



2022-2023
Summer Term 2

Highfield is Expanding!

We are delighted to share that Highfield School is expanding.

Earlier this year the Local Authority invited us to expand our provision.

To enable us to provide for more pupils the Futures Pathway of Post 16 are moving to Thornes Park to take up residence in a newly refurbished floor of the building.

It has been an exciting few months as the area is being remodelled to ensure students have cooking facilities for shop, cook, eat sessions; access to outdoor space, a sensory room and ICT space.

This means that from September Post 16 will be across 3 sites. The Moving On Pathway remains at the main site for this year and we also have City Futures based in Wakefield Town Centre.

City Futures opened last September and has had a very successful first year.

This means that we will be welcoming more Year 7 students than previous years and our SCERTS pathway will be growing from 1 to 3 classes.

More details regarding the different pathways in school can be found on the school website.

[Post 16 Pathways | Highfield School Ossett \(highfield-school.co.uk\)](https://highfield-school.co.uk/post-16-pathways)

[Curriculum | Highfield School Ossett \(highfield-school.co.uk\)](https://highfield-school.co.uk/curriculum)

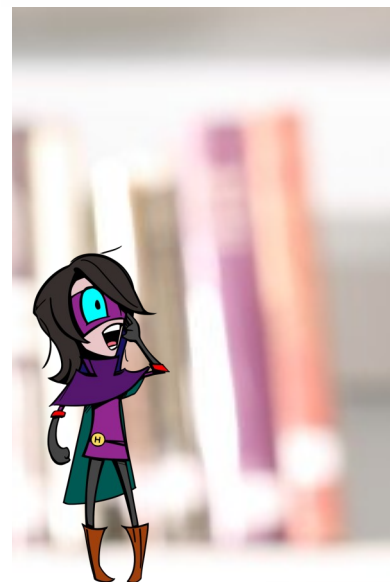
Goodbyes.....

As well as celebrating the achievements of our students we also have two staff members leaving us.

Rachel Parkes will be retiring after a teaching career spanning over 30 years.

Caroline Randall will also be leaving after many years teaching at Highfield.

We wish them both all the best on the next stage of their journey and thank them for their time and dedication to the students at Highfield.



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New Classes and Transition

Your child will shortly be bringing home a social story confirming their new class teacher, teaching assistants and classmates for next year.

Due to the school expansion some of the new teaching assistants are not able to be added to these social stories.

We are very pleased to be welcoming new teachers to school who we have introduced below.

You will also receive a covering letter for yourselves with these details on.

If your child is moving pathways we will already have spoken with parents and carers.

On Monday the 17th and Wednesday the 19th of July, Pupils will spend time with their new teachers during the day.

Each Pupil will also bring home a visual timetable in the final week of school for September.



Teaching Staff
2023 / 2024

Please find a list of Teaching staff below and the names of the classes:

SCERTS Pathway

7NHe—Natalie Heighton
(née Huntingdon)
7ETh—Emma Thompson
8TTr—Tara Travis

Semi-Formal Pathway

7SHu—Sarah Hughes
7AAAn—Angela Andrews
8JGr—Jane Grace
8/9RBa—Rebecca Backhouse
8/11RDe—Rachael Dean

10/11ES—Liz Daniszewski & Stacey
Chalkley (Part-Time)

Formal Pathway

7SGS—Sarah Godman-Sharples
(née Skidmore)
8NMo—Nicola Moffatt
9RBe—Rowanne Beachill
9JKa—Julie Kayiranga
10TNe—Tim Newman
10SNi—Sam Nicholls
11AWH—Amanda Whitwood
11JHo—Joe Hodgson

Other:

Outdoor Learning—Lee McAvoy
Living Skills—Catherine Gunn
Horticulture—Jack Radford
Careers— Jack Edwards

Post 16

Moving On (Highfield Site)

P16Ksh—Kirsty Shires
P16LTW—Leanne Tweddle

Futures (Thornes Site)

P16MWA—Michael Warren
P16RGS—Richard—Godman Sharples
P16SSt—Sharon Stobbs

City Futures (Wakefield City Centre)

Lead Tutor—Vicky Mangham
Tutor—Emma Shore

Uniform and PE Kit—Years 7-11

Please see below details of school uniform.

Please ensure all uniform is labelled including jackets and coats.

From this September we are requesting students wear black or grey bottoms (shorts, leggings or joggers) with a white t-shirt.

Please contact school if you have any questions regarding this.

Students should bring their labelled PE kit in a bag on their PE or Fitness days.

Uniform

All pupils are required to wear school uniform.

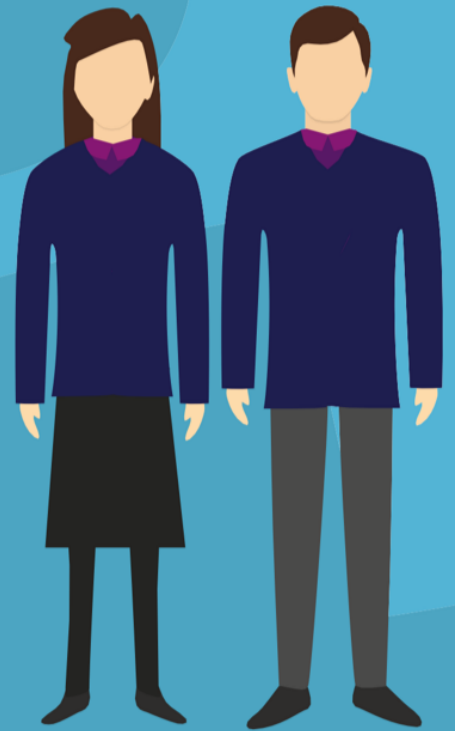
This is: grey or black school trousers or skirts, purple or white polo shirt or white school shirt, navy blue jumper and black shoes.

If a pupil has an identified sensory need then they may wear plain black or blue jogging bottoms with prior agreement with the school.

Students must wear trousers instead of leggings as they are more appropriate for school.

Uniform with the school logo on can be purchased from The Box in Ossett. Please see the leaflet which is included in your welcome pack.

You can also purchase school uniform and shoes in these colours from major supermarkets and High Street shops.



PE Kit

Black or grey shorts / Jogging bottoms or leggings, white t-shirt, trainers & change of socks.

You will be made aware of the days that your child requires PE kit before they start in September.

During the Summer holidays the class dojo system will be temporarily suspended but we will leave Parent Support Advisors connected should you need to contact school in an emergency.

New classes will be set up over the summer and your new teacher will be reconnected for Monday the 4th of September.

On the training days, staff time is timetabled for training and meetings so please do contact Admin if you are wanting a quick reply.



If you require more details regarding joining class dojo please ring school and Admin will be able to help you.

We highly recommend it so you can keep updated on what is happening in school and stay in contact with your child's teacher.

Final Weeks of Term

The final week of term will be very busy.

For Year 11 and Year 14 students their final day is Friday the 14th of July.

Those students attending Highfield Post 16 then return on Monday the 17th, Tuesday the 18th and Wednesday the 19th for formal transition days.

They no longer need to wear school uniform.

Students in Years 7-10 will have their transition days on Monday the 17th and Wednesday the 19th of July.
(They still are required to wear school uniform)

Then Friday the 21st of July is party day across school!
Students can attend in non-uniform.

There will be class parties in the morning and a disco in the afternoon.



Refurbished Sensory Room

Earlier this year we were lucky enough to secure some funding specifically to update the Sensory room.

This was completed two weeks ago and many of the students have been enjoying the new resources.

The room has been designed to promote students communication skills with interactive panels as well as promote their visual, spatial and auditory processing.



Date for your Diary!

Friday 29th September 2023

The first event we will be hosting in the new school year will be the Macmillan Coffee Morning.

This is a very popular event in the school calendar.

Come along for some tasty treats, bring your friends and family and your child can join you as well.

More details to follow in September.





Dates for the Diary July—September 2023

Tuesday 11th July	Year 11 Leavers Assembly— Pupils Only
Wednesday 12th July	Reports and Updated IEP's sent home
Thursday 13th July	Year 11 Leaver's Ceremony at The Tile Yard.
Friday 14th July	Post 16 End of Year Ceremony
Friday 14th July	Year 11 Leaver's Trips
Monday 17th July and Wednesday 19th July	Transition Day—Pupils will spend time in their new classes
Friday 21st July	Final Day of Term Class Parties and Disco
Monday 4th September Tuesday 5th September Wednesday 6th September	Staff Training Days
Thursday 7th September	Students return to Highfield School and City Futures Sites
Monday 11th September	Post 16 Students start at Thornes Park Site
Friday 29th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning

