

YEAR 6 TRANSITION

INFORMATION BOOKLET 2026

Dear Parent and Carers

Welcome to Middlewich High School!

We are delighted to be supporting your child as they prepare for this exciting next step in their educational journey. Moving from primary to secondary school is a big moment full of new experiences, opportunities, and challenges and we are here to make that transition as smooth and positive as possible.

At Middlewich High School, we are passionate about helping every student grow into confident, resilient, and successful young people. This booklet contains key information to help you and your child feel prepared and supported as you join our school community.

We can't wait to see your child thrive and grow their future with us at Middlewich High School.



Warmest regards
Lydia Naylor, Headteacher

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KEY PEOPLE

At Middlewich High School, one of our core values is belong, and we are committed to ensuring that every student feels part of our school community from the very beginning. All staff play a role in supporting your child throughout their journey with us. Your child's first point of contact each day will be their form tutor, who they will see every morning during form time. For wider support, they will also have a Head of Year and an Educational Support Worker, a non-teaching member of staff who is available throughout the school day to help with any personal or practical needs. Our Heads of House lead our house system and coordinate a range of competitions and events that encourage teamwork and school spirit. If your child has any Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND), our SENDCO, Miss Collins, and her dedicated team are on hand to provide tailored support. For subject-specific queries, please feel free to contact the relevant Head of Department via email. We are all here to help your child feel safe, supported, and ready to thrive.

Achievement Lead

Mr Dipple

Education Support Worker

Mrs Brandon

Tutor Group

Teacher

Room

7B

Mr Bowers

Art 2

7K

Miss Deusa

Room 22

7N

Mr Liburd

Room 13

7R

Miss Cliff

Room 26

7S

Miss Watt

Room 4

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TRANSPORT

Walking

If students are walking to school, please ensure that they leave in enough time to arrive at school at 8.35am.

Please be mindful of walking in all weathers, we encourage students to wear coats so that if it rains they aren't getting wet.

Bikes

Bikes are an excellent way to travel to school, however we strongly encourage students to wear helmets. We have bike racks available at school, if you travel in on a bike, please enter via the science gate and bring a lock to lock your bike to the rack.

Buses

All school bus information can be found on the website.

If you would like to apply for a bus place, please complete the following form which can be found on the website

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjQWZJG9SPWxBEdPLSjrCMq1DjnXmaATsTxNcYQJRaV8nuUg/viewform>

Staff meet the buses in the morning and direct students onto site. Students that use the school buses **must** come straight onto school site.

Public Transport

If you are using public transport, please practice the route before September.

DATA COLLECTION SHEET

Please ensure that you have completed the data collection sheet that has been sent out via email.



MIDDLEWICH
HIGH SCHOOL

Holiday Pattern 2026 / 2027 academic year. Total Days open = 195

September 2026							October 2026 (39 Days)							November 2026						
M	T 1	W	T 3	F	S 5	S 6	M	T	W	T 1	F 2	S 3	S 4	M	T	W	T	F	S	S 1
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December 2026 (35 Days)							January 2027							February 2027 (30 Days)						
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14	22	23	24	18	26	27	11	12	13	14	22	23	24	22	23	17	25	26	27	28
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28							27	26	27	28										

March 2027 (24 Days)							April 2027							May 2027 (34 Days)						
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June 2027							July 2027 (33 Days)							August 2027						
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Denotes School Holiday Dates

Denotes Bank Holidays

Denotes INSET Days

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE

Attendance and punctuality is one of our priorities here at Middlewich High School.

Excellent attendance and punctuality is proven to be a substantial and fundamental factor in every student's chances of achieving success in school. Regular and punctual attendance not only ensures the continuity of and access to substantive teaching and learning, but minimises disruption to individual lessons and collective programmes of study.

If a student does not attend school or is not taking part in an approved educational activity, they are classed as absent from school. This means that if your child is off school for any reason, even if they are ill or have medical permission to be off school, they are classed as absent.

Less than 95% attendance every year in school equals one GCSE grade dropped on average. Additionally, this is useful preparation for the progression into the workplace, where an absence rate of 5% or above would be considered a cause for concern.

At Middlewich High School, attendance is recorded electronically each morning and afternoon, and at the start of each lesson. Parents can view their child's attendance record for lessons via the Parental Portal.

Accurate registration information provides an early warning system for use in intervention and support for those students and families for whom poor attendance is an emerging or ongoing problem.

We have a legal responsibility to complete formal registrations for the morning and afternoon session of school, in order to meet statutory responsibilities to parents/carers and other agencies in providing accurate punctuality information about individual students and school cohorts.

Leave of Absence from School

The school operates a first day response system. Parents should notify the school on the first morning of the absence by contacting the Attendance Office directly ([01606 537670](tel:01606537670) Option 1) to explain the absence reason. We kindly request you do this before the start of the school day at 8:40am.

If no notification is received parents will be contacted at home or at work to ascertain the reason for the absence.

Students leaving school for any reason during lesson time are required to sign out with the reception on production of a note or appointment card justifying the absence.

THE SCHOOL DAY

Times	Lessons
8:35am	School Gates Open
8:40 - 9:10	Tutor Time
9:10 - 10:10	Lesson 1
10:10 - 11:10	Lesson 2
11:10 - 11:35	Break (25 minutes)
11:35 - 12:35	Lesson 3
12:35 - 13:35	Lesson 4
13:35- 14:10	Lunch (35 minutes) Extra-curricular Activities
14:10 - 15:10	Lesson 5
15.10 - 4.10	Extra-Curricular Activities

- Breakfast club is available from 8am in the canteen each day.
- Year 7 students will share the drama yard for break and lunchtime with Year 11 students
- The Year 11 students will act as buddies and support for the Year 7s

SCHOOL CANTEEN AND SCOPAY INFORMATION

Here at Middlewich High School, we offer our students healthy, nutritious, tasty meals and snacks at an affordable price. All of our food is prepared daily on the premises using fresh, local ingredients, and we even offer a breakfast club in the mornings.

Our simple and efficient **cashless payment system** means that students no longer have to carry money around to buy their meals. You can manage your child's account online, with the ability view the balance, top-up credit, and find out what purchases your child has made.

You will be sent a SCOPAY login to activate the account.

TRIPS AND VISITS

Our personal development curriculum is designed to offer students the opportunity to develop their character and enhance their experiences. One of the ways in which we do this is to offer a range of trips and visits throughout the year.

We are very conscious that parents will need to know about the trips and visits within the academic year to help plan budget accordingly. Below you will find an example of the trips and visit which will be on offer over the year.

Enrichment/PD	Approximate Cost (please note these may change due to external costs)	Duration and Timing	Year Group
Year 7 Trip	£300	2 days	Year 7
WW1 battlefields visit, France and Belgium	£600	July	Year 8
Duke of Edinburgh	£140	Commence in September	Year 9 & 10
Ski trip 2026	£1100	Easter Half Term 2027	All Year groups
Places of Worship visit	£15	Half Term 5/6	Year 8
Cadburys Visit	£30	Half Term 2	Year 10
Reward Trip 1	£15	Activity within the school day	All students that qualify
Reward Trip 2 Theme Park	£40	End of Summer Term	All students that qualify

UNIFORM



Middlewich High School has the highest expectation for compliance with our school uniform policy. Uniform communicates pride in our school community, promotes excellent self-management and student ambition for their future employment.

School Uniform

- Grey blazer with school badge
- Black school trousers, tailored in style and not jeans or skinny fit. Leggings are not allowed.
- Students may also wear a grey skirt. The skirt is a particular style and can only be purchased through the school supplier.
- A white shirt with top button to collar in a standard style
- A school tie with silver and blue stripe
- Black tights or black/white socks.
- Black leather type shoes (not boots or training shoes). No dangerous high heels or canvas footwear will be allowed. It should be noted that reasonably robust school shoes are desirable for safety reasons.
- School jumper (optional). This does NOT replace the blazer but can be worn underneath it between the months of September and April (no other jumpers or sweatshirts are permitted).

Make-Up

- It is not appropriate to wear make-up (including eyelash extensions) or nail varnish at school.
- Acrylic nails are not permitted.
- Hair colour should be natural and extremes of hairstyle inappropriate for school will be deemed unacceptable.

Jewellery

- Students will only be permitted to wear one plain stud in each ear lobe and a watch.
- Any jewellery worn (apart from one earring in each ear lobe) will be confiscated and returned to students at the end of the day.
- Nose studs, ear stretchers/tunnels or other body piercings are not permitted at school.

Student PE kit

- All students in Year 7-11 must wear the new PE kit as detailed in the school uniform policy.
- All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons and sporting events.

School Shoe Guidance

Please click on the link on the school website which details suitable school shoes. When buying school shoes, please ensure they are a style appropriate for an office environment. Trainer-style shoes are not considered to be acceptable school shoes.

School uniform can be purchased via SWi, via the link below:

<https://www.swischoolwear.co.uk/parent-guide>

MOBILE PHONES

We understand that many families choose to provide their child with a mobile phone for safety and communication while travelling to and from school. Our school does have a clear policy around mobile phone use to help create a focused and respectful learning environment.

Once students arrive at school, mobile phones should be switched off and stored securely in their phone pouches for the duration of the day. If you need to get a message to your child during school hours, please contact the school office, and we will ensure it reaches them promptly. We kindly ask that you avoid contacting your child directly via their mobile during the school day.

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We also ask that families be mindful of age guidelines for social media platforms, many of which are designed for users aged 13 and over. For both safety and wellbeing, we do not encourage students to join social media groups that are not age-appropriate. Thank you for your support and understanding as we work together to maintain a positive learning environment for all students.

REWARDS

At MHS, we believe in recognising and celebrating our students' efforts and achievements. We offer a variety of rewards to acknowledge those who consistently demonstrate our core values of being Safe, Respectful, and Ready, as well as those with good attendance.

These rewards include (but are not limited to):

- Achievement Points
- Motivational Mondays
- Praise Postcards (from subject teachers and Miss Naylor)
- Work of the Week
- Headteacher's Breakfast
- Excellunch
- Half-termly Celebration Assemblies
- Reward Trips
- Young Driver Lessons
- In-house Rewards (e.g. inflatables and other fun activities)

This list is not exhaustive, as we are always looking for new ways to recognise and celebrate the positive contributions our students make to school life.

COMMUNICATION



Arbor Parent App

To help us maintain effective communication between home and school, we use Arbor, our Management Information System (MIS).

Through the Arbor Parent Portal and Parent App, you can:

- View your child's attendance record
- Access school communications and notices
- Update your contact information
- Make payments for trips, meals and other school activities
- Provide consent for school visits and events
- View your child's timetable and other key information, where applicable

You will be able to access your child's information now. To ensure you are ready to receive updates and access school information, please download the Arbor Parent App and activate your account.



MIDDLEWICH
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FIRST DAY AT MIDDLEWICH

The first day will be Wednesday 2nd September 2026.

Students will need to be on school site for 8.35am. They will enter via the main school gates (next to the Drama yard). Breakfast club is available from 8am in the canteen, this can be accessed via the canteen gate (a member of staff will be present to direct)

Students will go straight to their tutor room for 8.40am. Staff will be around to direct students to rooms.

They will need to be in full school uniform. They will **NOT** be required to bring their PE kit on the first day. If students would like to use the 3G at lunchtime, they will need to bring a pair of trainers to change into.

On the first day, students will have their first lesson with their form tutor, where they will receive their timetables.

Students will be required to bring their equipment which should consist of:

- Black Pen
- Green Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Protractor
- Calculator

This should all be placed in a black bag (rucksack is preferred)

Students are required to have a refillable water bottle. We have water machines around the building. Students are not allowed fizzy drinks or energy drinks in school.

Students will be able to purchase food from the canteens at break and lunchtime. Please ensure that you name all uniform/equipment.

Students will be dismissed at 3.10pm and will exit via the Drama Yard gates or the Science gates.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Students are encouraged to join one of the many extra-curricular activities that take place weekly. Activities take place at lunchtime and after school. Students do not need to book to join, they just turn up. After school activities will take place until 4.15pm unless it is a fixture and then you will be informed of what time the activity will finish.

Here is an example of some of the clubs we offer. Each week the timetable is posted on social media and also shared with students during form time on Motivational Monday

Piano Club
Key Stage 3 Drama Club
Talking Faith Lunchtime
Science Club
Baking Club
DT1
Athletics
Art Club - Art 1
Mini Musicals
Football
Basketball
Netball
Fishing
And many more!

HOUSE SYSTEM



All students at Middlewich are placed into a House when they join the school, which is identified by the letter of their tutor group.

Throughout the year, our Houses compete in a range of exciting competitions—building teamwork, pride, and school spirit. The year culminates in Sports Day, where every point counts!

The House with the most points at the end of the year is awarded the House Cup and enjoys a special celebration on the final day of term.

You can stay up to date with the latest House Points and competition results by visiting our school website.



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