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## Newsletter 4 – June 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers

Today saw another major milestone reached as the Chilmington Green School teaching staff came together for the first time for their Induction Day. It was fantastic to have the whole team together and to hear everyone's ideas on how we can make Chilmington Green a great school.

The next step is for all our students to meet and we look forward to welcoming them at our Transition Day on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June at Wye School.

### **Update on Buildings**

Kent County Council has now handed over our temporary home to us and it's almost ready for us to move in! All the rooms look fantastic and will provide the perfect environment for our students to begin their secondary education. We await a significant delivery of furniture and resources which will transform the newly refurbished building into a welcoming and inspiring place to learn.

Construction for our new building will get underway over the summer and we will keep you up-to-date on progress as the building starts to take shape. There are currently significant groundworks taking place on site and, once complete, students and the wider community will begin to see the building emerge and take shape in the months ahead. We are awaiting a completion date from our contractor and will let you know as soon as this has been confirmed.

## Language Preference

We are committed to ensuring that students' transition to secondary school is as seamless as possible. To support with this, students are given the opportunity to select the language they would prefer to study at Chilmington Green School. Students will likely wish to continue with the language they were studying at primary school although this is not essential as the curriculum has been designed to support students of all abilities, including those who have not studied a modern foreign language previously.

Your child should indicate a preference to study either Spanish or French. Students will study one language until the end of Year 9, after which students may select two languages to study at GCSE. To identify the language you prefer your child to study, please complete the form at the below link. Should we not receive a response, your child will be allocated either Spanish or French.

[Chilmington Green School Language Preference Form](#)



## Transition Day Reminder – Uniform and Equipment

Students should arrive for a 09:00 start and will be dismissed from the main school entrance at 14.30. Please ensure that travel arrangements have been made so that your child can safely travel to and from Wye School on the day. There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to purchase uniform from the pop-up shop at Wye School from 14:30 until 16:00.

For the transition days your child should wear their primary school uniform with shoes/trainers that will be suitable for outdoor activities. They will need to bring a bag containing drinks, a packed lunch, snacks and basic stationery (pen, pencil, ruler and rubber). Their bag should also contain any other items that you deem necessary, for example suntan lotion, waterproof, inhaler etc. If you have not already done so, please could all parents/carers complete the form accessible at the below link.

[Chilmington Green Transition Form](#)

## Uniform Update and Reminder

The Chilmington Green School uniform reflects our high expectations and reinforces our school culture and values. We therefore expect students to adhere to our uniform expectations that can be found [here](#). I am aware that many parents/carers are likely to be purchasing school shoes ready for the new academic year. I would therefore like to highlight that shoes should be plain black leather or leather-look formal shoes.

The images below detail what the school regards as appropriate footwear. They are examples of traditional black school shoes that can be polished and which align with our smart, professional uniform and our high standards. Shoes must be plain black with no large badges or logos. Canvas shoes, patent leather shoes, black trainers, branded shoes and boots are not considered acceptable. If in doubt, please do not hesitate to contact school for further clarification or guidance.



## Reminder of Key Dates

Date	Time	Event	Location
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	09:00-14:30	Transition Day	Wye School
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	14:30-15:00	Parent and Carer Welcome Event 1	Wye School
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	15:30-16:30	Parent and Carer Welcome Event 2	Chilmington Green School – Jemmett Road
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September		Start of Term Students to arrive on site for 8.30	Chilmington Green School – Jemmett Road

## **Introducing the Chilmington Green School Community: Meet our Key Stage 3 Lead for English and Literacy Co-ordinator, Miss Fox**

I am pleased to introduce you to Miss Fox who explains her ambitions for the new school.



### **Our Extracurricular Programme**

I have had various opportunities to work with young people over the years, including volunteering in holiday clubs, tutoring programmes, mentoring GCSE students and being part of the NCS programme. It was made apparent to me within these various roles with young people that they delight more in education when they have inspired, passionate teachers who see the value in what they teach.

I became a teacher in 2018 and started at Wye School in 2019. Being part of a newly formed and growing school was a great experience to see how the school develops to meet the changing needs of students. I have been teaching English and Drama throughout my time at Wye School and have loved seeing the students' enthusiasm about what they are learning in both subjects.

Through my volunteering roles prior to my first teaching role, I have seen the enormous value of student participation in activities outside of the classroom. I dedicate a lot of my time to supporting the wide range of extracurricular activities at Wye School such as Duke of Edinburgh, Combined Cadet Force and other various clubs. Classroom based learning is only part of our curriculum and I am excited by the prospect of working together with Wye School to bring a diverse range of extracurricular opportunities to the founding cohort at Chilmington Green School.

### **My Vision of the English Curriculum**

Chilmington Green School will be mirroring the success of Wye School's curriculum which follows a diverse range of texts exploring different themes. The Year 7 theme is 'Conflict' and will start with a fantasy-adventure text called 'The Girl of Ink and Stars' which is a fun and imaginative way to start secondary school English.

Throughout their time in secondary school, students will explore a range of Shakespearean plays, poetry, non-fiction texts and 19<sup>th</sup> Century literature that covers a broad spectrum of themes. We have structured a writing curriculum that will complement the students' schemes of work and will allow them to be imaginative in creating their own writing.

Students will also participate in our Guided Reading Programme which has been designed to promote a life-long love of reading through enjoying a range of literature for pleasure rather than to study as part of the English curriculum. I have enjoyed many conversations with students at Wye School about the texts we are reading and am excited to inspire the same joy through my role at Chilmington Green School.