

2023/2024 - Newsletter 1

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that all of our Year 7 students have enjoyed their first week at Chilmington Green School. I am proud of every one of our new students for the excellent start they have made and how quickly the year group have settled into life in their new school. Below I have shared a small number of photos that were taken on our first day.



Extra-Curricular Activities

We are committed to ensuring that students access a wide range of extra-curricular activities as part of the school curriculum. Please find link below to our full extra-curricular offer which will be updated every two terms. Clubs will run from 15:20 – 16:10 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students participating in on-site clubs on these days will be released via the main student gate at 16:10.

After School Extra-Curricular Programme - Chilmington Green School

If your child has an off-site activity (including at Ashford Oaks), they will be asked to change during lunchtime. They will be released from Ashford Oaks Primary School main entrance at 16:20. We expect for all students to sign up to at least one club per week.

Should you have any queries regarding our extra-curricular offer, please contact Miss Wood at Rebecca.wood@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk

To sign up, please complete the below preferences form, ranking which club you would like your child to attend in preference order by Friday 15th September. Students are welcome to attend clubs on both Tuesdays and Thursdays and may request, for example, to attend football club on both days. We will confirm which club you have been allocated on Monday 18th September.

Extra Curricular Sign Up

Arbor

It is essential that all parents/carers are able to log into Arbor and that all relevant and necessary information is uploaded. This includes secondary contact details, medical information, dietary and allergy information and other information. If you need any support with this, please contact info@chilmingtongreenschol.org.uk

Photography Permission

Occasionally, the school may use photographs of student events which may be published on social media and other promotional materials. Please could all parents and carers update their photography preferences on Arbor. A photograph of all students will be taken separately over the coming week to be used for internal purposes only.

Change to INSET Day dates

We had INSET days in the year plan that included one in December and one in February. Due to a training opportunity, we are moving the February one to Thursday 30th November, and keeping the 1st December one. This change is on the Chilmington Green School website term dates section. Sorry for any inconvenience this causes.

Rewards

Last Friday we started the school day with a rewards assembly, celebrating students' achievements in their first few days at Chilmington Green. Students were respectful, celebrated with applause as we shared success stories from all our subjects. This is a theme we will keep up every Friday during tutor time. Students who submitted their summer homework have also been rewarded with their five school value points. School Values points are awarded for students who demonstrate our values of Ambition, Determination and Respect. Students will be awarded with pin badges when they achieve certain numbers of points throughout the years.



Homework

Over the coming fortnight, students will receive logins to our online learning platforms. These are Seneca, Sparx Maths and Sparx Reader. These online platforms are where students complete all homework.

Parents/carers will receive a termly homework planner to ensure that families can support their child in managing their time and planning ahead. This will be shared with families as part of the next newsletter later this month. This will be circulated by the end of September.

Drop Off and Pick Up

For parents/carers who are picking students up from outside the student gate, could you please encourage your child to avoid walking over the newly establishing hedge running parallel to the school. Instead, could you please ask that your child enters school using the pavement instead.

The student gate will close at 8.35. If your child arrives after this time, they should walk through the main gates to the school and ring the bell adjacent to the pedestrian entrance.

I hope your child continues to enjoy the start of their secondary school journey.

Kind regards

Jon Rutland Principal Chilmington Green School