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*Transforming Learning  
Enlightening minds*

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Zelia Munnik  
Headteacher, Chertsey High School

Dear parents/carers

It has been a busy but successful first term! We have consolidated our brand, received applications that take us well over our admissions number and moved forward in terms of our site. One of the biggest successes of the term – and the part I enjoyed the most – has been the engagement with parents and the community. This is our first newsletter for this academic year and I hope you enjoy reading all about the progress of the project so far as well as all the fun we have had in between!



## ADMISSIONS

As I mentioned before, we are absolutely overwhelmed by the response in applications and could not feel more blessed with the love and support that has been shown to us by the pupils and parents of this community! The applications that are coming in have exceeded our wildest expectations as we have almost doubled our admissions number. This high number of applications is testament to the incredible support we have received from the community and we would like to thank you all.



## PARENT AND PUPIL ENGAGEMENT

Our coffee mornings have very quickly become my guilty pleasure on Fridays with all the cakes and fantastic company! Every coffee morning has a key focus, although we do end up talking about everything and anything. Parents find it especially useful to meet other local parents who aren't necessarily in the same primary school as their son / daughter. It has been a great success and we will continue this in the new term.

“ COMMENT FROM  
A PARENT:

*It already feels like we are a family*



My primary visits have been another highlight of the term. We have the most incredible children within this community and I count myself lucky to be the Headteacher in a community where children are hungry for success and have a passion for further learning. Each of the primary schools I visited demonstrated how resilient our pupils are and how much they will contribute to the development of Chertsey High.

“ COMMENT FROM  
A PUPIL:

*I wish we could start Year 7 straight away!*



## JOINING CHERTSEY HIGH SCHOOL

On joining us in September, every student will be welcomed into a tutor group which is balanced in terms of gender and academic achievement. They will all become a member of one of our 4 houses – giving them the opportunity, during house events, to build our team spirit and pride for their Houses. We are currently inviting all pupils to enter into our “House name” competition. Students are asked to choose 4 house names that will represent our culture, ethos and high expectations the best! The closing date is 15th March 2017 and the winners will win either 2 cinema tickets or 2 cinema tickets and a uniform direct voucher to use towards buying their new school uniform if they are coming to Chertsey High.

To facilitate a smooth transition, our staff will visit all students and their Year 6 teachers at their primary school so that the students feel safe and secure when the time comes to move on. Parents will be invited to an information evening and students will become familiar with school routines on a taster day.

Once at the school, students will be encouraged to embrace responsibility and play an active role in the direction of the school. Students are also given the opportunity to enrich the life of the school by taking active roles of responsibility within it. Such roles could include: Learning Ambassadors, School Council members, Charity representatives, Digital Leaders and Sports Captains amongst many other roles.

## OUR ACCOMMODATION

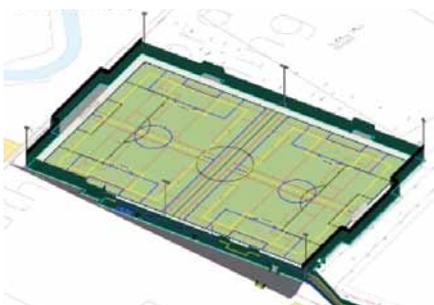
The school will be housed in state-of-the-art facilities built to incorporate the highest quality teaching and learning spaces. The building will feature wide corridors, naturally lit community spaces and provide a 21st century learning environment.



The project team have been excited to see how the proposed designs transform day-by-day. It is clear that that our building will embody our mission statement 'Transforming Learning Enlightening minds'. The pictures (left) show what the building could look like.



Chertsey High School is fortunate to be based in a community with strong sporting traditions and will benefit greatly from a state of the art sports hall and a brand new 3G pitch. In the future, we will continue to grow our community links, enabling local groups to benefit from our new sporting facilities. In partnership with Abbey Rangers Football Club, we will have a world class 3G pitch which will provide the facilities for many sports and the perfect opportunity for the school to link with other local schools and businesses. We are also in negotiation with a leading football club to provide students at Chertsey High School with the opportunity to take part in football lessons delivered by them. Please see below an illustration of what the 3G pitch will look like.



COMMENT FROM A  
STUDENT DURING  
OUR PRIMARY  
SCHOOL VISIT:

*I'm going to be so proud to  
be one of the first students  
of this brand new school*



## STAFFING

I am delighted to let you know that we have started to look at our staffing for September. We have received a large number of expressions of interest from staff across the Bourne Education Trust and Salesian School and will therefore be appointing our Assistant Headteacher by the end of this term. Other staff appointments will be made in the Spring term.

## ENRICHMENT

As diverse as the school's curriculum will be the extensive programme of extra-curricular activities will further enrich our pupils' secondary school experience. Supervised after-school enrichment sessions will run from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. All of our students will be strongly encouraged to take part in extra-curricular opportunities throughout the week. Exciting partnerships with a range of sports clubs and teams as well as arts activities will enable students to access expert coaching and support during enrichment.

## FINALLY...

I would like to thank all the parents, pupils and members of the community that have made this first term such a memorable one. I hope you have a festive season filled with laughter and love.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone again next term!

Yours sincerely,

Zelia Munnik, Headteacher

## CONTACT

Please feel free to contact us at any time to discuss your questions or views about Chertsey High School.

We look forward to meeting you and working together to provide a first-rate education for local children.

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