



Chislehurst School for Girls

Weekly News 11th September 2026

For Entry
September
2027

Open Evening
for prospective Year 7 Students
Chislehurst School for Girls
Thursday, 17th September 2026



Dear parents, carers,

It has been a great first full week back at school, with our **Welcome Back assemblies**, where Na'imah played us in on the piano and our **extra-curricular clubs** are springing back into life now that the flurry of the new term is settling. Our congratulations to members of **Year 13**, who have worked towards their prestigious **Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award** during their summer holiday - you can see more inside. **Science** has had some new additions to their stairwell and the first group of **Year 7s** came for their **Break Time reception** this week. **My thanks in advance for students who will give back to their school on Thursday evening for our annual Open Evening.** This is the biggest event in our school calendar, when we are open to 'show off' our lovely school to prospective Year 7 students. **Thank you, to our tour guides and students who are helping out in Departments across the school.** There are lots of details of all of the **Music Clubs** inside- a 'home' and family within our school community and an opportunity to be part of some high-quality concerts and performances. Advance notice that, weather permitting, we will update our **panoramic school photo** that you often see at the front of our school. The first one was taken in 1896 and the last one in 1986- we will take one in 2026 to mark the **130th Birthday of the school**, which all students will be involved with. Modern technology allows us to take it in sections and then put it all together as one panoramic to celebrate 130 years of our school.

With my very best wishes to you all,
Mrs French,
Headteacher

Duke of Edinburgh's Award success



Congratulations to **Liv, Izzy, Akshita, and Dionne**, who spent a week of their summer holiday completing their Gold DofE Residential section by volunteering at **Downe Activity Centre**. Over the week they carried out maintenance and repair work at the outdoor centre, making it ready for another year, as well as enjoying time spent with friends old and new.

We are excited to support our Year 13 Gold DofE students as they continue working on this prestigious award. We are delighted to have 25 Year 12 students now signed up for this year's Silver DofE award in school, as well as nearly 150 Year 10s getting started on their Bronze.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award builds our students' independence, confidence, and resilience, and we are proud of all the students taking on the challenge this year.



Duke of Edinburgh Team

New Artwork Brightens the Science Stairwells



Have you noticed the stunning new artwork on the walls of the Science Department's stairwells in North Block?

Both stairwells have recently been transformed with vibrant, pupil-designed murals celebrating the full spectrum of science and the wonder of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). Designed and painted by our talented students, the pieces showcase biology, chemistry and physics alongside creative artwork contributed by pupils from across the school.

The murals reflect the curiosity, creativity and innovation that sit at the heart of STEAM subjects. They remind us that science is not just about facts and formulas, but also imagination, discovery and asking big questions about the world around us.

A huge well done to all the pupils who contributed to the project - maybe you will be surprised to see your drawing adorning the walls. Your creativity has left a lasting mark on North Block and created something the whole school community can be proud of. Have you spotted the new murals yet? Next time you're in North Block, take a closer look and see how many scientific icons and pupil contributions you can identify!

Ms Robertson

Headteacher's Break time reception



Pola, Aoife, Lola, Sofia, Betsy, Eliza, Lyla, and Laicee, were the first of our **Year 7** students to be invited to Mrs French's Break time reception.

Mrs French really enjoyed getting to know them as they shared their hobbies and interests, books they are reading and the ever-popular conversation topic of our pets.



YOUNG GREENWICH



SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN WITH PRISCILLA EVERY TUESDAY IN THE SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

I CAN OFFER 1:1 SUPPORT AND ADVICE IF YOU ARE WORRIED OR HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THESE THINGS:

- General health issues
- Relationships
- Diet and exercise
- Weight issues
- Growing up
- Sexual health issues



DURING BREAK AND LUNCH TIME



Open Evening



Prospective Pupils and Parents/Carers for Entry September 2027 are invited to attend our school's Open Evening. Details below.

Main School Open Evening - Thursday, 17th September 2026

Address: Chislehurst School for Girls, Beaverwood Road, Chislehurst, BR7 6HE

Event Timings: 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Headteacher's Talks: 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm (*allocated on arrival*)

No booking required

NOTE THERE IS EXTREMELY LIMITED PARKING ON SITE. WHERE POSSIBLE, USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND/OR WALK TO THE SCHOOL.

Fridays @ 4 - Relaxed Event

Fridays @ 4 offer families the opportunity to attend a talk from our Headteacher, Mrs French, as well as receiving a tour of our school and grounds from a member of staff.

Friday, 25th September will be run as a 'relaxed' event, allowing families of pupils with SEN needs, or any families with additional needs (for example mobility, hearing, visual) to visit our school prospectively in a quieter environment.

Booking Link: [Friday @4 - Relaxed Event](#)



We are pleased to confirm that we will have a British Sign Language interpreter present at this event

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Friday, 2nd October is an open event for all families who were unable to attend our Main Open Evening.

Booking Link: [Fridays @4 - Open Event](#)

Musical Opportunities in and outside of school



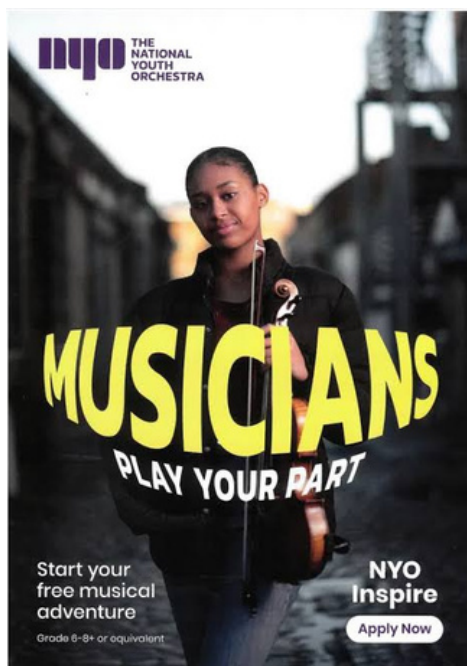
All our music clubs are up and running, and we're delighted to have the Music Department back at full volume! It's definitely not too late to come and get involved - students can still join any of our clubs, or apply for individual music lessons.

We will also be sharing more details about our **Guys and Dolls Jr. auditions** soon, which will be held on **Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd, and Thursday 24th September**.

There are also lots of opportunities available outside of school at the start of the new year. Auditions are now open for both the **National Youth Choir** and the **National Youth Children's Choir**, with applications open for the National Youth Orchestra's Inspire programme too. Audition slots are also available to book for **British Youth Musical Theatre**, and local musical theatre academics like **All the Arts, Jac Jossa Academy, and Centre Stage** all have availability for new students.

Another opportunity for our **Year 10-13 students** interested in further study of Music is the **Crescendo Programme**, run by **Oriel College, Oxford**; a series of webinars discussing all sorts of musical topics.

For more information about any of these opportunities, please have a look online or speak to the Music Department.



Music Clubs 2026-27

MONDAY

Choir 12:45-1:15 N10 ALL Y8-13 WELCOME – COME AND SING!

Be part of our
music family

TUESDAY

String Orchestra 12:45-1:15 N11 STRING PLAYERS WELCOME

Senior Steel Pans 12:45-1:15 N12

KS4 WITH STEEL PAN EXPERIENCE WELCOME

Practice Club 12:45-1:15 N10 ALL KS3 WELCOME TO PRACTISE

Guys & Dolls Jr. Rehearsals 3:15-4:30 MAIN HALL FULL CAST

Collect
achievement points

WEDNESDAY

Wind Band 12:45-1:15 N11 WOODWIND & BRASS PLAYERS WELCOME

Junior Steel Pans 12:45-1:15 N12

ALL Y7 WELCOME, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Guys & Dolls Jr. Rehearsals 3:15-4:30 MAIN HALL FULL CAST

Perform in
concerts, our first
carol service,
& the Bromley
Schools Prom

THURSDAY

Intermediate Steel Pans 12:45-1:15 N12

Y8-9S WITH STEEL PAN EXPERIENCE WELCOME

Practice Club 12:45-1:15 N10 ALL KS3 WELCOME TO PRACTISE

Coursework support 12:45-1:15 N11

ALL GCSE / A-LEVEL MUSIC STUDENTS WELCOME

Get invited on
trips & tours

Make friends

FRIDAY

Year 7 Choir 12:45-1:15 N11 ALL Y7 WELCOME – COME AND SING!

Chamber Choir 12:45-1:15 N10 Y8-13 WELCOME BY AUDITION

Coursework support 3:30-4:30 N11

ALL GCSE / A-LEVEL MUSIC STUDENTS WELCOME

Enjoy making
music

JOIN IN!

Astroturf Footwear and Rules

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the rules and procedures that we are putting in place to ensure the safety of the students, and also the longevity and care of the astroturf itself.

Footwear

Students must have and wear correct footwear in order to be permitted to use the astroturf at any time, both in PE lessons and in extra-curricular PE activities. Please see the table below:

Students without correct footwear will need either to borrow correct footwear or will not be able to participate. Sports trainers therefore remain the most versatile footwear for all sports and activities, whether these are being taught and played on the astroturf, the field, or inside.

Footwear must also be clean in order to use the astroturf; there are boot scrapers at the entrance which must be used if trainers/boots are muddy.

Please be aware that external hirers of our astroturf are being expected to wear only football boots or moulded studs. We are permitting sports trainers in school so that the astroturf is accessible to all students, as it should be, within our lessons and extra-curricular activities.

Additional rules

Students must not leave litter in the astroturf enclosure, either on the pitch or in the spectator area.



Permitted	Not Permitted
· Sports Trainers (any colour) · Football boots (plastic studs) · Moulded boots (plastic studs)	· Flat-soled fashion trainers (e.g. Converse/Vans/basketball trainers) · Bladed boots or metal studs · School shoes

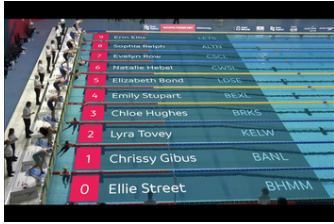
- Water bottles etc. must be cleared after lessons/extra-curricular activities.
- No chewing gum to be brought into the astroturf area, either the pitch or the spectator area.
- No food to be eaten in the astroturf area, either the pitch or the spectator area.
- No jewellery to be worn in the astroturf area, either the pitch or the spectator area.

We would appreciate it if you could discuss these rules with your child before school resumes next term. We will be reinforcing these expectations within PE lessons so that our whole school community is aware of them.

Thank you very much.

The PE Department

Student Success



Many congratulations to **Emily, Year 9**, who had a very busy summer, who writes:
"In late July, I went to Sheffield to compete in the swim England national summer meet where I won my heat and came 11th (in

England) in 200 freestyle in the 14 year old age category (girls) and was just outside of my personal best. Then ,in early August, I was notified that I had been invited to the England national swimming age development camp where you get invited to do 2 days of a swimming camp with some of the best swimmers in the country (one day being in late October and the other in early June)."

Well done Emily, an amazing achievement and you should be very proud of yourself.

LAMDA

LONDON ACADEMY OF
MUSIC & DRAMATIC ART

LAMDA LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNICATION
(GRADE 6)

Speaking in Public Grade 6 - Bronze Medal

awarded to
PARNIKA

with
DISTINCTION
on 04 July 2026



Well done **Parnika, Year 10**, who over the summer passed her LAMDA exam (Stage 6) with Distinction, awarding her a Bronze Medal. Congratulations, Parnika!

**Please park considerably
outside our school to keep our
children safe.**

Double parking and parking on the yellow zig zags blocks visibility and causes an obstruction in the road which slows down the flow of traffic and impacts our children's ability to cross safely.



Free School Meals

Don't miss out!



You could
save up to £500



Your child's entitlement might not automatically continue under the new rules.

To make sure lunch is sorted for **September 2026**, you might need to complete a new application.



Free School Meals can support your child's:



Health and wellbeing



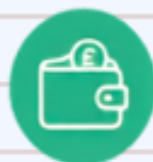
Concentration and energy during lessons



Attendance and participation in school

Do you qualify for either of these? 

Targeted FSM



For households earning **£7,400 or less annually** (excluding benefits)

Expanded FSM



For all other pupils in households receiving **Universal Credit**, regardless of income.



1. Check 2. Apply 3. Share.

Visit your local authority website to apply or head to the government website - gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals to check!



Do you know another parent who might qualify?

Please help us spread the word!!