



Dear Parents and Carers,

Since our first newsletter, we have continued to make excellent progress in preparation for our opening which is just over three months away. The growing Chilmington Green School staff team has been busily designing a broad and ambitious curriculum and we have been spending a significant amount of time at our temporary site witnessing the transformation of the space into a welcoming and inspiring secondary school.

Over the coming weeks, we will be visiting primary schools to meet with our new Year 7 students and their teachers to better understand how we can support their transition to our school. Working alongside parents and carers is also incredibly valuable in ensuring a smooth and successful transition to secondary school. If you feel there is any other support we can provide your child, please do get in touch at:

[info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk](mailto:info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk)

### **Our New Website and Social Media Platforms**



Our newly designed website has recently been launched at [www.chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk](http://www.chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk). Here you will find many frequently asked questions about our curriculum, the day-to-day running of the school and other key information.

We will be regularly updating our Facebook and Twitter pages with the progress being made, both at our temporary home and our final site. To follow us on our social media platforms and stay updated, please follow the below links:

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/ChilmingtonGreenSchool>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/chilmingtongre1>

## Building Update

We are pleased to share with you some images taken during our recent site visits to our temporary home at Jemmett Road. The classrooms and facilities are taking shape nicely and will soon have the finishing touches added to create a superb learning environment which will fully support the needs of our curriculum. Across the site, new flooring, carpets and ceilings have been installed and our IT team are working hard to equip classrooms with state-of-the-art ICT facilities. Painting and redecoration have now started on the outside of the school building and over the coming weeks we will continue to share images of work in progress so you can enjoy seeing our new home take shape.



### **Reminder: Transition Day: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 9:00am to 2:30pm at Wye School**

We are really looking forward to welcoming our incoming students and telling them more about our school. This will be a great opportunity for the students to meet each other and get to know their teachers. For further information, please visit our website or social media platforms. If you have not already done so, please could all parents/carers complete the [Chilmington Green Transition Form](#).

I will send you our next update just before half term. I hope all the students can enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable weekend following their SATS tests this week.

Kind regards,

**Jon Rutland**

**Principal  
Chilmington Green School**

## **Introducing the Chilmington Green School Community: Meet our Assistant Principal, Miss Wood**

As part of our series talking about our staff, I am pleased to introduce you to our Assistant Principal, Miss Wood. Here she tells us more about herself and the role she will be playing in Chilmington Green School.

### **About Me**

I started teaching in 2009 in Folkestone and have taught in secondary schools across Kent. I began as a PE teacher and have now had experience as Head of Key Stage and Head of Year. I am very excited to now be joining Chilmington Green School as Assistant Principal. I have taught KS3, KS4 and KS5 Dance and Physical Education and organised many residential trips which I look forward to offering our students at Chilmington Green in years to come.



In my own time, I am a keen netball player and currently play for Folkestone. I hope to instil my competitive sports streak into our extracurricular programme and hopefully build a formidable team of athletes to represent us across the local school leagues.

### **My Commitment to Pastoral Care**

I believe strongly that high-quality pastoral care is essential in ensuring that students feel safe and well supported throughout their time in school. As a result, we have created an experienced pastoral support team to ensure that each and every student at Chilmington Green School is known as an individual. Being a small team, we have the unique opportunity to know each student individually and provide them with the tailored support they need to achieve their potential. As we grow, our pastoral support staffing structures will adapt to meet the growing needs of the school whilst maintaining the nurturing and caring ethos that will be established with our founding cohort.

### **My Ambitions for Chilmington Green School**

I am determined to ensure that all students will thrive academically and personally throughout their time at school. To achieve this, as a staff team, we will have high expectations of all students. These expectations will be underpinned by our core values: ambition, determination and respect. We will aim for all staff and students to embody these values as we believe them to be fundamental to achieving highly and having a positive influence on others.

Part of our culture will be to focus on acknowledging and rewarding students for their successes at Chilmington Green School, and I am looking forward to sharing these with you as parents/carers through celebration events, school newsletters and school rewards. We are looking forward to involving our families within our school community and working together to allow our students to be the best version of themselves.

I fully understand that starting secondary school can be daunting and some individuals will need additional support whilst we prepare for our opening in September. From our first day, we will look to provide individuals with the support they need to settle in quickly and enjoy the wealth of opportunities that will be offered throughout their secondary education.

### **Planning for our Extracurricular Offer**

I have extensive experience in leading on extracurricular provision in schools. At Chilmington Green School, I will use this experience to ensure that there is a rich and broad extracurricular offer from our first year of opening. This will form part of our *Education with Character* programme. I believe that there is more to an excellent education than examination results alone. Therefore, through this programme, I am committed to providing a breadth of opportunities and experiences which seek to make school an enjoyable and exciting experience.

In preparation for opening, I am designing an enrichment programme which offers wide ranging opportunities for students to try something new and develop existing talents and skills. Our Year 7 students will have the opportunity to participate in a range of lunchtime and after-school extracurricular activities, including fixtures with other local schools. Furthermore, we will be forming a local cluster of United Learning schools with Ashford School and Wye School. Through utilising our own growing body of staff and by collaborating closely with these schools, we will capitalise on the resources and expertise from across the Trust to offer an ambitious and extensive extracurricular for the whole school community to enjoy.