

COX GREEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first edition of the new newsletter! Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey before the Half Term break - your feedback has been incredibly helpful in the restructure and design of the newsletter, and we hope you enjoy the new format. Please note that the newsletter will now be sent at 4pm on Thursdays moving forward, and the upcoming dates section will be regularly updated. We welcome any opportunity to recognise our students' achievements both inside and outside of school - should you have any content for the newsletter, please do not hesitate to email photos and any student news to Ms Chate (p.chate@coxgreen.com).



At the start of the term, we were delighted to welcome Miss Beech to her new role as Deputy Head of Sixth Form. Miss Beech will also be co-ordinating the highly anticipated 'Annual Maidenhead Lions Swimathon', which takes place on Sunday 12th January 2025 at Braywick Leisure. Registration for the event is now open and the contestants will be raising money for the Alexander Devine Hospice. If your child would like to sign up for the event, please contact Miss Beech via l.beech@coxgreen.com.

Finally we will be holding a lost property display on Wednesday and Thursday next week from 3pm - 4pm in Reception. Please do feel welcome to attend and view the lost property if your child is missing any items.

Best wishes,
Mr Edwards, Headteacher.

RECENT LETTERS:

- Year 11 Mock Exams
- Year 13 Mock Exams
- Flu Vaccination 2024
- Year 11 Prom
- Year 13 Criminology Trip to Shrewsbury Prison
- Year 11 English Revision Guides

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

Weekly Calendar: Timetable Week 1

Monday 18th November 2024	• Physics in Action Trip (Year 12 & 13)
Tuesday 19th November 2024	• None
Wednesday 20th November 2024	• Lost Property Display (3pm - 4pm)
Thursday 21st November 2024	• Lost Property Display (3pm - 4pm)
Friday 22nd November 2024	• None

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Upcoming Dates

Term Two

Monday 25th November:

Year 11, 12 & 13
Mock Exams begin

Friday 6th December:

INSET Day
(School Closed)

Monday 9th December:

Real Tennis Trip
(Year 12 & 13)

Thursday 12th December:

You're Hired (Year 11)
Winter Concert

Friday 13th December:

Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 17th December:

Year 13 visit to
Shrewsbury Prison

Friday 20th December:

End of Term
(school closes at 12.30pm)

Assemblies this week:

Be Kind: Anti-Bullying

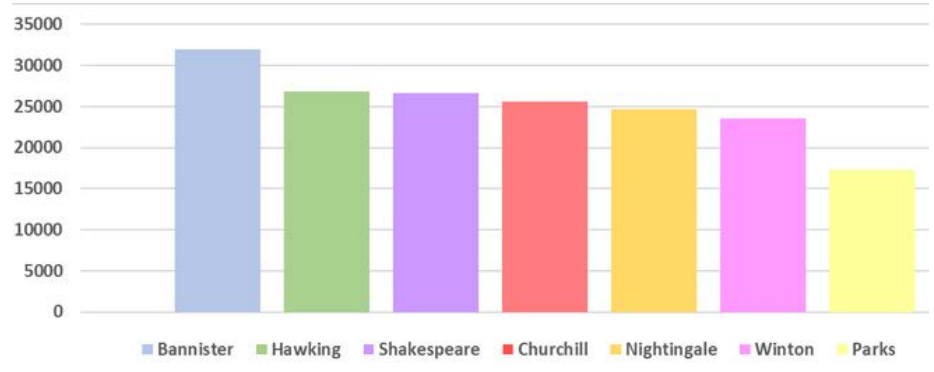


This week in Year 7-11 assemblies, Mrs Morgan-Russell and Mr Hussain talked about the importance of being kind and respectful as part of Anti-Bullying Week. The students learned about the impact of online bullying, celebrating individuality and how to become an 'upstander' rather than a 'bystander' to help prevent

bullying and instead create a positive and safe school environment for everyone.

House Points

Congratulations to Bannister who are currently in the lead!



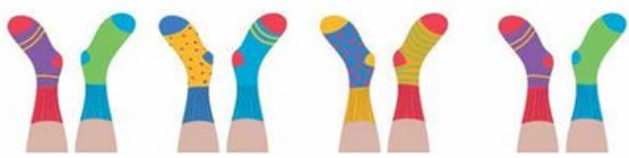
BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW
14TH - 24TH DECEMBER
BAYLIS THEATRE, BRAYWICK LEISURE CENTRE, MAIDENHEAD



Reporting on student progress

If you would like to find out more about how we report on student progress at Cox Green, please click on the link below which will take you to a video on the school's YouTube channel about what we report, the breakdown of the different reports and the frequency of the reporting.

[CGS academic reporting](#)



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Anti-Bullying Week



This week, the students participated in a series of activities for Anti-Bullying Week, which is a national campaign supported by many secondary schools to bring an end to bullying.

On Monday, the students were given a creative puzzle piece challenge. The students were asked to decorate the jigsaw pieces which will then be joined together to unite in a whole school anti-bullying pledge on Friday. The students enjoyed wearing odd socks on Tuesday to recognise and celebrate individuality.

Years 7, 8 and 9 were invited to a series of presentations by guest speakers including representatives from Kooth, RBWM, Cox Green SAFE team and mentors. The students took part in activities that showed the harmful impact of bullying and the importance of demonstrating kindness and empathy to others. Throughout the programme, the students were reminded of the staff that they can speak to for pastoral support. We would just like to also remind parents and carers, that the school has an email address where students can confidentially email: beheard@coxgreen.com. The inbox is managed by the SAFE Team who will be able to respond directly to the students.



At Cox Green, we offer additional literacy support for students to help expand and improve their reading skills. This week, the students enjoyed playing a card game linking words to improve their vocabulary.

#Literacy Matters

See below for popular reads at Cox Green Library



Welcome to your new PTFA!

Our Parents, Teacher and Friends Association is now live and is seeking new committee members! This is a great opportunity to get involved in your child's school and make a difference. 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

Debating Club (All years welcome)

Every Monday at 3pm

Miss Leary



The Cox Green students are frequently joined by representatives from Eton College for the debates. This week, the focus for the session was upskilling the students in the three aspects of debating; the mechanism (analysis), the impact and the rebuttal (challenge). The debaters rotated between three rooms to consider each point of the structure of debating. In the analysis room, two motions (proposals for discussion) were considered; 'The ethics relating to the trade of organs for money' and 'The rise of social influencers'. In the second room, the debaters then had to consider the impact of these motions. In the final room, the students focused on rebuttal (challenges) and show why some arguments are more powerful than others.



Supporting your child to return to school after the holidays

Going back to school after the holidays for children who struggle to attend might be daunting. Here are some top tips for parents of children who struggle to attend and are worried about the return to school:

Listen to your child's worries and let them think of solutions. How do they think they can deal with this? Reassure your child that feeling anxious is normal.

Inform the school of any concerns - if there are problems, find out the best point of contact at your child's school (SAFE Manager, Head of Year or Form Tutor) and keep them updated. Consider making a list of the ways you think the school could best support your child to return to school. Be open with the school and seek support.

Build a calming night time routine. Limiting time on social media and electronics can help improve sleep and reduce anxiety.

Consider doing practise runs of the school commute, check bus timetables and discuss lunch arrangements. It might be an idea to prepare something to look forward to after the first week or two back. This could be their favourite meal or a movie night, or simply a treat at the end of the day.

Encourage your child to get everything ready the night before to help prepare for the school day and reduce anxiety. This will help make it less of an ordeal when it is time to get everything ready in the morning.

ACTIVATE YOUR FUTURE

at Reading College and Bracknell and Wokingham College

Come to an **OPEN EVENT**

at Reading College:

Wed 9 October 2024, 4.30 - 7pm

Sat 16 November 2024, 9.30am - 12.00pm

Wed 5 February 2025, 4.30 - 7pm

Wed 7 May 2025, 4.30 - 7pm

at Bracknell and Wokingham College:

Sat 19 October 2024, 9.30am - 12.00pm

Wed 20 November 2024, 4.30 - 7pm

Wed 12 February 2025, 4.30 - 7pm

Wed 30 April 2025, 4.30 - 7pm



Henley College Information Evening Thursday 28th November, 5.30pm

Each event is designed to offer guidance, support, and inspiration as students consider their next steps. Please encourage interested students to attend and reserve your spot [HERE](#)

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WHAT WE DID THIS WEEK

Year 7

Stars of the Week

Mohit Choudhary

Nominated for excellent focus this week. Well done!

Sophie Parker

Nominated for her great attitude to learning and determination in her French lessons this week.

Jayden Porter

Nominated for being extremely helpful and kind.

Jack Strawson

Nominated for his engagement in the Remembrance assembly.

Ebony Adaway and Conor Richards

Nominated for brilliant effort in Art this week.



This week, Year 7 enjoyed a talk from David Barker, who shared writing tips and showcased his new series, *London Falling*. Students were able to purchase signed copies of Mr Barker's books and take part in a Q&A. You can read more about David Barker and his upcoming series here: davidbarkerauthor.co.uk. Mr Barker's favourite question of the session: 'What is your favourite biscuit?' In Personal Development, as part of Anti-Bullying week, the students discussed what forms a positive relationship and how to show empathy to others. Year 7 also had fun taking part in Odd Socks Day on Tuesday!

Year 8

Stars of the Week

Emma Young, Harry Pettit, Holly White, Dylan Wande, Oscar Oldham, Thinuli Malagalage, Sandra Sowa, Catherine Atallah, Lia Calabrese, Sofia D'Orazio, Zoe Kapica and Miley Harper

Nominated for fantastic coursework in Art.

Phoebe Clarkson, Maddison McGuire and Zofia Jackowska

Nominated for high quality and skilful pencil work in Art.

Alfie Tatham and Callum O'Connor

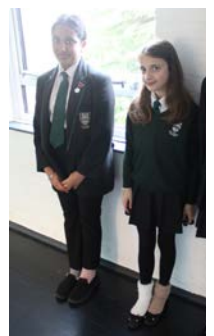
Nominated for great work in RS.

Charlie O'Connor, George Cruikshank, Lucas Cannon-Jones, and Ella Aviss

Nominated for leadership in Science.



In Personal Development, Year 8 discussed the importance of consent and practised this in an energetic activity called 'Parallel Lines'. Two volunteers had to face each other and then walk towards the other, showing the class the importance of personal space! Well done to the volunteers in 8BA for showing just how it is done in the top photos!



In Food Technology, Year 8 had a demonstration from Mrs Williams to learn how to make different pasta shapes. The students had fun using the pasta machine and getting creative with the cutting tools.



WHAT WE DID THIS WEEK



Stars of the Week

Jamie Gillard

Nominated for amazing effort in the team challenge in Food Technology.

Levi Mullenger, Alysia Peters and Jack Bowden

Nominated for fantastic work in Religious Studies.

Ruby Reilly

Nominated for making great contributions in her French class.

Abigail Smith and Rayyan Pazir

Nominated for demonstrating a high level of practical skill when using tools and machinery in technology, as well as helping other students.



Year 9

In Personal Development, Year 9 discussed respectful relationships. In their form groups, the students considered the different factors that might make a relationship change, such as moving to a new location, and the effects that this might have on the individuals. Before Half Term, Year 9 learned how to make chicken curry from scratch and practised the correct method to slice a chicken breast. This week, congratulations go to our worthy winners of the pizza swirls challenge!



Stars of the Week

Summer Adaway

Nominated for a great start to GCSE Art.

Maya Ahmed, Mawuena Akoun, Brodie Allen, Hector Anderson, Evie Bradshaw, Radhika Goswami, Charles Smith, Hannah Ryan and Aarav Saxena

Nominated for fantastic work in Maths.

Olivia Kociuba

Nominated for a brilliant start to Psychology - well done!

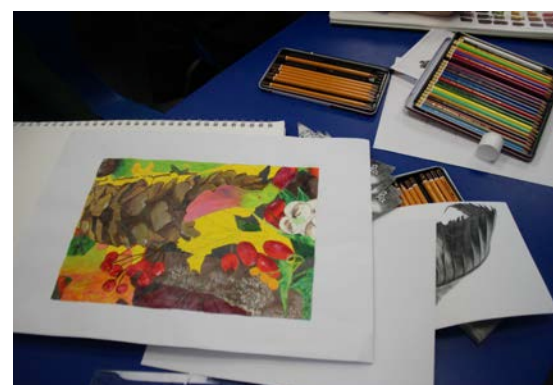
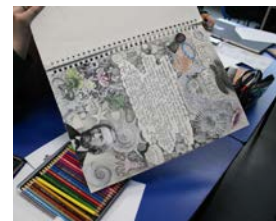
Lineth Wiratunga

Nominated for consistently showing a high standard of work. Well done!

Before Half Term, Year 10 started to investigate the efficacy of different antibacterial chemicals. In Personal Development this week, Year 10 considered the question; 'What are Healthy Relationships?' In their form groups, Year 10 discussed the importance of consent and the role that respect and communication play in healthy relationships.

Year 10 students, taking part in the Construction and Catering Course at Manor Green, had another successful session on Wednesday. This week the Construction students started to paint their allocated pods to practise decorating and the Catering students enjoyed learning how to make ratatouille. Year 10 artists have been making progress with their title pages and autumnal works. We are looking forward to see the finished display at the end of term.

Year 10



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WHAT WE DID THIS WEEK

Year 11



Stars of the Week

Freya Taylor
Harry-James Elliott
Charlotte Sloan
Amabel Jacobs

Nominated for good focus in NEA tasks.

Jay Hosey

Nominated for fantastic work in Religious studies.

Save the date! You're Hired will take place on Thursday 12th December and all Year 11 students will be invited to take part. These interviews are designed to give the students first hand experience of an interview and are led by volunteers from the local businesses. Ahead of 'You're Hired'. in Personal Development this week, the Year 11's used the study time to create their first CVs and read up on Unifrog for how to prepare for interviews.

Before Half Term, Year 11 scientists bravely completed a dissection of an eye to learn about the different structures. In English this week, Mr Lynch's class completed a spider diagram to consider appearance vs reality in Macbeth.

Sixth Form



Stars of the Week

Diana Pascu

Nominated for excellent work in Chemistry

Kamran and Sophia Hussain
Nominated for fantastic effort and achievement this week.

Fran Ivaldi, Freya White and Ibrahim Faqraz
Nominated for being kind to other students.

Matt Taylor
Nominated for being supportive to his friends.

Caitlin Cunningham
Nominated for her hard work

Before Half Term, the Sixth Form Leadership team successfully raised £183.76 for their Halloween Tombala which will go towards raising money for the Year 13 prom.

Mr Burrows would like to congratulate Alexea Moraitis, Diana Pascu, Delfina Darritchon, Deeya Jutla and Adam Hodges who have all successfully sent off their early entries to University! Best of luck to all of you.

Finally, the Sixth Form were excited to celebrate their 'Students of the Term'.



COX GREEN SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

Results

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home/Away	Time Start	Competition	Result
Monday 11th November	Basketball	U19 Boys	Maiden Erlegh	HOME	15.45	League	L 29-56
Tuesday 12th November	Football	Year 9 Boys	Charters	AWAY	14:45	National Cup	L2-4
Wednesday 13th November	Netball	Year 8 Girls	Furze Platt League	AWAY	16:00	League	TBA
	Football	Year 7 Boys	Thamesmead	HOME	15:30	National Cup	L1-5

Sports Fixtures

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / Away	Time Start	Competition
Monday 18th November	Basketball	U19 Boys	Leighton Park	HOME	15:15	League
Tuesday 19th November	Football	Year 7 Boys	Trinity Newbury	AWAY	14:30	County Cup
	Basketball	U14 Boys	Holyport College	HOME	16:00	League
Thursday 21st November	Basketball	Year 7	Maidenhead Erlegh Earley	AWAY	16:00	Friendly