

Newsletter 5 - June 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been fantastic getting to know all our new students during their transition day today. I have been particularly impressed by the enthusiasm and confidence of the group to fully immerse themselves in the day. I also hope that you found the welcome event during the afternoon valuable and that you too are looking forward to joining our school community in September.

This newsletter will provide links to several documents which will assist in making their transition as smooth as possible. Please do read these carefully and action any points where prompted.

We have now published our <u>Parent & Carer Handbook</u> which we hope you will find helpful. In addition, please find the following link to our <u>Parent Portal Guide</u> which is where you will need to log emergency contact details and medical records etc. Please take the time to read this carefully. In due course you will receive an email containing your username and a link which takes you directly to the school's Arbor site, but please note that you may not be able to gain access until 1st September 2023.

Please also see link to the Privacy Policy which details how we process and use data.

Construction Update

As mentioned in our last newsletter, work on our permanent home will begin over the summer. It is going to be very exciting watching the building start to take shape and we are keen to find ways of involving students as much as possible as the project reaches key milestones. We will be inviting developers, architects and other stakeholders in the development to speak to students about the construction of their new school.

We have recently been informed by the contractor that they expect the building to be ready for us to move into part way through the 2024/25 academic year. Whilst this is slightly later than we had all hoped, we are

pleased that our temporary home on Jemmett Road has the capacity and the facilities to continue to offer our full curriculum to both Years 7 and 8 from September of 2024.

Optional Summer Maths Homework

If your child would like some extra mathematics practice to feel more prepared for starting secondary school in September, there are two optional booklets for them to complete over the summer break.

Each booklet has 10 sessions, with 20 short questions they have studied in primary school, and each session will take approximately 20 minutes. The aim is to reach 100% by the end of session 10. The first booklet covers standard primary content, and the second booklet is an extension in order to stretch your child's thinking further.

For each booklet your child completes and brings into school to show their Maths teacher in September, they will receive 5 school value points. You can access the homework booklets as well as the answers on the school website: https://chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk/information/transition/

Reminder of Key Dates

Date	Time	Event	Location
Thursday 13 th July	15:30- 16:30	Parent and Carer Welcome Event 2	Chilmington Green School – Jemmett Road
Wednesday 6 th September		Start of Term Students to arrive on site for 8.30	Chilmington Green School – Jemmett Road

If you have any additional queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk

Jon Rutland

Principal
Chilmington Green School

Introducing the Chilmington Green School Community: Meet our Associate Assistant Principal and Key Stage 3 Lead for Humanities, Miss Collis

The next member of our staff to introduce is our Associate Assistant Principal, Miss Collis. Here she outlines her experience and ambitions for the new school.

About me

I joined my current school in Sevenoaks as a newly qualified teacher when it was in its third year and have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the school's growth over the past eight years. Over this time, I have served as Head of History and Teaching and Learning Lead. I am very much looking forward to bringing all my experience of developing a new school and helping it to be successful to Chilmington Green where I will be taking on a new role as Associate Assistant Principal responsible for Curriculum and Teaching and Learning as well as Key Stage 3 Lead for Humanities.



My Ambitions for Chilmington Green School

Our aim is to provide an excellent education for all our students; an education which brings out the best in all of them and prepares them for success in life. Our curriculum is designed to provide children with the core knowledge they need for success in education and later life, to maximise their development, to develop the whole person and their talents to allow all of our students to become active and economically self-sufficient citizens. We will establish a curriculum and culture of learning within the school which inspires and motivates students to learn. Our curriculum is designed to support students to be ambitious, determined and curious young adults with all the tools they need to progress in their chosen areas of interest.

Careers education will form a significant part of our curriculum planning and will be woven into what students learn through their subjects; our curriculum will seek to make what students learn relevant to their future and prepare them well for the full and diverse range of careers and opportunities that await them.

Our founding cohort of students will benefit from having an expert teacher in all subjects and will be supported to achieve the very best they can, both academically and personally. We have high expectations that our students will succeed across the curriculum, will achieve highly and will access aspirational destinations. We will ensure that all students have what they need to succeed and will celebrate their achievements throughout their journey at Chilmington Green School.

Our Extracurricular Offer

Alongside the academic opportunities that we will be offering, I am excited to share with students the real foundations of each subject. As a history specialist, I am an experienced trip leader and one of my favourite aspects of teaching history is giving students the opportunity to have new experiences, such as exploring the French and Belgian Battlefields of the First World War. This is a trip I am keen to share with our new students once they reach Year 9 at Chilmington Green School. I hope we can promote valuable experiences such as this to build upon the excellent teaching and learning the students will receive here and instil a true love of learning across all subjects.