

Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed another fantastic week at school with students very much embracing the opportunities offered to them through our extra-curricular activities. It was fantastic to see such high participation in the wide range of activities on offer. Below are some students from Gymnastics and Dance Club who started to learn basic lifts and counterbalances.



### Home Learning Arrangements

Students in Year 7 will be set compulsory homework each week in English, Maths and Languages. Additional non-compulsory homework will be set each week for Science, Geography and History. Each task will take a maximum of 60 minutes per week. In addition, once per term (beginning in Term 2), students will receive a careers-related homework task.

All home learning will be accessed using online platforms to support students with long term knowledge retrieval and retention. We strongly encourage students to complete the non-compulsory home learning tasks (Science, History and Geography). To encourage students, we will be awarding School Values points for completion of all non-compulsory tasks.

Homework will be set every Monday and will be due in the following Monday, allowing students a full week to complete all tasks. This process will begin with the first round of tasks being set on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

You will find the Home Learning Overview for Terms 1 and 2 in the Newsletters section of our website.

For password support for Sparx or Seneca, please contact Mr Cosser using the below email address. For Language Nut password support, please contact Mr Comparetto using the below email address.

Students have all be provided with access to the below platforms:

Online Platform	Subjects Covered	Website to Log in	Password/Access	For any queries that are not password related, please contact:
Sparx Maths	Maths	<a href="https://sparxmaths.com/">sparxmaths.com/</a>	'Login to Sparx Using Microsoft' Students should use their school username and password.	Mr Cosser Thomas.cosser@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk

Sparx Reader	English/Reading	<a href="http://sparxreader.com/">sparxreader.com/</a>	'Login to Sparx Using Microsoft' Students should use their school username and password	Miss Fox Sophie.fox@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk
Language Nut	Languages	<a href="http://www.languagenut.com">www.languagenut.com</a>	Password shared by Mr Comparetto and all students have this noted in their languages exercise book.	Mr Comparetto Frankie.comparetto@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk
Seneca	Geography, History and Science	<a href="http://www.senecalearning.com">www.senecalearning.com</a>	'Continue with Microsoft' Students should use their school username and password	Miss Collis Hannah.collis@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk

**Sparx Maths** will be used for all Maths homework. The website tracks the students' progress and sets the level of challenge as appropriate to each individual child. Students will complete a series of quizzes with videos made available where additional support would be beneficial. Parents and guardians will be sent an email from Sparx allowing you to see what homework has been set, when it is due and whether it has been completed. Students will be shown how to access Sparx in their Maths lessons and will use single-click logins (sign in with Microsoft 365) to make this simple.

**Sparx Reader** is a reading, comprehension and vocabulary programme that gets young people reading regularly to improve their literacy. Students will be set a personalise reading task to complete each week, appropriate to their individual reading age. The website will then generate questions based on this reading to test understanding.

**Language Nut** is the online tool for all of our French and Spanish homework, offering students an opportunity to develop and practise their language skills. Tasks will be set by the class teacher each week according to what has been learnt in class.

**Seneca Premium** is the online platform that will host all other non-compulsory homework (Science, History and Geography). Although non-compulsory, we strongly recommend students make use of this fantastic resource as Seneca has proven impact on student learning when used little and often throughout the year. Parents and carers will receive an email inviting you to set up your own account so that you can track your child's learning or learn alongside them. Your account will automatically connect to your child's account.

There will be a lunchtime detention to complete missed home learning for any student who does not complete in time. Lunchtime detentions will start from Term 2 onwards to ensure that all students have time to resolve any issues with logins and access.

For any support with homework, please contact Miss Collis at [hannah.collis@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk](mailto:hannah.collis@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk).

## Rugby Club



We have a fantastic opportunity for 15 students to work with a Qualified Rugby Coach from Canterbury Rugby Club throughout the Term 2 Extra-Curricular Programme. This opportunity is open to boys and girls and they will run every Tuesday starting 31<sup>st</sup> October. This will be an exciting opportunity for students to spend time 60 minutes weekly with a specialist learning new skills and techniques before embarking in a Rugby 7's Tournament in Canterbury.

If you are interested in your child participating in this activity, please email Miss Wood at [rebecca.wood@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk](mailto:rebecca.wood@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk). Numbers are limited for this extra-curricular activity.

## SEND Coffee Morning



Come and meet the team around your child.

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 9.30am - 11.30am, we will be hosting an informal coffee morning to meet other parents and SEND professionals. Representatives from the below will be attending.

- Specialist Teaching and Learning Service
- Speech and Language
- Occupational Therapy
- Ashford Home-Start
- School Health

If you wish to attend, please express your interest via email to [info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk](mailto:info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk)

Kind regards

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