



2nd September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

A warm welcome to all our new parents and carers from everyone at Cox Green at the start of the new academic year and as members of the Cox Green School community.

We are particularly conscious that the transition from primary school into Year 7 is an important one that at least initially can seem to be a little intimidating. You can be assured that our Year 7 leaders and staff teams are both aware and well practised in ensuring that everyone feels at home and comfortable in their new routines. We ensure that our new students are not only settled but are aware of what we expect of them. We will also be undertaking assessment of their stage of learning so that we have a clear picture of their strengths and how best to support their learning.

At Cox Green School, we take great pride in the encouragement and support we give to every one of our students ensuring that they have great opportunity to achieve in their examinations and assessments and to develop as individuals, growing into responsible and caring members of society. We also want our young people to be 'happy' at school, a happy, contented student is a person who is both willing to work and has a greater capacity to learn.

Our vision at Cox Green is to be a community school proud of both its students and staff. Our values are at the core of all we do. Our ambition is that every member has the opportunity to realise their aspirations in an environment where they feel supported and safe. Students will progress from Cox Green as well-rounded citizens with the life skills required to be successful for their next steps.

To achieve this, we are committed to our vision by establishing a culture of success, focusing on the following priorities:

- Developing our students to be confident citizens of our school and community.
- Establishing a culture where our students aspire to the very best they can be in their learning as well as individuals.
- Embedding a curriculum that is broad, enriched, exciting and ambitious, allowing students the opportunity to follow their chosen study pathway.
- Enabling all students to have access to a positive teaching and learning environment, encouraging and supporting them and meeting their needs.

We continue to introduce initiatives that give greater choice within examination pathways to allow students to study in a way that best suits their learning style and way of working. Our staff teams provide advice to both students and parents on the most appropriate pathways to ensure success.

The School Governing Body is here to advise Senior Leaders and in doing so monitor every aspect of school life. We have statutory responsibilities to meet, but as individual members, we are both conscious and most interested in how the young people in our charge progress academically and as individuals within the community. We also ensure that they are safe and content within their school environment.

With the inevitability of students moving on, we currently have two vacancies for Parent Governors. We will be asking parents to put their names forward within a few weeks. If you feel you are able to contribute to debate and assist in supporting the development of our school then please do apply. We look forward to welcoming some of you

to our highly dedicated Governing Body. I will be happy to discuss the role and can be contacted via our Governance Professional, Lorna Coe, on the school number or by email on l.coe@coxgreen.com

You may also contact us at any time in the year via Lorna if there are matters that you wish to raise. You will also be able to learn about life in general at Cox Green through our weekly electronic Newsletter. It is full of variety, celebrating achievements, sporting success, accounts of trips and visits and of course, the school notices and reminders that so often do not manage to make their way home through the students themselves.

We wish Danny Edwards, our Head Teacher, and all our staff a successful year, success that will ultimately be measured through the achievements of our students in qualifications gained and within their personal development as they progress through school. However, we also believe that there are so many facets to a successful school, these include: Sporting prowess and achievement, creativity through Art, Drama and personal initiative, work within the community and fundraising, helping others and being a good supportive friend. We feel these are the elements of a successful community school; Cox Green is such a school.

As the country continues on its road back to normality, it is hard to say what is ahead for us as we head into the coming year. Amid this uncertainty, it is therefore of utmost importance for us, as a school, to provide a warm and supportive environment for our students, one that is consistent, one that they can rely upon. We look forward, as Governors, in working with and supporting Danny and his colleagues to maintain that momentum throughout the year and in the achievement of successful outcomes at the end of the year. We have every confidence that the team will ensure that the coming year is a successful and enjoyable one for everyone who is part of the very vibrant community that is Cox Green School.

Welcome to our school.

Yours sincerely

Peter Thorn, Chair of Governors
Wen-Lan Richard, Vice- Chair