

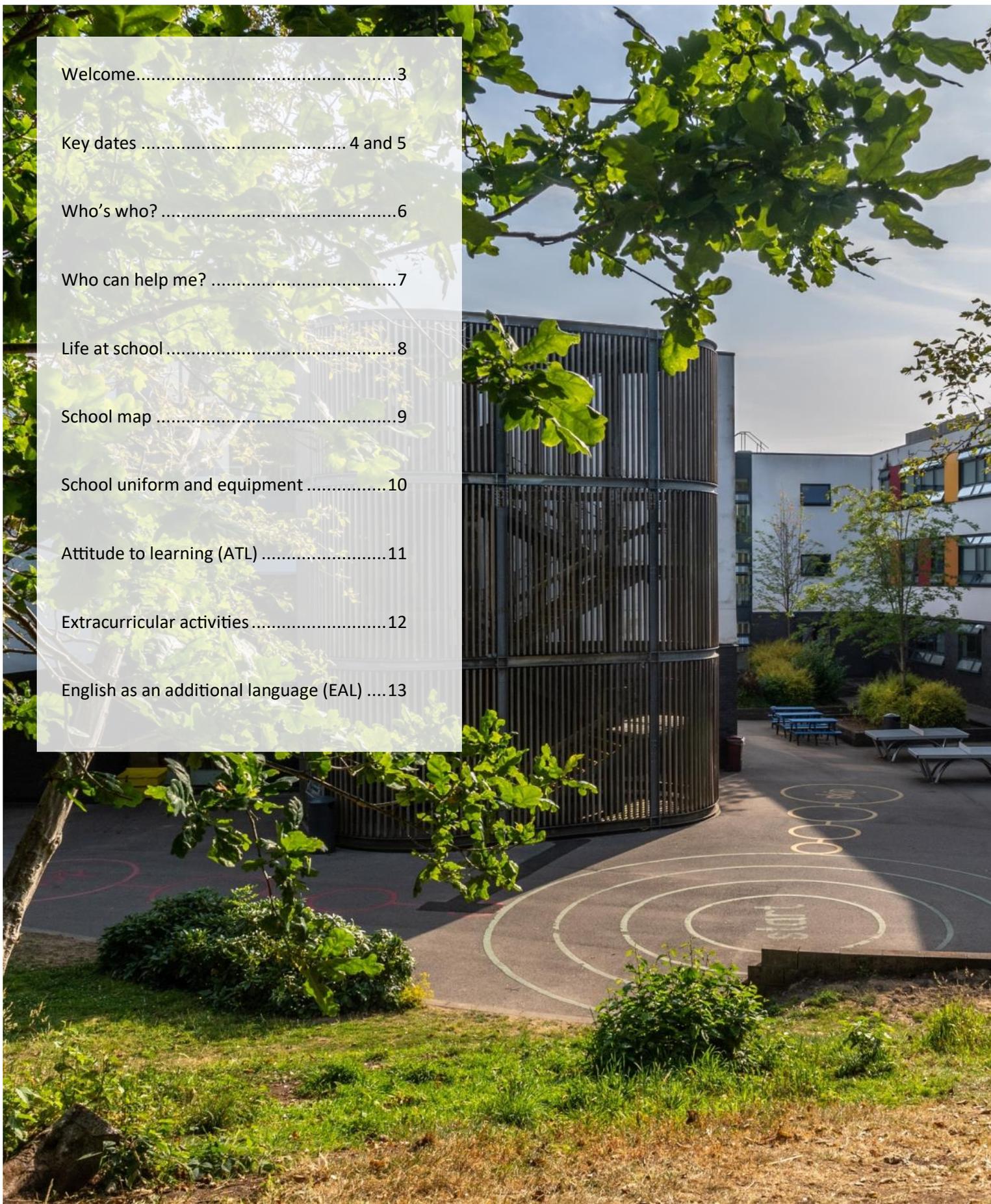


Joining Silverdale School Year 7

in September 2023

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Welcome

Dear Student,

Welcome to Silverdale School!

This booklet is designed to help you (and your parents or carers) to understand what happens before you join us here at Silverdale in September – we call this the ‘transition process’. We hope that it will help with some of the questions you may have about moving from Year 6 to 7. Look out for links to further information in this booklet, marked with a blue ‘i’ symbol.



Silverdale is an excellent school where we are passionate about caring for our students and helping them to achieve their potential.

We have a state of the art building that will offer you a wide range of exciting, new opportunities and teaching and learning experiences. Our students from Year 7 through to 13 are able to take advantage of our sports, music, technology and ICT facilities, to name but a few.

We believe that a smooth, positive and exciting transition from Year 6 to Year 7 is crucial for your start in secondary education. The aim of the Silverdale transition process is for you – and every student - to start here in September feeling excited, confident and cared for.

Moving to a new school is always going to feel a little bit daunting and at the same time exciting. We hope that, together, we can make the transition from primary to secondary school as easy as possible. Whether you are from a major feeder school, and lots of your friends are coming to Silverdale, or you do not know anybody else yet, we are keen that you feel a part of the Silverdale community by the time you join us in September.

We are excited that you will be joining us and we look forward to meeting you. In the meantime, please look at our website to find out more about us:  www.silverdale-chorustrust.org.

Sarah Sims

Mrs S Sims
Head of Silverdale School

Key dates

Over the next few months, we will invite you to meet us, find new friends and explore your new school at a series of events. You will be able to ask any questions that you may have and sample some of the activities that we offer our students.



There are lots of events and we encourage you to make the most of the opportunities to get to know us. These events are designed to ensure that you feel happy and confident about joining us in September.

Uniform evening

Thursday 27 April, 4.00pm – 7.00pm

You are welcome to drop in to school for a chance to see the uniform, try on sample sizes and you can place an order too. It's a good idea to order uniform (this can be done online too) in good time.

 www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/uniform

Induction evening

Thursday 15 June, 6.00pm – 7.30pm

You will be invited to join us at Silverdale to meet your new form and form tutor/s. You will spend time with your form getting to know your classmates.

While you are doing this, your parents and carers will receive presentations from the Head of School and the Head of Year 7.

Primary school visits

The Year 7 Team work hard to visit you at your primary school, so you can meet them and start to prepare for your move to Silverdale. The team will also discuss your needs with your primary teachers, so we can be ready for your arrival at Silverdale.

SEND coffee afternoon

Tuesday 25 April, 1.30pm – 3.00pm

If you have a special educational need or disability (and have an EHC Plan or are on the SEND register at your primary school) your parents/carers will be invited (through your primary school) to our SEND coffee morning.

This gives them the opportunity to meet the team who will be working with you, to learn about the support available and to ask any questions. This will help us to work with your parents/carers to support you throughout your time at Silverdale.



Transition days

Wednesday 21 June, 9.15am – 3.00pm and
Thursday 22 June, 9.15am – 3.00pm

You will join us for two days at Silverdale School, along with all new Year 7 students. You will experience a variety of taster lessons, meet your new teachers and school staff, have the opportunity to make new friends and explore your new school. This is a vital part of the transition process and it is our intention that you leave the days excited to start at Silverdale.

Your parents/carers will arrange for you to arrive at school by 9.15am each day, where you will be met by the Head of Year 7 and placed into your form group. At the end of the day, you will make your own way home.

Our Year 10 Ambassadors will escort you around school. They will also be attached to your form group when you start school in September so you will already know an older student.

In order to be prepared for transition days you should:

- Bring a pen, pencil and ruler.
- Wear your own clothes.
- Wear footwear that is suitable for PE activities.
- Bring a packed lunch or about £3.10 to spend in the restaurant to add to the complementary snack that will be on offer. If you are entitled to Free School Meals, you will receive your usual meal allowance on the day.



Summer's Cool

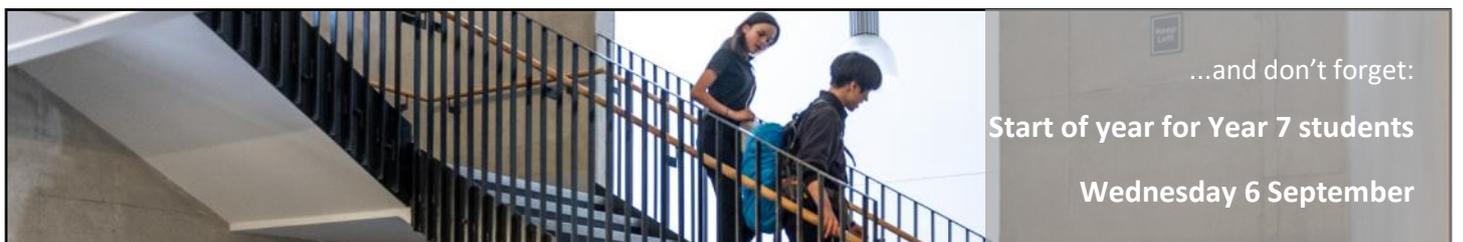
Monday 31 July – Friday 4 August or
Monday 21 – Friday 25 August

All new Year 7 students are invited to join us for one of these weeks where you can:

- Gain real insight into Silverdale School.
- Meet new teachers.
- Make new friends from other primary schools.
- Participate in a range of fun and educational activities.

This event, for which there is a nominal charge, runs twice, so students may choose which of the two weeks they wish to attend.

Please note: these dates are provisional. The event can only run if we have enough students attending. A price will be confirmed nearer the time, depending on numbers. We will contact your parent/carer via email when full details have been published.



...and don't forget:
Start of year for Year 7 students
Wednesday 6 September

Who's who?

Year 7 Team

Miss Clemens

Head of Year 7

Miss Clemens is in charge of Year 7.

It is her job to make sure that every student settles in well and enjoys their first year at Silverdale. She will reward students for working hard and deal with any issues with behaviour. Miss Clemens is always there to offer advice and support to any student or parent who needs it.



Mr Marven

Pastoral Manager

Mr Marven supports students, parents and staff, and he works very closely with Miss Clemens. Please let him know if you have any problems or concerns, and he will do everything he can to help.



Leadership Team

Mr James

Chief Executive Officer
Chorus Education Trust



Mrs Sims

Head of Silverdale School



Mr Horton

Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Hussain

Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Verney

Assistant
Headteacher



Mr Jones

Assistant
Headteacher



Ms Simpson

Assistant
Headteacher



Mr Foster

Business Manager

Who can help me?

There is a wide range of staff in the school who are here to support students. As well as the team in the Year 7 office and individual form tutors, there are other members of staff who are here to help you.

Your form tutor

You will meet them when you visit school



Learning Support Team

The Learning Support Team provides support for students with special educational needs or disabilities. This team should be the first point of contact for any SEND enquiries you or your parents/carers may have.

The Learning Support Team includes:

Miss Kesemeyer

Deputy Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO)

Miss Kesemeyer works with the Learning Support Team to support students with special educational needs or disabilities.

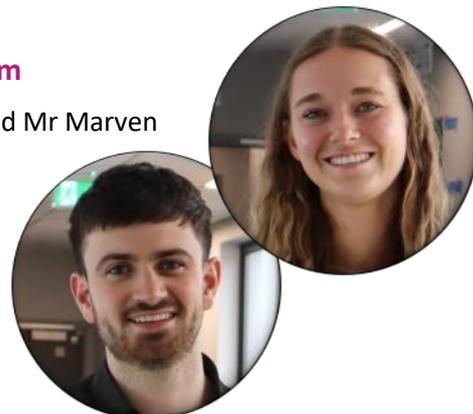


www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/learningsupport

It is our aim here at Silverdale that all of our students feel included and integrated in school life - including all of our new Year 7 students.

The Year 7 Team

Miss Clemens and Mr Marven are here to help. They can be found in the Year 7 Office on the first floor.



Safeguarding, Inclusion and Wellbeing Team

Mrs Pawlak

Safeguarding Officer

Mrs Pawlak and her team will help you if you need any emotional wellbeing support or help with mental health issues. This team also helps students who require additional support for example: those who are young carers, have an allocated social worker or those unable to live with their birth families.



www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/studentsupport

Integrated Resource for Deaf and Hearing Impaired Students

Mrs Coates

Co-ordinator of the Integrated Resource (IR) for Deaf and Hearing Impaired Students

Mrs Coates manages a team of Qualified Teachers of the Deaf and specialist teaching assistants who run this resource on behalf of Sheffield City Council. Students from across the city attend, with some lessons taking place in mainstream school and some within specialist classrooms.



www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/integratedresource

Life at school

School day

The school day starts at 9.00am, and you are welcome to come in to school from 8.30am so that you are ready for the start of the day. We start with registration, with your form and your form tutor in your form room at 9.00am.

Lessons

You will go to your first lesson (called period 1), ready to start at 9.15am. There are five periods in each day, each one hour long, as well as a morning break and a lunch break. Each period will take place in a different room, with a different teacher. You can use the map to find your way around—or ask if you think you are lost.

www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/schoolday

Timings

8.30—9.00	Arrive in school
9.00	Registration
9.15	Period 1
10.15	Period 2
11.15	Morning break
11.35	Period 3
12.35	Lunch break
13.15	Period 4
14.15	Period 5
15.15	End of school day

Subjects

You will study a wide range of subjects. Your teachers will teach you in specially equipped classrooms. These include the science laboratories, drama and dance studios, languages labs, design and technology rooms and indoor and outdoor PE facilities.

www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/curriculumy7to11



Lunch

You will visit our restaurant to have lunch—we offer a fantastic choice of main meals, street food grab pots, sandwiches, jacket potatoes, cakes, desserts and drinks. You will pay for your lunch using your fingerprint.

Our restaurant also opens for breakfast and at morning break for hot and cold snacks to keep you going until lunchtime.

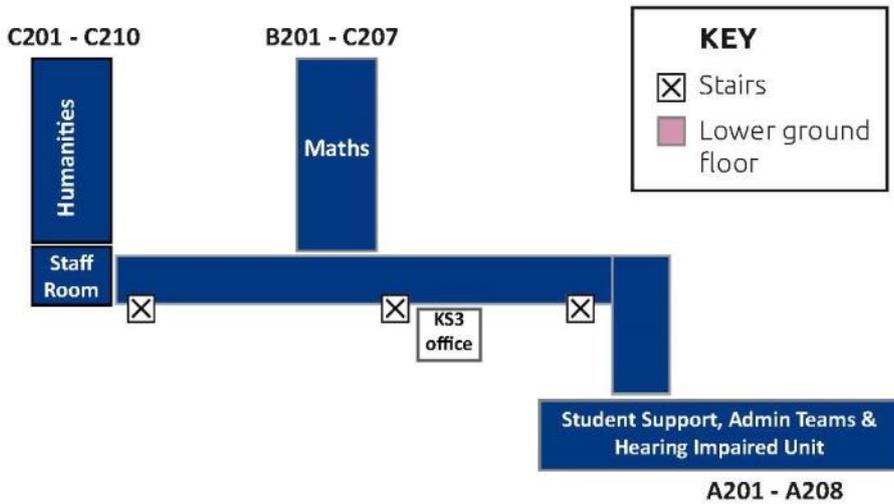
www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/catering



Map of school building

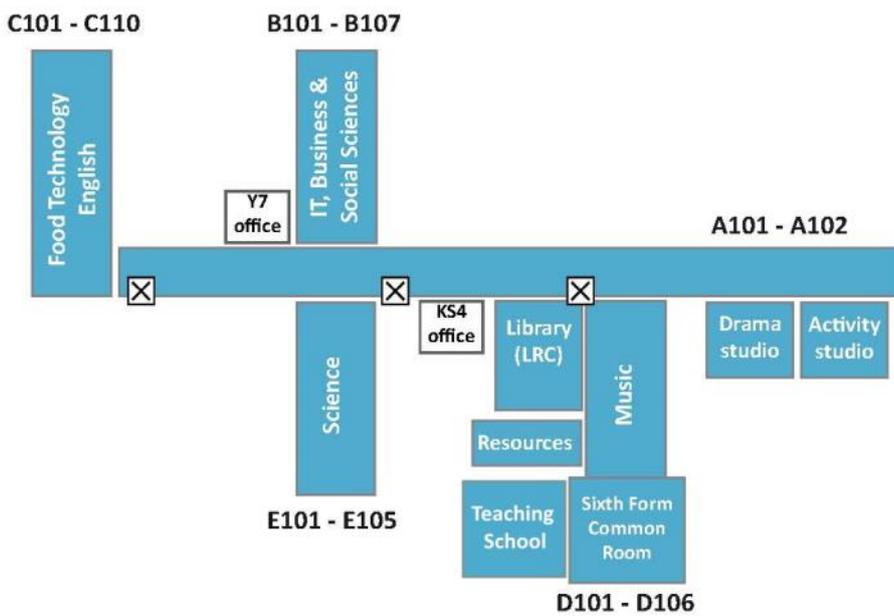


Chorus Education Trust



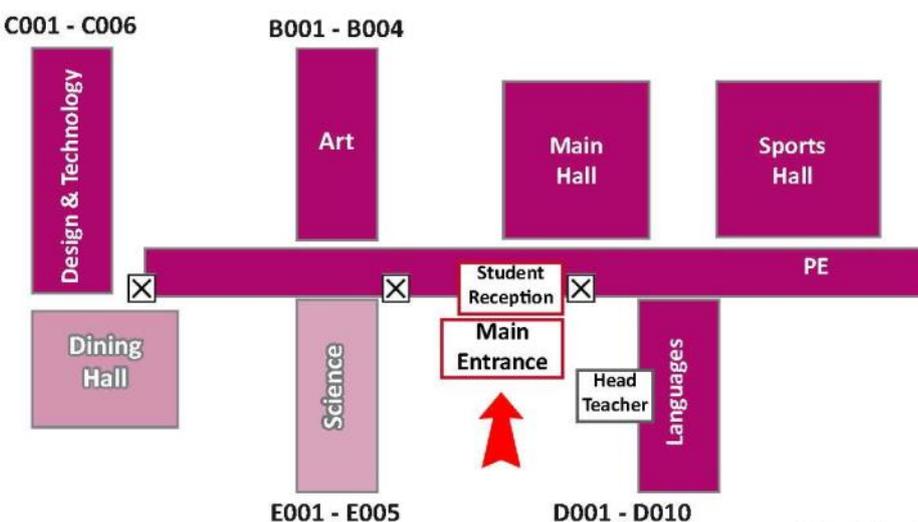
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- Hearing Impaired Unit
- Humanities
 - History
 - Geography
- RE
- KS3 office
- Maths
- PSHE
- Student Support



1st floor

- Activity Studio
- Business Studies
- Drama
- English
- Food Technology
- IT
- KS4 office
- Library (LRC)
- Music
- Resources
- Science
- Sixth Form
- Social Sciences
- Y7 office
- Teaching School



Ground floor

- Art
- Design & Technology
- Dining Room
- Head Teacher's Office
- Languages
- Main Hall
- Science
- Sports Hall
- Student Reception

School uniform and equipment

Uniform

You will wear the Silverdale School uniform when you come to school. You can see the items that are required on this page, and you can look at our website— www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/uniform — for other optional items.

Tops

- **Black polo shirt** with a school logo
- **Black sweatshirt** with a school logo *or* **black cardigan** with a school logo.

PE kit

You will always change into PE kit, when you have a PE lesson. The kit that you need to have is given opposite. See the website for optional items.

Other items

- **Black tailored trousers:** loose fitting, plain, not tight around the ankle *or* **black tailored shorts:** loose fitting, mid-thigh length or longer *or* **black tailored skirts:** not denim or tube style, and longer than your fingertips when your arms are straight by your side.
- **Plain black tights:** no patterns or holes.
- **Flat, plain, black shoes:** no white or coloured logos, soles or markings.
- **Coat**

- **Black or grey Silverdale PE t-shirt** *or* **black and white Silverdale long sleeved PE shirt.**
- **Black Silverdale shorts** *or* **black tracksuit bottoms** *or* **black leggings.**
- **Sports training shoes**



Equipment

We want you to be ready to learn when you come to school, so you should bring with you every day:

- a pen
- a pencil
- a ruler
- a pencil case
- a green pen
- a spare pen
- an eraser
- a scientific calculator
- a glue stick
- a highlighter

Attitude to learning (ATL)

We want to make sure that you develop the skills and abilities necessary to be successful in the changing world. We focus on 'attitude to learning' to help you to achieve this.

You will receive an ATL grade from your teachers each half term. These will be shared with your parents, and your form tutor will help you to use this information to develop an exceptional attitude to learning.

We will help you to be:

RESILIENT

READY TO LEARN

Respectful

RESOURCEFUL

Reflective

 www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/atl

Extracurricular activities

At Silverdale, we aim to nurture your talents and interests. A wide range of clubs (extracurricular activities) are put on at lunchtimes and after school – and all students are welcome to take part.



www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/clubs



We expect you will join at least one extracurricular club in Year 7. To help you to find the club (or clubs) for you, we will hold an extracurricular fair at the start of Year 7 to allow you to learn more about our clubs.

Activities currently on offer include:

- Advanced Dance
- Aladdin
- Art Club
- Badminton
- Boys Drama
- Coding Club
- Creative Club
- Cross Country Club
- Dance Club
- Debating Club
- Drama Club
- Excellence Club
- Football
- Girls' Football
- Girls' Basketball
- Hockey Club
- Keyboard Club
- Netball Club
- Percussion Club
- Props Club
- Rugby Club
- Silverdale Voices
- Table Tennis Club
- Talent Show Rehearsals
- Trampolining
- Ukulele Club
- Volleyball
- Warhammer Club
- Young Souls
- Youth Orchestra



The Library

The library (also known as the LRC—learning resource centre) is open during break and lunch times, where there is an extensive range of books and graphic novels, as well as board games.

You will have some of your lessons in the library and, even when you can't get to the library in person, you can browse the books online.

www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/library



English as an additional language (EAL)

Silverdale is proud to be a multicultural, multilingual school.

Students and staff at our school speak over 30 languages and nearly thirty per cent of us come from bilingual backgrounds. Our students are the international citizens of the future and we celebrate the diversity that this brings to our school in all sorts of ways.

If English is your second or third language, or where you need some extra support to progress, we have a number of qualified staff in school to offer you support. If you are bilingual, you will have the opportunity at Key Stage 4 to take a GCSE in your home language, where qualifications are offered.

 www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/homelanguages



We can't wait to meet you!

In the meantime, if you have any queries, our contact details are below



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