



Cox Green Newsletter



Newsletter 4th - 8th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our annual “You’re Hired” was a huge success today and our Year 11 students enjoyed practicing interviews in a mock setting. It was wonderful to see the students engaged and confidently practicing the skills they will ultimately utilize in their next steps for placements and applications. Thank you to Mrs Thompson and the number of volunteers from our local community who gave up their time, and helped make the event such a success for our students. In the new term, we will be looking forward to hosting our annual Careers Fair. We welcome volunteers and representatives from local community businesses to take part in the event - Please share this with your communities and contact Mrs Thompson directly for more information or to participate.

Finally, for the first time at Cox Green School, I am delighted to announce that our Social Media Enrichment students will be taking over our social media posts and newsletter next week as part of their programme. We hope you enjoy reading about the events at Cox Green from the perspective of our Sixth Form students!

As I will be handing over to the students for next week’s newsletter, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful, restful break.

Best wishes, Mr Edwards, Headteacher



Please note that the school office will be closed from 12.30pm on Friday 15th December 2023. School re-opens for all year groups on Wednesday 3rd January at 8.30am.

Recent Letters

- Sixth Form Visit to Royal Holloway University
- Year 13 History Trip to Winchester’s Military Museum
- Auschwitz Trip-Pre-trip information meeting
- Year 11 GCSE Art Trip to the Tate
- Year 11 GCSE Graphics Trip to the Design Museum

Weekly Calendar: December - Week 2 Timetable

Monday 11th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly: Be Determined (Year Group) • Christmas Doors
Tuesday 12th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BFI Critical Theory Trip (Year 12 & 13) • Christmas Lunch (Year 7 & 8)
Wednesday 13th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E.T in Concert (Year 10, 11 & 12) • Christmas Lunch (Year 9, 10, 11 & Sixth Form)
Thursday 14th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal Holloway Philosophy Trip (Year 13)
Friday 15th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Jumper Day / Non Uniform Day • School closes at 12.30pm



Careers Fair

Thursday 1st February 2024 9am—3pm



Join us at our Second Annual Careers Fair! Come and meet our fantastic students to talk about your business! It will be a great opportunity to speak directly to students and to provide information and advice about your business, training provider or sector.

Cox Green Careers Fair 2024



Please contact Mrs Thompson for more information via email h.thompson@coxgreen.com or scan the QR code to find out more!



Celebrating Success Our Stars of the Week



Year 7

Harry Holloway

Nominated for always trying his hardest and displaying the school values every day.

Olivia Macionczyk

Nominated for always trying his hardest and displaying the school values every day.

Year 8

Jake Bailey

Nominated for winning three fitness challenges in his PE Lesson.

Max Tierney

Nominated for taking wonderful photographs in the house assembly.

Year 9

Adarsh Dwivedi Hector Anderson Tegan Andree

Nominated for achieving the highest number of achievement points in Year 9 -Well done!

Year 10

Kuba Muszynski

Nominated for his incredible talent and technical help with the Winter Concert; programming and running the lighting, organising a backdrop and performing in the concert! Well done!

Mireille Larche Evie McDonnell Georgina Ali

Nominated for consistently demonstrating Cox Green Values and for fantastic work this term.

Year 11

Elizabeth Addison

Nominated for being an amazing wellbeing ambassador and peer mentor for the Year 7 students.

Sixth Form Stars

Isa Smith

Nominated for her kindness in supporting students in the Retreat.

Inclusion Stars

Callum Burton (Year 8)

Nominated for working amazingly well on his assessments and his effort in lessons.

Tianna Collins (Year 10)

Nominated for her kindness towards another student in the Hub.



Update from the SAFE Team

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



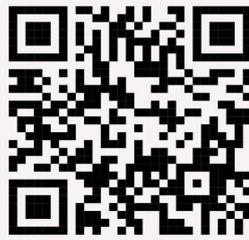
A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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www.skipssafetynet.org



Notices



Christmas Jumper Day Friday 15th December



For our last day of term, we will be holding a non-uniform day. Christmas jumpers are optional but warmly welcomed! Please note there is a set donation of £2 and this can be paid via sQuid from Monday 4th December.



Christmas Lunches



If you pre-booked Christmas Lunch for your child, please be note that the lunch will be on the following dates:

12th December: Year 7 & Year 8

13th December: Years 9,10,11 and Sixth Form

If you did not pre-book the Christmas Lunch, please remind your child that the canteen will only be available to purchase food during Break 1 on both days.

DIRECTCLOTHING

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Free delivery will be suspended during the Christmas break. Please note the last delivery will be ready for collection on Wednesday 13th December.

Any orders made during the holidays will be delivered to the school on Tuesday 9th January 2024 or you can request orders to be delivered to your home address.



Swimarathon: Sunday 14th January 2024

The Swimarathon will take place this year at Braywick Leisure Centre. The Swimarathon is a 55 minute relay swim, completed in a team of your choice and raises money for charity. Each team consists of no more than 8 people and the aim to is swim as many lengths in your team as possible within the 55 minute timeframe. This event is open to all year groups. To take part, please email Miss Anderson l.anderson@coxgreen.com by Friday 15th of December. You do not need to have a complete team to enter, you can note your interest and we can create teams from there. More information will be shared after this date!

Student Services



Lost Property Collection Days 12th & 13th December 3pm—4pm

Student Services have a large amount of unnamed and unclaimed lost property. As we are approaching the end of term, parents and carers are invited to visit the school reception between 3pm - 4pm on Tuesday 12th December and Wednesday 13th December to view the lost property and claim any missing any items.

After these dates, please note that any lost property held by Student Services will be donated to the school's pre-loved uniform sale.

Year 9 Immunisations 31st January 2024

We will be offering all Year 9 students the option to have the Meningococcal ACWY & Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio Booster, with parental consent. Please note we will not be able to offer the immunisation unless the parental consent form has been completed in advance.

Please note the online consent form is now open and can be accessed via the below link:
TDIPV MenACWY Vaccination Consent Form
(berkshireimmunisations.co.uk)
The school code is BK137695.



Student News



Mr Edwards would like to congratulate Amber on her successful application for her testing day in June. After passing the testing process, Amber was entered into the talent identification pathway for Track Cycling.

Amber has spent the last few months training with British Cycling at the Derby Velodrome and Lee Valley Velodrome and is fully accredited at both velodromes with a racing license. Amber is having a trial this week with the Lee Valley Youth Cycling club and hopes to get selected for the Regional School of Racing and to start racing next year.

Well done Amber!

Eton College Debates

On Monday the 4th of December, 10 Cox Green School debaters visited Eton College to conclude the series of Autumn debate exchanges we have been having with Eton College. The visit commenced with a tour of the old school where the students saw the founders statue of Henry VI, heard about the origins of the Kings scholars who are housed in the original part of the school, and visited the original school room where teaching commenced in 1440 and is still used today! The students visited the Chapel and then had lunch with the Eton College debaters. In the afternoon, the students moved to the debating chamber where preparation time was spent, before two highly anticipated debates occurred on the motion "This house would not allow plea-bargaining of offenders who volunteer information."

Both debates were very lively with plenty of points of information being offered and accepted by debaters. In the end, after much analysis and argument, both proposition teams (in favour of the motion) were adjudicated winners. The visit was a thoroughly successful celebration of debating skills and students displayed the progress they have made in both confidence and in analysis. We are now looking forward to Eton College debaters return to Cox Green School in the Spring term!



Badminton Matches



Our younger badminton players had their first competitive matches against Altwood School this week. There was some excellent play and lots of enthusiasm displayed by all the students. We are delighted to announce that Cox Green School won all the fixtures played, both the boys and the girls teams representing Year 7 and Year 8.

Our winning teams were:

Year 7: Owen Allen, Hollie Atkins, Arthur Byrne, Harry Pettit and Sofia D’Orazio

Year 8: Zubair Badhwal, Joshua Brown, Jamie Gillard, Preston Kuan, Joshua Santacaterina, Alya Sogut and Isaac Poole.

Congratulations to all players!



Student News

Royal Holloway Visit Year 12 EPQ

Our Year 12s visited the university library at Royal Holloway on Wednesday 6th December. The students enjoyed a tour of the campus and the university buildings, followed by access to the library to view their catalogue. This proved invaluable for access to scholarly articles and studies that could be of use for their EPQ research. One student managed to find nearly 50 different journal articles relating to her area of research! They are now well placed over the holidays to read their research and start writing their 5,000 word dissertations on a subject of their choice. Students completing this award have a good track record of not only receiving lower offers from universities (because they have the higher order study skills required for this level of study) but also gain a higher than average degree results when they get to university.



Netball Teams

A big well done to all the students who participated in this term's Netball teams! They have shown outstanding dedication and commitment to training, and the students continue to show how much their hard work is paying off in the league matches against other schools. We are very proud of all the students and are ready for another competitive term after the holidays.



Mr Edwards would like to congratulate Callum Rahman on his recent achievements and participation in the British Judo Championships 2023 on Sunday, 3rd December at the English Institute of Sports in Sheffield.

Although Callum didn't medal, he succeeded in reaching 7th place in the Pre-Cadet Male under 42kg category, out of 13 contestants.

Well done Callum!

#Literacy Matters



CGS 150 Challenge

- Year 7**
- 1st Alexander Daly**
- 2nd Ekamveer Chhokar**



Get wrapped up in a good book over Christmas! Head over to Cox Green Library to see their recommended festive reads to enjoy over the holidays.

For more information about the CGS Literacy incentives, recommended reading lists and tips to support your child with their reading progress, please take a look at our literacy page: [Literacy \(coxgreen.com\)](http://Literacy(coxgreen.com))



Sports Results

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / Away	Time Start	Competition	Result
Tuesday 28th November	Football	U15 Boys	Denefield	Home	4pm	County Cup	W 5-2
	Basketball	U14 Boys	Furze Platt	Away	3.30pm	League	W 38-22
Wednesday 29th November	Table Tennis	U16 Boys	Oakbank	Home	3.30pm	Friendly	Won
	Basketball	U14 Boys	St Bernards	Away	3.45pm	League	L 28-67
Monday 4th December	Football	U13 Boys	St. Birinus	Home	2.15pm	National Cup	W 2-1
Tuesday 5th December	Football	Year 7 Girls	Bohunt / Various	Away	4pm	Girls 5-a-side	TBA
	Badminton	Year 7 & 8	Altwood	Home	TBC	Friendly	Won
Wednesday 6th December	Football	U15 Boys	St. Birinus	Home	2.15pm	National Cup	TBA
	Netball	Year 10 Girls	Various	Away	4pm	Furze Platt League	TBA

Sports Fixtures

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / Away	Time Start	Competition
Tuesday 12th December	Football	Year 7 Boys	Bohunt / Various	Away	4pm	Boys 5-a-side (indoor)
	Football	Year 10 & Year 11 Girls	Altwood	Home	3.30pm	Friendly
	Basketball	U16 Boys	Furze Platt	Home	4pm	League
Wednesday 13th December	Netball	Year 9 Girls	Various	Away	4pm	Furze Platt League