

2023/2024 – Newsletter 16

Dear Parents/Carers

Term 5 is very much underway and we are enjoying a busy start to term. Already this term we have had our first interhouse football tournament and students are now preparing for our first interhouse debating competition during the first week of May. Damian Green, our local MP will also be visiting this term to lead an assembly, tour our new school and speak with students about his life in politics.

As part of our Education with Character Programme, we have formed the ‘Chilmington Chatter’ group, a small team of student journalists. The group will be writing part of the newsletter during Terms 5 and 6 to bring you updates on the school building and on our sporting fixtures and events.

Mid-Year Assessments

During the first two weeks of Term 6, students will complete their End of Year assessments in English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Religious Studies and Languages. These assessments will cover everything that students have learnt throughout Year 7. We will provide parents/carers with revision topics and resources well in advance of these assessments to support with revision and preparation.

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 Term 6 to report on your child’s progress and attainment in each subject.

Time	05-Jun	06-Jun	07-Jun	10-Jun	11-Jun	12-Jun	13-Jun	14-Jun
AM (11:15)	English Reading (45 mins)	History (1 hour)	Maths Paper 1 (1 hour)	Time to complete any missed assessments	Chemistry (40 mins)	Geography (1 hour)	English Writing (45 mins)	Time to complete any missed assessments
PM (1:45)	NGRT Reading Test (1 hour)	Biology (40 mins)	French & Spanish (1 hour)		Religious Studies (1 hour)	Physics (40 mins)	Maths Paper 2 (1 hour)	

Careers

We continue to deliver our career programme to Year 7 every Friday during which students learn about different career pathways in a variety of sectors. Please continue to engage your child in conversations around these sessions at home. Please use the following website for weekly video links to promote employability skills, access routes and potential career pathways of interest: [Job Of The Week | MYPATH Careers Resources \(mypathcareersuk.com\)](https://www.mypathcareersuk.com)

Extra-Curricular Programme – Term 5 & 6

Our Summer Term programme is underway, and students have the opportunity to enjoy many activities after school on a Tuesday and Thursday. As the weather improves, can we please ask your child to have a refillable drinks bottle for any sports activities. On Tuesday our students had their first experience of learning ‘rock’ band music with Mrs App’s during the after-school club.



Recruitment

I am delighted to inform you that all vacancies for teaching staff have been filled for September. We are now commencing our recruitment for support staff roles. These can be found at <https://www.kent-teach.com/>

Drama Equipment

It will no longer be required for students to attend drama lessons with trainers. Thank you for your support with this throughout Terms 3 and 4.

Key Dates

Date	Event
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 24 th May	End of Term
Monday 3 rd June	Start of Term
Wednesday 5 th June	End of Year Assessments Begin

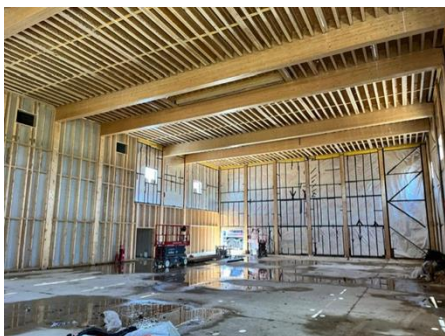
Kind regards

Jon Rutland
Principal



New School Building

Our new school building is progressing well. We now have a roof over our new sports hall, and we have been told that the constructors will be working on the outer structure and inner walls of the main building over the next few weeks. Our teachers and staff are visiting the site this week so we look forward to hearing about any further progress from them.



Aerial Images



Early March



Early April



Late April

Therapy Dog

Following some very successful fundraisers for Gus' training including the year 7 disco and bake sale, we are nearing our fundraising target.

Raffle tickets should have made their way home to you by now and we kindly ask our families to buy and return these to school by 17th May at the latest.



Sports

As you know, we are extremely competitive and we love our sports!

Here are the results for our Term 4 Interhouse Football Tournament which took place on Wednesday 24th April:

1st – Yellow **2nd** – Blue **3rd** – Red **4th** – Green

Described by Mr Comparetto as “a great afternoon all round”, every student was putting excellent effort into the game. The following players particularly stood out on the pitch for fantastic leadership and skill: Louisa (Yellow), Jayden (Blue), Lucas (Red) and Cayden (Green). Well done and congratulations to all involved!

