

Parent E-Bulletin – Autumn Term Week Commencing 11th September 2023

Good afternoon,

This week has been a great start to the new academic year. Whilst the weather has thrown us slightly, the positive way in which the learners have returned to school has been fantastic. I have been particularly impressed with the Year 7 learners who are already confident around the school.

In this week's bulletin there is a lot of information. Some of it new, some as a reminder, so I will keep my contribution short.

We will be expecting learners to wear blazers next week as the weather is forecasted to return to more normal seasonal temperatures. It is important that all learners are wearing their blazers in line with the school uniform expectations.

I will give you more of an update next week on the first two weeks of term.

Yours faithfully,

L Cummins

Headteacher

Attendance and Family Support

Welcome to the start of a new academic year. We hope that all our learners and families had a restful break over the summer, and that all our new learners have enjoyed their first few days in school.

Upton by Chester High School are committed to providing an excellent educational experience for all learners. We believe that if learners are to benefit from education, punctuality and good attendance are crucial. We will do all we can to ensure maximum attendance for all learners. Any problems with punctuality and regular attendance will be identified and addressed as quickly as possible.

It is our policy to celebrate achievement and great attendance. Attendance is such an important factor in a successful school career. We actively promote and encourage 100% attendance for all our learners. As a minimum we expect every child to have an attendance of at least 96%. Attendance consistently below this will affect your child's learning, progress and achievement.

A learner's punctuality and regular attendance is a legal requirement, and failure of parents or carers to ensure this means that they may be guilty of an offence. If your child is absent you must inform the school on the first day of absence with reasons for their non-attendance and keep in contact with the school during the absence, so that accurate records can be maintained. This will also enable us to assess any support that your child may need during their absence and on their return to school.

I will be making regular visits to homes where children are often absent from school, to discuss the reasons for this and to offer our support in improving attendance and timekeeping.

We would ask all parents and carers to ensure that family holidays and any other leave are arranged outside of school term time. You should not remove your child from school during term time without having first requested a leave of absence. All requests for authorised absence will be responded to in writing and will only be authorised in the most exceptional circumstances.

Upton-by-Chester Application for leave form and Attendance Policy

If permission is not granted, but the child is still absent, the absence is classed as unauthorised and parents/carers will be issued with a penalty notice in line with Local Authority guidelines.

If you would like to talk to us about any aspect of your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact our designated school staff. We are all here to support you and your child.

Kind regards,

Mr Will Pastoral Manager for Attendance and Family Support

Homework for Year 7 to 13

Research shows that regular completion of homework at secondary school can improve learners' progress by up to 5 months (Education Endowment Foundation 2023).

We are launching a new homework platform called Show my Homework. Parents in years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 will have already been sent an invite to join the platform. Once parents/carers have registered with Show my Homework, they will be able to access the work set, due dates and notifications of overdue work. Homework will be logged on Show My Homework from 6th September 2023.

Below is some helpful information to explain how the platform works and how you can access your children's accounts. Parents/carers who have multiple children at our school will be able to access all of their accounts from the one log in. We hope that you find these features a real benefit in helping you to support your child with homework completion. If you require any support please contact me at <u>bradburye@uptonhigh.co.uk</u>

Homework Year 7 and 12

We are currently working on getting all Year 7 and Year 12 learners registered on the platform. Once we have learners registered, we will send out activation codes to Year 7 and 12 parents/carers, we anticipate this will be week beginning 18th September. Homework will be logged on Show my Homework for Year 7 and 12 from the 18th September. Until this time learners will record homework in their planners.

Learner Planners

Learners in Years 7-11 will record 'Homework set' or 'Not set' for each lesson each day. Homework set will be signposted on Show My Homework. Form tutors will sign the planner each week and we ask that parents/carers also sign the planner on a weekly basis.

Useful information regarding Show my Homework

Parents will be issued with an Activation Code which will be used to create their user account. This had already been emailed to all parents, (apart from Year 7 and 12, which will be sent out week beginning 18th September). There is a unique activation code per child and this code can be used by up to five parents or guardians for that child to have their own separate parent account. If a parent has multiple children within the school, they will be issued multiple activation codes (a help centre article link will is included below).

Key points:

- Parent accounts are completely <u>separate</u> to the learner account but parents can still see all of the homework that has been issued to their child
- Parents do not need to create their child's user account, this has already been done
- Parents should not use their child's email address for their parent account, they should use their own email address for their account

Key help centre articles for getting parents started:

- Logging in as a parent
- Add another student to your account
- <u>My child's homework</u>
- Key tutorial videos can be found below:
- <u>Satchel One: Logging in as a Parent/Guardian</u>

If you have any questions or require any further support please do contact me.

New School Rules

Prepared, Respectful, Safe

Following a planning and consultation process, we are pleased to have now launched with Learners our 3 new rules at Upton-by-Chester High School. These are; *Prepared, Respectful and Safe.*

It is important that you are aware of these new rules as parents and carers. All members of the school community and the wider community should adhere to our rules of **Prepared**, **Respectful and Safe**.

The 3 rules are in place to establish a sustainable approach to behaviour. All members of the Uptonby-Chester High School community must apply the Rules of **Prepared**, **Respectful and Safe** consistently and explicitly teach appropriate behaviour through positive modelling.



The following examples have been created by the Learners and reviewed by the Staff at Upton-By-Chester High School. These are <u>examples</u> of **positive learning behaviours** linked to each of the 3 rules and the list is not exhaustive.

Learners will be recognised for displaying positive learning behaviours.

PREPARED	RESPECTFUL	SAFE
'to learn'	<pre>'to the community and environment'</pre>	'from harm'
I arrive on time to school and each lesson with a positive mind- set.	I always show respect, I am kind and polite and help others where I can.	I will speak to a member of staff If I am unable to resolve or wish to report an issue.
I fully engage in all lessons and demonstrate a positive attitude to learning.	I consider the learning of others and listen to staff and my peers.	I move around our school calmly and behave in a way that is safe for all.
I complete classwork and homework to the best of my ability.	I respect the property of others and the school/ local environment.	I choose the safer route to and from school.
I carry a school bag and the correct equipment for each lesson.	I try to put myself in others shoes to demonstrate empathy and understanding.	I adhere to the safety rules of classrooms (subject specific spaces).
I wear my correct school uniform with pride.	I am accepting of the opinions or beliefs of others.	I follow all teacher instructions the first time and every time.
I follow the phases of learning in the Maximising Success Model.	I use my phone only when directed by my teacher for the purposes of L & T (otherwise it is switched off and away)	I maintain a clean and manageable digital footprint.
I carry my DUE and Praise cards and present them when asked.	I wait my turn to ask a question/ for help and avoid shouting out or cutting across conversations.	I uphold the school ethos when representing our school off site- e.g. on a trip or visit.

Kind regards,

School Canteen

The school caterers, Aspens, provide a variety of options to cater for all our learners. Details of the current menu on offer and Meal Deals available can be found <u>here</u>

Meal Deals represent a particularly good value-for-money lunch option for learners at **£2.70**. This is a very cost effective way for learners to get a good amount of nourishment, rather than purchasing items separately which would be more expensive.

You can add credit to your child's account via the school's online payment system <u>Scopay</u>. If you do not have an online payment account, please email <u>finance@uptonhigh.co.uk</u> to request one.

Free School Meals

Learners in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) are allocated a daily allowance of £2.70, which is aligned with the cost of a Meal Deal. The allowance is applied to their account at the start of each day for the child to spend as they see fit, although it is intended for lunchtime provision. You may wish to consider providing extra food or additional funds to your child's account if they wish to eat something at Break as well.

Please be aware that any unused credit is not carried over and does not accumulate. Any purchases that take a child's spending over the daily allowance will be charged to their account, leaving them in deficit. In such instances, parents/carers will be required to top-up their child's account with funds to clear the debt.

Cashless Catering Balances

Please ensure that your child's catering balance is kept in sufficient credit that they are able to make their desired purchases. If for any reason a child does not have sufficient credit on a given day, they should seek out a member of school staff in the canteen to request support in that instance.

Whilst we exercise a degree of understanding and support, a report is run each Wednesday highlighting any learners whose accounts have fallen into deficit and a communication will be sent to the relevant parents/carers requesting that any negative balances are settled as a matter of urgency.

Please discuss your child's spending habits and choices with them so that they are aware of their options and are getting the most from their credit or FSM entitlement.

Engage@upton Timetable Autumn Term 1



11th September 2023 - 20th October 2023



What are the times of the clubs All clubs apart from those stated on the timetable are after school.

These start at 3.10 and finish at 4.15pm

How do you find out more info about the club? In the first instance contact the lead teacher/s of the club which you can find on the timetables or ask in your lessons.

Or you can email engage@uptonhigh.co.uk

There is no need to sign up to a club you just turn up at the allocated time and place.

Year 7-11



New Price List Toast – 30p (per slice) Juice – 75p Cereal – 75p Breakfast Meal Deal - £1 (juice and either cereal OR **1 slice** of toast)

(Learners who are entitled to Free School Meals will have breakfast provided for them. This will include either 1 piece of toast or a bowl of careal, plus a drink)

This is a reduced menu for now which will be expanded as time goes on.

KS3 & KS4 Breakfast Club

Mon – Fri 8am-8.40am Upper School Canteen

Come along, get some breakfast, socialise and play some games.

Start the day in a great way!!!

All Learners have access to the Hub:

The Learning Hub Club

The Learning Hub is a fantastic place that learners have access to use each day! It is a space to complete classwork, homework & revision as well as having the opportunity to use a computer/Chromebook/printer. It is also home to a huge array of books that you can borrow!!

The Learning Hub is open Mon-Thurs 8.30am to 4.30pm & Fri 8.30am to 4pm

Breaktime – all learners welcome

 Lunchtime is as follows: Monday Year 7 Tuesday Year 8 Wednesday Year 9 Thursday Year 10 Friday Year 11

Extra Information:

Please check start dates carefully. They are not all starting next week.

-<u>Drama Club</u> This is for learners who are not in the school production

-D&D Club This is open to new and experienced players

-<u>Youth Room</u> This club provides a place to belong and a safe space to explore faith and life's big question

-Football Clubs All on the 3G (moulded studs needed)

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Friday	Netball MUGA JLY (Starting 15 th September)								

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<u>-Ball Hockey</u> You will need a gum shield and shin pads.

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Monday	Basketball Sports hall BHC/PME (Storting 11" September)		er) (Storting 21" September)		Drama Drama Studio LIKI/BSJ (Starting 18 th September)		School Production Music Rehearsals (Cast Only) A3 CTH (Storting 2 st October)		
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Friday	Farm Farm (Storting 22" September)								

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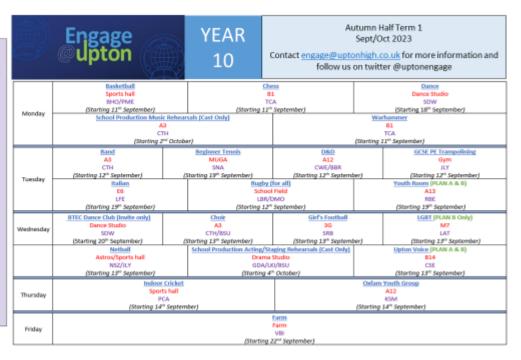
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Thursday	Indoor Sport P((Starting 24)	s hall A		Oxfam Youth Group A12 KSM (Starting 14th September)					
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-Western Films Club Learners will be wetching certificate 15 films. ID checks will be used if necessary

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	M7 LAT (Starting 13" September)			Astros/Sports hall NSZ/JLY (Starting 13 th September)			B14 CSE (Storting 13 th September)		
Thursday	Thursday Sports hall PCA (Storting 24* September)					Oxfam Youth Group A12 KSM (Storting 14 rd September)			

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Year 9/10/11/6th Form LEADERSHIP



- If any learner would like to get involved with any clubs in a leadership role please see Miss Downs in the PE office or the member of staff that is leading the club they would like to help at
- This could be within their year group club or it could be in a club for the lower years.
- This is an excellent opportunity to develop leadership skills and communication and it always looks good on a CV or college/university application.
- For instance: Year 8 dance club had leaders last year who taught the learners a dance over a number of weeks. This was then performed in the dance show.

We look forward to seeing you..... #whatwillyoutry

#getinvolved

#trysomethingnew

#engage@upton

Careers and Next Steps

Click on the link below to see the latest information

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ab57VM41x7_yzr0Q19PUj0r4KoWn--X2iSfZR7KI_yc/edit?usp=sharing

Information from External Partners



Community Day

@Grosvenor Park, Chester

Saturday 16th September

10:30am - 4pm

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Bring the whole family and join us in the park for our community day - try something new, learn new skills and meet new friends

Plenty to do for everyone, including:

- Climbing Wall
- Soft Archery and Axe throwing
- Many more fun games and activities
- Plus hot food & drinks (sold in support of our 2024 Norway Expedition)

Scan the QR codes to follow our Instagram and Facebook for more information:





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Message us on Facebook or Instagram with any questions https://www.chesterscouts.org.uk/join

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West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series 2023/24

At Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port,

Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4 And from 10am for school years 5-8. First Race Starts at 10am.

Dates of Fixtures: Saturday, October 7 Saturday, November 4 Saturday, November 18 Saturday, December 9

Race Order for the following Girls and Boys year groups: Year Three, Year Four, Year Five, Year Six, Year Seven, Year Eight.

Medals will be presented to the first three finishers in each race.

The first three finishers from each school in each race will count as a team towards a team score based on their positions, and the team event will be held over four rounds.

Awards will also be presented to the top three finishers overall in each age group after four rounds. Each pupil from each school will be provided with a race number which should be attached to the front of their T-shirt/vest. Each participating school should provide a representative/parent/team manager at each round. Further details from Dennis Wall at West Cheshire AC. Tel: 07968 643038. Email: <u>dennis.wall1@ntlworld.com</u>

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