



Chilmington Green School

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CONSULTATION ON A NEW SCHOOL IN ASHFORD



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Welcome

United Learning are delighted to be opening a new school in Ashford. Chilmington Green School will be a new, purpose-built secondary school opening in September 2023 with its first Year 7 cohort. At capacity, the school will be a co-educational, non-selective secondary with 1140 pupils aged 11-18.

Chilmington Green will embrace everything that today's parents and young people want in an innovative, aspirational and forward-thinking secondary school. As our first pupils, those joining us in September 2023 will set the standards that others will follow and will play a key role in shaping the culture and ethos of the school.

As our experience running Wye School has shown, there is increasing demand for high-quality school places in this part of Kent and Chilmington Green. We will seek to meet that demand. Since opening in 2013, Wye School has gone from strength to strength and is achieving excellent academic outcomes. We will emulate this success and provide our students with a similarly outstanding breadth of educational opportunities.

Dame Sally Coates - Director of Secondary Academies

Our vision for Chilmington Green

Built on strong educational foundations, Chilmington Green will be an exceptional school that inspires, excites and challenges its pupils. With high academic aspirations from its very first day, Chilmington Green School will be ambitious for all, and expect its pupils to progress onto further education and into successful, rewarding careers.

Whilst the school will expect the very best from everyone, it will also be a family school which nurtures each individual. Pupils will be able to explore their own talents and interests and we will take every opportunity to celebrate their achievements both inside and outside the classroom. We will expect Chilmington Green pupils to contribute to their school, their local community and to society. Like all United Learning schools, we will call this

'Education with Character' – an education which helps develop important attributes such as resilience, integrity, self-discipline, compassion, courage and respect for self and others. We will provide a wide breadth of opportunities and experiences to help our pupils become confident, well-rounded and ambitious young adults. There will also be countless opportunities to collaborate with their peers at United Learning schools across the country.

As we welcome pupils of all abilities, SEND pupils are very much a part of our vision and encouraged to apply. For individual conversations around whether our provision will be right for your child, please get in touch with the school.

PRINCIPAL DESIGNATE

In May 2022, we were pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Jonathon Rutland as Principal Designate of Chilmington Green School. Mr Rutland grew up in Ashford, began his career as an English teacher, and is currently Vice Principal at United Learning's Wye School, where he will remain until Easter 2023. Throughout the past term, he has set to work and is developing the school's curriculum, enrichment offer, and pastoral care structure. He has also been meeting prospective parents and the wider community at Open Days and Tours, and looks forward to working with pupils, parents and staff as we create a school of which the whole community can be proud. He will begin the recruitment of the wider staffing body throughout the coming year.





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THE SCHOOL

Chilmington Green School will eventually be housed in a brand new, purpose-built building, fully equipped with specialist facilities including science labs, creative and performing arts spaces, and design and technology workshops. Excitingly, the school will be one of the first in the country to be 'operating net carbon zero'. We will weave the theme of sustainability throughout the school, using both our carbon neutral building and our location on the rural edge of Ashford to teach students about the importance of living in a sustainable way.

Chilmington Green's temporary home for its first year will be at the Ashford South School building on Jemmett Road. United Learning will work closely with Kent County Council to ensure the site is equipped to accommodate our Year 7 pupils and has the facilities to offer the full United Learning Curriculum.



The need for a secondary school in Ashford

Forecasts for the demand for middle and high school places within Ashford indicate a significant shortfall of places and Chilmington Green School will both address this demand and replicate the outstanding provision of United Learning in the area. Chilmington Green will join our two other schools in Kent – Ashford School and Wye School – and build on the success of these schools to further enhance the offer for young people and staff in the area.



Consultation Process

We want to listen to your comments and act on any feedback to ensure our school is the best it can be and meets the needs of the community we serve. Please note this consultation is not related to the building or planning applications; it is a consultation with the local community on United Learning's intent to open a new secondary school.

Feedback can be provided in several ways:

1. Complete the [online consultation questionnaire](#)
2. Take part in a Community Consultation meeting: We will be holding two consultation meetings, virtually and in-person, which community members are encouraged to attend.
 - a. **In person:** This will take place on **Thursday December 15th, 2022** from 6-7pm at Ashford Prep School, Great Chart, TN23 3DJ. Please sign up to attend [here](#).
 - b. **Virtual:** This will take place on **Thursday January 5th** from 5-6pm. Please access the meeting via this [link](#).
3. Email: info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk
4. By post: Chilmington Green consultation, United Learning, 93-95 Southwark Bridge Road, London, SE1 0AX.

The formal consultation window will run for 6 weeks between Friday 2nd December 2022- Friday 13th January 2023, and all feedback and comments that are shared will be recorded and considered.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Admissions process

Chilmington Green School will, as a secular, mixed, non-selective school, be open to students of all genders, abilities, religions and backgrounds. Distance from the school will be the main admissions criterion. For the first year, the school will be handling admissions and parents should apply directly through the website. Applications opened on **1st September 2022** and will close on **9th December 2022**.

Further details, including a copy of the admission policy, detailing how people can apply, how places will be allocated in the event of oversubscription, and how people can appeal against any decisions can be found on our website: chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk/our-first-year-7s/admissions





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