

## About CHS South

Welcome to CHS South, our new 11-16 eight-form entry, mixed, comprehensive school opened in conjunction with Chorlton High School. Our school provides an initial 180 places in each Year Group, growing to a full capacity of 1200 as we move to our Permanent site in September 2021. Please follow this link to see information about our new building: <https://www.chssouth.org.uk/about-us/location-and-facilities>

CHS South was opened in September 2018 to allow more young people in our community to access the successful model developed at our oversubscribed sister school, Chorlton High School. This model ensures we provide an education built on the values of offering every young person we encounter the skills needed to craft a creative, happy & successful future. These values are articulated in our school intent below:

**CREATIVE:** An education where imagination, curiosity and resilience enable us to ignite our learning.

**HAPPY:** A shared belief that optimism, empathy and responsibility are the foundations for a respectful, safe and inclusive community.

**SUCCESSFUL:** Individuals who are ready to learn, practise being reflective, and are motivated to become champions.

We also ensure the young people at CHS South have access to a broad and forward thinking enrichment curriculum. We are well positioned to offer a diverse and engaging sports curriculum through our fantastic relationships with the vast array of sports providers in our community. Furthermore our expertise and understanding of the creative arts, an industry growing faster in our local community than anywhere in the UK outside London, ensures our young people are provided with the opportunities to develop and hone their skills in order to become the next generation of creative trailblazers.

## Working at CHS South

We are committed to recruiting and retaining outstanding practitioners onto our teaching and our support teams to ensure that our students achieve their very best and are led by happy, dedicated and highly skilled staff. We are committed to ensuring ongoing training and personalised development for all staff. We have an exciting calendar of CPD training events; active and motivating sessions focused on teaching and learning, student attainment and staff well-being. We use the Annual Appraisal Cycle to ensure that all professional development is designed to meet the needs of our staff, whatever stage of their career they may be at and whether they are teaching or support staff.

## Work-Life Balance

Here at CHS South we recognise that ensuring success for students also means ensuring success for staff and we have worked very hard on our 'Happiness' agenda – delivering training for staff and students on 'how to be happy and resilient'. There are a range of processes and procedures in place, designed to make life easier for our staff; from social events, to Line Management meetings, we recognise that through working as a team and having open lines of communication we can all thrive.