

Dear Parents/Carers

The end of term is always a great opportunity to reflect and look back on the successes of the term and I have shared in this newsletter several of the successes our students have enjoyed this term. For many students, the end of term will be an opportunity to relax and refresh in readiness for a busy Term 5; for some, Sunday evening marks the start of our first ski-trip. If you are not already following us, regular updates about our Character Education programme are shared on our social media channels, available on 'X' @ChilmingtonGre1 and on Facebook at Chilmington Green Secondary School.

It has been wonderful to welcome so many families into school this term for Parents' Evenings to discuss your child's education with you – I hope you found these useful. As you are aware, we are a growing and evolving school. I therefore very much encourage you to share your feedback and views with us. Should you have anything you wish to share with us, please do get in touch at info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk

Vaccinations – Year 8 Students

You will find in the Newsletter section of our website a letter from the School Immunisation Service. The Immunisation Service will be visiting the school on Wednesday 21st May to provide the HPV vaccination for Year 8 students. The letter will detail the process of providing consent for your child to have the immunisation on this date. There is also a direct contact with the Immunisations Service should you have any queries.

Magic Flute

On Tuesday 1st April, a group of our students were very excited to visit the Royal Opera House for a fantastic immersive concert, *Everybody Sing The Magic Flute*. The concert was a special event to launch United Learning's collaboration with the Royal Opera House on a new project based on Mozart's opera *The Magic Flute*. Bringing together 1,700 students from 53 schools, students created a vibrant performance of the opera alongside the Royal Ballet & Opera Orchestra and professional opera singers. During the Summer Term, students will then learn the rest of the repertoire to perform at one of three concerts across the country in June and July at the Royal Festival Hall in London.



Fixtures and Results

Our Year 7 and 8 boys basketball teams have made an excellent start to their league with wins against local secondary schools.

Congratulations to our U13 girls football team who made it to the semi-final of the Kent League playing against Wye School. They performed with great determination and sportsmanship, narrowly missing out on the final with a 0-1 defeat.



Recruitment

Recruitment for all non-teaching roles will be released after the Easter break. Vacancies will be advertised on both www.kent-teach.com/ and via our [website](#).

Changes to Science Homework

From the beginning of Term 5 (Wednesday 23rd April), all Science homework will be set on Sparx Science instead of Seneca. Student logins and passwords will remain the same. Science homework will remain non-compulsory until September when it will become compulsory for Year 9 only.

WW1 History Trip

We are very excited to have launched our first annual Year 9 History trip to the French and Belgian Battlefields. Up to 40 Year 9 students will visit historic battlefield sites including trenches and dug out systems, and will learn about the experiences of warfare from historical guides. We will visit a variety of memorials and museums and some students will have an opportunity to lay a wreath as part of the wider remembrance event at the Menin Gate. This residential will run each year in October and will be open to Year 9 students to align with their curriculum. Please contact Miss Collis if you would like more information or if you would like to take one of the remaining spaces available (current Year 8s only).

Charity for RSPCA & Ashford Cattery – Yellow House Year 7

We would like to ask for our families support to help our Yellow House build a collection of food, toys, bowls and blankets to support their chosen house charity, RSPCA & Ashford Garden Cattery. Please donate any unwanted items to our reception area. All donations will be personally taken to the charities at the end of Term 5. Thank you in advance for your support. To find out more please visit - www.rspca-ashforddistrict.org.uk



Extra-Curricular Programme

Clubs for Terms 5 and 6 will start on Tuesday 29th April. The final club of the academic year will be on **Thursday 26th June**. Clubs will not be offered throughout July as we work towards our move date to the final site at the end of Term 6.

It is parent/carer responsibility to arrange collection from activities 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. 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 (unless they have PE that day). They will be released from Ashford Oaks Primary School main car park entrance at 16:30. We are unable to make any changes to club allocation as all clubs and interventions are full at this time.

Key Dates

Date	Event
Friday 4 th April	End of Term 4
Monday 21 st April	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22 nd April	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 23 rd April	Start of Term 5
Friday 23 rd May	End of Term 5
Monday 2 nd June	Start of Term 6
Thursday 26 th June	No extra-curricular clubs after this date
Friday 18 th July	End of Term 6 – Students finish at 12.15.

I would like to end by wishing everyone a happy and peaceful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Wednesday 23rd April.

Kind regards

Jon Rutland
Principal