

2024/2025 – Newsletter 1

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have had restful summer and that you are looking forward to the start of the new term. For parents/carers new to the school community, newsletters will continue to be released approximately fortnightly throughout the academic year and will include key information and dates. For convenience, all newsletters will be published at following link: [Newsletters - Chilmington Green School](#).

School Day Timings Reminder

The school day timings have changed slightly from last academic year. For a reminder, please refer to [Newsletter 17](#).

Buildings Update

Over the past few months, the upstairs of our temporary building has been transformed and will provide us with six additional classroom spaces and an additional science laboratory. The classroom spaces are fully ready to welcome students later on this week. Alongside this, our permanent home continues to make rapid progress with the external structure nearing completion. Below you will see the main entrance to the school emerging (right) and the canteen space (left). Additional images have been attached to the end of this newsletter.



Online Logins – Arbor and Squid

Arbor is where all student information is stored, including contact details, school reports, timetables, medical details, rewards and behaviour points.

Over the coming days, you will receive an email inviting you to join Arbor. You will find an Arbor Login guide on our Transition Page: [Transition 2024/5](#). It is essential that all information is updated as soon as possible. As a school, we promote student activities and successes through social media. Please could families also complete the section 'Consent for Photographic Images' to indicate your preferences.

Squid is where online payments are made. We are a cashless school so all payments must be made using this system. You will also be invited to join Squid via email over the coming days.

Key Staff Contacts

As a growing school, a number of new members of staff have joined the team this September. Many key contacts will remain the same, however new members of staff will be joining our Pastoral Team and will be working closely with students and families. The key contacts are listed below. All members of staff can be contacted via the main school email – info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk.

Miss Wood – Assistant Principal

Mrs Schwartz – Pastoral and Inclusion Officer – Safeguarding and Wellbeing – Years 7 & 8

Year 7 Pastoral Team	Year 8 Pastoral Team
Ms Harris – Head of Year 7	Ms Wigg – Head of Year 8
Mr Beya – Pastoral and Inclusion Officer – Year 7	Ms Winstanley – Pastoral and Inclusion Officer – Year 8

Reminders for the Start of Term

PE Kit and Changing – There will be no PE lessons until Monday 9th 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. All students will need trainers, white socks, football boots, shin pads and navy football socks for all PE lessons between September and December.

Homework – This will commence from Monday 9th September. For parents and carers who are new to the school, full information can be found in our Parent/Carer Handbook, available on our Transition Page

Extra-curricular Activities - A form will be shared with you in September to select your child's preferences.

Lunches – If your child receives free school meals, these will be provided with lunch from the first day of term. Should you wish for your child to have a cooked school meal and you do not receive free school meals, please let us know at info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk.

Parent/Carer Welcome Event – New Year 7 – Wednesday 11th September

On Wednesday 11th September between 3.45 and 4.15, we will be hosting a Parent/Carer Welcome Event for new Year 7 parents/carers. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to hear more about life in secondary school, our curriculum, how we report on academic progress and to answer any questions following your child's first week in school

Extra-Curricular Programme

We are committed to ensuring that students access a wide range of extra-curricular activities as part of the school curriculum. You will receive additional communication later this week with further information and forms to select your preferences.

Rewards Changes

Congratulations to all students who achieved their Bronze, Silver and Gold Achievement Badges last year. We have made some slight alterations to how we award achievement badges so that student achievements and efforts can be acknowledged. For full information, please refer to [Newsletter 19](#).

Key Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 4 th September	Start of Term – Year 7 Only
Thursday 5 th September	Start of Term – Year 7 and 8
Wednesday 11th September	Year 7 - Parent/Carer Welcome Event
Tuesday 17 th September	Extra-Curricular Clubs Commence
Wednesday 23 rd October	End of Term 1

We very much look forward to welcoming all students back to school later this week.

Kind regards

Jon Rutland
Principal

August 2024 – Construction Update



Corridor Space – first floor



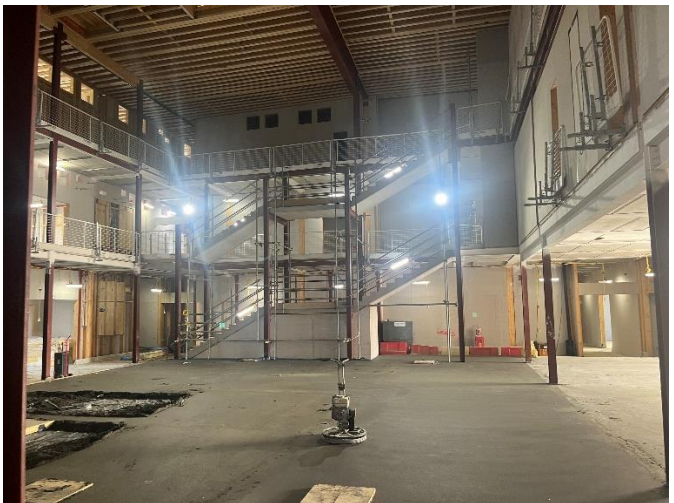
Main entrance



Sports Hall



Mixed Use Games Area – Surfacing



Canteen Area



Rear of Teaching Block/Sports Hall