



Congleton High School

Together in the Pursuit of Excellence

The XL Department



The XL Team

What we do

Sometimes school can be challenging and if you or your teachers feel like you need extra support, that is when we step in! The Teaching Assistants can help with all sorts of things, such as supporting you in your lessons or helping you find your way around the school and they will always be ready to listen to any questions you may have.



Where to find us

Like all the other subject areas, we have our own area in school called XL. We have a large classroom, F0-10, which has computers for you to use.

What happens in XL

Our XL base has 3 main sections:

- **The Hub** is our SEND Support Room. In this space, you can get support from one of our Teaching Assistants. This could include help to catch up with your work, access to online tutoring, subject specific support and Social, Emotional and Mental Health support. At lunchtime this room is our quiet space for pupils who require a calming atmosphere.
- **XL** is our intervention room, which has space for several different interventions to take place including literacy, numeracy, social, emotional and mental health interventions such as Therapy Dogs and bespoke subject support. At lunchtime, this is our active space where you can have lunch and play games such as Chess and Uno.
- The **Sensory Room** is available for students to help regulate their emotions.



Mr Blaylock is our **SENCo**, and his office is in XL, where you will find lots of resources to help you with your learning, such as laptops and Reader Pens. You may also call into the office if you have any questions or concerns.



Break and Lunchtimes

You are welcome to come to XL at break and lunchtimes to eat your snacks and lunch. You will also find a water fountain there. At lunchtimes there will be lots of games for you to play with your friends.



There will always be Teaching Assistants on duty at break and lunchtime, so if you have any worries or need any help let them know and they will be happy to help you.

The Rules

You may bring one friend with you to XL/The Hub at break and lunch time and you will both be expected to follow these behaviour expectations:

- Be respectful to others
- Follow instructions from staff
- No mess to be left/all rubbish put in the bins provided.
- No shouting, fighting, or arguing
- Voices should be quiet
- No inappropriate language/swear words
- No mobile phone use unless authorised by SENCO
- Years 7-9 must not use The Hub at break/ lunch time.
- Year 10 and 11 must not use XL at break/ lunch time.























Meet the Team



Hello, I am the **SENCo, Mr Blaylock**. I am really pleased that you will be joining us at CHS. I am looking forward to meeting you all. We have lots of brilliant Teaching Assistants at CHS who support students in all subjects. Please do let us know if you have any questions.

<u>Mrs Temple - Assistant SENCo</u>		<u>Mrs Renton - Key Stage 3 Lead</u>	
<u>Ms Harwood - Key Stage 4 Lead</u>		<u>Mrs Taylor - Transition Lead</u>	
<u>Mrs Ashun - Teaching Assistant</u>		<u>Mrs Ball - Teaching Assistant</u>	
<u>Mrs Cryer - Teaching Assistant</u>		<u>Miss Dale - Teaching Assistant</u>	
<u>Mrs Davis - Teaching Assistant</u>		<u>Miss Gough - Teaching Assistant</u>	
<u>Mr Hargreaves - Teaching Assistant</u>		<u>Mrs Jarrett - Teaching Assistant</u>	
<u>Ms King - Teaching Assistant</u>		<u>Ms Knight - Teaching Assistant</u>	
<u>Mr Lister - Teaching Assistant</u>		<u>Mrs Long - Teaching Assistant</u>	
<u>Miss Moore - Teaching Assistant</u>		<u>Mrs Parry - Teaching Assistant</u>	
<u>Miss Sibthorpe - Teaching Assistant</u>		<u>Ms Smith - Teaching Assistant</u>	
<u>Miss Spencer - Teaching Assistant</u>			



The School Day

8.30 am	Arrive at school	When you arrive at school, you can go to the hall and get a free drink and some toast and talk to your friends. You can also go to XL, where Mr Blaylock and some of the teaching assistants will be able to help you get organised for the day. A bell will ring to tell you it is time to go to registration.
8.40 am	Registration	When the first bell goes, it is time for registration. This happens in your Form Room with your Tutor Group. Some days you will have an assembly and other days you will read or catch up with the news. Your Form Tutor will tell you when it is time to go to your first lesson. You can also check your timetable to see which lesson you have first.
9.10 am	Period 1	You will now go to your first lesson of the day. Do not worry about getting lost; you will quickly find your way around the school, and there are plenty of staff members to help you. Your teacher will tell you when it is time to go to your next lesson.
10.10 am	Period 2	Your teacher will tell you when it is break time.
11.10 am	Break	You can buy a snack from the refectory or bring your own. It is a cashless system (you cannot use money). Your parents/carers can put money onto your account online, or there is a machine in school that you can put your money in to top-up your account. Year 7 have an area to go called the Quad, or you can come to XL. A bell will ring to tell you it is the end of break time.
11.30 am	Period 3	Your teacher will tell you when it is time to move to your next lesson
12.30 pm	Lunch	You can either bring a packed lunch from home or buy your lunch from the refectory. You can eat your lunch in the Quad or in XL. In one room there will be games to play. We have a quieter room for students who want to do some homework or chat with their friends. In the summer you can go out on to the field. A bell will ring to tell you it is the end of lunchtime.
1.10 pm	Period 4	Your teacher will tell you when to go to your next lesson.
2.10 pm	Period 5	Your teacher will tell you when it is home time.
3.10 pm	Home Time	There are lots of after school activities, which your Form Tutor will tell you about or you may wish to go to the Homework club in the Library.



Homework

Homework is set online on a website called [satchel:one](https://www.satchelone.com). All students are expected to do homework for each subject. Remember that we can help you with your homework in XL at lunchtime and you can go to the Homework Club in the Library. You can also email your teacher. If you ever start struggling with completing homework, let a member of staff know as soon as possible so we can help and support you.

Equipment

Every day, you must bring the following equipment:

- Schoolbag
- 2 Black Pens and 1 Green Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Pencil sharpener
- Rubber
- Calculator
- Protractor
- Compass



Rewards

At CHS we want to reward you for the fantastic work you do! You will get R3s for good effort, good work and good behaviour. There are lots of prizes and certificates given to students who have the most R3s!

Consequences

This part will not apply to you, but some students will receive a consequence (C3) for bad behaviour in class, not completing their homework or not bringing the correct equipment

Facilities

At CHS we have some fantastic facilities for you to use! These include:

- The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) where you can find books, Kindles and iPads!
- A modern media suite with an editing studio
- Two drama and music rooms with a recording studio
- A full size, flood-lit 3G pitch and lots of playing fields and courts for hockey, football, rugby, tennis, netball, cricket and athletics
- An outdoor shelter, (The Quad) with tables and chairs so you can be outside regardless of the weather.



Getting to know you

Mrs Taylor has already visited all the primary schools and Mr Blaylock has been in touch with your Year 6 teacher so already knows lots of information about you.

There are a few questions below that will help us know how we can help you even more. There is also space where you can write down any questions for Mr Blaylock, which he will try to answer when you visit school.

You can also contact Mr Blaylock or Mrs Temple via email: SENCO@congletonhigh.com

Questions

I am looking forward to going to my new school because:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

I might need some help with:

1) _____



2) _____

3) _____

I really want to find out about:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Anything else you would like us to know about you:

