



Leigh Academy
Hugh Christie

Welcome

Monday 30th March 2026

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Welcome

We're so proud to welcome you into our academy family. Your journey starts here. We'll be with you every step of the way.

30th March 2026




Ranked the **most improved** non-selective secondary school in the area (Fairer Schools Index, 2025)



Strong community and culture:
A “very strong and infectious sense of belonging, cohesion and community” is evident across the academy, with leaders promoting a shared vision and inclusive values.

Challenge Partners Review, 2025



We're here for you!

We're so excited to meet you – and together, we'll ensure your child feels confident, supported, and ready for their exciting journey ahead

Meet our Team

- Principal: Mr Palak Shah
- Transition lead / Assistant Principal: Mrs Michelle Draper
- Assistant Principal - Inclusion / SENCO: Mrs Laura Moll

From this early beginnings to confident next steps – we'll guide you all the way.



Our transition Journey

From Year 6 to Year 7 – We've Got You!

Our support steps

- ★ Starting off with today - Our Welcome event
- ★ Parent communications - admissions
- ★ Visits to primary schools
- ★ Induction events in Module 6
 - **Induction 1:** Wednesday 17th June 2026 (8.45am - 2.30pm)
 - If needed we can organise an Alternative date:
 - SEN additional day with meetings on Thursday 2nd July 2026 (8.45am - 3pm)
 - **Induction 2:** Tuesday 7th July 2026 (8.45am - 2.30pm) in Advisory Groups
 - **Induction 3:** Tuesday 1st September 2026 (8.25am - 3pm) in Advisory Groups
- ★ Information Evening in September



**We want to ease your child's nerves and
build their excitement!**

Our Small School Model

Every student belongs to one of the smaller colleges within the larger academy.

✔ **Easier Transition from Primary**

For Year 6 pupils, moving to secondary can feel like a big step. Our small school model helps make it feel more familiar and friendly—like joining a bigger version of their primary school.

✔ **Sense of Belonging**

Each college feels like a tight-knit community. Students build friendships across year groups, take part in inter-college events, and feel proud to represent their college.

✔ **Stronger Relationships**

Your child will always have someone they trust to turn to.

✔ **More Personalised Support**

Smaller communities allow us to focus on each student's individual needs—whether that's extra academic help, pastoral support, or stretch and challenge.

✔ **Better Communication with Parents**

Clear point of contact who knows your child well and can support you with anything from learning progress to wellbeing.



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Chromebook for every student - Enhancing Learning

While Chromebooks are an important tool, they will enhance—not replace—traditional teaching and learning methods.

✓ How Chromebooks Will Enhance Learning

- Provide access to a wide range of digital resources, global contexts, and learning tools.
- Support independent learning, revision, and home study through Google Classroom.
- Enable students to revisit lesson materials at their own pace for deeper understanding.
- Allow teachers to share extension tasks, pre-reading, videos, and interactive content.
- Help students stay organised with classwork and homework all in one place.

✗ What Chromebooks Will *Not* Replace

- Exercise books and opportunities to develop handwriting.
- The teacher as the main source of instruction, guidance, and support.
- Face-to-face learning experiences, discussions, and collaboration.
- Written assessments, in-class tasks, and milestone checks.

Digital safety and parent info sessions



Times of the Day

Monday

Tuesday

Thursday

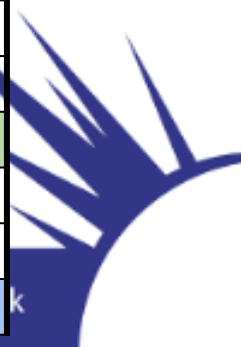
Friday



Are completely the same

Wednesday is different. Students will leave the academy earlier.

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri		
Advisory	08:30 - 08:55	25 mins
P1	08:55 - 09:55	1 hour
P2	09:55 - 10:55	1 hour
Break	10:55 - 11:15	20 mins
P3	11:15 - 12:15	1 hour
P4	12:15-13:15	1 hour
Lunch	13:15- - 14:00	45 mins
P5	14:00- 15:00	1 hour
Move to buses	15:00 - 15:10	10 minutes
Wednesday		
Advisory	08:30- 09:00	30 mins
P1	09:00-10:00	1 hour
P2	10:00-11:00	1 hour
Break	11:00 -11.45	45 mins
P3	11:45-12:45	1 hour
P4	12:45-13:45	1 hour
Move to buses	13:45- 13:55	30 mins



A Typical Day at Leigh Academy Hugh Christie

Arrival and Start of the Day

- Students should arrive on site **before 8:25am**.
- The **Main Hall opens at 8:00am** for students to wait safely.
- At **8:25am**, students line up in **Advisory Groups** within their **College areas**.
- Students are welcomed by the **Senior Leadership Team**, creating a calm and positive start.

Advisory Time – 8:30am

- Students head to **Advisory Rooms** with their Advisor.
- This time supports **emotional wellbeing and academic development**.
- Activities include check-ins, discussions, and goal setting.

Lesson Structure

- **2 lessons** before **Break**
- **2 lessons** before **Lunch**
- **1 lesson** after **Lunch**

All students are allowed to use the toilet before school, during break and lunch and after school.

End of the Day

- The academy day finishes at **3:00pm**.
- **Buses are available between 3:00–3:10pm** for those using public transport.

Top Tip for Year 7's:

Be on time, stay organised, and use every opportunity to ask for help—there's always someone here for you.



Co - Curricular Offer

The intent of our Co-Curricular offer is to provide a wealth of opportunities for students to experience new interests, hobbies, and skills beyond lessons.

These experiences can enrich student lives', allow friendships to blossom and nurture their confidence and self esteem.



Uniform

- ✓ **Blazer**
- ✓ **Shirt / Blouse**
- ✓ **Tie**
- ✓ **Jumper / Cardigan** (*optional*)
- ✓ **Trousers**
- ✓ **Skirt - Must be knee length**
- ✓ **Socks (No bows) / Tights**
- ✓ **Shoes** (*school-appropriate, no trainers*)
- ✓ **Coat** (*for wet/cold weather*)
- ✓ **Bag** (*big enough for books, Chromebook, and PE kit*)

Top Tip from a Year 7 Student:

Always organise your uniform the night before—especially your tie and blazer. It saves loads of stress in the morning!

Uniform Wisdom from Year 7:

Make sure your shoes are comfy and school-approved—you'll be walking a lot!

What to Wear

- **Brigade** supplies our uniform
- See for yourself what our uniform looks like
- All the information you need is on our website
- There is no summer uniform
- All details are on our website

The screenshot shows the website header with a blue background. On the left is a yellow flag with 'BRIGADE' written on it. On the right is a shopping basket icon with 'Basket £0.00'. Below the header is a navigation bar with 'HOME | PARENTS | SCHOOLS'. The main content area has a yellow background and a breadcrumb trail: 'Home » Parents Direct » School'. There are four product cards:

- LEIGH ACADEMY HUGH CHRISTIE NAVY BLAZER**: Shows a dark navy blazer.
- NAVY KNITWEAR JUMPER**: Shows a dark navy knitwear jumper. Below the image, it says 'Includes embroidered academy crest - OPTIONAL'.
- NAVY KNITWEAR CARDIGAN**: Shows a dark navy knitwear cardigan. Below the image, it says 'Includes embroidered academy crest - OPTIONAL'.
- IMPORTANT INFORMATION**: A box with the Leigh Academy Hugh Christie logo, a location pin icon, and text: 'Parents Direct - Home Delivery' and 'Please note our current lead time'.

At the bottom of the screenshot is the website URL: leighacademyhughchristie.org.uk

Equipment

Compulsory Daily Equipment

- ✓ Fully charged Chromebook
- ✓ Pencil case
- ✓ black writing pens
- ✓ HB pencils
- ✓ green pen
- ✓ Rubber
- ✓ Pencil sharpener
- ✓ 30cm ruler
- ✓ Compass
- ✓ Protractor
- ✓ Scientific calculator (e.g. Casio FX 85GTX)

- ✓ Reading book (*may be borrowed from the library*)
- ✓ Water bottle (*labelled*)
- ✓ All required exercise books / folders / textbooks for the day
- ✓ PE kit (*if required*)
- ✓ Any other materials needed for specific lessons (*e.g. ingredients for food tech*)

Recommended Extras

- ✓ Coloured pencils
- ✓ Scissors (safe for school)
- ✓ Glue stick
- ✓ Highlighters
- ✓ Chromebook carry case

Top Tips for Staying Organised

- Your chromebook must be fully charged everyday.
- Keep a spare pen in your blazer pocket—just in case!
- Check your timetable the night before to make sure you have the right books and equipment!

Being prepared = feeling confident and ready to learn!

One of our 3 R's is being READY

All of this information
is on our website

Rewards - Merit Points

- **Easiest way to get merit points is to attend school 100% attendance for a week = 5 Merit Point**
- **Hot Chocolate Friday** nomination = **5 Merit Points** and entered into a draw to have Hot Chocolate with **Principal**
- Merit points to be earned every lesson - linked to IB learner profiles
- Unsung Heros - Rewarding those that do the right thing all the time
- More frequent reward trips

Sanctions - Supporting Positive Behaviour

Clear & Consistent Expectations

- We set high expectations for all students
- Students know what is expected and feel secure in routines

Supporting Students to Succeed

- We always aim to guide and support students to make positive choices
- Any behaviour concerns are addressed quickly and proportionately
- We take into account individual needs and circumstances

In the Classroom

A simple **corrections system** is used consistently:

1. Reminder
2. Warning
3. Time out / reset (exit room)

This helps students to **refocus and continue learning positively**

At our academy, we have a calm, safe and disruption-free environment where every child can succeed.



*On Site
Out of Sight*



Phones **must** be turned off and
in your bag **at all** times.

A Reminder About Mobile Phone

We kindly ask for your continued support in reinforcing our **mobile phone policy** with your child. As part of our commitment to maintaining a focused and respectful learning environment, all mobile phones must be **switched off and kept out of sight** while on the academy site. Phones should remain **in students' bags throughout the school day**.

By working together, we can help minimise distractions and ensure our academy remains a space where every student can thrive. Thank you for your understanding and partnership.

- Reinforcing and consolidate classroom learning
- Developing independent study habits
- Preparing students for exams and future pathways
- Students learn how to organise and prioritise tasks
- Boost academic success and life skills

Homework Expectations

- All homework is set via Google Classroom as an assignment.
- Tasks may include worksheets, online platforms, or project-based learning.
- Students are responsible for completing tasks, even if absent.

Home learning is key to building confident, independent learners. We're here to support every step of the way.

Recognition and Responsibility

- Students who meet expectations receive a positive reward points for homework
- Students must not miss or hand in incomplete homework

What Parents Need to Know

- Parents receive summary emails from Google Classroom to stay informed.
- Google Classroom guides are available to help families navigate the system.



Home Academy Agreement - Working together for your child

At our academy, we believe the strongest outcomes for students come when **we work together with shared expectations.**

Our Shared Commitment

As an Academy, we will:

- Provide a **safe, supportive and disruption-free environment**
- Deliver a **high-quality education** that challenges and supports every student
- Offer strong **pastoral care and wellbeing support**
- Communicate openly and work with you to support your child

Parents/Carers will:

- Support high expectations and reinforce positive habits at home
- Work in partnership with us, trusting and communicating with staff. Support academy policies.
- Promote strong attendance, organisation, and readiness to learn

Students will:

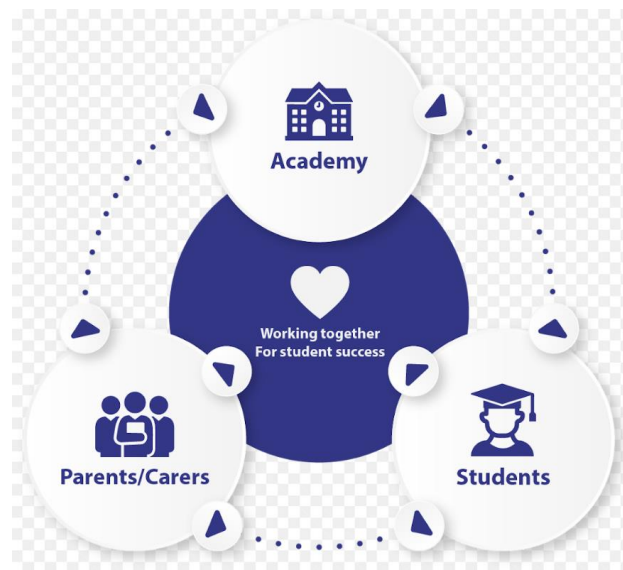
- Be **Ready, Responsible and Respectful** in everything they do
- Attend well, be punctual, and try their best
- Take responsibility for their learning, behaviour, and actions



Why This Matters

- Students feel **supported and secure**
- Expectations are **consistent** at home and school
- Young people develop **independence, resilience, and responsibility**

Working together with the same expectations, your child has the very best chance to succeed — not just academically, but as a confident, responsible young person.



Communication with Parents

Staying in Touch with Us

- Currently you will receive information through admissions
- Email, academy app - **MCAS**, website, social media
- How to contact college teams



We're always here when you need us

YEAR 7 TRANSITION

Transitioning from primary to secondary school marks an exciting, transformative chapter in your child's life. Filled with new opportunities, inspiring teachers, and the promise of lifelong friendships. We understand that alongside the excitement, there can be moments of uncertainty and apprehension. At Leigh Academy Hugh Christie, we are devoted to making this transition as warm and supportive as possible by our strong, nurturing relationships with our new families and feeder schools.

Our Transition website has been designed to answer your questions relating to transition and provide general information about Leigh Academy Hugh Christie. We are delighted that you have chosen Leigh Academy Hugh Christie for your child. We are looking forward to having them join us and begin the transition process.

How to Support your Child

Attendance

MCAS

Google Classroom

Sparx (Maths, Reader and Science)

Rewards

Website

admissions@lahughchristie.org.uk

Angelou College: angelou@hughchristie.latrust.org.uk

Attenborough College: attenborough@hughchristie.latrust.org.uk

Coe College: coe@hughchristie.latrust.org.uk

Phone: 01732 353544



Classroom



Sparx Learning



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Thank you for your time - Supporting your child every step of the way

Food provided by our catering team

Stay behind if you have any further questions - we have a dedicated website with Questions and Answers ready for you

Dates for your diary:

- **Induction 1:** Wednesday 17th June 8.45am - 2.30pm
- **SEN Day and Meetings:** Thursday 2nd July - 8.45am - 3pm
- **Induction 2:** Tuesday 7th July 8.45am - 2.30pm
- **Induction 3:** First day in full school uniform - Tuesday 1st September 8.25am - 3pm
- Information Evening for year 7 parents in September



**We're Here to
Help - No
question is too
small – we're in
this together.**

SEN Support – Ongoing and Personalised

If you have any **initial questions**, our **SEN team** will be available at the end of today's event.

This is just the start of the transition process—**more detailed conversations** will take place during our **SEN meetings in July.**

