

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back – I hope that you have had a wonderful summer break and that all students are looking forward to the academic year ahead.

We are delighted that our brand-new school building is now open and we are ready to welcome our students into a learning environment which has been designed to provide them with a broad and exciting curriculum. This new chapter for our school brings with it state-of-the-art facilities and a wider range of facilities and opportunities for our students. Students will now enjoy our food technology and resistant materials classrooms, specialist dance studio, specialist drama studio, and a range of sports facilities. We have planned open events for families to tour our facilities, meet staff and see firsthand the facilities available to our students. Dates of these can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Transport Update

We are aware of the transport issues some families may experience when travelling to the school. We have been working closely with Kent County Council and have requested that they provide a bus so that all our students can get to school easily and safely. We very much hope this issue will be resolved as quickly as possible and will update families as soon as possible.

Staffing Update

As you know, our school is continuing to grow and with another year group joining next week, we welcome a number of new members of teaching and support staff. None of our current teaching staff are moving on so all of the teachers that your child knows well will be staying with us. There are some updates below regarding key school contacts for your child.

	Head of Year	Pastoral and Inclusion Officer
Year 7	Miss Goodwin	Ms Shore
Year 8	Miss Harris	Mrs Winstanley
Year 9	Miss Wigg	Mr Beya

Should you have any queries, these may be sent to info@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk and they will be directed to the most appropriate person. You will also find your child's form tutor and other relevant contacts at the following link: [Tutor Groups](#)

Information for the Start of Term

- There are slightly different timings **for the first day of term only**, as below.
- Gates will open at 8.00. On the first day of term, Year 8 and 9 students will be permitted on site from 8.00 should this be more convenient for families.
- From Tuesday 9th September, normal school start time of 8.35 to 15:10 will commence for all students.

Year Group	Start Time	End Time
7	8:40	14:30
8	9:10	15:10
9	9:10	15:10

- **Pick-Up/Drop-Off** - Should your child be dropped off/picked up, there will be a one way system operating on the school grounds. Staff will be on hand to direct you each day.
- **Access to School** - We have been informed that Chilmington Green Road will be closed once students return on Monday 8th September. Families should therefore access the school via the new roundabout on the A28. Please avoid parking/waiting in the businesses which operate in the vicinity of the school grounds.
- **Catering** - Please be reminded that we are a nut-free school. Children should also not be bringing energy/fizzy drinks or sweets as part of their packed lunch.

- **Extra-Curricular** – There will be no extra-curricular clubs during Term 1. We will communicate with you regarding the extra-curricular offer which will start from Term 2.
- **School Day Timings** – The timings of the school day have changed slightly. The end of the school day will now be 15:10. Full timings are available in [Newsletter 17](#).
- **Timetable** – We will return to school on a Week A. There will be no PE on the first day of term. Timetables will be shared with students on the first Monday of term.
- **Uniform** – As there is no PE, all students should wear full school uniform on our first day back in September. Where students have PE as a timetabled lesson, or an extra-curricular activity which requires PE kit, they should attend school in full PE kit. Students will not be required to change at school. All students will require a **reading book** as part of their standard equipment in September.
- **Term 1 PE** – All students will be required to wear their Chilmington Green PE top and jumper, plain navy or black shorts (leggings under shorts for students if they wish), white socks and trainers. No football boots will be required for Term 1 PE lessons. They will be required for football fixtures should your child be selected to represent our school in the sports teams.
- Any queries may be within our handbook, accessible here: [Parent/Carer Handbook](#).
- **Homework** – Year 7 students will receive logins and passwords to the homework platforms in their first ICT lessons of the year. They will be supported to access all platforms in this time. All logins and passwords remain the same for Year 8 and 9 students. Please see below a reminder of the homework arrangements for each year group. Beginning this term, homework will now be set and due in on a Friday each week to enable more school-based support in the days leading up to the deadline. All students will be able to access homework support clinics at lunchtime twice per week.

	Subject	Online Platform
Compulsory	English	Sparx Reader
	Maths	Sparx Maths
	MFL	LanguageNutz
Compulsory for Year 9 only	Science	Sparx Science
Non-Compulsory	History & Geography	Seneca
	Science (Year 7 & 8 only)	Sparx Science

First assignments will be set on **Friday 19th September** for Year 8 and 9 students (due in Friday 26th September).
Year 7 homework will begin on **Friday 3rd October** (due in Friday 10th October).

Parent Information Event and School Tour

We will be hosting Parent Information Event in September to families in all year groups on the dates outlined below. These will run from 15:30 to 16:30. This will be an opportunity to hear from your child's Head of Year about the year ahead and opportunities available over the coming year. During this event, families will have the opportunity to tour our new school facilities. There is no sign up required.

Year Group	Date
Year 7	Tuesday 16th September 2025
Year 8	Wednesday 17th September 2025
Year 9	Thursday 18 th September 2025

iPay accounts

Parents will have received a registration letter for iPay. This outlines instructions on how to set up the account and top up for purchasing meals. If you have previously registered the account, please ignore this as you only need to register the account once. Please ensure that you have topped up your child's catering account (School Meals) if your child wishes to purchase a school lunch or mid-morning break items. If you have any queries, please contact finance@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk

SEN Coffee Morning

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a SEND coffee morning. This will be an opportunity for parents of children who are supported by the SEN department to meet some of the SEN team and an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have. The Team will also share our expectations, boundaries and plans for the SEND provision for your children

Our coffee morning will take place on 2nd October at 10:00am. If you would like to attend, please contact SEN@chilmintongreen.org.uk

Year 7 Netball and Football Trials 2025-2026

We are excited to announce that trials for our Year 7 football and netball teams are coming up soon! Football trials will take place on **Thursday 11th September 2025**, followed by Netball trials on **Friday 12th September 2025**. These will take place at 3.20 to 4.45. Should your child be participating, they should attend school in full PE kit. Students will be playing indoors so will require trainers only. These trials are a fantastic opportunity for students to demonstrate their skills, make new friends, and potentially represent the school in upcoming competitions. We look forward to seeing lots of enthusiastic participation! Please book your place by emailing Harry.Moore@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk by Wednesday 10th September.

Key Dates

Date	Event		
Monday 8 th September	Start of Term		
	Timings for Monday 8th September only		
	Year	Start Time	Finish Time
	7	8:40	14:30
	8	9:10	15:10
	9	9:10	15:10
Tuesday 9 th September	All years return to normal school day timings of 08:35 to 15:10		
Tuesday 16 th September	Year 7 Parent Information Event and Tour		
Wednesday 17 th September	Year 8 Parent Information Event and Tour		
Thursday 18 th September	Year 9 Parent Information Event and Tour		

Kind regards

Jon Rutland
Principal