

The A-Z of Cox Green School

2020 - 2021

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Admission

Reasons to sign up to Cox Green School as your first choice.

- ✓ £4.7 million new investment into the facilities.
- ✓ Quality of relationships: Students are happy and visitors comment on our great atmosphere.
- ✓ Great facilities – a very well maintained school.
- ✓ Breadth of extra-curricular provision: Lots of Sport, Music, Drama, IT, Trips etc.
- ✓ Strong involvement with the local community – Performing Arts, Science and Languages work in Local primary schools, also work with Salvation Army, charities and trips Goslar, Vietnam and Rome.
- ✓ Fully staffed with specialist teachers.

Applications must be submitted through your local authority application portal by 12pm on 31st October 2020.

Assemblies

Whole school and year group assemblies are very important at Cox Green. We pride ourselves on bringing in external agencies and specialist staff to deliver key messages to make up our pastoral programme.

Awards

At Cox Green School we recognise achievement and reward academic attainment, progress, behaviour, effort and personal and social development. Staff issue Positive Points each lesson.

Accumulated positive points equate to awards such as postcards, phone calls home, certificates, star badges and Governor awards presented during assemblies. Awards appear in the weekly newsletter.

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Buses

Transport is available from South Bucks and is run by the Apple Bus company. Applications for a bus place and any questions you have about buses, need to go to the bus company you are using:

Apple Bus: For full details, or to sign up for the service please contact Sam or Joel on 01753 821310, or email enquiries@appletravel.co.uk

White Bus: www.whitebus.co.uk

Tel: 01344 882612

Email: office@whitebus.co.uk

Bikes

Students are encouraged to cycle to school. It is expected that students ride their bicycles with care and in accordance with the Highway Code. Students should wheel their bicycles within the school grounds and store them on site in the covered bike shed at their own risk.

The use of a bike lock is recommended. All students who cycle **MUST** wear a bicycle helmet.

Breaktime

Breaktimes are currently staggered by year group to support with social distancing. Each year group has a 15 and 30-minute break per day. Students have access to our DINE facility and have the opportunity to expend energy on our basketball courts.

Breaktimes and lunchtimes are supervised by adults. There are plenty of people around.

C Clubs & Extracurricular Activities

We have a huge amount of enrichment, however at the moment government guidelines has suspended clubs and extracurricular activities. We offer the very best music, drama and sports opportunities including Duke of Edinburgh/Band/Performances/Athletics competitions/Leagues for sport. We encourage students to try as many new things as possible. Further details regarding our clubs and extracurricular activities is included within our Governors report located on our website.

Communication:

The school communicates with parents/carers and students in several ways:

EduLink One

The school utilises an app called EduLink One. This app has a variety of features including the ability to view information such as achievement points.

Newsletter

This is sent electronically each week to all parents who have submitted an email address.

Website

All letters to parents are posted on our website as well as being emailed out. In addition, we have active social media accounts on Twitter and Facebook to share information and our students' successes. We would encourage all parents to follow us on social media.

Text Messages

Urgent messages are always texted to parents.

Parents' Evenings

We have regular Parents' evening to discuss the progress of your child.

Curriculum

Our vision is to provide a curriculum which enables all learners to achieve their maximum potential and is relevant to life in modern society. It provides depth, breadth, challenge, enjoyment and progression at all levels; it promotes choice and allows specialisation; it enables learners to work towards fulfilling their aspirations.

Our motto is "Committed to Achievement" and this embodies our belief that perseverance, self-discipline and determination will enable all of our students to succeed at school and beyond.

We aim for the highest standards of educational achievement and value every student. We expect our students to fulfil their potential academically, personally and socially. To achieve this aim, we want each of our students to develop a sense of PRIDE.

All students receive the same curriculum with the only exception being that students study Spanish or French. The language a student studies is based on the tutor group students are allocated to, although students are asked for their preference prior to joining Cox Green. They will continue with the same language in Year 8 and 9.

F Food

We offer a café style service which provides a wide range of healthy, fresh food which is all prepared on site on the day it is sold at *Dine@Coxgreen*. There is always vegetarian choice available. An example of food and drinks on offer can be found on the website.

At the moment lunch is served at different times according to what year group you are in.

Cox Green School operate an online payment system called sQuid.

You will need a sQuid account to:

- Pay for any food or drink from our school cafeteria (there is a daily spend limit of £6)
- Pay for any trips or activities
- Pay for lockers
- Pay for revision books

You will receive details of your unique sQuid account number and registration instructions in June. Your child will then be registered on the system to enable them to use the cafeteria.

Free School Meals

We offer Free School Meals. Our website has an eligibility checker for Free School Meals.

Friends

Your primary schools will have told us who works well together and we use this information to help us put tutor groups together.

Remember you are not always taught in your tutor groups and lessons are about learning. Social times are break and lunch, when you are free to be with your friends.

In your tutor group you will do “getting to know you” activities. You will also do things in your House to help you. Getting involved in clubs and activities is another way of making new friends.

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Homework

Homework enhances student learning, improves achievement and develops students' study skills and as such is an integral part of the curriculum.

In response to feedback from parents regarding homework we have developed and published a homework schedule that will help parents support their child in organising evenings and weekends. There may be times when homework is set on different days if groups/students are taught at different times, however, there will always be sufficient time to complete the work set.

House System

The House system allows every student to feel a sense of belonging by becoming a member of one of the Seven Houses (Brunel, Churchill, Hawking, Nightingale, Novello, Parks and Winton) Each were selected by our students and have a connection to the local area and/or link to our school ethos of **PRIDE**.

As house members all students have a range of opportunities to work together and ‘compete’ against other students, the other houses and even against themselves, earning house points in the process.

The house system is an integral part of our pastoral system and school culture, and develops a sense of pride and commitment.

The house system is designed to embody the school values and ethos -

House System Objectives:

- To provide every pupil in each house with the following:
- A sense of belonging within the school community
- Opportunities to develop social, intellectual physical and practical skills
- A sense of achievement both inside and outside the classroom
- Fun and enjoyment through competition
- Opportunities for leadership
- Awareness of individual and collective responsibility

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Library

Our students have access to Cox Green Public library. Each student is issued with a library card. The library is available at breaktimes with access to the computers to support with homework learning.

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Offsite activities & Trips

Cox Green firmly believes that students should be given opportunities to learn outside and beyond the classroom, as well as access to different types of activities and experiences. We run a wide range of trips and residential opportunities (both abroad and nearer to home.)

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Pastoral System

Each year group has a dedicated SAFE Manager. The SAFE Manager is there to support the behaviour and pastoral work of the students. Your child's SAFE Manager will stay with your child's year group throughout their time at school.

Students' wellbeing and inclusion is paramount to their education and we have access to a range of support agencies to help students. These include mentoring, The Hub, additional Literacy and Maths support, Education Welfare Officer, School Counsellor, career guidance, School Social Worker and an Educational Psychologist.

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Questions

If you have any questions not answered in this document please email us at joinus@coxgreen.com

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Remote learning

Remote learning is conducted via Microsoft Teams. The students follow their normal timetable. We support parent/carers who do not have access to a laptop and are continuously in touch with our parent/carers to ensure the welfare of your child whilst learning at home is monitored.

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School Building

Will I get lost? Probably – it is a big school! Do not worry! However, there are lots of signs and people to help you. Usually, after a couple of weeks' people know where they are going.

School Day

You will get this information in the Parent Guidebook and on your timetable. You need to be in your classroom, ready to register, correctly uniformed and with the right equipment ready to start for 8:45am.

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Teachers/Form Tutors

Your Form Tutor's role at Cox Green is central in both caring for you and, crucially, monitoring your progress both academically and socially; encouraging involvement, commitment, and high standards of work and behaviour. Your form tutor will offer support and guidance, and in doing so, help to alleviate any anxiety.

Your form tutor will help you grow a sense of independence, as you move through secondary school. This will take a number of forms, from helping you to find your way around a large school site in Year 7, getting you into the habit of having the right equipment and organising your planner, to picking your options in Year 9. When it comes to GCSEs, your form tutor will help you to plan your attendance at revision sessions, keep up to date with homework and coursework and manage the exam season.

Transition from Primary School

We have a fantastic transition programme, getting to know your child and their Year 6 teachers before you arrive. We have been commended for being the best school in the area with this. We have an Induction programme on site, meet the parents and carers evenings

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Uniform

It is important that all students learn to dress for work rather than leisure and that each student makes every effort to look smart and tidy. This shows their commitment and engagement with us as learners, and also ensures that every day starts with positive interactions.

Uniform specific to Cox Green can only be purchased via our online shop or from the on-site uniform shop.

Alternatively, during term time, the school uniform shop is open on Wednesdays from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. The shop is located at the back of the school gymnasium and can be accessed via the side gate.

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Values

We hold two very important values for the whole school community; that everyone is kind to themselves and others, and that everyone tries their very best, at all times. By ensuring our core values are at the centre of everything we do, our students feel empowered and become resilient young people who play an active role in navigating their own futures. Our students are encouraged and equipped to develop skills that enable them to be leaders of their own learning and achieve their individual goals.



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