



Dear Parents/Carers

A very warm welcome back to the new school year. This will be a brief newsletter outlining the arrangements for assessment week and some key information for the term ahead.

Homework

You will find in the newsletters section of our website our homework planners for the coming term. Please do encourage your child to complete as much of the non-compulsory homework as possible.

A reminder that Sparx Reader homework will be changed from 30 to 60 minutes per week from Term 3 onwards. This will be for both Years 7 and 8.

Parents' Evening Dates

We will be hosting in person parents' evenings in February and March. These will be run in house colours to allow you to see as many of your child's teachers as possible. You will receive a separate email informing you of the arrangements and how to book appointments over the coming weeks.

Mid-Year Assessments

A reminder that our mid-year assessments will be taking place between 13th-24th January. Students will sit written exams in Maths, English, Science, History, Geography and RS. Students will sit these assessments in their normal classrooms with normal class groups. We will share the reports with you on 6th February (Year 7) and 13th February (Year 8).

We will offer a 'Parent/Carer drop-in session' on Monday 10th February to enable you to better understand your child's report. Year 7 will be at 3:45pm and year 8 will be at 4:15pm.

We urge students to complete all homework (including non-compulsory) which has been designed to help them revise. You will find additional resources to support your child's preparation for these assessments at <https://chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk/information/how-to-support-my-childs-progress/>

Year 7 Timetable:

	Monday 13 th January	Tuesday 14 th January	Wednesday 15 th January	Thursday 16 th January	Friday 17 th January
Morning (Period 2)	English Writing	Religious Studies	History	Science	Maths
Afternoon (Period 4)	French & Spanish (Reading & Writing)	Geography		English Reading	

Year 8 Timetable:

	Monday 20 th January	Tuesday 21 st January	Wednesday 22 nd January	Thursday 23 rd January	Friday 24 th January
Morning (Period 2)	English Writing	Geography	History	Maths	
Afternoon (Period 4)	Religious Studies	French & Spanish (Reading & Writing)	Science		English Reading

Smartphones

I would like to remind families and students that phones are not permitted throughout the school day and must be put away and switched off during the school day. Should your child need to contact home, they are able to speak to the pastoral or reception teams. This is so that we can ensure that students can access the support or help they need promptly.

Clubs Reminder

Clubs will start on Tuesday 14th January.

Clubs will run from 15:30 – 16:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students participating in outdoor activities will be released at 16.15 throughout Term 3. 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 at 15:20pm to walk to Ashford School.

PE Lessons and Weather/Clothing

As previously mentioned in Newsletter 8, we will be outside for both Basketball and Rugby lessons over Terms 3-4. As the weather is colder, please ensure your child has sufficient under layers to wear under their PE kit as well as a hat and gloves (navy or black). A refillable drinks bottle is also required for all PE lessons on and off site. Students have been advised to bring a spare carrier bag to place their rugby boots in after the lesson. Thank you for your support.

Mid Kent Dance Festival

Mid Kent Junior Dance Festival – We have an opportunity to send 10 dance students to a funded workshop at Ashford School with professional dancer, Irena Cuteric on Friday 21st March. Following this workshop there will be a formal dance performance on Friday 6th June. If your son/daughter is keen to attend, can fully commit to both dates and you are able to facilitate getting them to/from Ashford School please email rebecca.wood@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk by Friday 17th January.

Key Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 14 th January	Extra-Curricular Clubs Begin
Monday 10 th February	Parent/Carer drop-in session – Understanding Your Child’s Report Year 7 – 15.45 Year 8 – 16:15
Thursday 6 th February Thursday 13 th February	Year 7 Reports Released Year 8 Reports Released
Friday 14 th February	End of Term 3
Monday 24 th February	Start of Term 4

Kind regards

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Principal