





Nihil Quam Optime 'Nothing But Our Best'

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our school.

Chulmleigh College is a fully comprehensive secondary school serving pupils between the ages of 11 and 16. We have a clear aim: to give every pupil an excellent education, enabling the best GCSE results possible, as well as ensuring that all pupils leave us with the tools they need to successfully navigate their next steps in life.

Over the last few years our school has grown by more than 40%, as our reputation across Devon is such that we are the chosen school for many families who live a great distance outside our designated school area. We are incredibly proud of this reputation and every member of staff works hard to sustain it. Being fully aware of the issues which can limit the choice of school for rural families, several years ago we introduced the Chulmleigh School Transport service, for those who are not eligible for free school transport. The service has helped numerous families to access our school, despite the lack of public transport so prevalent in rural communities.

In recent years our results have been some of the best in the region. We are very proud of these academic results, but they are also underpinned by a long tradition in music, outdoor education, the arts and sport. At Chulmleigh College we have high expectations of our pupils: excellent standards of behaviour, a strict uniform policy and courtesy at all times – we believe this provides the best possible learning environment. We are also proud of the excellent relationships we have with our pupils, families and friends within the community.

The last years have been difficult for everyone, but we have adapted and have not let the barriers created by the pandemic to interrupt our momentum - education is simply too important for the future of our young people.

Ofsted inspected us in March 2018 and their comments included 'strong leadership, a strong emphasis on the performing arts, a collegiate approach, very high expectations and excellent standards of conduct'. To read the report please visit reports.ofsted.gov.uk.

Every day at Chulmleigh is an 'Open Day'. We welcome visits and I always endeavour to personally show any visitors around our remarkable school.

I look forward to meeting you.

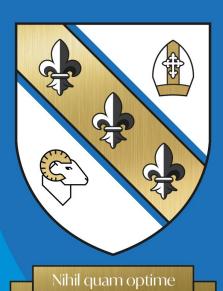
Michael Johnson
Executive Headteacher











Chulmleigh College What do we stand for?



Here at Chulmleigh, as our community will already be aware, we are unashamed in saying that we believe in excellence. We encourage our pupils to strive for excellence in everything they do. Excellence looks different for different people, and in different situations, but it underpins our approach at all times.

As you will be aware, that approach, consistently implemented over a number of years, has led to our pupils achieving outstandingly well in their qualifications. They respond to our high expectations of them by meeting or exceeding their targets in a whole range of ways, including academically. This matters because it means that, when they leave us, our young people will be able to make their own choices about what they go on to study, and the careers that they can aspire to. We work with our pupils and their families to ensure that whilst at Chulmleigh, they are laying foundations for lives in which they can flourish as adults.

We also believe in preparing our young people to be the sorts of citizens that will make positive contributions to the communities in which they will find themselves. Academic success is important, but so is developing individuals who have a strong sense of right and wrong, and a positive set of values. We see these values as being expressed by the three concepts of 'compassion, ambition and teamwork', and we are talking about them in assemblies and elsewhere across the school. If our pupils, when they eventually leave us, hold these values dear and live them out on a daily basis, we will feel that we have done our job. We will have prepared them to be the very best adults that they can possibly be, both in terms of their aspirations and in terms of how they treat others.

In short, we will have enabled them to achieve excellence.

Curriculum

KEY STAGE 3 (YEARS 7-9)

The first three years of secondary school are about breadth. We believe that a broad education is essential, and our academic provision follows the National Curriculum. Key Stage 3 builds on the knowledge and skills of Key Stage 2, and also lays the foundations for GCSE and further study. Pupils will study the following subjects:

English and English Literature, Mathematics, Sciences, French, Geography, History, Religion, Philosophy and Ethics, Physical Education, Computer Science, Art, Drama, Music, Food and Nutrition and Design and Technology.



KEY STAGE 4 (YEARS 10 & 11)

Pupils begin GCSE study formally in Year 10, and are given the opportunity to specialise in subjects that are in addition to their core areas of study. In the Spring Term of Year 9, pupils may personalise their curriculum by choosing subjects from the optional block, which will determine what their programme of study will be in Years 10 and 11. To support this process the College produces a booklet, and has a number of events that enable parents and pupils to find out more about the courses on offer.

The Key Stage Four Programme of Study is structured as follows:

The Compulsory Curriculum (all pupils will study):

GCSE English

GCSE English Literature

GCSE Mathematics

GCSE Combined Science - two GCSEs (pupils can opt for separate sciences in the options)

GCSE French

GCSE Geography or History (both can be studied within the options)

GCSE Religious Studies

Physical Education (non-assessed)

Personal, Social and Health Education (non-assessed)

The Optional Curriculum

In 2023 the following courses are available to pupils:

BTEC Animal Care L1/2 First Award

GCSE Art and Design

GCSE Single Sciences - three GCSEs

GCSE Computer Science

GCSE Design and Technology

GCSE Drama

GCSE Food and Nutrition

GCSE Geography

GCSE History

GCSE Music

GCSE Physical Education Studies

GCSE Textile Art

GCSE Sociology

Arrangement of Teaching Groups

The College operates a mixed system, with some linear setting with mixed groups. Decisions on the arrangements of classes in Year 7 are made using information from our feeder primary schools, SATS results and baseline testing in school.

We determine the structure of Year 7 classes prior to pupils starting in September, but some movement is natural and is encouraged. Typically the College operates with a number of mixed ability sets and faster moving accelerated classes, but this always depends on the cohort and what is best for them.

Results 2022

HEADLINE MEASURES (PUBLISHED BY DFE)

35% of all grades awarded were grade 9-7 (A*-A).

Progress 8 – the progress pupils make between Year 6 and Year 11 across their eight best GCSE results:

Year	Chulmleigh College	County	National
2022	+0.82	-0.13	-0.03
2019	+0.43 (actual)	-0.13	-0.03
2018	+0.54 (actual)	-0.13	-0.02
2017	+0.43 (actual)	-0.01	-0.03

Attainment 8 – the average grade of pupils across their best eight GCSE results multiplied by 10:

Year	Chulmleigh College	County	National
2022	57.7	48.1	48.7
2019	54.8	46.3	46.7
2018	58.2	45.8	46.5
2017	50.4	46.5	46.3

Basics 5 - Pupils achieving at least a grade 5 in both GCSE English and Maths:

Year	Chulmleigh College	County	National
2022	65%	49%	50%
2019	58%	42%	43%
2018	60%	41%	43.3%
2017	50%	43%	43%

Basics 4 - Pupils achieving at least a grade 4 in both GCSE English and Maths:

Year	Chulmleigh College	County	National
2022	84%	TBC	TBC
2019	76%	65%	65%
2018	85%	64.2%	64.2
2017	67%	65%	64%

English Baccalaureate (Ebacc) Entry – proportion of pupils entered for the most challenging suite of GCSEs (English, English Literature, Mathematics, at least 2 Sciences, a Modern Foreign Language, History or Geography)

Year	Chulmleigh College	County	National
2022	82%	34%	39%
2019	81%	38%	40%
2018	78%	37.50%	38.40%

Ebacc Average Point Score (APS) - average GCSE grade across the English Baccalaureate subjects:

Year	Chulmleigh College	County	National
2022	5.47	TBC	TBC
2019	5.16	4.06	4.07
2018	5.57	3.98	4.04

School Transport Service

Chulmleigh College offers a subsidised transport service to families who wish to attend our school, but who are outside the Devon County Council transport area for the College, and so do not qualify for free school transport.

The availability of this service relies on parental contributions.



AVAILABLE TRANSPORT ROUTES ARE:

CREDITON Copplestone Morchard Road

RACKENFORD Knowstone South Molton

TORRINGTON High Bullen Beaford Dolton

BARNSTAPLE Bishop's Tawton Umberleigh Portsmouth Arms

HATHERLEIGH Exbourne Garage Sampford Courtenay North Tawton Bow

FOR MORE INFORMATION about Chulmleigh's School Transport Service please contact

Mrs T Harrison: T: 01769 580215 E: tharrison@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk

Keeping in Touch

We like to ensure that both current and prospective parents are kept up-to-date with news from the College, and so stay in touch in a variety of ways.

We produce a weekly newsletter 'Optime', which is emailed home every Monday and includes news and pupil achievements, as well as important information and upcoming events. It is also shared on our website.

We also regularly share school news on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, so if you're on social media and would like to learn more about our school, 'liking' or following our accounts is a great way to do so.

Please visit: www.chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk and click on the 'News & Events' tab.

If you would like to subscribe to our newsletter, please email admin@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk and we can add you to our distribution list.









The School Day

Period 1 8.40am

Period 2 9.40am

Break Time 10.40am

Period 3 11.10am

Period 4 12.10pm

Lunchtime 1.10pm

Period 5 2pm

Tutor/Guild Period 3pm

End of day 3.30pm

PASTORAL STRUCTURE

Our Pastoral Structure has been designed to ensure that pupils will always have access to individual attention or support when needed: on a day-to-day basis in their Tutor Groups, and from their Head of Year when needed.

Years 7-9

Single year tutor groups divided into four houses: Dart, Mole, Taw, Yeo.

Years 10 & 11

Guild System: subject-based tutor groups where pupils receive specialist subject intervention based on their needs.

Rewarding Effort

THE SCHOLAR AWARD

OBJECTIVE OF THE AWARD

TO ACKNOWLEDGE, RECOGNISE AND CELEBRATE THE PIVOTAL IMPORTANCE OF 'EFFORT'.

WE CELEBRATE THIS BY PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGING THOSE WHO APPLY THE MOST

EFFORT: VIA ASSEMBLIES, CERTIFICATES, PHOTOGRAPHS AND TROPHIES.









Effort is valued highly at the College, and we reward pupils who work hard, regardless of their attainment grades.

Every half term we celebrate pupils' effort across all their subjects. Each pupil is given an 'effort' grade, and the top ten pupils in each year group with the most grade ones are awarded a certificate and badge. This begins with a Half Bronze, followed by Bronze, Half Silver, Silver, Half Gold and finally - if a pupil is in the top ten for effort in each half term - the Gold award. In recognition of the pupils who

may have just missed out, but whose hard work we still wish to celebrate, we present 'Intermediate Scholar Awards' to the next highest scoring five boys and five girls.

These awards are highly prized, and are awarded by the Executive Headteacher during assemblies. We give pride of place to the Scholar Award lists and photographs in displays around the College.

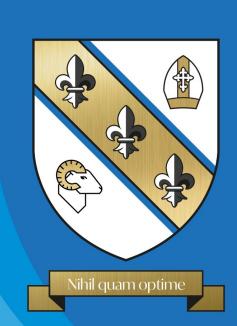
'Extra-curricular Opportunities'











Music Tuition & Ensembles

Music Tuition

Music Tuition at the College is delivered by a team of seven staff, all of whom have been working with our pupils for a number of years. Together these experienced, qualified professional music tutors have in excess of 100+ pupils every year. Music tuition at Chulmleigh College is for anyone who wants to learn, if we can possibly make it happen!

Pupils must provide their own instruments. Rental and rent-to-buy schemes are available from music shops and Devon County also has a hire scheme. We do have a number of flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, trombones, violins and cellos available for loan. Also, if it's portable (sadly that rules out the piano and drum kit!) then VAT-free purchases are possible through the College.

We have been successful in bidding for a limited amount of support funds to offer bursaries to pupils who otherwise might not be able to afford lessons. Some will already qualify for a 50% reduction if on the Pupil Premium register.

Ensemble Opportunities

The College Orchestra rehearses during Wednesday lunchtimes. It is for instrumentalists who play a woodwind, brass or bowed string instrument. There are also a small number of pianists, guitars and percussionists used in some pieces. Arrangements of music in a range of styles, along with original compositions, are prepared for performance at the College's main large concerts in December and May. The Orchestra also leads the music at the College's Harvest and Christmas Festivals. We attend the Devon Schools Mix Festival and participate in the Devon Music Education Hub's collaboration with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

Chulmleigh Music Academy





At CMAc we have the time for more intensive and focussed specific ensembles to complement the Orchestra and Singers. CMAc takes place at the College on Wednesdays, from immediately after school to 5pm. In the past few years, we have been very fortunate to secure external funding through the Devon Music Education Hub (DMEH), to support instrumental and vocal ensembles for pupils in Key Stages 2 to 4.

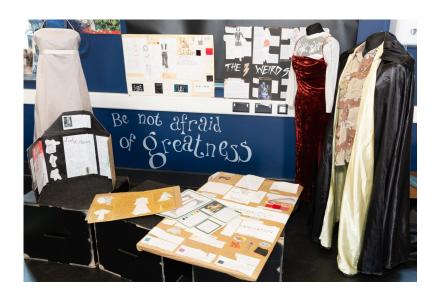
CMAc is proving popular with our young musicians, but is also developing a good reputation further afield. In a recent visit, the Director of the DMEH brought the heads of music services from Cornwall, Somerset and Gloucester to have a look at what we do, and feedback included, "The way things are being done at Chulmleigh is the right way. I would like to see the same in Gloucester".

CMAc Brass, CMAc Woodwind and CMAc String ensembles are led by our visiting instrumental staff of Mr Loysen, Mr Smith and Mrs Craddock. All of these have extensive experience and are overseen by Mr Cookson, College Director of Music.

Teachers Rock Youth Choir

The Teachers Rock Youth Choir is a fantastic organisation delivering high quality ensemble singing across the region. We are fortunate that its founder and CEO, Debbie Kent, runs our own branch of TRY hosted at CMAc. The choir is open to pupils from Key Stage 2 upwards. Recent outside events included performing at Exeter Cathedral and at the National Music Education Expo at London's Olympia.

Drama



In addition to Drama as part of the curriculum, our vibrant Drama department holds a daily lunchtime club, which is run as an 'open studio'. Pupils can use the space to create, as well as using the lighting and design resources. The studio provides a well-equipped resource for creativity, and the club is very popular amongst pupils of all ages.

In recent years, Year 10 Drama pupils have taken part in the annual Shakespeare Schools Festival, the world's largest youth drama festival with up to 30,000 participants, 1000 schools and 136 theatres, all as part of one Festival.

The Festival, the Shakespeare Schools Foundation's flagship project, uses the unique power of performance to develop self esteem, articulacy, literacy and teamwork; skills that transform lives.

In 2023, the performance was 'Romeo & Juliet', involving 27 pupils. The art, music and drama departments were all involved in the production, and younger pupils made the props.

The final performance, in front of 300 people at the Exeter Phoenix Theatre, was an experience the pupils will never forget - improving their confidence massively as well as enhancing their performance skills heading towards their GCSEs.

LAMDA

The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art is one of the UK's oldest drama schools. We are delighted to offer LAMDA tuition and accredited exams as an *extracurricular option*; they are highly prestigious and can count towards the UCAS points system when applying to universities and colleges. The syllabus is designed to develop good reading skills, increasing fluency and understanding and aims to expand vocabulary to improve powers and self-expression. Pupils' confidence in

A Year 11 pupil said,

in my free time is amazing and I have used it to expand upon my acting skills. My friends and I have been able to create our own play, collect a cast and practice it, all thanks to Drama Club. It also helps strengthen friendships as I get to work with pupils not in my class, and from other year groups. I can see others' acting skills and learn from them. Drama has really opened my eyes, and I don't know where I would be without it!"



speaking and listening improves, as does their recall of information and memory.

Our LAMDA teacher Antonia Whittick trained at both the Guildford School of Acting and RADA, and spent several years with the RSC with their innovative community projects and their Regent's Park Seasons. She also worked as a professional actress, mainly in theatre with some television and radio work, and has been involved in numerous Theatre-in-Education projects around the country.

*There is a charge for LAMDA lessons.

Outdoor Education

With Dartmoor, Exmoor and the North Devon coast all a short drive from the College, it's not surprising that we have a thriving and varied outdoor education programme!

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is the world's leading youth achievement award, giving young people the opportunity to be the very best they can be.

DofE at the College has been developed to provide valuable teamwork experience, both through voluntary work and within school. Pupils build their self-confidence by setting goals and working towards them and will also get to push their boundaries - go exploring, discover new things about the world around them, and hopefully, discover something new about themselves.

In addition to encouraging young people to improve physical fitness, develop new skills and give time to worthy causes, the College runs several DofE expeditions every year, with exciting locations including Dartmoor, Bodmin, Exmoor, the Quantocks, Snowdonia and the Lake District.

We have around 80 pupils participating in the scheme at any time and the completion rate is very high. We have a good number of qualified and experienced staff to help pupils meet their goals and expand their horizons.

The Ten Tors Challenge

The Ten Tors Challenge is not for the faint-hearted! It involves months of arduous training in some of the worst conditions possible on Dartmoor, including fog, hail, rain, snow or high winds, over increasingly challenging distances with increasingly heavy backpacks.

We pride ourselves on the strengths of the Ten Tors teams we produce at the College, with teamwork, determination, and positive attitudes complementing the navigation and survival skills developed over the course of the training.

And More...

These are just some of the outdoor education opportunities we provide for our pupils, and the experiences don't stop when they leave the College, as pupils can carry on with Sea Moor Explore.

Our team of volunteers includes former pupils whose participation in these activities has left them with a lifetime love of adventure and the great outdoors. We also actively encourage adventurous parents to get their boots muddy volunteering with us!













Sea Moor Explore Expand your Horizon...

Set up by pupils, ex-pupils, parents and staff of Chulmleigh College, Sea Moor Explore is an exciting club which aims to provide fun and adventurous outdoor activities for young people in North and Mid-Devon.

Whilst fervour for adventure is tremendous, practical opportunities are few and far between, even though North Devon and the rest of the UK offer an abundance of thrilling places to explore. Sea Moor Explore aims to provide young people with the chance to participate in adventurous activities in the great outdoors, to inspire them to undertake escapades of their own,



and to promote and encourage personal development through engagement in these adventures.

We have half-termly trips out to the moor, rivers, lakes, beaches, coastline and woodland, to climb, surf, sail, walk and cycle etc. These events are for pupils of secondary school and sixth form age, who wish to share challenging outdoor activities with like-minded people of their own age. Recent activities have included: stand-up paddle-boarding and kayaking in Exeter, horse riding on Exmoor, skiing in Plymouth, a visit to the Wake Park near Bideford, climbing at Rock and Rapid, surfing at Saunton, and coasteering along the glorious North Devon coast.

As well as planned activities, we have trained teams to complete in the Ten Tors Challenge since 2018. In 2023, we entered teams at all three distances: 35, 45 and 55 miles. Many of the participants are current and former pupils at Chulmleigh, who learnt to be self-sufficient in navigating and camping on the moor during the challenge.

For further information about Sea Moor Explore, check out our Facebook page or

contact seamoorexploremembership@gmail.com.







Sport

The Physical Education Department runs a wide and varied programme of extra-curricular activities for ALL students who wish to get involved, and not just for the more able performers. Some of these activities are for simple enjoyment and fitness, whilst others are designed for preparing individuals and teams to compete in Inter-School, County and National Tournaments.

Autumn and Spring Term lunchtime activities:

Badminton: All Years Cross Country: All Years Girls Rugby: Years 9-11 Girls Football: All Years Netball: All Years Boys' Football: All Years Boys' Rugby: All Years Gymnastics: All Years Table Tennis: All Years Hockey: All Years Fitness Suite: All Years Basketball: All Years Weights Club: Years 8-11

Autumn Term Inter-School competition focus:

Netball: Years 8-11
Boys' Football: All Years
Cross Country: Years 7-10
Boys' Rugby North Devon Cup Competition: Years 9-10
Badminton: Year 10
Girls' Football: U14 & U16

Spring Term Inter-School competition focus:

Netball:Years 7-10Boys' Rugby:Years 7-10Badminton:Years 7-9Girls' Football:U14 & U12

Summer Term lunchtime activities:

Tennis: All Years
Athletics: All Years
Rounders: All Years
Fitness Suite: All Years

Summer Term Inter-School competition focus:

Athletics: Years 7-10
Tennis: Years 7-10









Extra-Curricular Activities Spring Term 2023



All activities take place at lunchtime unless otherwise indicated

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Quiet reading The Ivor Marsh Library	Quiet reading The Ivor Marsh Library	Quiet reading The Ivor Marsh Library	Quiet reading The Ivor Marsh Library	Quiet reading The Ivor Marsh Library
Accelerated Reader book quizzes The Ivor Marsh Library	Accelerated Reader book quizzes The Ivor Marsh Library	Accelerated Reader book quizzes The Ivor Marsh Library	Accelerated Reader book quizzes The Ivor Marsh Library	Accelerated Reader book quizzes The Ivor Marsh Library
Computing Club All Years IT I (LT)	Maths Sparx Support Sessions M6 (WW) 1.10-1.40	Maths Sparx Support Sessions M4 (AC) 1.10-1.40	Homework Support Club All Years IT1 (LT)	Maths Sparx Support Sessions M2 (SJ) 1.10-1.40
Maths Sparx Support Sessions MI (RM) 1.10-1.40	Drama Club Year 9 1.30pm Drama Room (SF)	Orchestra All Years Music Room (JC)	Maths Sparx Support Sessions M5/M3 (MG/JB) 1.10-1.40	Games/ Peer Support Wk2 Year 7 & 8 H5 (JH)
Skittles Club (LGBTQI+) All Years L2 (LMM/DH)	GCSE Drama Open Studio Drama Studio (SF)	GCSE Drama Open Studio Drama Studio (SF)	Games/Peer Support Wkl Year 7 & 8 Al (SC)	GCSE Drama Open Studio Drama Studio (SF)
GCSE Drama Open Studio Drama Studio (SF)	Christian Union S2 (SN)	Chulmleigh Music Academy All Years Heywood Hall (JC) AFTER SCHOOL	Comic Club All Years Reading & drawing comics & cartoons S3 (LM)	Art Club Years 7,8 & 9 TI (DH)
Games/Peer Support Wkl Year 7 & 8 H5 (JH)	Chess Club All Years, all levels I.20pm LI	Dungeons & Dragons All Years E5 (RG)	GCSE Drama Open Studio Drama Studio (SF)	Youth Speaks (Public Speaking) All Years Heywood Hall (LMM)
Warhammer Club S3 1.30pm	Girls' Rounders Year 7 & 8 Field (GM/VB)	Rounders Years 9/10/11 Field (GM/SF)	Tennis Year 8 Tennis Courts (GM)	Composer Club Year 9 Music Room (JC)
Athletics All Years Field (GM/VB/DH/SF)	Tennis Year 9 & 10 Tennis Courts (DH)	Tennis Year 7 Boys Tennis Courts (DH)	Boys' Rounders Year 7 & 8 Field (SF/DH)	Tennis Year 7 Girls Tennis Courts (DH)
			Weights Club Year 9 & 10	DofE Year 9 & 10
Sports/Out	door Education		Weights Room (CS)	H7 (SF)
Academic S	tudies			
Expressive A	Arts/Pupil Clubs			



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We welcome prospective parents and pupils to visit the College at any time. Every day is an open day, so if you are considering our school for your child, do get in touch to arrange a visit.

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