the required character traits the next most frequently cited (24%). The most important general attributes and qualities that employers look for are as follows:

Ability to use initiative	Commitment
Courage	Enjoyment working as part of a team
Enthusiasm	Good communication skills
Good manners	Good planning skills
Good self-motivation	Good team working skills
A basic knowledge of the company	Integrity
Lawfulness	Loyalty
Professional attitude	Punctuality and attendance
Respect for others	Smartness in appearance
Willingness to work	

LLEP report that a lack of the required work experience is the third most common cause of recruitment difficulties (22%). It is important that young people gain as much work experience as possible, either paid or unpaid in their own time. The summer holidays are an ideal time to gain experience. (www.llep.org.uk/our-economy/research-reports/business-survey)

PS16 COLLEGE APPLICATION

What is PS16?

PS16 is the on-line application form for post 16 learning. Pupils complete one form and submit it to 2 or 3 colleges. For access to PS16 on the South Charnwood High School website click on the PS16 box on the [post-16 transition section of the website](#). There is a wealth of information on this site that will be helpful in making Post 16 choices. The deadline for applying on PS16 is December 12th 2025.

How can I help my child?

The form can be accessed at home, if you have Internet access, or drafts can be printed off. Please encourage your child to:

- Read the instructions carefully.
- Use the 'PS16' website.
- Prepare what he/she wants to include in each section.
- Attend college open days with you or look at the virtual tours.
- Be realistic about the choices he/she is making.
- Know his/her predicted grades.
- Complete the form in November.
- Check the form carefully before it is submitted.
- Support with interview preparation.

 Positive Steps @16

What do the course levels mean?

Level	Qualification	Entry requirements *
Level 3	Level 3 BTEC Advanced Apprenticeships A Levels T Level (equivalent to 3 A levels)	Min five GCSE subjects with grade 9-4 (Grade 9-4 in E/M)
Level 2	Level 2 BTEC Intermediate Apprenticeships	Min 4 GCSE subjects with grade 3 or 4 (grade 3 or 4 in E/M)
Level 1	Level 1 BTEC Basic Apprenticeships	GCSE grades 3-1 (grades 1-2 in E/M)
Entry Level	Skills for Life/Work	No formal qualifications

*Please check individual course requirements carefully as they vary considerably

APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeships are an exciting, valuable route for anyone over 16, whatever their aspirations. Some of the country's biggest, best and most prestigious companies offer apprenticeships across a huge range of job roles.

Apprenticeships offer students the amazing opportunity to gain in-work experience, develop role-specific skills, and to achieve a qualification that employers love – all while earning a wage.

Apprentices are trained primarily in work, and are supported by a training provider. There are currently four levels of apprenticeship available:

- Intermediate,
- Advanced,
- Higher and degree – qualifications generally take between one and six years to complete. 20% of your paid time will be spent off-the-job, developing skills and furthering your knowledge.

Apprentices are highly employable – 97% of apprentices say their apprenticeship has improved their ability to do their job, and 92% of in-work apprentices said their apprenticeship has had a positive impact on their job and career.

See our school website '[Apprenticeship Page](#)' for current apprenticeship vacancies, general information, web links and local apprenticeship recruitment events.

FURTHER INFORMATION - [SOUTH CHARNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE](#)

For further information, please see the South Charnwood High School website 'Post 16 Transition Page' where you will find links to:

- Local Colleges
- Positive Steps @ 16
- Not going to Uni Website
- Moving on Magazine
- CV Guide
- Personal Statement Template
- National Careers Service
- Job Profiles
- Apprenticeships
- Careers Box
- Informed Choices
- Prospects
- Start, free careers advice


Once on the PS16 site use the Help and Guidance button at the top of the page for any queries on completing your eProspectus.


The careers service for young people. Offering advice and guidance on finding a job, training course or apprenticeship in Leicester.


Online careers and qualifications magazine.


The Russell Group's guide *Informed Choices* provides students with information, advice and guidance about their post-16 subject choices.


Help with choosing your post 16 options.


Online enrolment advice and support.


Job profiles, skills tests, course search, job search advice. Personalised help from careers advisers.


The online guide to apprenticeships, traineeships and alternatives to joining University.


A range of free tools, tips and interactive resources to help you recognise and develop the skills you have.


Free advice and guidance to young people.


Careersbox is a free careers film library.


Videos recorded by colleges and University on their **local offers of support**, including enrolment plans, results days and more bespoke offers available.


An explanation of apprenticeships, how to apply; what to expect and adverts covering apprenticeships all over the UK.


Plotr can help you discover your future and guide you to careers you could be great at.


Career videos – from carpenters to city traders, care workers to celebrities, real-life storytellers offer an inside view of their current job and a personal account of how they got there.


Start is a free, online careers platform, designed to connect 11-18 year olds with their future career potential.

CONTACTS AT SOUTH CHARNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

There are a team of people who are here to help your child this year:

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| • Assistant Headteacher | Mrs K Juszkiewicz |
| • Assistant Headteacher | Mrs T Edwards |
| • Head of Year 11 | Miss H Powdrill |
| • Pastoral Support | Mrs A Aldridge, Miss C Wheeler, Mrs P Ackland, Mrs H White |
| • LEBC Careers advisors | |

Form Tutors:

- Mr Cropley
- Mrs Young
- Mr Archer
- Mr Straker
- Mr Robertson
- Mrs Barstow

