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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you at the end of what has been another incredibly busy yet extremely positive start to the academic year.

It is always a real pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 students and their families to our school community, and it was a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet many of you at our 'Settling in Evening' last night; our penultimate day of term. Like us, I hope you will have observed how confidently this year group are settling into secondary school life and can see we continue to work hard to foster an environment underpinned by our School Mission, where all members of our school community can truly experience their education in an environment where **'everyone belongs, everyone is valued and everyone can thrive.'**

Earlier in the term we again welcomed prospective students and their families to multiple Open Mornings, and our Open Evening and we were delighted to hear the positive responses from those that visit our school and can see all the hard work and exciting opportunities we offer our students here. Mrs Walker and I have followed up on these events, by visiting our local Primary Schools to ensure the students themselves have a further opportunity to meet us and ask any questions.

Term 1 is such an important Term for our Year 11s. This term they have again had the opportunity to participate in fieldwork trips in both Geography and History visiting Bristol Harbourside and Coldharbour Mill. Both key visits gave our students the chance to consolidate their classroom learning with a more practical experience at both venues and will hopefully support them achieve well in their GCSEs next summer.

We also hosted a MADE Revision event for Year 11s as part of our Enrichment Day on Monday 12 October. This provided a training opportunity for teaching staff at the end of the school day and an evening event with students across Years 9-11 with parents & carers in attendance, showing the best ways to revise and support students. We know every strategy helps most of our students and it is important that home and school can work together, reinforcing key revision strategies in the interest of our students. This was also intentionally planned into the calendar to support our Year 11 students in preparation for their fast approaching Internal Exams (mock exams). Parents and carers of Year 11 students are already aware that our first round of Internal Exams (mock exams) will commence shortly after the school holiday and will run from **Monday 9 November to Tuesday 24 November.** Students have received an Examination Booklet that includes the Internal Exam timetable, and students have already had an opportunity to sign up to a Holiday Coursework Catch-up Programme that we are facilitating on **Monday 19 October, Tuesday 20, Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 October** for subjects where students are required to submit coursework and some additional subjects. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend if they have been invited in. We thank you in advance for the support we know you will offer at home to support your child to revise and prepare for this round of Internal Exams. It is important for students to try their very best, as it provides an opportunity for subject staff to assess what students know and what they will need more support with, to ensure they can maximise their potential for success as they build towards the final examination series in Summer 2027.

Next term, as part of the new Dance course on offer at Chilton Trinity, we are looking forward to welcoming guest practitioners to showcase their specialism over the next few terms in lessons and really inspire these students who have chosen this new area of study at Chilton.

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Staffing Updates:

This term we sadly say goodbye to Ms Linscott who has been a valuable member of our SEND Team as she has secured a position in another school. We wish Ms Linscott the very best for future career successes and thank her for the contribution she has made to the school.

We have also welcomed back one of our trainees but now qualified PE Teacher, Mr K Crowley who has been seconded in to support the PE Department whilst Mr Chadwick recovers from a planned operation. We know the students are delighted that he is able to be back working with us again!

Uniform – Reminder of expectations for 2026-27:

Thank you for again your continued efforts in helping our students to look as smart as possible. Below is the information I included as a reminder of our uniform expectations:

Please be respectfully reminded to check our website for our Uniform Policy and expectations for 2026-2027. In summary, the aspects of wearing our uniform correctly and with pride that our students most often need to be reminded of are:

- Tucking shirts in
- Ensuring a pleated skirt has not been modified and rolled, tucked or folded in at the waistband
- Skirts must be no shorter than 10cm above the knee. We have had instances where the skirt isn't rolled at the waistband but is shorter than our uniform expectations because the skirt age is significantly younger than student age
- School shoes (examples are on our website) NO trainers must be worn
- Cycling style shorts for PE are not permitted

As we move into the colder months, we respectfully remind you that coats can be worn to and from school, as we would expect as the temperature finally dips, but should not be worn in the building. Hoodies are not allowed, and neither are fluffy socks/ socks over tights. Additionally, trousers should be mid-grey and NOT black. Jewellery can be one pair of stud earrings and a nose retainer, and no necklaces or bracelets should be worn. As you are aware we have very high expectations to support students to wear their uniform correctly and with pride and we want to set students up for success every day. If there is an issue with incorrect uniform, namely skirts, trousers and footwear, we can support students to get this right as we have multple sets of spare clean uniform, including shoes in school that can be temporarily borrowed if needed.

On behalf of all staff at Chilton Trinity School, I would like to wish you an enjoyable school holiday and we look forward to welcoming all students back to school at **8.30am on Monday 2 November 2026**. Research shows that good attendance results in good outcomes for our students. Thank you for helping us to implement the new statutory DfE Policy 'Working together to Improve Attendance', as we remain committed to working with our families to remove any barriers to attendance. If you need help or advice to support your child to achieve good school attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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