

Dear Parents/Carers

We are now fast approaching the final two weeks of what has been a busy and enjoyable term. There is much to look forward to in our final few weeks, including the visit to the Marlowe Theatre, a visit from an author on Thursday 7th December and our inaugural Christmas show on Monday 11th December.

Below are some photographs of our students eagerly preparing for the upcoming school performance, which includes singing, drama and dance performances.



Bauble Winner

We were overwhelmed with the beautiful tree decorations and clearly our students devoted a lot of time and commitment to making and choosing their tree decorations. Thank you to all who helped support this activity and we will forever have a founding cohort tree for our students to hang their decorations year on year. It was a tough decision however we have selected few fabulous baubles which really stood out on the tree, and these can be seen below:



Extra-Curricular Activities

You will find below our sign up form for our Extra-Curricular offer for Terms 3 and 4. Please rank your preferences for the clubs your child would like to attend. Clubs are allocated on a random basis if they are oversubscribed. We will only take into account preferences 1, 2 and 3. Please could parents/carers complete the form by Friday 8th December.

[Extra Curricular Sign Up - Terms 3 and 4](#)

We will share designated clubs with families on Tuesday 12th December via email.

A number of clubs and opportunities are now available at Ashford School to broaden our extra-curricular offer. Should you wish for your child to attend a club at Ashford School, please be aware that it is parents'/carers responsibility to ensure that your child arrives at Ashford School promptly. The timings for activities at Ashford School are below.

Club	Released from Chilmington Green School at:	Club Commences at Ashford School, East Hill at:	Students released from Ashford School, East Hill at:
Archery <i>Students will require full PE kit, including a long sleeve layer on arms and legs.</i>	15:00	15.30	16:15
Training Orchestra <i>Students should be having lessons on an instrument. Up to Grade 4.</i>	15:20	15.55	16:40
Dance <i>Students will require full PE kit.</i>	15:20	16.00	17:00

For the first week, students will be escorted to Ashford School and introduced to relevant staff.

Ashford Family Food Bank Collection

In the spirit of thinking of others at Christmas, the Red group are organising a charity collection for Ashford Family Food Bank. During their annual tutor assembly in early December, pupils in the Red house will present on the importance of taking care of the less fortunate during the festive period and will talk about the big effect a small contribution can have on our local community. In preparation for this, we ask pupils, parents and carers to please start gathering contributions at home – no matter how small. These will be gratefully received at school in tutor groups from week commencing **Monday 4th December**. All donations are voluntary but must be ambient, long-life food or hygiene items which may include, for example:

- Cereal
- Soup
- Pasta
- Rice
- Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce
- Lentils, beans and pulses
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Tea/coffee
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- UHT milk
- Fruit juice

Thank you in advance for your support.

Build Update

You will likely begin to see more activity on our main site over the coming weeks. In the background, we have been working hard with the Department of Education, our contractor Bowmer and Kirkland, and Kent County Council to finalise all the plans and arrangements for our school building. As you can imagine that is no small feat for a new secondary school, but we are confident the time we are investing now will make our permanent building a great place to learn in. We are looking forward to seeing the project unfolding next term, we will be sharing updates with you all as they happen.

Mid-Year Assessments

In January, our students will sit written assessments in English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Religious Studies and Languages. These assessments will cover everything that the students have learnt so far. The assessments will take place altogether in the hall and a timetable will be issued in due course. All students will have at least one revision lesson for each subject and their homework will continue to be revision-based to support with this. We will write to parents and carers in February to report on your child's progress and attainment in each subject.

Key Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 30 th November	Inset Day – School Closed to Students Flu Vaccination - Consent required by this date.
Friday 1 st December	Inset Day – School Closed to Students
Monday 4 th December	Flu Vaccinations – More information can be found in our Newsletters Page of the Website
Monday 11 th December	School Show – Sign Up and Information in Newsletter
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation to Save the Children. Students to bring in £1 to be collected by tutors. End of Term (3.20 finish)
Tuesday 2 nd January	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 3 rd January	Start of Term 3

Parents' Evening Dates

Group	Date of Parents' Evening	Bookings open on Arbor	Bookings close on Arbor
Red	10/01/24	02/01/24	09/01/24
Yellow	17/01/24	05/01/24	16/01/24

Kind regards

Jon Rutland
Principal