#### Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to all of our students who took part in the Maidenhead Lions 40th Annual Swimarathon on Sunday 12th January 2025. We are delighted to announce that our students raised over £1000, exceeding our target of £500. Many of the teams managed to collectively swim between 40 - 50 lengths in the 50 minute relay, which is an incredible achievement. There is still time to donate and support the students - please find a link to the page <u>here</u>. I would like to thank Miss Beech for her organisation of the event, and also the students' families who attended.

This term, we are delighted to welcome several new staff to the team:

Mr S. Forster: Subject Leader for Music Miss K. Crooks: Teacher of English Mr R. Pennington: Teacher of Maths

Finally, with the upcoming trip to Auschwitz and Krakow next week, please do refer to the checklist and pre-trip information to ensure



your child is prepared and has everything they need for the trip. You can find the link to the presentation <u>here</u>. Do keep a look out on our social media platforms for updates and photos from

#### **RECENT LETTERS:**

Weekly Calendar:

• Ski trip to Italy – pre-trip presentation

the trip next week!

Best wishes, Mr Edwards, Headteacher

	Monday 20th January 2025	<ul> <li>Year 9 MenACWY/TDIPV vaccinations</li> <li>Year 7, 8, 9, 10 &amp; 11 Mop up Flu vaccines</li> <li>Auschwitz and Krakow Trip - Years 11 &amp; 13</li> </ul>		
Timetable Week 2	Tuesday 21st January 2025	<ul> <li>Auschwitz and Krakow Trip - Years 11 &amp; 13</li> <li>Drop Everything and Read</li> <li>Personal Development (Period 4)</li> </ul>		
	Wednesday 22nd January 2025	<ul> <li>Auschwitz and Krakow Trip - Years 11 &amp; 13</li> <li>PTFA Meeting (Onsite at the school) - 5.30pm</li> </ul>		
	Thursday 23rd January 2025	<ul> <li>Auschwitz and Krakow Trip - Years 11 &amp; 13</li> <li>Year 12 &amp; 13 Parents Evening</li> </ul>		
	Friday 24th January 2025	• None		



Assemblies this week: Be Kind Energy Saving Week



Assemblies this week were led by Miss Gratton, and invited the students to consider the importance of energy efficiency and ways to be kinder to the planet saving resources. Energy Saving Week is a national campaign that takes place annually, in the third week of January, to increase public awareness of energy saving tactics.

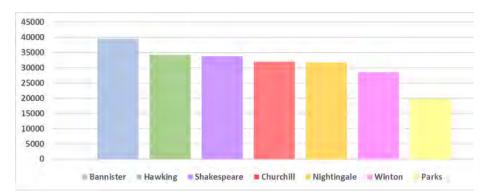
Year 9 and Year 10 had specialist assemblies to prepare them for their next academic steps. Year 9 were provided with an overview of what to expect when choosing their options, and Year 10 had their assembly with Miss Hughes, centred around exam preparation and access arrangements.

#### **House Points**

Our House Points competition returns for the New Year! Holding on strong to their lead is Bannister - Congratulations!

Students can earn points for their houses in numerous ways such as academic or extra-curricular excellence, good behaviour, acts of kindness or by representing and upholding the school values of being kind, determined or respectful.

This week, under the 'What we did' section, we have included the names of the students who have earned over 200 achievement points for their houses. Well done to all involved!





Upcoming Dates Term Three

Monday 27th January 2025 Parent Workshop - Online Safety Update

Tuesday 28th January 2025 Holocaust Memorial Day Trip (Year 11-13)

Wednesday 29th January 2025 Tate Modern Trip (Year 11) UKMT Maths Challenge (Year 9-11 only)

Thursday 30th January 2025 Staff Training (Reception to close at 3pm)

Monday 3rd February 2025 NEW: Sixth Form Coffee and Cake (Year 11 only)

Thursday 6th February 2025 Careers Fair (Years 7, 8, 9 10 and 12) Year 10 Parents Evening

Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th February 2025 School Production 'Grease!'

Friday 14th February 2025 Last day of term - school closes at 3pm

Please note the school will be closed from Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025. The school will re-open for all year groups on Monday 24th February 2025.

#### **Advance Notice: Roadworks**

We have been made aware of upcoming road works which may impact the students'



commute to school. Major upgrades to the roundabout at the junction of Holyport Road / A308 Windsor Road will commence from Monday 6th January 2025.

There will be a three way traffic light system in place until July 2025. For further updates or more information, please refer to the RBWM website.



#### Cox Green Library A virtual tour of Ockwells Manor -Ann Darracott

Thursday 30 January 7pm



Copies of Ann's book will be on sale.



£5 per

### LEISURE FOCUS

Tag us in your workout on Instagram and win fitness prizes.

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## COX GREEN SCHOOL



#### Curriculum Maps: Further reading and resources

Thank you to all the parents and

carers who recently completed the parent survey. Your feedback and suggestions are integral to the continued development of the school and we appreciate your time in completing the survey.

We have included a link to our curriculum pages on the school website, which provides updates from our departments, as well as additional resources such as further reading and helpful web links to support your child's learning. In response to the survey feedback, we will be making further updates to these pages to share even more information with our parents and carers about the students' curriculum.

https://www.coxgreen.com/index.php/departments-page

### **#Literacy Matters**





PTFA Meeting: Wednesday 22nd January 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Please join the PTFA for our next informal meeting which will be held at the school from 5.30pm. Refreshments provided and this is an great opportunity to network with other parents and get involved in your child's school! To RSVP for the meeting or to be added to the mailing list for future updates and socials, please contact the PTFA Chair via email PTFA@coxgreen.com



#### Club of the Week 🏼 🥀

CGS Beginner Band 3pm - 4pm Wednesdays Mr Forster

Our Cox Green Beginners' band meets weekly on Wednesdays after school, and all students are welcome to attend. The band is aimed towards students that have only recently learned to play instruments or would like the opportunity to learn something new! If your child would be interested in joining, please encourage them to speak to Mr Forster for more details.



### Neek

The Creative Arts Department are looking for student stagehands to support with the upcoming school musical 'Grease!'.



Duties would include working with the sound and lighting, scenery, props and supporting the production backstage.

Please encourage your child to speak to Miss Piggott if they would like to apply and join the backstage team!







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Well done to our Badminton teams for their recent competitions!

#### Year 9 Options

In their assembly this week with Miss Gratton, Year 9 were given an overview of the next steps for considering their options. The Options Booklet will be uploaded to the school website on Friday 17th January.

We have enclosed a timeline of the key dates for Year 9 ahead of making their subject choices. Please encourage your child to speak to the Subject Leaders or Mr Mitchell if they have any questions about the Options process.

15 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Options Assembly – introduction to the options process to all Year 9 students. All Personal Development sessions will be focused on careers and options.
17 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Options information Booklet made available through the school website.
6 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Careers Fair – Students will be able to meet universities, colleges, apprenticeship training providers and employers.
10 <sup>m</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Subject Assemblies – Departments will present about the subjects they offer to help students select four subjects for their Options Taster Afternoon (not their final options at this stage).
14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Deadline for choices for Options Taster Afternoon – students choose four subjects to attend (these are not their final option choices at this stage). It is an opportunity to experience subjects they are considering.



January -	Year 9 Careers Interviews - every student will meet with Mrs Thompson to discuss their
February 2025	career aspirations.
February 2025	Year 9 Parents Evening – Opportunity to speak to all subject staff to discuss your son/daughter progress.
March 2025	Options Taster Afternoon – students will attend lessons based on their choices
March 2025	Options Evening – presentation in Theatre to all parent/carers and talks given by all option subjects explaining the GCSE/XS4 curriculum.
March 2025	Year 9 Option Choices Deadline using Options online.
il 2025	Letters to parents confirming Option Choices.

### COX GREEN SCHOOL WHAT WE DID THIS WEEK



Stars of the Week

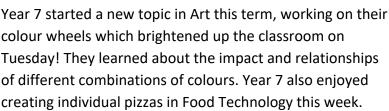
**Charlotte Compton** Nominated for designing a beautiful Christmas card that was used for the inspiration for the Christmas Doors which won 2nd place. Well done!

Amy Mooney and Archie Dorrat Nominated for great understanding and excellent attitude to learning shown in French lessons.

**Oliver Davies** Nominated for showing kindness.

**Daniel Kay** Nominated for fantastic understanding shown in French lessons.











Year 7

200+ Achievement Points

Rory Lawrence Stanley Greig Kaitlyn Little Moha Muhumed Sienna Smith Nathan Przepiorka Rocco Christian-Lees

Year 8

200+ Achievement

Points

Callum Brookes

Rocco Shymansky

**Ekamjot Brar** 

Samuel Dolphin

Eliza Dominey



Stars of the Week

Kian Wilson Nominated for Excellent work and focus in English!

#### Oliver Kakareko

Nominated for great understanding and excellent attitude to learning shown in French lessons.

Lewis Nagy, Jasmine Singh, Jamar Suleyman, Oscar Crucefix, Zach Mahon, Molly Silezin-Olszowy, Reiss Terrey, Amber Martindale-Prater, Cerys Pugh and Nayram Gemegah Nominated for excellent effort during the Futuristic Bug Project.

**Tyler Brench** Nominated for brilliant effort and participation this week in French.





Year 8 have been completing their 'Futuristic Bug' projects, earning some of the students 'Stars of the Week' for their hard work. In Music, the students gained experience and had fun learning to play the keyboards and in Science, the students experimented with paper helicopters to study gravity and air resistance.





### COX GREEN SCHOOL WHAT WE DID THIS WEEK



Stars of the Week Liam Ford **Bethan Gardhouse Chloe Gill Grace Wallen Oliver Lovell James Turnbull Ethan Pavia** Jodeane Sullivan **Ruby Reilly** James Murphy Hayden-Lilly Odwyer **Kayden Gaunt** Simba Mubayi **Rylan Edwards Keevah Delaney Phoebe Lant** Lily-Mai Downs Nominated for effort and commitment in English.

**Stars of the Week** 

Hannah Allen

**Zivad Amod** 

**Thomas Croucher** 

Ashton Monello

Eshaan Patel Kaamil-Zain Davis

**Grace Watkins** 

Adam Partridge

Joseph Subrai-Harmon

Nominated for effort and commitment

in English.

**Finlay Knight and Kyle Bevan** 

Nominated for their determination this

week in Graphics.





This week, Year 9 started their new 'Art and Archaeology' projects and began to complete their title pages. In Science, they practised lab safety while experimenting with ice melting rates. In Music, Year 9 took part in teams, for enthusiastic rap battles, which became quite competitive!



Year 10 had a special assembly focused on exam preparation and understanding access arrangements. Access arrangements are additional support given to students with identified needs, to support them in their exams. This can include extra time, rest breaks, reader / reader pen / computer reader, laptop, scribe or laptop with spell check enabled or smaller venue. All Year 10 students will need to



complete their form by Friday to request any additional support required. Please note all students are required to complete the form, **even if it is to say they do not need support.** Year 10 continued their work on the wooden boxes; creating finger joints and applying hinges. Practising these methods on a smaller scale equips the students with transferable skills and

knowledge, enabling them to install a full sized door in the future!

Year 9

200+ Achievement Points

Freddie Birch Ceyon Li Leo Moran Keira Merkel Grace Wallen Ruby Hancey Mia Holman Viraj Kerpal Guneet Chhokar Katelyn Gill Lily-Mai Downs Preston Kuan

#### Year 10

200+ Achievement Points Noah Bezdel-Khan Amara Gidda Hollie Jaworski Archie Kurton Mawuena Akoun Ed Holland Jamai Lewally Jessica Shaw Sienna Brown Finley Dobson Kyle Bevan Amitha Sijo

### COX GREEN SCHOOL WHAT WE DID THIS WEEK

Stars of the Week Lily Compton Mason Holley Katie Jones Estanislao Darritchon Sienna Daly Mireille Larche Autaum Letton Isaac McDowell Albert Reader Nominated for effort and commitment in English.

Leo King Nominated for a wonderful speech on the power and impact of boxing - Well done! Year 11 had their 'Mock Results' and experienced the moment of opening their envelopes together. This was an important piece of preparation for the summer, and during the morning, students were paired in groups to meet with staff to discuss their next steps and reflect on the mock exams process. This week, Year 11 registered for their 'Taster Days' and had the opportunity to spend a day with a full timetable as a student of Cox Green Sixth Form, Sports Academy or a member of the BCA College.



Year 11

200+ Achievement Points

Samar Chana Kirtan Dosanjh Deavon Hart Macey Florez Ava Luckman Matthew Barnes Emma Hale Mason Brown



Avneet Kaur and Malaika Nwachuku Nominated for having great ideas during the newsletter enrichment session this week! Just before Christmas, we were delighted to welcome back three of our students who were in Year 13 last year. Jordan, Mia and Sophie all came and spoke to the Sixth Form Team about how well they were settling down

Sixth Form

at university in their first year. It was a real privilege to see how much they were enjoying their degrees and new found independence. They also helped to participate in our Philosophy taster session for Year 11 Science students.



Philosophy is a new subject for students at A level, and our experience is that not many students understand what is covered in the course, unless it explained to them in a 'pre-taster' session. Jordan, Mia and Sophie therefore joined our Year 13 Philosophers, to help explain to Year 11 students what the study of Philosophy entails. It was great that both Jordan and Mia could also talk about their university experiences, since both students are studying the subject at university. This meant that Year 11 students could understand what Philosophy is all about, so they could make a better informed decision about whether to explore the subject further in our Sixth Form Taster day in January.

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / Away	Time Start	Competition	Result
Monday 13th January 2025	Badminton	Y7 & Y8 Mixed	Various	HOME	14.00	Tournament	Boys 3rd & 4th. Girls 2nd
	Badminton	Y9 Mixed	Various	HOME	14.00	Tournament	Boys 2nd, Girls 3rd
Tuesday 14th January 2025	Football	U13 Girls	Trinity, Newbury	HOME	15.15	County Cup	L 2-4
	Football	U15 Girls	Edgbarrow	AWAY	15.45	League	postponed
	Football	Y7 Boys	Maiden Erlegh	HOME	15.45	County Cup	W 5-3
Wednesday 15th January	Football	Y8 Boys	Emmbrook	AWAY	15.45	League	postponed
2025	Netball	Y9 Girls	Furze Platt League	AWAY	16.00	League	cancelled

#### **Sports Fixtures**

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / Away	Time Start	Competition	
Saturday 18th January 2025	Athletics	School XC Championships - Newbury					
Monday 20th January 2025	Basketball	U13 Boys	Burnham Grammar	HOME	16.00	Friendly	
Tuesday 21st January 2025	Badminton	Y10 & Y11 Mixed	Various	HOME	14.00	Tournament	
Wednesday 22nd January	Netball	Y8 Girls	Furze Platt League	AWAY	16.00	League	
2025	Football	Y8 Boys	Kings Binfield	AWAY	15.45	League	