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Dear Parents/Carers

As we draw to the end of Term 3, our students are marking the halfway point through Year 7 – and what an wonderful half a year it has been. Over the coming terms, a small team of Student Journalists will take on some of the responsibility for writing some parts of our newsletter and will continue to provide you with updates of what students have been doing and how our final build is progressing.

As a new and growing school, we are continually looking at how to best support students and families throughout their secondary school journey. To provide us with ongoing feedback, you will find a link below to a brief parent/carer survey through which you can share your views with us.

[Mid-Year Parent/Carer Survey](#)

Groundbreaking Ceremony

On Wednesday 21st February, representatives from United Learning, the Department for Education and the developer, Bowmer and Kirkland, will join together on the final school site to mark our Groundbreaking Ceremony. This will be a ceremonial event which marks the official start of the construction of our new school building. We will be inviting a small number of students to attend the ceremony and we will be sharing photos via our social media channels and via our next newsletter.

Our Therapy Dog

Gus has now joined us for two familiarization visits this term and we will continue to see him around the site and working with our students over the coming terms. Students in Blue group were joined by Gus this week for their Guided Reading session.



Sparx Reader and Sparx Maths

Well done to all of our dedicated students for an exceptional level of homework completion throughout this academic year so far and thank you to all parents/carers in supporting this learning from home. You may be aware that there is a weekly United Learning leaderboard which ranks all of the schools within the trust. As a school we are consistently being ranked in the top three schools. Excellent work Year 7!

Standard Equipment

Please be reminded that all students will require a clear pencil case from the start of Term 5. Students also regularly use drywipe markers/whiteboard pens during the school day. These will also become part of students' standard equipment from the start of Term 5.

School Photographer

On Thursday 29th February we will have our school Photographer will be on site for our individual school photographs. Further information about how to purchase these photographs will be shared in the next newsletter.

Please email Ms Ingman harriet.ingman@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk If you do not want your child to participate in this event.

Student Council Meeting

Our students prepared their views and thoughts on several agenda items and discussed them with the senior leadership team. As a result we have made the following adjustments at the students' request:

- We will display the weekly menu in the dining area.
- Feedback will be given to Ashford School on the quality of food and additional menu ideas.
- Additional educational trips and visits are being planned for the coming year.
Further fundraising ideas are being considered to support our therapy dog's training.
- Tutor Group Charities have been agreed – further information to follow.

Medical, Dietary and Allergy Information.

Please could all parents and carers continue to update all medical, dietary and allergy information on Arbor . If you have any queries, please contact harriet.ingman@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk

Key Dates

Date	Event
Friday 9 th February	End of Term
Monday 19 th February	Start of Term
Wednesday 21 st February	Groundbreaking Ceremony

I hope that you have an enjoyable and restful half term and we look forward to welcoming students back after the break.

Kind regards

Jon Rutland
Principal