



Dear Parent/Carers

Thank you to all students and families for what has been a great start to term. A huge well done to our new Year 7 cohort who have settled into secondary school incredibly quickly.

Homework

Homework has always been a core part of our curriculum offer and thank you for your support in achieving completion rates which are consistently well above 90% across the school. September 2026 will see minor changes to our homework curriculum, as outlined below. Homework tasks will be **set today and will be due next Friday**.

Pupils in Years 7 to 9 will be rewarded for completing optional homework. Should you child not complete homework by the deadline, they will be required to attend a catch-up session after school.

	Compulsory Homework <i>30 minutes per week per subject</i>				Non-Compulsory Homework <i>30 minutes per week per subject</i>		
Years 7-9	Sparx Reader	Sparx Maths	Sparx Science		History (Seneca)	Geography (Seneca)	MFL (Language Nut)
Year 10	English (Seneca)	Sparx Maths	Sparx Science	Options Subjects <i>Duration and frequency of homework will be dependent on subject and will change throughout the year</i>			

KCC Road Safety



The KCC road safety team returned to the school this week and delivered assemblies to students in Years 7 and 9. These sessions covered many aspects of the PSHE curriculum and form part of our students' personal development programme.

As we start another busy term, please help us keep all members of our school community safe. If you are dropping off or collecting your child by car, please use the appropriate drop-off areas and avoid stopping in the car park or in locations that may obstruct other road users. The main gate to the school is for vehicular use only. Pedestrians should enter through the main pedestrian gate to the school. Could you also please remind your child to use pedestrian crossings, both on their journey to school and when arriving on site. Thank you for your support.

Swimming

We are pleased to offer swimming lessons during **Term 2** for students who are unable to swim or who lack confidence in the water. Lessons will take place on Thursday afternoons throughout the term at Ashford School's Swimming Pool. Students will be transported to and from the venue via minibus, with school staff providing supervision throughout the trip and lessons.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop an important life skill in a supportive and structured environment, helping them to build confidence and improve their swimming ability.

Key information:

- Open to students in students in Year 7-10
- Sessions run in Term 2 on Thursday afternoons
- Transport and supervision provided
- Cost will be approximately **£8-£10 per session** depending on uptake
- Spaces limited to 14 students due to safety and pool supervision

If you would like your child to take part, please email Rebecca.Wood@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk and include your child's **current swimming level** so that lessons can be planned appropriately.

PE Kit and Uniform Reminders

We have had a fantastic and successful first week of PE at Chilmington Green School. For winter, students are permitted to wear plain navy blue or black skins/long sleeved tops underneath their T-Shirt. As outlined in the school handbook, all pupils are expected to attend school in full PE uniform when they have a PE lesson and bring a refillable water bottle to every lesson.

School Diabetic Alert Dog

Please be aware that there will occasionally be a Diabetic Alert Dog on the school site to support one of our staff members. Her name is Dori and she is specially trained to alert her owner to changes in blood sugar levels by the charity Hypo Hounds. We kindly ask that students do not approach, pet, feed or distract the dog whilst it is working. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Medication Policy - Paracetamol

In line with our updated medication policy, we would like to inform you that the school is no longer permitted to store pain relief medication (such as paracetamol, ibuprofen or calpol) on site for student use.

Students who may require pain relief during the school day are permitted to carry **one dose** of their own medication with them and self-administer it when needed, provided this is in accordance with school policy and parental consent requirements.

As a result, we ask that all parents/carers collect any pain relief medication currently being stored in the school office **by Friday 25th September 2026**. Any medication that has not been collected by this date will be disposed of in accordance with school procedures.

If you have any questions regarding this change or your child's medication needs, please contact the school office.

Individual School Photos

Our external photographer will be in school to take individual photographs of all of our Year 7 cohort on Friday 25th September 2026. These will be sold via the photographer and further details will be available on the day.

School Lunches

A reminder that our breakfast, break and lunch menus are available on the school website ([School Meals - School Website](#)) and are also displayed in the dining area. The current menu continues into the autumn term and it is pleasing to see so many students opting for school lunches.

Bikeability



We have some space available for Bikeability Level 3 training. This is currently free. Spaces are filling quickly!

If you have taken part in Level 1 and 2 or have the equivalent experience, have a bike, and would like to take part in this great opportunity please contact the school office at info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk to register your interest.

 **Congratulations** to our Year 10 students who have recently received their School Value Point Badges for achieving the top three totals in their tutor groups during Term 6!

We are incredibly proud of the commitment, effort and positive contribution these students have shown throughout the term. In some cases, students have already achieved all available badges and have instead received a personalised letter recognising their exceptional dedication to their studies and school community.

Please join us in celebrating these fantastic achievements and the hard work that has led to this well-deserved recognition. Keep up the excellent work, Year 10! 🌟



Can You Inspire the Next Generation?

At CGS, we are always looking for opportunities to connect our students with the world of work and help them explore the wide range of careers available to them. We know that some of the most valuable career insights come directly from those working in industry and professions within our local community. We would love to hear from parents and carers who would be willing to support our careers programme by sharing their experiences and expertise with our students. Whether you can:

- Deliver an assembly about your career journey and industry
- Speak to a class or year group
- Work with a small group of students interested in your profession
- Support careers workshops or enrichment activities
- Offer workplace insights or industry knowledge



Your involvement could make a real difference to our students' aspirations and future choices.

If you are interested in supporting us, please complete the Microsoft Form linked below to register your expression of interest. We ask that you include:

- Your company/organisation name
- Your contact details
- Your job role and career area
- The ways in which you would be willing to support our students

We will then be in touch to discuss suitable opportunities. Thank you in advance for your time, generosity and support. By sharing your knowledge and experiences, you can help inspire and inform the next generation as they begin to consider their own future pathways.

Complete the Microsoft Form here: [CGS Careers Education: Parent & Carer Expression of Interest – Fill in form](#)

European Day of Languages



Next week, students at Chilmington Green School will be celebrating the European Day of Languages with an exciting Inter-House competition that showcases the rich diversity of cultures, languages, and traditions from across Europe and beyond. In preparation for the event, Mr Comparetto and the Modern Foreign Languages Department have been delivering assemblies to all year groups this week, highlighting the importance of languages and culture in our increasingly connected world. Students have been encouraged to reflect on how learning about different countries, customs, and ways of communicating helps us to understand one another and celebrate what makes us unique.

As part of the celebrations, every tutor group has been allocated a country to represent and has been busy preparing for the competition. Tutor Groups will compete across four categories: Flags & Language, Music & Dance, National Landmarks, Food & Drink (no nut products) and Sport.

This promises to be a fantastic opportunity for students to demonstrate their creativity, teamwork, research skills, and cultural knowledge while embracing the spirit of international understanding and collaboration. We are looking forward to seeing the enthusiasm, effort, and pride that students bring to representing their countries. Thank you to all staff and students who have contributed to the preparations so far.

Good luck to all tutor groups competing next week. We can't wait to see your countries come to life and to celebrate the many languages and cultures that make our world such a vibrant place!

Barcelona Sports Trip



We are delighted to announce the launch of our **Barcelona Sports Trip**, taking place from **7th-10th July 2027**.

This exciting opportunity is open to students currently in **Years 7-10** and offers a unique combination of sport, culture, and travel in one of Europe's most vibrant cities.

Students will spend **4 days and 3 nights in Barcelona**, travelling by plane with all airport transfers included.

Accommodation will be in a hotel, and students will take part in a range of unforgettable sporting and cultural activities.

The trip includes:

- ✓ A football fixture against local opposition
- ✓ An **RCD Espanyol Pro Coaching Session**
- ✓ Entrance to **Waterworld, Lloret de Mar**
- ✓ Visits to some of Barcelona's most iconic sights, including:

- Las Ramblas
- La Sagrada Família
- The Gothic Quarter
- And much more

Important Information

 **Interest forms must be returned by Friday 18th September**

 **Deposit: £153.35** (Total trip cost: **£853.35**) due by **25th September**

Letters containing full details of the trip and the interest form are now available from **Reception**. If your child is interested in attending, please encourage them to collect a letter as soon as possible and return the completed interest form by the deadline above.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact **Miss Ticehurst** at **lydia.ticehurst@chilmingtonggreenschool.org.uk**.

We look forward to offering students this fantastic opportunity to experience football, culture, and adventure in Barcelona.

Kind regards

Jon Rutland
Principal

Date	Event
Friday 18 th September 2026	Homework setting begins for all year groups
Friday 25 th September 2026	Individual School Photos – Year 7
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	End of Term 1 (All students)
Wednesday 4 th November 2026	Start of Term 2 (All students)