



CHAILEY SCHOOL

A Specialist Language and Humanities College
Headteacher: Mrs Helen Key MA (Ed)

19th May 2021

Dear Prospective Chailey Families

Please find attached a letter for your Year 6 child who is joining us in September. We thought they would appreciate a personal message from us. We would be grateful if you would pass it on to them.

If you are not already aware, we have some exciting news to share with you. We are in our new building – and it is fabulous. By the time your child joins us the contractors will be offsite. We are also looking to upgrade our Sports Hall over the summer holiday.

You will also receive a further letter from us later in the summer term which will give you details of our Year 6 Induction Days and New Parents' Evening, all taking place in July. We are really hopeful that these will go ahead. The dates are as follows:

- Year 6 Inductions Days – Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th July 2021
- New Parents' Evening – Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 6:00pm

Please make a note of these important dates. Students really benefit from coming into school, making friends and learning routines, before the summer holiday.

Additionally, I would like to make you aware of our Inset Days in September which will be on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd September. Term 1 will therefore commence on Friday 3rd September 2021.

At Chailey School all students study languages to GCSE. We teach French, German and Spanish and, depending on your tutor group, you will study two of these languages in Year 7 and 8. Please note that one of these languages will always include French. Unfortunately, we cannot provide a free choice of language due to timetable constraints. If you have a very strong reason why your child should study a particular language, please would you write to me at the school with your reason. Examples may be:

- If a close family member has a property abroad and the child regularly visits it
- A parent works abroad and the child regularly visits

Although we may not be able to accommodate your request, we will do our best if we feel the reason is valid. Any requests need to be with us by Friday 28th May 2021.

We have already started to email you with a copy of our weekly newsletter. Hopefully this will act as a useful tool in familiarising you with the school, and be an exciting and interesting read for your child also.

Finally, we have 140 students signed up for our Summer School. The deadline is Friday 21st May. Please contact my PA, Gemma Butler gbutler@chaileyschool.org for more information.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please do get in touch with us at the school. We look forward to working in partnership with you over the coming years.

Yours sincerely

Helen Key
Head Teacher





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Dear new Chailey student

Hello from Chailey School. We hope you are safe and well at this challenging time. We are really looking forward to welcoming you to Chailey School this September and getting to know you and supporting you as you progress through secondary school.

We know that moving to secondary school is exciting but can be quite daunting and we want you to know that we have a really good track record of making sure our Year 7 students settle in quickly and are really happy at school.

This year our transition will be different, but we are setting up an area on our website with lots of fun activities and information for you. It will help you get to know us at school a bit better. Do have a look at it for updates regularly.

If we are unable to welcome you into school before the end of this term we will make sure you get to see and hear from your tutor and other key staff and students via our website.

Below are some of the key staff we have in school. We can't wait to meet you in person, but for now keep well and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Helen Key
Head Teacher

Mrs Key	Ms Poole	Mr Austin	Mr Dudgeon	Ms Turner	Mr Harris	Mrs Hickman	Miss Thompson
Head Teacher	Deputy Head Teacher	Assistant Head Teacher	Assistant Head Teacher	Assistant Head Teacher	KS3 Director	Student Support Manager for Year 7	SENCO

