

COX GREEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended the Auschwitz, Krakow pre-trip information meeting on Tuesday. If you were unable to attend, the presentation has been uploaded to the school website. We would like to remind everyone that any student medication needs to be handed in to Mrs Feetham by Monday 13th January 2025 - please ensure all medicines are stored in their original boxes and clearly labelled. We would strongly recommend that you check the airline liquid allowance carefully in advance. Please speak to Mr Burrows or Mrs Feetham should you have any further questions about the trip.

With the weather set to get colder, we will be holding a pre-loved coat sale next Tuesday which will take place in reception from 2pm - 3.30pm. We have a number of coats in various sizes available to purchase for a cash donation.

We would like to congratulate our Year 11 and Year 13 students for their hard work and maturity with their mock exams. We hope all students will enjoy the end of term celebrations. Many thanks to our student volunteers, Abi, Rohini and Phoebe for their help decorating the Christmas tree in reception!

Please note the school will be closed for INSET day on Friday 6th December.

Best wishes,
Mr Edwards, Headteacher



RECENT LETTERS:

- **Auschwitz/Krakow: Pre-Trip Presentation**
- **Year 10 and Year 11 compulsory theatre trip - War Horse**
- **Year 13 compulsory theatre trip - 'Dear England'**

Weekly Calendar: Timetable Week 2

Monday 9th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real Tennis Trip (Year 12 & 13) • Attendance Workshop (Held online 5pm - 6pm). <i>The link for the workshop will be emailed.</i>
Tuesday 10th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-loved coat sale (Reception 2pm - 3:30pm)
Wednesday 11th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Thursday 12th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You're Hired (Year 11) • Winter Concert
Friday 13th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu Vaccinations (All Year Groups)

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Upcoming Dates Term Two

Monday 16th December:
NEW - Christmas Doors

Tuesday 17th December:
Year 13 visit to Shrewsbury Prison
Pre-booked Christmas Lunch (Year 7 & 8)

Wednesday 18th December:
Pre-booked Christmas Lunch
(Year 9, 10, and 12)

Friday 20th December:
Charity Christmas Jumper Day
(Reminder - £1 cash donation per student)
End of Term (school closes at 12.30pm)

Upcoming Dates Term Three

Monday 6th January 2025
INSET Day (School closed)
Please note we start on Week 2

Tuesday 7th January 2025
Term resumes for all students
Personal Development (Period 3)

Wednesday 8th January 2025
Ski Pre-Trip Information
Meeting in the Theatre

TIME TO BRING IN THE HOLIDAYS!

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

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

wings
of hope



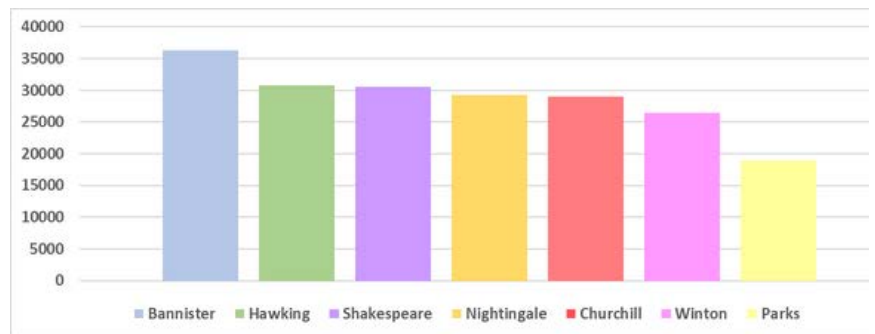
Assemblies this week: Be Respectful

Year 7 started the week with an introduction to careers and the pathways available at Cox Green. The students joined Mrs Thompson in a very enthusiastic round of 'Guess Who', where they attempted to match the teaching staff to their career pathways. Year 8 and Year 9 listened to our special guest speaker, Sarah Hogg, who joined us from the 'Wings of Hope' charity. Miss Hogg talked about a new partnership with British actor and rapper, Michael Dapaah and the chance to apply for WOHA Award for Excellence and Creative Arts.

Students can sign up to the initiative for free and they will have the opportunity to showcase their creative talents such as acting, music, comedy or digital arts while raising money for charity. If your child would like to sign up, please ask them to speak to Mr Hussain who will be able to share more information. We have enclosed the link to the charity, 'Wings of Hope' here: thewingsofhope.org

House Points

Shakespeare stormed ahead with a grand total uptake of 2,903 achievement points, however Bannister closely followed with 2,835 points, securing their lead for another week. Well done Bannister!



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





**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](#)

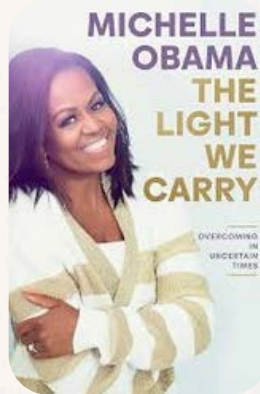
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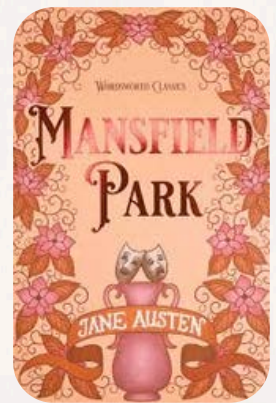
On Tuesday, Years 7 - 10 students participated in Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R). The tutors hosted a 20 minute reading session with the students, with their chosen subject material, aimed to promote literacy and provide the students with a wider context of their subject.

#Literacy Matters

Mr Lynch
Head of English
is currently reading:



Miss Leary
Learning Leader for English
is currently reading:



Pre-loved Coat Sale

TUESDAY | 10TH DECEMBER

2PM-3:30PM

RECEPTION



CASH DONATIONS ONLY.

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, please register your interest [here](#)

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

Health & Social Intervention
Year 11 only
Tuesdays, 3pm -4pm, C8
Miss Beech

At Key Stage 4 in Health and Social Care, the students are developing their understanding of the physical, intellectual, emotional and social developments throughout a range of life stages, gaining an insight into how the Health and Social care values are used within the industry. Organised by Miss Beech, the Year 11 Health and Social students meet weekly in a smaller group, offering additional support for their course. Biscuits are always provided!



Eton Debating Club Monday 2nd December 2024

For the final debating exchange with Eton College during the Autumn term, Cox Green students prepared the motion "This house would heavily tax fast food restaurants." On this occasion, the newer debaters were introduced to British Parliamentary debating which saw four teams of two debating, two for proposition and two for opposition. The tightly organised format proved most successful and saw the best debating of the year thus far. Arguments for proposition included the burden on the NHS that would be alleviated by ensuring people ate more healthy food and how greater revenue could be redirected to more needy causes. Arguments for the opposition centred around freedom of choice with food purchases and the need to provide cheap enough food for those in impoverished places to be able to afford. In a close run debate, the government team of Callum Smith and Ian Balfe won the debate for the proposition with their persuasive arguments and their ability through offering points of information to engage with the other debaters.

Eton College will resume their visits in the Spring term.

UPCOMING

PARENT WORKSHOPS AND
HELPFUL LINKS



THAMES VALLEY
POLICE



Thames Valley Police: The Digital Dilemma:
Keeping children safe online
Online Webinars: 11th & 18th December
Register [here](#)

Maidenhead PCN Roots and Branches:
In person workshop at St Marks Hospital
Tuesday 17th December, 10am - 12noon
be-pct.socialprescribing@nhs.net

Sidekick - Helpline to support Young Carers

WHAT WE DID THIS WEEK

Year 7



Year 7

Stars of the Week

Noah Salamat, Eric Stanculescu, Eddie Wignall, Oliver King, Archie Dorrat and Daniel Kay

Nominated for willingness to participate and having a positive attitude in French.

Jaymi Lally

Nominated for submitting great work in Technology.

Harley Hussey, Bruce Walden, Isaac Swain, Darren Davies, Puneet Brar and Darius Radu

Nominated by Mrs Linford-Relph for making fantastic progress in the Drawing Project. Well done!



Year 7 got into the festive spirit this week in Music, and practised 'Jingle Bells' on the keyboard. In Design and Technology, the students worked on their pencil boxes and began sanding down their work to start the finishing touches before the end of term.

Well done to Daniel Kay (winner of the Christmas Card Competition for Year 7) who was presented with his prize in assembly.



Year 8



Year 8

Stars of the Week

George Myles and Dylan Wande
Nominated for continuous good effort in French.

Harry Pettit

Nominated for always being ready to learn and showing a great attitude.

Alexia Pascu

Nominated for independently solving problems in Technology.

Josephine Squire, Jack Williams, Sonny Culora and Julia Miklas

Nominated for effort and commitment in English.

Cora Taylor

Nominated for excellent work in Design and Technology.

Year 8 have been exploring algorithmic thinking and learning how to approach problem solving in Computer Science this half-term. In their lessons this week, they are looking at logic gates using the concept of the 'Guess Who' game to see if something is true or false, to help them simplify problems and solve them.

In Geography, the students were tasked to create a double page spread for a newspaper article on the global resource crisis and how we can help fix it!



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WHAT WE DID THIS WEEK



Year 9

Stars of the Week

Sukhmani Dale

Nominated for putting in so much effort for her Science revision.

**Marcell Reid-Ankomah
Hayden-Lilly Odwyer
and Rylan Edwards**

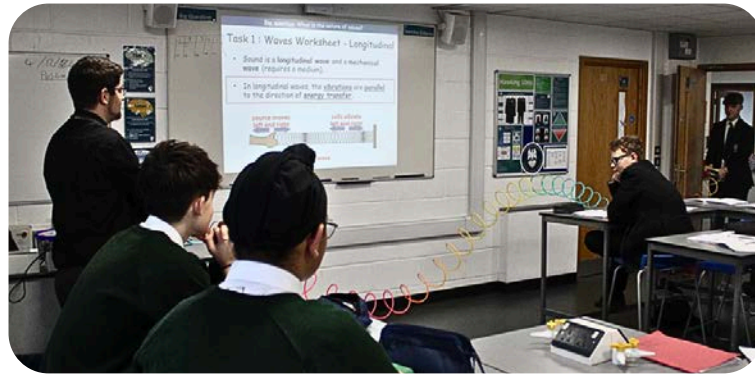
Nominated for a continued positive attitude to learning and showing great effort in French.

**Isabelle Baldacchino,
Timothy Chan, Sam Garside and
Lewis Baker**

Nominated for excellent work in their English cover lesson.

**Joshua Santacaterina
and Lewis Grant**

Nominated for brilliant input in class discussions about Blood Brothers.



Year 9 made good progress with their sweet dispenser project in Design and Technology. This week, the students focused on fitting the handles and securing the base sides of the dispensers. In Science, Mr Hogan's class learned about longitudinal and mechanical waves and enjoyed a demonstration with a slinky to show the direction and transfer of the energy waves!



Year 9



Year 10

Stars of the Week

**Grace Watkins
Anton Belnavis
Joseph Subrai-Harmon
Kaamil-Zain Davis
Ashton Monello
Thomas Croucher**

Nominated for effort and commitment in English.

**Nina Sugawara
and Olivia Kociuba**

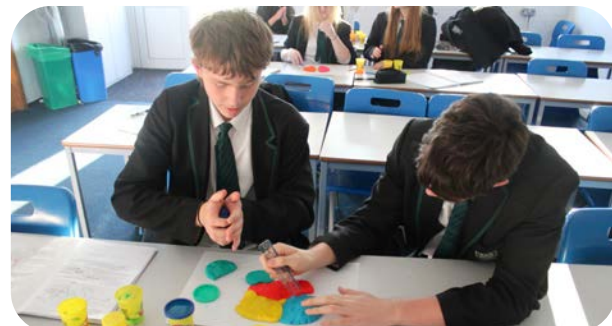
Nominated by Mrs Olmos for being outstanding in the literacy challenge - well done!



Year 10 Graphics students have been working on their Si Scott inspired drawings - we have included some examples of their work above.



In Mr Aston's Psychology class, the students had fun creating a Play Doh model of the human brain and then labelled the different sections.



Year 10

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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

Year 11

**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

College Taster Days

Book your child's
place here:

<https://www.windsor-forest.ac.uk/about-us/events-and-open-days/>

Year 11 - 13 Students only



Slough & Langley College
Thursday 12th December
09:30 - 12:30



BCA College
Tuesday 10th December
09:30-12:30



Medicine and Dentistry Lectures 2025

Registration for the lectures is now open! Aimed for Year 11 - 13 students interested in pursuing a career in medicine or dentistry, the lectures provide an insight into the application process and course specific advice for successful UCAT, personal statements and college interviews. The online sessions will be held weekly via Zoom.

The deadline to apply for the lectures is 2pm on Friday 10th January 2025. For more information, please refer to the college website [here](#)

Year 12 Philosophy students enjoyed preparing for an essay on Innatism by practicing their debate skills. One group argued structured points in favour of the idea that we are all born with innate ideas. The other group contested this by arguing that we are born as 'blank slates' and that all our knowledge and ideas are acquired through experience. While it was a great exercise to practice the knowledge acquired on the topic, it was also a good opportunity to practice critical thinking and presentation skills which are valued in many degrees and jobs.

Sixth Form



COX GREEN SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

Results

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / Away	Time Start	Competition	Result
Monday 2nd December	Basketball	U14 Boys	St.Crispins	Away	15:45	Friendly	W40-17
Wednesday 4th December	Netball	Year 7 Girls	Furze Platt League	Away	16:00	League	A Team: W4, L0 B Team: W0, L4
	Football	Year 7 Boys	Trinity, Newbury	Home	15:15	County Cup	W11-2

Sports Fixtures

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / Away	Time Start	Competition
Monday 9th December	Basketball	U16 Boys	St. Crispins	Away	15:45	Friendly
Tuesday 10th December	Football	U13 Girls	Trinity, Newbury	Home	15:30	County Cup
	Football	U14 Boys	Park House, Newbury	Home	16:00	County Cup
	Football	U12 Boys	Bohunt / Various	Away	16:00	Tournament
Wednesday 11th December	Basketball	U19 Boys	Leighton Park	Home	15:15	League
	Netball	Year 11 Girls	Furze Platt League	Away	16:00	League
Last Match of the term!						
Wednesday 18th December	Netball	Year 10 Girls	Furze Platt League	Away	16:00	League

The Berkshire Schools Cross-Country Championships are being held in Newbury on Saturday 18th January. If your child is interested in competing, please contact Mr Critchley in the PE Department via email t.critchley@coxgreen.com
Deadline to apply is Friday 13th December.

