

COX GREEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Sustainability Club, I would like to thank everyone in our community who has generously donated to our Christmas charity toy drive. The volume of donations received exceeded our expectations, and your help and contributions will make a difference to many children this Christmas. We are able to continue to accept donations at reception until Friday 20th December (end of term).



We still have a number of pre-loved coats available in difference sizes following our sale on Tuesday. If you were unable to attend but would like to buy one, please feel welcome to contact reception via enquiries@coxgreen.com. This week, we have extended the deposit deadline for the Year 11 prom. If your child would like to attend, we would ask that the deposit is paid via sQuid no later than 10pm on Sunday 15th December.

Christmas Doors will take place next week and we are looking forward to seeing the team efforts! We are celebrating Christmas jumper day on Friday 20th December and we would ask for a cash donation of £1 per student to take part.

Please note the school will close at 12.30pm on the last day of term.

Best wishes, Mr Edwards, Headteacher



Las Vegas Theme
Cox Green School Year 11 Prom
Thursday 26th June 2025
will be held at
Windsor Racecourse, Maidenhead Road, Windsor, SL4 5JJ
Arriving from 6.45pm till 11.00pm
Come and join in the fun!
Dancing, Food, Awards
Prom King & Queen



RECENT LETTERS:

- Year 11 Graphics Trip - Museum of Brands
- Auschwitz/Krakow: Pre-Trip Presentation

Weekly Calendar: Timetable Week 1

Monday 16th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Doors
Tuesday 17th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 13 visit to Shrewsbury Prison • Pre-booked Christmas Lunch (Year 7 & 8)
Wednesday 18th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-booked Christmas Lunch (Years 9 - 13)
Thursday 19th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Friday 20th December 2024	Charity Christmas Jumper Day / Non uniform day (Reminder - £1 cash donation per student) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Term (school closes at 12.30pm)

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Please note the school will be closed for the holidays from Monday 23rd December 2024 to Monday 6th January 2025. Term resumes for all year groups on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Upcoming Dates Term Three

Monday 6th January 2025
INSET Day (School closed)

Tuesday 7th January 2025
Term resumes for all year groups
Please note we start on Week 2
Personal Development (Period 3)

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

Tuesday 14th January 2025
Year 11 Trip to Museum of Brands
Year 10 & 11 Trip to War Horse

Thursday 16th January 2025
Year 11 Sports Academy Taster Day
Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Day
Year 11 Parents Evening

Assemblies this week: Be Determined



Assemblies this week were led by the tutor groups around the theme of resilience. The students explored the different demonstrations of resilience, such as overcoming challenges, adapting to change, learning from experience and discovering self motivation.

House Points

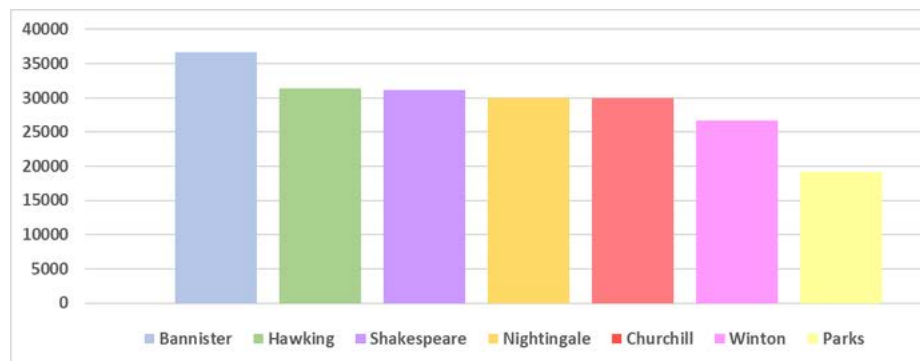
Congratulations to Churchill who picked up the highest number of achievement points this week. Both Hawking and Shakespeare worked hard and jostled for second place, with Hawking just overtaking Shakespeare by 19 points!

Mr White and Mr Mitchell are delighted to announce the results of the House Football and Dodgeball Competitions:

Year 7: 1st Shakespeare (23 points), 2nd Churchill (18 points) and 3rd Nightingale (15 points)

Year 8: 1st Churchill (25 points), 2nd Parks (22 points) and 3rd Winton (19 points)

Year 9: 1st Nightingale (32 points), 2nd Winton (25 points) and 3rd Churchill (17 Points)



ASK YOUR ALLERGEN BUDDY!



Look for the purple
aprons and hats!

Your school 'Allergen Buddy' is available during mealtimes to provide information and answer questions relating to allergens.

They are part of the Innovate catering team and can be identified by their purple aprons and hats.

Donate Old:

The Sustainability Club are collecting old stuffed toys to be donated to Loved Before. This is a stuffed toy adoption site, that puts toys up for adoption for a small fee. The money raised will be given to Make A Wish, a charity for children with serious and terminal illnesses.



Donate New

Feeling like you don't want to part with your toys? We will also be accepting new toys as a Donation for the Salvation Army. Gifts donated will be sent to children living in poverty, meaning every child can get a gift this Christmas.



Bring your donations to either Miss Richardson or the School Reception. Deadline for donations will be the 20th December.

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On Wednesday, a selection of students from Years 7 - 11 took part in the annual GCHQ Christmas Challenge. The GCHQ (Government Communications Headquarters) are the UK's intelligence, security and cyber team. The agency regularly release popular puzzles and brainteasers designed on a similar format to the tests used by the GCHQ for their own colleagues! The puzzles are designed to polish creative thinking skills and challenge young people to have fun while thinking outside of the box!

The GCHQ Christmas Challenge is open to thousands of secondary schools to take part, and the puzzles are designed for the students to work together as a team. We have included photos of our teams per year group under the 'What We Did This Week' section. The results will be released on the GCHQ website very soon!

If you or your child would like to have a go at solving some of the GCHQ puzzles, these are released every Monday and published on their social media platforms.

The link [here](#) has some more information and introductory puzzles to try.



We know a lot of services tend to wind down over the festive period. Young Minds charity have put together a list of everywhere you and your child can find support over the holidays if needed:

Childline: Open 24/7 for under-19s, call 0800 1111 or chat online

Mind: Helplines are open daytime Mon-Fri (except bank holidays)

Samaritans: Open 24/7 for all ages, call 116 123

Shout: Text SHOUT to 85258 for support, open 24/7 for all ages

Kooth offers free access to online practitioner support from the comfort of the home and is both funded and endorsed by the NHS East Berkshire Integrated Care Board.

You can find more information about their services and support available via their website [here](#)

#Literacy Matters



Thank you from PTFA!

We raised over £100! Thank you to everyone who supported our refreshment stall at the Winter Concert on Thursday! Please join us for future events, socials and fundraisers for the school by contacting us at PTFA@coxgreen.com.

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Club of the Week

CGS Rock and Concert Band
3pm - 4pm
Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Mr Cummins and Miss Killick

This week, our band members have been working hard and looking forward to their upcoming performances for the Winter Concert on Thursday (please see right for more information about the concert!)

At Cox Green, we have three separate ensembles who meet weekly to rehearse; our senior student rock band (formed by our GCSE and A-Level students), our junior rock band (four students only recently accomplished on their new instruments) and our very special, CGS beginner band!

Our newest band debuted their first ever group performance at the Winter Concert, with compositions that they have been practising since June.

Well done to all of our band members who gave outstanding performances in the concert!



Congratulations to all students who took part in the Winter concert on Thursday evening! The performances were spectacular and the audience enjoyed festive ensembles of favourite Christmas songs including *Jingle Bells*, *Merry Christmas Everybody*, *Walking In The Air* and *Wonderful Christmastime*. We hope that you enjoy the photos and highlights from the show below!

The Creative Arts Department are looking forward to the upcoming school musical 'Grease!' which will take place on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February 2025. Please save the date and we hope to see you there!



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

Stars of the Week

Jonny Atallah

Nominated for being a STAR student this week.

Jack Callaghan, Harry Walker, Tahlia Taylor and Harrison Haward

Nominated for being part of a successful group entry for the 'Tiger Project'.

Ashleigh Fuller

Nominated for demonstrating the school values.

Juan Camilo Molina Cardona, Joanna George and Shayaan Razwan Sheikh

Nominated for hard work in Religious Studies.



Congratulations to the Year 7 Football team who recently won 11-2 in our County Cup fixture vs Trinity in Newbury. It was an excellent team performance, including two hat-tricks, a Brace from Reggie Banks and a wonder goal from Henry Byrne! In Art, we had another very successful group entry for the 'Tiger Project', earning some of our students 'Star of the Week' for their efforts. Year 7 have started to complete their solar system projects and were very proud of their finished results!

Year 7



Year 8

Stars of the Week

Lauren Woods

Nominated for excellent work in Design and Technology.

Jack Williams, Maddison McGuire, Bishan Obhi, Dexter Leonard, Phoebe Clarkson, Ethan Fonebi, Daisy Holland, Ameliah-Grace Contino-Carty,

Nominated for producing brilliant work for 'The Beetle Image' project.

Amin Mansouri, Lily Rippen, Seara Siju and Kenzie King

Nominated for effort and commitment in English.

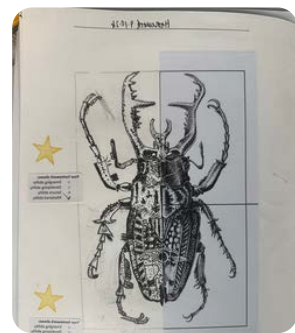
Michael Taylor, Layla Stock, George Myles and Poppy Sherrington

Nominated for positive attitude and hard work in French.



This week, Year 8 have continued to work on their 'Beetle Image' project. A huge well done to the 'Stars of the Week' for submitting their brilliant piece. Year 8 practised netball and made some superb goals as pictured above!

Year 8



WHAT WE DID THIS WEEK



Year 9

Stars of the Week

Klenam Gemegah and Callum Rahman

Nominated for great contributions in English class discussion.

Daya Tiwana

Nominated for her positive outlook and engagement in form time.

Keevah Delaney

Nominated for incredible fitness testing performances, especially in the 1 minute press up test!



Year 9

This week, Year 9 utilised the 'Drop, Shift, Zoom and Link' planning structure, which is a helpful tool when answering English GCSE Language paper creative writing questions. This method provides a scaffolding technique to help structure the student's writing when describing the image they have been presented with. In Food Technology, the students had fun making Christmas sweet treats!



Year 10

Stars of the Week

Freddie Barnard

Nominated for providing excellent contributions to the PD lesson. Well done!

Ollie Quelch

Nominated for being helpful and kind.

Lewis Harper, Noah Eadie, Anton Baptiste and Evie Clements

Nominated for their excellent representation of the school at Manor Green. Well done!

Earlier this year, some of our Year 10 Computer Science students took part in the Bebras challenge; the challenge involves a series of problem-solving activities which test their understanding of computational thinking. We are pleased to announce that Samson Siu received a Gold Award for coming in the top 10% nationally and received an additional award for "Best in School", Hector Anderson received a Certificate of Merit, and Gabriel Dass and Joban Sidhu received a Certificate of Participation. Well done to all students involved!

Year 10



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Year 11

Stars of the Week

Gurpreet Khaira

Nominated for completing her Art coursework to a high standard.

Jessica Porter

Nominated for excellent work in Music.

Bene Nsiah-Boateng

Nominated for excellent leadership and hard work in Personal Development.

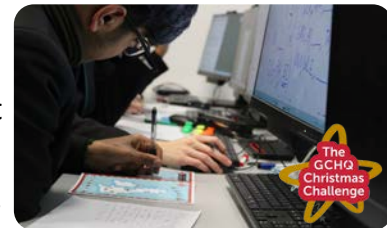
Caitlyn Gillet, Albert Reader, Toby Smith and Mason Brown

Nominated by Miss Hughes for being the fastest codebreakers completing the challenge in less than 50 minutes. Well done!



“You’re Hired” took place on Thursday, and Year 11 students took part in practicing mock interviews with representatives and volunteers from local businesses.

It was wonderful to see the students engaged and confidently practicing the skills they will ultimately utilise 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. If you or your local business would be interested in volunteering for this annual event, and supporting our next cohort of Year 11 students in 2025, please contact Mrs Thompson via email h.thompson@coxgreen.com.



Sixth Form Stars of the Week

**Ezekielle Mondok
and Manroop Bhamra**

Nominated by Miss Hughes for their help and support to the younger students taking part in the GCHQ Christmas Challenge



On Monday, Year 12 PE students visited Holyport Real Tennis club to take part in a lesson. Real Tennis is the oldest racket sport in the world - famously played by Henry VIII! During Personal Development this week, Sixth Form had the incredible opportunity to attend a talk with Martin Cosser, the CEO of charity ‘Charlie’s Promise’.

Charlie Cosser was tragically murdered as victim of a knife attack in 2023 and the charity has been established in Charlie’s name. Mr Cosser shared his story and most importantly offered advice and support to our young adults about the dangers of knife crime. The talk was eye opening and informative, and students stayed well into their break time to speak with Mr Cosser. Mr Cosser has since emailed the school saying ‘The students were not only moved but also so well behaved and compassionate – these young people are a credit to your school.’ The Sixth Form students will be organising a series of fundraisers in the new term to raise money for ‘Charlie’s Promise’.



Sixth Form



If you would like to make a donation, please visit:

<https://www.charliespromise.org/>

COX GREEN SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

Results

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / Away	Time Start	Competition	Result
Monday 9th December 2024	Basketball	U16 Boys	St. Crispins	Away	15:45	Friendly	L52 - 59
Tuesday 10th December 2024	Football	U13 Girls	Trinity, Newbury	Home	15:30	County Cup	Postponed - New Date TBA
	Football	U14 Boys	Park House, Newbury	Home	16:00	County Cup	Postponed to 17th December
	Football	U12 Boys	Bohunt / Various	Away	16:00	Tournament	Semi-Final
Wednesday 11th December 2024	Basketball	U19 Boys	Leighton Park	Home	15:15	League	L36-68
	Netball	Year 11 Girls	Furze Platt League	Away	16:00	League	W1, L3

Sports Fixtures

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / Away	Time Start	Competition
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.

