

#### **Dear Parents/Carers**

The term is now well underway and over the coming week, Christmas decorations will start to appear across the school. Preparation for our Christmas show will continue over the coming weeks for our Year 7 students, alongside a number of other festive activities as we approach the end of term. I would like to thank our families for your support with our charity events; this term, we have raised around £800 for good causes, which can only happen with your support.

Alongside our Christmas festivities over the next month, our attention will also turn to the mid-year assessments. These are a great opportunity for your child to demonstrate their progress so far this year. We will be sharing a full timetable and revision resources to support you in the next newsletter.

### Winter Showcase - Year 7

We are thrilled to invite you to our Winter Music Showcase, where our talented Year 7 students and the Chilmington Green School Band students will be performing a selection of musical pieces they have been working on this term.

Date: Thursday, 11th December

Time: 14:10 - 15:10

Location: Chilmington Green School (Main Hall)

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the musical achievements of our students and enjoy an afternoon filled with joy and creativity. Please note that due to the capacity of the school hall, attendance is limited to two adults per child. If your child is in Year 7 or part of the school band and you wish to attend, please complete the following form: Winter Showcase – Fill in form.

We would be delighted to see you there!

### History Battlefields Trip 2026 - Current Year 8 Students

We are excited to launch our second annual WW1 Battlefields Trip to Belgium and France for our current Year 8 students. This trip will take place between 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2026 and will cost between £280 and £300 per student, dependent on uptake. The students will have an amazing opportunity to explore the trenches, dugouts and battlefields of the 1st World War as well as visits to interactive museums and memorials. We will also participate in the incredible Menin Gate ceremony in which two of our students will have the privilege of representing the school and laying a wreath.

There are still some spaces available. Please collect a letter from Reception or Miss Collis as soon as possible to register your child's interest.



We are thrilled to share that our school has once again taken part in the annual United Learning Christmas Card Design Competition! Our talented students have wowed us with their creativity and festive spirit, and after much deliberation, we have selected our standout entries. From these, three exceptional designs have been chosen to represent our school at trust level!







United Learning will now select their favourite from all the entries across the trust, and the winning design will become this year's official United Learning Christmas Card! The lucky winner will also receive a £50 gift card as a special prize!

A huge thank you to everyone who entered — your artwork truly captured the magic of the season. Good luck to our finalists we are so proud of you!

### **PSHE/RSE Consultation**

Teaching of Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education has been compulsory in all secondary schools since 2020. At Chilmington Green School, this programme is delivered through PSHE lessons and through our Tutor Programme. You will find the outline of our curriculum below. Parents/carers are asked to consider the RSE policy, found on our website, and the draft curriculum plan, below, and please provide us with us feedback.

Chilmington Green School's full curriculum, including the PSHE curriculum can be found at the following link: Curriculum Overview

Once feedback is received, the outcomes of the consultation and proposed changes are taken to the Governing Body to update the policy and ratify the final version which is then put on the website for reference. Should you have any comments or queries, please contact <a href="mailto:info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk">info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk</a>.



Our Year 8 students and tutors completed their charity events and fundraising stalls this week to raise money for their chosen charities.

Thank you to all who contributed and supported these activities. We are delighted to share the fundraising news with you below:

Y8 Green raised £676.35 for Young Minds

Y8 Yellow raised £109.60 for Cancer Research UK

Y8 Red raised £15.20 for ECO schools

Y8 Purple raised £8.50 for The Royal British Legion

Y8 Blue raised £20.50 and a huge tombola collection for The Pilgrims Hospice Ashford

A special shoutout to Green House and Mr Moore for raising the most funds so far as a Tutor Group - great work!







#### Netball Success Year 8 & Year 9

Over the past few weeks our teams have been representing in the local league and district tournaments with some amazing results. Our Year 8 team finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Ashford and Folkestone Tournament this week competing against 10 schools, both Grammer and Mainstream. Our Year 9 team have won their last three matches against The North (14-1), Wye School (7-3) and Towers (21-5). Keep up the great work girls!







Y8 Tournament Team

Y9 Team

Y8 & Y9 Team vs Wye School

## **Education with Character Programme**

As a school we are committed to providing our students with a broad and balanced curriculum outside of their academic learning. Over the past few weeks we have welcomed PC Scott Packman into school to educate our students around Anti-Bullying week 2025, The Money Charity to deliver workshops to Year 7 and Year 9 around the importance of saving money and the cost of living crisis in the UK and participated in a Remembrance assembly and observed the 2 minutes silence as a sign of respect for our armed forces past and present.

A huge thank you to all our families for your support and commitment to our Term 2 extra-curricular programme. We have seen brilliant uptakes and some amazing effort within these clubs. Sign Language, Board Games and DJ Club are proving to be very popular.

Our eco-club are also working hard to establish new recycling regimes around the new site and have received their sapling silver birch and cherry trees from The National Trust and will be working with the site team to plant them in a suitable location to grow.

Looking ahead, we have our Theatre Trip to Canterbury on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 our Christmas Jumper Day to support the Save the Children charity and our Christmas Carol concert for Year 7.

# **Key Dates**

Date	Event
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025	KS3 Theatre Trip to The Marlowe Theatre.
	No extra-curricular activities on this date.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children £1)
	Christmas Carol Service
	No extra-curricular activities on this date. Clubs resume on Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>
	January.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	End of Term 2 – <b>Students finish at 12.15.</b>

Kind regards

Jon Rutland Principal