



24<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We have now completed the first term and what a busy and exciting term it has been! We welcomed 212 Year 7 students in September and I am pleased to share that they have all settled in very well. We have been very impressed with their manners, attitude and commitment to learning. Our Sixth Form continues to grow: we were delighted to welcome 84 Year 12 students to our Sixth Form and Sports Academy this year and they have also taken to their studies with gusto.

Our Open Evening and subsequent Open Mornings have been incredibly busy, testimony to the excellent reputation we have within our community. I have received many emails and messages from prospective parents commending our Year 8 and Year 9 tour guides who did an excellent job of answering questions and selling our school!

The first PRIDE day of the year was another huge success. We welcomed The Welsh Guards, IBM and Maidenhead Foodshare to school who ran a number of sessions and many Year 11 students joined Maidenhead Waterways in clearing the water channels, which was an exhausting but extremely rewarding experience for all who participated. Cox Green students have raised over £1000 for charity so far this term, with Jeans for Genes day and the Cake sale held for Macmillan. Many of our 6<sup>th</sup> Formers have been volunteering at Wessex and Lowbrook primary schools as part of their enrichment programme and I have had many reports from parents about extra-curricular and charity events that many of our students are engaging with. All of these events and opportunities are instrumental in broadening student experiences and ensuring they understand the value being community minded.

The inter house football and netball competition was initially postponed due to the weather but we were delighted that the break in the weather allowed the competition to take place this week. Each house has participated in a news quiz as well as the Halloween photography competition, "Guess The Teacher" baby photo competition, a Christmas Card competition and Science, Media and History events. It is close, but Novello appear to leading overall and the house leading the praise point competition is Hawking.

We continue to be impressed with the number of students committed to our Duke of Edinburgh scheme and are delighted that over 30 attended the celebration event this week to receive their Bronze award.

Staff have organised several trips already this term, Year 11 visited Norden Farm to watch a production of Macbeth and 11 students have spent a week at Jamie's Farm throwing themselves into farming tasks. Year 8 girls attended a Netball weekend tournament showing incredible teamwork even though they did not make the finals. The U14 Girls football team are through to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round in the National Cup after two goals by Molly Howse and the Year 7/8 Cox Green A team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> with Cox Green B finishing 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the recent girls tournament at Altwood. Our boys teams continue to impress with both the U16's and U15's through to the second round of the National Cup.

The Sixth Form have been on several departmental trips, Geography students had a field trip to Selsey, Media students had the opportunity to join London based advertising firm Generation Media as part of the "Advertising Unlocked" initiative and students have also visited Royal Holloway and Southampton University. 25 Year 10 students will be flying to Madrid this weekend as part of an amazing PE/MFL trip where they will get the opportunity to train at the Real Madrid ground. There are a number of clubs and sessions in place to support student learning, during break times and after school. Please do have a look on the weekly newsletter to see what is on offer! I must thank all staff involved who give up their time to ensure these trips, sessions and experiences are able to run.

Please do ensure that children arrive at school with the correct equipment and uniform on a daily basis. We have a number of preloved uniform items for sale, please use the form on the website if there are any items you need to replace for your child. You may be able to grab a bargain! As we move to winter weather, please do remember coats should be black or navy blue only.

Mrs Morgan-Russell is now on maternity leave and we look forward to welcoming Mrs McGurin after half term to join the English team. Ms Rapsey will be returning from her maternity leave after Christmas and we are grateful to Mr Chin for all his work in her absence.

I trust you will all enjoy the half term break and look forward to seeing you in on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Yours sincerely

Frances Walsh  
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary	
Tuesday 5th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start of Term 2</li> </ul>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 11 Parents Evening</li> </ul>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> and 21st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 11 GCSE PE Moderation - Datchet</li> </ul>
Thursday 28th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sixth Form Open Evening - 6.30pm to 8pm</li> </ul>
Friday 29th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• INSET DAY</li> </ul>
Monday 2nd December to Friday 6th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 11, 12, 13, Year 10 RS – Mock Exams week</li> <li>• Year 7-10 Revision Week</li> </ul>
Monday 9th December to Friday 13th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole School Exam Week</li> </ul>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of Term – School closes at 12.30pm</li> </ul>