



Dear Parent/Carers

Message from Principal

Welcome back! We hope that you and your families have enjoyed a restful summer break and that our students are returning refreshed, motivated and ready for the year ahead. A warm welcome to our new Year 7 cohort – all of us are very much looking forward to you joining the school. It will just be Year 7 in school on Thursday so we will all be on hand to make your transition as smooth and positive as possible.

We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 cohort on **Thursday 3rd September 2026** and Years 8 to 10 on **Friday 4th September 2026**.

You will find below some key information to ensure we have a fantastic start to the academic year.

Attendance is one of the strongest indicators of academic success. Every lesson counts, and even occasional absences can make it more difficult for students to keep up with learning, build confidence and maintain positive relationships with their peers and teachers. We ask all families to support us in ensuring students attend school every day, arrive on time and are ready to learn. If your child is unwell and unable to attend, please notify the school as early as possible. By working together, we can give every student the best opportunity to achieve their full potential.

PE Kit and the Start of Term

All students should return to school for their first day in full school uniform. From Monday 7th September, should your child have PE during the school day, they should wear their full PE kit to school. This includes to extra-curricular activities should your child be participating in one during the school day or after school. Timetables with information on when PE lessons are will be handed to students during tutor time on their first day back.

Our new Year 7 students should attend school in full uniform on both Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September, and can wear PE kit to school from Monday 7th September if they have a PE lesson during the day.

Extra-Curricular

Our extra-curricular programme will recommence from the start of Term 2. You will receive communication over the coming weeks with further information how to sign your child up to activities.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phone expectations remain unchanged this year and they must not be used, seen or heard at any point during the school day. Should your child need to urgently contact you, they will need to ask the reception team to make contact.

Communication

We will continue to communicate with families through our school website, email updates and social media channels. Please ensure we have your most up-to-date contact information so that you receive important messages throughout the year. Newsletters will continue to be shared every two weeks.

Celebrating Success

Throughout the year we will recognise students who demonstrate our school values through academic achievement, positive behaviour, leadership and contributions to school life. We look forward to sharing these successes with you in future newsletters and through our social media pages.

Working Together

The partnership between parents, carers and school staff is vital in helping young people thrive. Whether your child is beginning Year 7 or starting their GCSE courses, we are committed to supporting them every step of the way.

We are also welcoming a new Pastoral, Safeguarding and Inclusion Officer. Ms Shrubsole, who joins at the start of October, brings a wealth of opportunity to the role and replaces Ms Schwartz in her role as Safeguarding Officer. Ms Schwartz joined the school at the start of our journey and has decided to explore opportunities elsewhere.

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 will see minor changes to our homework curriculum, as outlined below. To allow students to settle back into the school year, homework tasks will not be set until the third week of term; this is week beginning 14th September 2026.

	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>			

Barcelona October 2026



Meeting will be 4-5pm Tuesday 8th September 2026 in the hall. Families must bring passports, GHIC and any medication required for the trip clearly labelled with child's name

iPay accounts

Parents will have received a registration letter for iPay. This outlines instructions on how to set up the account and top up for purchasing meals. If you have previously registered the account, please ignore this as you only need to register the account once. Please ensure that you have topped up your child's catering account (School Meals) if your child wishes to purchase a school lunch or mid-morning break items. If you have any queries, please contact finance@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk

Catering

Please be reminded that we are a nut-free school. Children should also not be bringing energy/fizzy drinks or sweets as part of their packed lunch.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor or year team. Thank you for your continued support. We wish all our students a successful, enjoyable and rewarding term ahead.

Kind regards

Jon Rutland
Principal

Date	Event
Tuesday 8 th September 2026	Barcelona Parent Talk (All parents/carers for students attending the Barcelona residential. Football Trails – All Year 7 students welcome Netball Trails – All Year 7 students welcome
Thursday 10 th September 2026	
Monday 14 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)

Year 7 Girls' and Boys' Football Trials

Year 7 Football Trials will take place on Tuesday 8th September from 15.10-16.10.

As we will not be able to use the school fields, all students wishing to take part should come to school wearing their PE kit and trainers.

Please also remember to bring:

- Football socks
- Shin pads

We are looking forward to seeing lots of our Year 7 students getting involved and showing us what they can do!

Year 7 Netball Girls' Trials 2026

Year 7 Netball Trials will also take place on Tuesday 8th September from 15.10-16.10

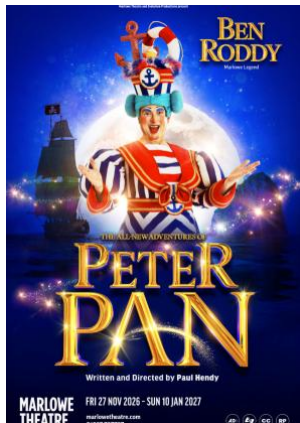
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☀️ YEAR 7 PANTOMIME TRIP LAUNCH! ☀️

Second star to the right... and straight on to Canterbury! ✨ 🎭 🎪

Year 7, are you ready for an unforgettable adventure?



On Wednesday 2nd December 2026, every member of our Year 7 cohort will have the exciting opportunity to visit The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury to watch the spectacular Christmas pantomime:

🎭 *The All New Adventures of Peter Pan* 🎭

As part of our Education with Character Programme, we believe that every student should experience the magic of live theatre. This annual Year 7 enrichment trip is a fantastic opportunity to step beyond the classroom and enjoy a professional production in one of the South East's most celebrated theatres.

Expect:

- ✨ Dazzling costumes
- ✨ Incredible special effects
- ✨ Laugh-out-loud comedy
- ✨ Booing the villains and cheering the heroes
- ✨ A memorable day with friends
- ✨ The magic of a live pantomime experience

Whether you're a lifelong theatre fan or this is your very first professional production, *Peter Pan* promises action, adventure, music, mischief and plenty of festive fun!

Trip Details:

- 📅 **Date:** Wednesday 2nd December 2026
- 📍 **Venue:** The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury
- 🚌 **Depart School:** 11:30am
- 🍴 **Packed lunch at the theatre**
- 🎭 **Performance:** 1:00pm matinee
- 🕒 **Return to School:** Approximately 5:00pm
- 👕 **School uniform required**

Cost 💷 **£24 per student**

Payment should be made via **I-Pay** by **Friday 25th September 2026**.

Pay It Forward ❤️

We are proud to continue our **Pay It Forward** initiative. Families who are able to do so can choose to purchase an additional ticket contribution, helping ensure that every child has the opportunity to enjoy this special experience.

Disneyland Paris Residential Trip 2027



A Magical Adventure Awaits!

Following the incredible success of this year's trip, we are delighted to launch our Disneyland Paris Residential Trip 2027 as part of our annual Enrichment Week programme. From 7th-10th July 2027, up to 56 students will have the opportunity to experience four unforgettable days in the magic of Disneyland Paris, alongside a visit to the heart of Paris itself.

What's Included?

- ✦ Travel by executive coach via the Eurotunnel
- 🏠 Three nights in a themed Disney hotel (Grand Magic)
- 🎫 Two full days in Disneyland Park and Walt Disney Studios Park
- 🛍 Time to explore Disney Village
- 🌟 Disney's famous evening fireworks spectacular

- 🗼 Visit to the Eiffel Tower for photographs
- 🚢 River Seine cruise through central Paris
- 🍽 Breakfast daily and group evening meals included

More Than Just a Trip

This residential experience has been designed to support our school's commitment to Education with Character, helping students to:

- ✅ Build independence and confidence
- ✅ Strengthen friendships and create lasting memories
- ✅ Experience a different culture
- ✅ Bring classroom learning to life
- ✅ Develop resilience and responsibility

Cost & Booking Information

The total cost of the trip is £780, which includes travel, insurance, accommodation, park tickets, trip hoodie and planned meals.

Payment Schedule:

- **£100 deposit** to secure a place
- **Followed by seven monthly instalments from October 2026 to May 2027 via I-Pay**

Important Dates

- 📅 **Expression of Interest Deadline:** Friday 18th September 2026
- 📧 **Trip Allocation Notification:** Tuesday 22nd September 2026
- 💰 **Deposit Due:** Friday 25th September 2026

As places are limited to 56 students, a ballot may be held if the trip is oversubscribed.

For further information, please contact Miss Harris at: trips@chilmingtonggreenschool.org.uk

We cannot wait to offer our students another unforgettable Disney adventure filled with magic, friendship and memories that will last a lifetime!