

## 2024/2025 – Newsletter 2

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope your child has had a thoroughly enjoyable first week back at school. I have been delighted with how both Years 7 and 8 have returned to school and embraced the opportunities of the new school year. Our Year 7 students can be seen below enjoying their first day lessons in Science and English.



### **Parking**

As a result of the growing size of the school, the amount of traffic immediately outside the school has increased significantly. Please be aware that Scholar's Way, College Row and Rostrum Close are all private property. **Should you pick up or drop off your child, please use Jemmett Road only.**

### **PE Kit and Changing**

PE lessons will start on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September. On days students have PE lessons they will wear their full Chilmington Green School PE kit to and from school, and remain in PE kit throughout the school day. On days students have extra-curricular (Tuesdays and Thursdays) they will need to bring in their PE kit and change during their lunch break. Should the weather forecast be wet, please pack your child's full school uniform for them to change into after PE should they get too wet.

### **School Menu**

The school menu has been published in the Newsletters section of our website. If you would like to sign up to school meals, please contact Harriet Ingman at [info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk](mailto:info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk)

### **Extra-Curricular Sign Up**

Please find link below to our full extra-curricular offer which will be updated every two terms. Clubs will run from 15:30 – 16:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students participating in on-site clubs on these days will be released via the main student gate at 16:30. It is parent/carer responsibility to arrange collection from activity and students will not be supervised once dismissed. For activities at Ashford School, students will be released from school early at 15:20pm to walk to Ashford School.

### [Extra-Curricular Programme](#)

If your child has an off-site activity (including at Ashford Oaks), they will be asked to change during lunchtime and should come to school in full uniform. They will be released from Ashford Oaks Primary School main car park entrance at 16:30. We expect 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](mailto: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 Tuesday 10th September. Students are welcome to attend clubs on both Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We will confirm which club you have been allocated on Friday 13th September. Clubs will start on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

### [Extra-Curricular Sign Up Form](#)

#### **Year 7 Football Trials**

If your son/daughter would like to try out for one of our **Year 7** football teams this year they are kindly invited to join us after school for some drills and games. These will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 15.40-16.50 at Ashford Oaks Primary School (students will be escorted to Ashford Oaks with staff). Full kit, including boots and shin pads are required. Students will be released from Ashford Oaks main entrance at 16.50. Please email [harry.moore@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk](mailto:harry.moore@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk) with your child's name, emergency contact number and how your child will get home if you wish for them to participate.

#### **Curriculum Maps**

To support your child's learning from home, our full curriculum overview can be found on our website at [Chilmington Green School - Curriculum](#).

If you have any queries, please contact us at [info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk](mailto:info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk)

#### **Attendance Challenge**

You will find in the Newsletters section of the website our Attendance Expectations Letter. Attendance is a fundamental part of achieving well in school. To acknowledge and reward excellent attendance, we will be running termly attendance challenges. For all students who achieve 98% attendance during the first term will be entered into a raffle for several prizes. These raffle prizes will be decided termly.

#### **Home Learning Arrangements**

Students in Year 7 and 8 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. All new students will receive their login details in their first IT lesson. 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.

Home Learning will be set every Monday and will be due in the following Monday, allowing students a full week to complete all tasks. For Year 8, this will start on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September (compulsory only)** and for Year 7 this will start on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September**. You will find the Home Learning Overview for Term 1 in the Newsletters section of our website.

Homework Support Club (3:30-4:30pm) will begin on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September for any students wishing to complete their homework at school. Please indicate your preference for this on the extra-curricular options form. Further information about homework can be found in the 'Home Learning – Parent Information' document, accessible [here](#).

#### **Ski Trip 2026**

We are delighted to open up our 2026 ski trip to Austria to all of our Year 7 & 8 students. If you are interested please email [rebecca.wood@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk](mailto:rebecca.wood@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk) for a letter of interest. We are releasing this trip early to allow maximum time to spread out payments in monthly instalments. This is a fully inclusive 9 day residential trip.

#### **Key Dates**

Date	Event
Wednesday 11th September	Year 7 - Parent/Carer Welcome Event - 3.45 to 4.15
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Extra-Curricular Clubs Commence
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	End of Term 1
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Start of Term 2

I hope that you have a restful weekend and we look forward to welcoming your child back to school next week.

Kind regards

Jon Rutland  
Principal