



Dear Parent/Carers

We are now approaching the end of the first term and are busily preparing for a busy term ahead. The coming term is always a busy one in school, with the preparation and excitement for Christmas, alongside the start of our Extra-Curricular programme on Thursday afternoons. We will also be hosting several opportunities for families to visit the school, including Year 7 and 10 information evenings which have been communicated with families alongside our annual Winter Showcase for our Year 7 students.

Clubs – Sign up Information

We are pleased to offer a range of Thursday after school activities and support sessions for students. To register your child, please complete the form by clicking on the following link: [Thursday after school sign up form](#)

How to Complete the Form

1. Click on the link on the website or newsletter.
2. Enter the required student details.
3. Select the activity or provision your child would like to attend.
4. Submit the form to secure your request.

The form automatically shuts on the Wednesday 14th October 2026, places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Completing the form as early as possible will give your child the best opportunity of securing a place in their preferred activity.

Once places have been allocated, parents will be informed of the outcome. If an activity becomes oversubscribed, students may be placed on a waiting list. If you have any questions regarding the sign-up process, please contact the school.

Academic Update

Years 7 and 10 information evening

This term we invite all parents of Year 7 students to attend our curriculum evening with the opportunity to meet our Year 7 form tutors. The event will take place on the 15th October 2026 from 4:00 – 5:30pm. Parents/carers of students in red, orange and yellow house are invited to attend at 4:00pm and parents/carers of students in green, blue and purple house are invited to attend at 4:30pm.

Next term, we invite all parents of Year 10 students to attend our curriculum evening to support students in preparation for their first GCSE mid-year assessments. This event will take place on 3rd December 2026 from 4:00 – 5:30pm.

Homework update

We are delighted to report that homework completion rates have been extremely positive:

- **Year 7 English:** 98.9% completion rate
- **Year 8 English:** 91.4% completion rate
- **Year 9 English:** 96.2% completion rate

These figures demonstrate the commitment and hard work of the vast majority of our students. We would like to congratulate all pupils who have completed their homework on time and thank you for the support you have provided at home. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with the completion of homework this week as well as celebrate the excellent efforts of our students.

From **Week 2 onwards**, homework expectations will be fully implemented. If a student has not completed their homework, forgotten to submit it, or misplaced it, they will receive a **30-minute detention for each subject**. This applies to **English, Maths and Science for Year 7-9 and all subjects in Year 10**. We encourage all students to develop strong organisational habits and seek support from staff promptly if they experience any difficulties. There are lunchtime homework support clubs for English, Maths and Science and we encourage students to attend these if they have any difficulty with their homework.

Attendance Matters: Medical and Dental Appointments

We understand that medical and dental appointments are an important part of keeping children healthy. However, wherever possible, parents and carers should arrange routine appointments outside of the school day to minimise disruption to learning. This is particularly important for our Key Stage 4 students. Every lesson in Year 10 contributes towards GCSE success, and even a single missed lesson can mean missing vital teaching, coursework support, practical work, revision activities or assessment preparation. As examination courses become increasingly content-rich, regular attendance is essential to ensure students achieve their full potential. If an appointment during school hours is unavoidable, students should be absent for the minimum amount of time necessary. It is not acceptable for a pupil to miss an entire day of school for an appointment unless there are exceptional circumstances, in which case the school will require an explanation.

To ensure absences can be authorised:

- Parents must provide advance notice of medical or dental appointments wherever possible.
- The school must be shown a copy of the appointment letter, text confirmation or appointment card.
- Students will not be permitted to leave the school site during the school day without parental confirmation.
- Routine appointments should be made after school, during weekends or school holidays whenever possible.

Please remember that attendance at school is a key factor in academic success and positive wellbeing. By scheduling appointments outside of school hours where possible, families can help ensure that students, particularly those in Key Stage 4, do not miss valuable learning opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maximise attendance and achievement for all students.

Sports and Fixtures



The first full week of fixtures at Chilmington has been completed, and it has been a fantastic week of sporting action.

Our Year 9 boys battled hard in their cup fixture but unfortunately came away with a 2–0 defeat. A great effort from the team and plenty to build on moving forward



There was better cup success for our U14 girls, who secured an excellent away victory 4-0 against St Anselm's.

Well done, girls

On the netball court, both our Year 9 and Year 10 teams came away with convincing victories against The John Wallis Academy. The Year 9s recorded an impressive 17–3 win, while the Year 10s produced a fantastic 27–0 victory.



A brilliant first full week of fixtures, with lots of positive performances, valuable experience and some great results. Well done to all our students who represented Chilmington this week — we're already looking forward to the next round of fixtures.

Extra-Curricular & Guest Speakers

The Money Matters Charity visited our Year 7 's to educate them on the world of money, savings and getting a paid job and spending the money sensibly. Thank you to Natalie who has supported our students over the past three years and continues to educate them on this important matter!

We welcomed the Vape Awareness Team to deliver assemblies to all year groups about the dangers of vaping and smoking on your body and those around you. After the assemblies our guest speakers delivered small workshops to students.

Education with Character

At the heart of our school is a commitment to providing an education with character, ensuring that every student develops not only academically but also personally and socially. Guided by our core values of Respect, Determination and Ambition, we strive to nurture young people who are confident, compassionate and prepared to make a positive contribution to society.

We believe that learning extends far beyond the classroom. Through our Pupil Charter, students are encouraged to embrace a wide range of enriching experiences, exposing them to new opportunities, challenges and interests throughout their school journey. These experiences help broaden horizons, build resilience and develop essential life skills.

This will include guest speakers, external agency workshops and getting involved in our extra-curricular programme after school or during enrichment week.

Our values are celebrated and recognised through our termly awards programme, which honours students who consistently go above and beyond in demonstrating Respect, Determination and Ambition in school and within the wider community. We are also proud of our strong student leadership team, whose members play an active role in shaping school life and serving as positive role models for their peers.

Supporting others is an important part of our school culture. Through a variety of charity fundraising initiatives, students develop a sense of social responsibility and strengthen connections with our local community. These opportunities encourage empathy, kindness and an understanding of the difference they can make in the lives of others.

Together, these experiences help us deliver a truly well-rounded education, ensuring our students leave school not only with excellent qualifications but also with the character, confidence and values needed to thrive in an ever-changing world.



European Day of Languages Inter-House Competition 2026

Today we came together to celebrate 20 European Countries for their Language, Sports, Music, Food & Drink and National Dance.

We were so impressed with all our students, their efforts and commitment to learn about new cultures!



Current House Standings following today's competition



House Charities



We are delighted to announce our chosen House Charities for 2026-2027: Year 7 – Make a Wish UK, Year 8 – The Retreat Animal Rescue, Year 9 - Pilgrims Hospices, Year 10 – Rising Sun.

Throughout the year, our students will plan, organise and take part in a range of fundraising days to raise awareness and vital funds for these fantastic causes. From supporting vulnerable members of our local community to helping children facing critical illnesses and caring for rescued animals, our students will have the opportunity to make a real difference.

We are incredibly proud of the thoughtful choices made by our students and look forward to seeing their creativity, compassion and commitment in action as they support these worthy charities.

Together, we can make a positive impact beyond the classroom and continue to demonstrate the values at the heart of our school community.



Our Careers Programme - Can You Inspire the Next Generation?

At Chilmington Green School, 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](#)

Date	Event
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	End of Term 1 (All students)
Wednesday 4 th November 2026	Start of Term 2 (All students)
Thursday 5 th November 2026	NHS – Flu Vaccination
Friday 18 th December 2026	End of Term 2 (All students finish at 12:15pm)

Kind regards
Jon Rutland
Principal