

COX GREEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the second week of the mock exams, I would just like to share the online link for the mock exams timetable here: <https://cgss.co/mocks2024> Please remember that students will need to check the timings of their exams carefully, and in the event an exam finish time clashes with the end of break, students will need to bring a packed lunch with them as the canteen will be closed after 2pm (end of break 2).



We are starting to look forward to the countdown to Christmas, with many festive activities planned for the last few weeks of term. We hope you can join us for our annual Winter Concert which will take place on Thursday 12th December and tickets are now on sale via sQuad. Refreshments will be available to purchase during the evening and provided by the PTFA. We will be inviting all students from all year groups to celebrate Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 20th December to raise money for the charity, Save The Children. We would ask for a donation of £1 per student and this would be cash only. Year 7 parents, please do start saving any spare Christmas decorations or craft materials, as the students will be taking part in our annual 'Christmas Doors' competition during the last week of term.

Please note that the school will be closed for INSET day on Friday 6th December. The school will close on Thursday 5th December at the usual time of 3pm and then re-open on Monday 9th December for all year groups.

Best wishes,
Mr Edwards, Headteacher



RECENT LETTERS:

- Year 10 and Year 11 compulsory theatre trip - War Horse
- Year 13 compulsory theatre trip - 'Dear England'
- Year 11 English Revision Guides

Weekly Calendar: Timetable Week 1

Monday 2nd December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock Exams (Year 11 & Year 13)
Tuesday 3rd December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop Everything and Read (Period 1) • Auschwitz/Krakow pre-trip information meeting
Wednesday 4th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Thursday 5th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Friday 6th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET DAY (School closed)

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Upcoming Dates



Term Two

Monday 9th December:

Real Tennis Trip (Year 12 & 13)

NEW - Attendance Online Workshop for Parents (5pm-6pm)

Tuesday 10th December:

**NEW - Pre-loved coat sale in Reception
2pm - 3.30pm**

Thursday 12th December:

You're Hired (Year 11)
Winter Concert

Friday 13th December:

Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 17th December:

Year 13 visit to Shrewsbury Prison
**NEW - Pre-booked Christmas Lunch
(Year 7 & 8)**

Wednesday 18th December:

**NEW - Pre-Booked Christmas Lunch
(Year 9, 10, and 12)**

Friday 20th December:

NEW - Charity Christmas Jumper Day
End of Term (school closes at 12.30pm)



Assemblies this week:

Be Respectful: Tolerance

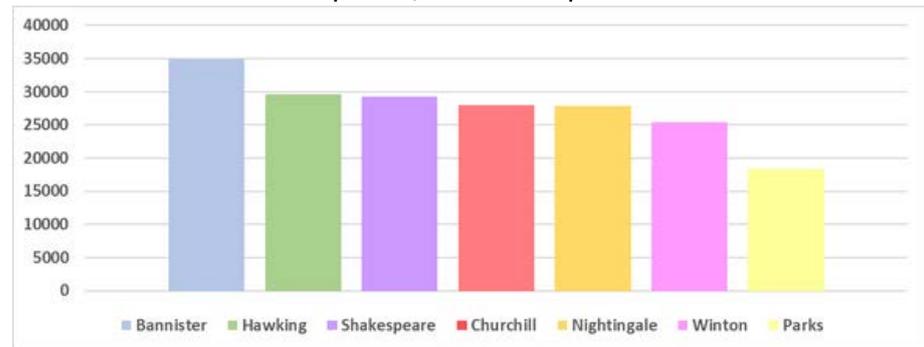
This week, the assemblies were led by the students, and each year group discussed and explored the topic of tolerance.

Mr Edwards, Ms Cummings and Mrs Cowling would like to congratulate Kaamil-Zain Davis for his outstanding performance of 'Tolerance', a rap that he had written and recorded for the assembly. We have enclosed links below to some of the online support available which was discussed in the assembly with the students:



House Points

Bannister continue to dominate the top position, however this week it was a close call between Shakespeare and Churchill for the largest increase of achievement points. Shakespeare ultimately took the lead with 1585 achievement points, a mere 70 points ahead of Churchill!



COX GREEN WINTER CONCERT

Let's celebrate with great music!

DEC. 12 • 6:30PM

COX GREEN THEATRE • HIGHFIELD LANE

£5 (ADULT) £3 (CHILDREN) ADMISSION

Refreshments Available
Parking at Basketball Courts



COULD YOU INSPIRE OUR STUDENTS ?

YOU'RE HIRED—Mock Interview Day

Thursday 12th December 2024 -Year 11 students

10:45am - 1:30pm

An opportunity for volunteers to help our students develop their interview skills. Your participation can make a significant difference in boosting their confidence and preparing them for the future.

If you are available and interested in contributing, please reach out to Mrs. Thompson for more information at h.thompson@coxgreen.com or scan the QR code. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Supporting careers at Cox Green School





Our Junior Student Leadership team took part in taste testing new menu items from DINE. The team had the opportunity to meet with Jose, the catering manager, and discussed the menu items they enjoyed and shared recommendations that they had to improve their experience.

If your child is interested in joining JSL, please speak to Miss Beech or contact L.beech@coxgreen.com.



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A key priority at Cox Green is ensuring that our students leave school with the confidence and ability to read well. There are many ways that you can support your child with their literacy and improve their reading fluency. Even just by encouraging your child to re-read their favourite books can help them build confidence, and with each reading you should notice your child reading faster, with more confidence and expression. We have enclosed some more suggestions for ways to support your child with developing their reading fluency:

Buddy Reading

The easiest and best way! Take turns reading aloud - Your reading provides a model of what good fluent reading sounds like, and with practice and regular sessions, you will notice your child's reading will start to sound like you!

Record it

Encourage your child to create their own audio books and record their reading. This can be done on your phone or via an app. We recommend the app StoryKit, where your child can create an electronic storybook and record audio to accompany it.

#Literacy Matters



**STFC ACADEMY
U16 TALENT ID**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

FOR 2025 INTAKE OPEN TO CURRENT YR. 11

Monday 23rd December 2024
2.30pm - 4.30pm

To register, please scan the QR Code

Arbour Park Stadium, Stoke Road, Slough, SL2 5AY

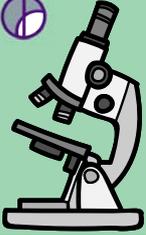


PTFA - Volunteers needed!

We are currently looking for volunteers to help staff the refreshment stall for the Winter Concert on Thursday 12th December.

To sign up or to be added to the PTFA mailing list for updates, please email the Chair via PTFA@coxgreen.com.

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Club of the Week

GCSE Science Mentoring
Year 11 only
Mondays, 3pm -4pm, L2
Miss Coshall



The GCSE Science Mentoring club is one of our newer clubs which recently launched this academic year. The club is run by Miss Coshall and her A-Level Science students. The club aims to provide 1:1 support to GCSE Science students.

Each Monday, the club is split into groups; Biology, Chemistry and Physics, and the GCSE students can choose which area they would like to study. Miss Coshall will then pair up the GCSE student with their A-Level peer who has chosen the same branch of Science as their option. This collaboration promotes increased engagement and understanding, as the students across both year groups gain mutual support, knowledge and confidence working together.

All Year 11 students are welcome to attend and if you would like further information about the mentoring group, please contact Miss Coshall directly via email (v.coshall@coxgreen.com)



Reminder: Flu Vaccinations Friday 13th December (All Years)

Just a reminder to all parents and carers, that it is essential to provide written consent if you wish your child to have their flu vaccination. Please find the letter and further information here: [Parent-Carer E-Consent Letter 2024-25.pdf](#)



Preparing for Exams: Revision Strategies with Mr Hart and Sixth Form Reporters

With the exams coming up, Mr Hart shares some helpful revision tips with our Sixth Form Reporters:

Plan your revision

Consider making a revision timetable. By doing this, you are able to have flexibility to build in some relaxation time while still making time to study.

Creating posters with key information

These can be placed around your house to help revision feel more natural and less like a chore.

Teach friends and family

This is a fun way to revise by teaching your friends and family what you have learnt! This will encourage your brain to dig out information and through this, it allows you to prioritise any important topics that you struggle to remember.

Record your notes

Recording and then playing back your notes can drill in the information!

Researching past papers

The most crucial part of revision is knowing your exam paper inside out so there are no surprises! You can do this by researching your exam board specifications or by just practising past papers to familiarise yourself with the types of questions likely asked.

Some useful revision resources can be found online such as BBC bitesize, Seneca, Maths Genie, My Maths and Century Tech. Hopefully these tips are useful and can help you get the best possible grades you can.

Good luck!

WHAT WE DID THIS WEEK



Year 7

Stars of the Week
Antonella Santos

Nominated by Mr Furkins for showing determination in every subject.

Ayomide Afolayan and Xavier Hill

Nominated for excellent acting skills in the Thomas Becket Drama.

Amy Borska-Romao, George Cramman, Moha Muhumed, Zayn Green, Stanley Greig, Reece Mourant-King, Leo Spencer, Flo Lawrence

and **Imogen Naylor-Hagger**
Nominated for effort and commitment in English.



Year 7

This week, Year 7 were introduced to Excel and have been learning formulas. In Computer Science, the students were tasked with working out the 'cost' of spells in their Harry Potter themed spreadsheets. The students have been busy in Art, continuing work on their tiger pictures. Well done to Florence Bullivant, Amy Mooney, Kul Saxena and Noah Salamut for submitting their excellent artwork! And finally on Thursday, the students enjoyed a very energetic game of dodgeball in their PE lesson. We have included as many photos as possible as they were too good to miss!



Year 8

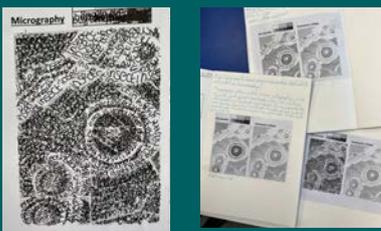
Stars of the Week

Liam Bankhead

Nominated for his commitment and determination this week.

Olivier Kakareko, Lauren Gibson, and Sam Sibley

Nominated as role model students by Miss Pascucci while working on the micrography butterfly wings.



Kacie Merkel

Nominated for excellent presentation in her Art and Design Book.



Year 8

Year 8 enjoyed playing in their first matches in the football House Competitions, and are looking forward to the tie-breaker dodgeball games! The winning house will be announced by Mr White before the end of term.

Year 8 have also been busy in Art, working on their micrography butterfly wings. The Art department are delighted share the images of the work provided by our Stars of the Week (left photo). Well done to Joshua Palmer (winner of the Year 8 Christmas card competition) who received his prize in assembly on Thursday

Special thank you to Michael Taylor and Tommy Heath for their help getting Mr Edwards' office ready for Christmas!

WHAT WE DID THIS WEEK



Year 9

Stars of the Week

Ethan Pavia

Nominated for engagement in languages interactive tasks

Cameron Hart

Nominated for exceptional diligence and insight in English.

Guy Tollington

Nominated by Mr Mitchell for making positive changes this week.

Olivia Byrne

Nominated for great engagement in Personal Development.

Michael Shrimpton

Nominated for being a role model student.



Year 9

This week, the Year 9 students have enjoyed starting their football House Competitions. The six minute matches became very competitive, and the winning house will be announced before the end of term! In History, Year 9 have been focusing on suffragette history and then considered different philosophical arguments, and existence of God in Religious Studies. Well done to Evie Fuller (winner of the Year 9 Christmas card competition) who received her prize in assembly on Wednesday.



Year 10

Stars of the Week

Anton Belnavis, Anton Baptiste, Millie Blanchard and Amilee Bhargava

Nominated for great contributions to the assembly.

Kaamil-Zain Davis

Nominated by Ms Cummings and Mr Edwards for his amazing rap, written about tolerance for the Year 10 assembly. Well done!

Amanda Simana, Imogen Bishop, Tommy Pestana and Luca Calabrese

Nominated for excellent effort in English.



Year 10

This week in Design Technology, the Year 10 students learned about kinetic-pumped storage systems. In their lesson with Mr Bali, the students practised making different cuts with tenon and coping saws.

Year 10 Graphics students have been studying graphic designer, Si Scott, and the students recreated a logo in his style (top right photo). In their theory lesson, the



GCSE PE students used balloons to understand how lungs work, and the

differences between anaerobic and aerobic exercise. They observed that even when they released the balloon, there was still air within it, showing in their demonstration why lungs do not collapse!

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Year 11

This week, we wish our Year 11 students well as they undertake their mock exams. We appreciate that for some students this can be an incredibly stressful time - if your child is feeling anxious about the upcoming exams, please encourage them to reach out to Mr Aston, Mrs Phelps or any of our staff who will be able to offer additional support if required. While Year 11 are busy with their exams, we have enclosed a summary and reminder for key upcoming dates for Year 11 which we hope will be helpful. Please note applications for Cox Green Sixth Form are now open! We would recommend applying early (even if your child is still considering their options and next steps) just to ensure a place is held for them. All Year 11 students will have the chance to take part in the Sixth Form Taster Day in January and will choose their 'options' in a Personal Development session in December. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth Form team via email: sixthform@coxgreen.com

**GOOD LUCK TO
ALL STUDENTS
FOR THEIR
MOCK EXAMS**

Year 11 'You're Hired!': Thursday 12th December 2024
Year 11 Prom deposit due: Sunday 8th December 2024
Year 11 Parents evening: Thursday 16th January 2025
Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Day: Thursday 16th January 2025

Deadline for Cox Green Sixth Form applications
Sunday 23rd February 2025

Year 11 Prom final balance due: Monday 31st March 2025
Sixth Form Induction Day: Wednesday 25th June 2025
GCSE Exam Contingency Day: Wednesday 25th June 2025
Year 11 Prom: Thursday 26th June 2025
GCSE Results Day: Thursday 21st August 2025

Sixth Form



Sixth Form Stars of the Week

Karan Pannu

Nominated for being helpful in class and having a positive attitude.

Caitlin Cam

Nominated for great work in class and showing determination - well done!

Zion Adesina, Rohan Bhachoo, John Campling, Abigail Florey, Thomas Hancock, Adam Haywood, Lydia Kirkham, Ezekielle Mondok, Preston Mullane, Angel Owusu, Jessica Roberts and Lauren Walker. Nominated for excellent effort in class.

Mr Edwards would like to congratulate Elizabeth Horgan for taking part in the Remembrance parade and church service, along with the High Sheriff of Berkshire, Alexander Barfield. This was a prestigious service attended by other High Sheriffs, members of the council, sergeants of the Police and many representatives of the Army and Cadets. Last Friday, 12WI organised and conducted a 'challenge assembly'. The whole idea was for students to have a little bit of fun to try and de-stress before the upcoming mocks over the next two weeks. Special shout out to Year 13, Cameron Creffield, for winning the doughnut eating competition and Year 12, Cyrus Maharjan for the tower building competition. We would like to wish all Year 13 students best wishes and good luck as they start their mock exams. If you would like to view the students' exam timetable, this can be found here: <https://cgss.co/mocks2024>



COX GREEN SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

Results

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / Away	Time Start	Competition	Result
Thursday 21st November	Basketball	Year 7	Maidenhead Erlegh Earley	Away	16:00	Friendly	W3, L1
Tuesday 26th November	Football	Year 7 Boys	Sandhurst	Away	16:00	County Cup	W4-3

Sports Fixtures

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / Away	Time Start	Competition
Monday 2nd December	Basketball	U14 Boys	St.Crispins	Away	15:45	Friendly
Wednesday 4th December	Netball	Year 7 Girls	Furze Platt League	Away	16:00	League

MAIDENHEAD LIONS

START THE NEW YEAR WITH A SPLASH!

Save the date:

**40th ANNUAL
SWIMARATHON**

**Sunday 12th Jan 2025
at Braywick Leisure Centre,
Maidenhead**

Great fun for swimmers of all ages & abilities.

More information to follow on how to be involved in Team CGS

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