

The background of the entire page is a photograph of the Cheshire Academy campus. In the foreground, there is a large, multi-story brick building with a prominent portico supported by white columns. The building has many windows. Behind it, there are more campus buildings, green lawns, and trees. In the far distance, there are rolling hills and mountains under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. A dark blue rectangular box is centered over the middle of the image, containing the school's name in white serif font. Below the box, the title 'Opening of School Guide' is written in a large, bold, dark blue serif font. At the bottom, the academic year '2024-2025 Academic Year' is written in a bold, dark blue sans-serif font. The bottom right corner of the page has a white, curled-up paper effect.

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# Opening of School Guide

**2024-2025 Academic Year**





*Dear students and families,*

We are excited that you have chosen to become a part of the Cheshire Academy community. An institution that has been instrumental in educating students for 230 years, Cheshire Academy is rich in history and tradition. We are proud of our academic excellence, our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and our focus on individual pathways to student success.

We believe that all students can learn and achieve at high levels and are committed to providing a rigorous and challenging curriculum that will prepare our students for college and beyond. We also believe that it is important for students to be engaged in their learning and to feel a sense of belonging within their community. It is our hope that when you are here, you are home.

At the Academy, we maintain that learning is best accomplished through collaboration and teamwork. We encourage our students to work together to solve problems, generate ideas, and build relationships. We also recognize that growth is a lifelong process and are committed to providing our students with the resources and support they need to grow as learners, leaders, and global citizens.

Your decision to join our community was made with great care and consideration, and we want to assure you that we are here to guide and support you every step of the way. To that end, within this document you will find information to help you successfully begin your journey at Cheshire Academy, including details about your expected arrival window, transportation and lodging information, and orientation activities.

We are excited to get to know you and look forward to a year of engagement, growth, and collaboration. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns and once again, welcome to Cheshire Academy.

Sincerely,

*Colleen Altenburger*

Colleen Altenburger | Dean of Students



## **AN IMPORTANT NOTE FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES:**

To ensure a smooth arrival for every student and make certain that all health center clearance expectations have been met, students may **ONLY** arrive to campus during assigned arrival windows. Students who arrive to campus outside of a designated arrival period will be asked to return to campus the following day. Please note that there are **NO** arrival windows from August 27 - August 30.

# Schedule and Arrivals

## Friday, August 23

### Student Leader Arrival; Student Leader Training begins

*Please note that students should not arrive outside of designated arrival windows without prior approval from the Dean's Office.*

#### 2-4 p.m.

Arrival and check-in for Boarding Student Leaders (Humanities, 2nd floor)

Boarding students may move into their rooms after checking in

#### 4-5 p.m.

Arrival and check-in for Day Student Leaders (Humanities, 2nd floor)

#### 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Dinner (Location TBA)

#### 7-9 p.m.

Opening Activities for Student Leaders (Vanacore College Counseling Office and Fencing Room)

Day Students attending Student Leader Training may return home

#### 9:30 p.m.

Dorm check-in for Boarding Students

#### 9:30-10 p.m.

Required dorm meetings to review Residential Life expectations and dorm evacuation protocols

## Saturday, August 24

### Student Leader Training continues

#### 8-9 a.m.

Breakfast (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

#### 9:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Student Leader Training (Richardson Lecture Hall)

#### 12-1 p.m.

Lunch (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

Citizenship Committee Student Lunch Meeting

#### 1-3 p.m.

Student Leader Meetings by Group (Locations TBA)

- > Student Body President/Vice President
- > Class Representatives/Lead Class Advisors
- > Boarding Prefects
- > Day Prefects

#### 3-5 p.m.

Student Leader Training (Richardson Lecture Hall)

#### 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Dinner (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

#### 7-9 p.m.

Student Leader Activity (Location TBA)

Day Students attending Student Leader Training may return home

#### 9:30 p.m.

Dorm check-in for Boarding Students

# Schedule and Arrivals

## Sunday, August 25

### Student Leader Training continues

#### 8-9 a.m.

Breakfast (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

#### 9:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Student Leader Training (Richardson Lecture Hall)

#### 12-1 p.m.

Lunch (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

#### 1-3 p.m.

Student Leader Meeting: Orientation and Move-in Preparation (Community Forum, Humanities)

#### 3-5 p.m.

Student Leader Training (Richardson Lecture Hall)

#### 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Dinner (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

#### 7-9 p.m.

Student Leader Activity (Location TBA)

Day Students attending Student Leader Training may return home

#### 9:30 p.m.

Dorm check-in for Boarding Students

# Schedule and Arrivals

## Monday, August 26

### Arrival for all new and optional Returning International Students\*

#### Preseason Arrival

#### International Orientation\*; Preseason begins; Student Leader Training continues

*Please note that students should not arrive outside of designated arrival windows without prior approval from the Dean's Office.*

#### 8:30-9 a.m.

Student Leader Meeting (Library)

#### 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Arrival and check-in for new and returning international students\* (Humanities, 2nd floor)

#### 9-11 a.m.

Arrival and check-in for Boarding students attending fall preseason – soccer, football, volleyball (Humanities, 2nd floor)

Boarding students may move into their rooms after checking in

#### 11-11:45 a.m.

Arrival and check-in for new and returning Day students attending fall preseason – soccer, football, volleyball (Humanities, 2nd floor)

#### 12-12:30 p.m.

Welcome meeting for parents and guardians (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

#### 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Lunch for students and families with Advisors (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

#### 2-5 p.m.

Programming for International Students\* (Exact schedules and locations TBA)

Preseason Activities (Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches)\*\*

#### 5-5:30 p.m.

Meeting for all boarding and day students on campus (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

Preseason athletes should come to dinner with their coaches

#### 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Dinner (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

#### 7-9 p.m.

Programming for International Students\* (Exact schedules and locations TBA)

Preseason Activities (Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches)\*\*

Day Students may return home after their final commitment

#### 9:30 p.m.

Dorm check-in for Boarding Students

#### 9:30-10 p.m.

Required dorm meetings to review Residential Life expectations and dorm evacuation protocols

*\*with Standard and Reduced Fee Package*

*\*\* Student Leaders participating in Preseason should attend Preseason Activities*

# Schedule and Arrivals

## Tuesday, August 27

**Orientation for International Students\* continues; Preseason continues; Student Leader Training continues**

**7:45-8:30 a.m.**

Breakfast (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

**9-11:30 a.m.**

Preseason Activities (Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches)\*\*

**12-1 p.m.**

Lunch (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

**1-5 p.m.**

Orientation Programming for International Students\* (Gather at Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

**2-5 p.m.**

Preseason Activities (Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches)\*\*

**5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Dinner (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

**6:30-8 p.m.**

Orientation Programming for International Students\* (Gather at Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

**7-9 p.m.**

Preseason Activities (Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches)\*\*

Day Students may return home after their final commitment

**9:30 p.m.**

Dorm check-in for Boarding Students

## Wednesday, August 28

**Orientation for International Students\* continues; Preseason continues; Student Leader Training continues**

**7:45-8:30 a.m.**

Breakfast (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

**9-11:30 a.m.**

Target Shuttles for new F1 Visa students (Gather at Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

Preseason Activities (Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches)\*\*

**12 p.m.-1p.m.**

Lunch (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

**1-5 p.m.**

Orientation Programming for International Students\* (Gather at Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

**2-5 p.m.**

Preseason Activities (Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches)

**5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Dinner (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

**6:30-8 p.m.**

Programming for International Students\* (Gather at Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

**7-9 p.m.**

Preseason Activities (Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches)

Day Students may return home after their final commitment

**9:30 p.m.**

Dorm check-in for Boarding Students

*\*with Standard and Reduced Fee Package*

*\*\* Student Leaders participating in Preseason should attend Preseason Activities*



# Schedule and Arrivals

## Thursday, August 29

**Orientation for International Students\* continues; Preseason continues; Student Leader Training continues**

### **7:45-8:30 a.m.**

Breakfast (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

### **9-11:30 a.m.**

Orientation Programming for International Students\* (Gather at Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

Preseason Activities (Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches)\*\*

### **12-1 p.m.**

Lunch (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

### **1-5 p.m.**

Excursion for International Students\* (Gather at Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

### **2-5 p.m.**

Preseason Activities (Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches)\*\*

### **5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Dinner (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

### **6:30-8 p.m.**

Programming for International Students\* (Gather at Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

### **7-9 p.m.**

Preseason Activities (Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches)\*\*

Day Students may return home after their final commitment

### **9:30 p.m.**

Dorm check-in for Boarding Students

*\*with Standard and Reduced Fee Package*

*\*\* Student Leaders participating in Preseason should attend Preseason Activities*

# Schedule and Arrivals

## Friday, August 30

**Orientation for International Students\* continues; Preseason continues; Student Leader Training continues**

### **7:45-8:30 a.m.**

Breakfast (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

### **9-11:30 a.m.**

Orientation Programming for International Students\* (Gather at Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

Preseason Activities (Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches)\*\*

### **12-1p.m.**

Lunch (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

### **1-5 p.m.**

Orientation Programming for International Students\* (Gather at Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

### **2-5 p.m.**

Preseason Activities (Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches)\*\*

### **5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Dinner (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

### **6:30-8 p.m.**

Orientation Wrap-up for International Students\* (Gather at Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

### **7-9 p.m.**

Preseason Activities (Exact schedules and locations TBA by coaches)\*\*

Day Students may return home after their final commitment

### **9:30 p.m.**

Dorm check-in for Boarding Students

*\*with Standard and Reduced Fee Package*

*\*\* Student Leaders participating in Preseason should attend Preseason Activities*

# Schedule and Arrivals

## Saturday, August 31

### All new and returning Day and Boarding students arrive; Preseason continues

*Please note that students should not arrive outside of designated arrival windows without prior approval from the Dean's Office.*

#### 7:45-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

#### 8:30-9 a.m.

Student Leader Meeting (Library)

#### 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Arrival for all new Boarding Students (Humanities 2nd floor)

Boarding students may move into their rooms after checking in

#### 9:30-11:30 am

Preseason Practices (Exact locations TBA by coaches)

*Student Leaders are excused from these practices to assist with Arrival Day*

#### 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Arrival for all new Day students (Humanities, 2nd floor)

#### 12-1 p.m.

Lunch (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

Advisors available to meet with families

#### 1-1:30 p.m.

Head of School Welcome for new students and families (Richardson Lecture Hall)

#### 1:30-3 p.m.

Information sessions for new students (Groups depart from Richardson Lecture Hall)

Information sessions for new parents (Groups depart from Richardson Lecture Hall)

#### 1-4 p.m.

Arrival for all returning Boarding students (Humanities 2nd floor)

Boarding students may move into their rooms after checking in

#### 3-4 p.m.

Arrival for all returning Day students (Humanities 2nd floor)

#### 3-5 p.m.

Time for families to go to School Store, Target, Marshalls, Stop & Shop, etc. (Shuttles available from Arthur Sheriff Field House) every 30 minutes

#### 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Dinner (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

#### 7-9:30 p.m.

Residential Life Orientation (Richardson Lecture Hall)

#### 10 p.m.

Dorm check-in for Boarding Students

# Schedule and Arrivals

## Sunday, September 1

### 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Brunch (Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

### 1-4 p.m.

Community Building and Orientation  
Programming required for all students  
(Location TBA)

### 5 p.m.

Convocation (Simosa Field)  
*Dinner with Advisors following Convocation*  
(Gideon Welles Dining Commons)

### 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Student Activities required for all  
boarding students and student leaders;  
day students invited to attend (Location  
TBA)

### 10 p.m.

Dorm check-in for Boarding Students

## Monday, September 2 (Labor Day)

### 8:40 am-12 p.m.

Classes begin

### 12-1 p.m.

Lunch

### 1:15-3:15 p.m.

Required Community Activities

### 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Afternoon Activities

## Tuesday, September 3

### 8:40 am-12 p.m.

Classes continue

### 12-1 p.m.

Lunch

### 1:15-3:15 p.m.

Required Community Activities

### 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Afternoon Activities

## Wednesday, September 4

### 8-9 a.m.

All Faculty Meeting (Richardson  
Lecture Hall)

### 9:10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Classes Continue

### 12:30 -1:30 p.m.

Lunch

### 1:45-3:45 p.m.

Required Community Activities

### 4-6 p.m.

Afternoon Activities

## Thursday, September 5: Regular Class Schedule Begins

# School Contact Information

Sharyn Iadarola, Office Manager, can address questions about textbooks, the Opening of School Guide, and anything else you aren't sure who to ask. Please call the office at 203-439-7240.

## Dean's Office

### Academics

Marc Aronson, Dean of Academics, can answer questions about all aspects of the academic program.

[marc.aronson@cheshireacademy.org](mailto:marc.aronson@cheshireacademy.org)

Young Kwon, Associate Dean of Academics, can answer questions about course selection, educational services and accommodation plans, and enrolling in the Roxbury Academic Support Program.

[young.kwon@cheshireacademy.org](mailto:young.kwon@cheshireacademy.org)

### Community Life

Colleen Altenburger, Dean of Students, can answer questions related to the Student & Family Handbook, the day student experience, community programming, discipline, and attendance.

[colleen.altenburger@cheshireacademy.org](mailto:colleen.altenburger@cheshireacademy.org)

Alex Conaway, Assistant Dean of Students, can answer questions related to the Student & Family Handbook, the day student experience, community programming, discipline, and attendance.

[alex.conaway@cheshireacademy.org](mailto:alex.conaway@cheshireacademy.org)

Jennifer Guarino, Director of Residential Life, can answer questions related to the boarding student experience.

[jennifer.guarino@cheshireacademy.org](mailto:jennifer.guarino@cheshireacademy.org)

Danielle Furst, International Student Coordinator, can answer questions related to international travel, student visas, and the international student experience.

[danielle.furst@cheshireacademy.org](mailto:danielle.furst@cheshireacademy.org)

Kathleen Hastie, Student Activities Coordinator, can answer questions related to weekend activities and clubs.

[kathleen.hastie@cheshireacademy.org](mailto:kathleen.hastie@cheshireacademy.org)

## Athletic Department

Jim McCarthy, Director of Athletics, can answer questions about afternoon activities. If you are interested in joining a fall sport at the varsity level and would like to come to preseason, contact Mr. McCarthy to be put in touch with the appropriate head coach.

[james.mccarthy@cheshireacademy.org](mailto:james.mccarthy@cheshireacademy.org)

## Health Center

Nurse Jennifer Searles will be available in the summer to answer questions relating to Magnus Health, medication concerns, or health records. You may also call the Health Center at 203-439-7280 or email them at [nurses@cheshireacademy.org](mailto:nurses@cheshireacademy.org)

## Technology Office

If you are having trouble accessing the My Cheshire portal, your CA email, or anything else related to Cheshire Academy technology, email our technology help desk with the details of your issue for technological support or assistance at

[support@cheshireacademy.org](mailto:support@cheshireacademy.org)

# Transportation

## for Domestic or International Students

Students traveling from a distance may arrange their own transportation to campus during the allotted arrival windows listed in this guide. For students needing to arrange transport or those arriving outside of the scheduled shuttle departure times listed below (available only to international students with a standard or reduced fee package), some local private car services include:

Gateway Limousine | [gatewaylimos.com](http://gatewaylimos.com) | 203-753-5466

J & R Connecticut Limo Services | [jrconnecticutlimousineservices.com](http://jrconnecticutlimousineservices.com) | 888-605-0313

CT Airlink | [ctairlink.com](http://ctairlink.com) | 203-706-9996

### **Shuttle Service for International Students with a Standard or Reduced Fee Package**

International students with a standard or reduced international fee package may request school-provided transportation from John F. Kennedy International Airport, JFK, or Bradley International Airport, BDL. Reservations are necessary for shuttle service. Please note that Cheshire Academy does not provide transportation for domestic students, international students opting out of our fee packages, or international traveling companions. Shuttles are designated ONLY for Cheshire Academy International Students with a standard or reduced fee package.

Eligible students wishing to reserve transportation will receive a sign-up form via email approximately three weeks prior to the travel dates outlined in this guide. Shuttle times are as follows:

#### **August 23 – Pick Up for International Student Leaders\***

- Shuttle departs JFK, John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York, NY at 11 am and 3 pm ET
- Shuttle departs BDL, Bradley Airport, Hartford/Springfield, CT, at 2 pm ET

#### **August 26 – Pick Up for New and Returning International Students\***

- Shuttle departs JFK, John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York, NY at 11 am and 3 pm ET
- Shuttle departs BDL, Bradley Airport, Hartford/Springfield, CT, at 2 pm ET

#### **August 31 – Pick Up for Returning International Students\***

- Shuttle departs JFK, John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York, NY at 11 am and 3 pm ET
- Shuttle departs BDL, Bradley Airport, Hartford/Springfield, CT, at 2 pm ET

\*with a Standard or Reduced Fee Package

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## for Domestic or International Students

For new international students with a standard or reduced fee package arriving at JFK on August 26: A faculty member from Cheshire Academy will be on site at the airport to assist and supervise students as they arrive. When considering shuttle departure times, please account for approximately 2 hours for baggage and customs clearance. Also note that JFK Airport is approximately 2 hours from campus.

If a student registers for transportation but misses their assigned shuttle due to a flight delay, the student may need to arrange their own transportation to the Academy if no further shuttles are scheduled. Please note that the only airports we provide shuttle service from are JFK (New York) and BDL (Harford/Springfield). If a student plans to arrive at a different airport, they will be responsible for their own transportation to campus.

# Lodging Information

There are several hotel accommodations within a short driving distance of the Cheshire Academy campus. Some recommendations include:

## **The Blake**

Less than a mile from the New Haven train station and two blocks from Yale's Old Campus, this trendy, modern hotel is in the heart of New Haven, Connecticut and 30 minutes away from Cheshire Academy.

Address: 9 High St., New Haven, CT 06510

Phone: (203) 390-5352 Website: [The Blake](#)

## **Homewood Suites**

Off Interstate 91, this modern hotel with a casual vibe is 7 miles from Cheshire Academy's campus.

Address: 90 Miles Dr., Wallingford, CT 06492 Phone: (203) 284-2600 Website: [Homewood Suites](#)

## **Residence Inn**

Surrounded by several of the city's most prominent destinations, Residence Inn Southington offers the ideal location for any business or leisure traveler and is 7 miles from Cheshire Academy's campus.

Address: 778 West St., Southington, CT 06489

Phone: (860) 621-4440 Website: [Residence Inn Southington](#)