



# Cox Green Newsletter



Newsletter 19th—23rd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back! In our first week already, I have been inundated with the many, many achievements of our students which has made for a very positive start. Firstly congratulations to Caden Lawson who finished in 4th place in the Berkshire Under 13 Boys and missed the Bronze Award by only a few points. I would like to offer congratulations also to Yasmin Grant and Janahvi Amradkar for their recent participation and effort in the British Biology Olympiad. The competition is designed for post-16 education and for two of our Year 11 students to score so highly is an absolutely wonderful achievement!

The Dortmund Trip over half term was a success and we have all enjoyed seeing the photographs and live updates from the tour. This week our Year 10 and 11 students will be partaking in the French Language Immersion Trip to Paris and updates of the trip will be shared on social media.

Finally, our Board of Trustees is keen to hear from anyone who might be interested in becoming a Parent Trustee for the school. Please look out for our recent letter and nomination form to apply.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,  
Mr Edwards, Headteacher



## Year 11 Hoodies



### Deadline for ordering:

**Wednesday 24th April 2024**

Please click on the link below for details on how to order your Y11

Leavers Hoodies:

<https://cgss.co/leavershoodie>



### Recent Letters

- Year 11 Leavers Hoodies
- Spanish Trip Presentation
- Parent Trustee

## Weekly Calendar: Timetable - Week 2

<b>Monday 26th February 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assembly: Be Respectful—Qmmunity</li><li>• Paris Trip (Year 10 &amp; Year 11)</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday 27th February 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday 28th February 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>
<b>Thursday 29th February 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parent Café: Social Media Information Session for Parents and Carers 9.30am—10.30am (all welcome)</li></ul>
<b>Friday 1st March 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Authors Aloud (Year 9)</li><li>• Years 7 &amp; 8 Reports to Parents</li></ul>

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

Let's Celebrate on  
Friday 8th March

All Year 7 students are invited to dress as their favourite book character on Friday 8th March. If they do not want to dress up then they will need to be in full school uniform.

**No football kits please.**



## Celebrating Success Our Stars of the Week



### Year 7



**Lucas Cannon-Jones**

Nominated for always displaying the school values of kindness, determination and respect.



### Year 8



**Eve Fuller**

Nominated for outstanding focus in English—Well done!

**Jude Perry**

Nominated for great work in Music—Well done!



### Year 9



**Tyler Connor-Beresford**

Nominated for producing an interesting story opening and creative stories with different dramatic events.



### Year 10



**Rahul Kalra**

Nominated for positive consistency this week and positive attitude towards learning.



### Year 11



**Angel Owusu**

Nominated for really good work in English.

**Sam Takkos-Broider**

Nominated for great effort and improvement in English.

## Sixth Form Stars



**Dominion Carter  
Madison Thandi  
Taryn Gill**



Nominated for excellent commitment to their revision.



# Notices

## Year 11 Prom Dress Vouchers

Calling all Year 11 students! Please collect your prom dress voucher from reception for a special discount on prom dresses from Simply Divine.

## Attend a Get Into Teaching event.



### What?

Whether you're ready to start your career in teaching or just curious, we can answer your questions.

### When?

29 February 2024, 5pm - 8pm.

### Where?

The Great Hall, University of Reading.

**Register now.**

Limited places available.



Teaching ☒

## Parent and Carer guide to starting a DofE Award

A virtual session designed to help you understand how to best support a young person through their DofE journey

### The session includes:

- What the DofE is
- How to get started
- What to expect
- What to do to achieve an award
- Where to find help
- Q&A

To attend a session please follow this link:

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Session last between 30mins - 60mins depending on Q&A

If you are joining us from a smart phone, you will be required to download the Microsoft Teams App



### Dates and times:

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January  
5.30pm

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January  
6pm

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
5pm

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February  
5:30pm

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March  
4:30pm

No need to book!



## BOOK YOUR PROM 2024 APPOINTMENT!



### SPECIAL PROMOTION FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE INFO FROM YOUR PROM

ORGANISATION

Bourne End, SL8 5AS



@SIMPLYDIVINELTD WWW.SIMPLYDIVINELTD.COM 01628613453



## Parent Café Social Media

### Information session for Parents / Carers

*'Every generation's experience of youth is different and ours is framed by social media.'* (childnet.com)

Our teenager's lives are saturated by technology and social media. Navigating this as parents/carers can present challenges. This session aims to look at the impact of social media on mental health and well-being (the good and bad), what we can do as parents/carers to educate ourselves and how we can support our young people to make positive choices about their online lives.

Thursday 29th February 9.30am -10.30am — all welcome.  
Please report to reception. Refreshments will be provided.







# Student News



## British Biology Olympiad

The British Biology Olympiad is designed for students in post-16 education. It challenges and stimulates students with an interest in biology to expand and extend their talents. The competition consists of two, 45-minute multiple choice papers. Students were presented with topics and ideas which they are not familiar with and the competition aimed to improve their problem solving skills and understanding of core principles. In addition to encouraging and rewarding pupils in their studies, the BBO is the first stage in selecting a team to represent the UK at the International Biology Olympiad (IBO).

Congratulations to all students that participated!

### Bronze Awards:

Charlie Ede (Y13)  
Janahvi Amradkar (Y11)

### Highly Commended:

Isaac Lateu-Smith (Y13)  
Aurangzeb Usmani (Y12)  
Dominion Carter (Y13)  
Adam Hodges (Y12)  
Hannah Hillen (Y12)

### Commended

Madison Thandi (Y13)  
Isabel Padfield (Y13)  
Delfina Darritchon (Y12)  
Alexea Moraitis (Y12)  
Yasmin Grant (Y11)

## Eton College Debates

This week the motion before the house was "This house regrets the rise of social media as a primary source of news distribution." Quite some time was spent with the group as a whole developing the various advantages and disadvantages of social media as a news source. This included the democratisation of news so that more people could have a voice and also more people being able to access news, but debaters also considered the very real difficulties of fake news, click bait and other associated problems that have arisen with social media news. That included the greater polarisation of views in societies due to lack of balance and the trend towards focusing on news stories that only reinforced pre-existing ideas.

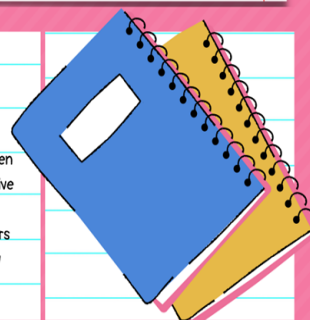
After a lively debate in parliamentary style (with two government teams and two opposition teams) the motion was affirmed so that the rise of social media as a primary source of news distribution was seen as a regrettable development in society.



## National Scientific Thinking Challenge 2024

### 01 Background

In 2021, a group of friends from 6 different university Chemistry Departments created a test for Year 10 students to try. It was the middle of the pandemic and learning had been horribly disrupted. They wanted to encourage students and give them something positive and enjoyable to try at a difficult time. Now, after more than 20,000 people had a go, teachers and students stated how much they enjoyed it, the university student group have decided to keep running it every year.



### 02 2024: We're entering!

This year, we would like to provide this exciting opportunity for students at Cox Green School. The online challenge involves completing a 50-minute multiple choice assessment that does not require recall of taught material. Instead, you will look at data, graphs and text to make deductions, spot trends, suggest hypotheses and identify anomalous results – essentially, think like a scientist!

We have 30 spaces available to participate in this year's online challenge.

### 03

**How to sign up**

Edulink Club: National Scientific Thinking Challenge 2024  
Date: Monday, 22nd April 2024  
Time: Period 1 (9-10am)  
Location: C1







# Student News

## Dortmund Football Tour 2024

Students from Year 9 and Year 10 flew to Dortmund, Germany to take part in the football tour trip. The trip aimed to provide students passionate about football an exciting sporting and cultural opportunity. The trip included a visit to Westfalenstadion for a stadium tour as well as use of Borussia Dortmund training ground for training sessions.



## OddBalls Foundation

We were delighted to welcome The OddBalls Foundation who spoke to our Year 10 students about testicular cancer. The talk focused raising awareness, breaking down the stigma, and encouraging people to check themselves regularly. The feedback from the students was extremely positive and 82.6% voted the session as interesting and engaging.



## Paris Trip 2024

Our Year 10 and Year 11 students arrived safely in Paris and we are looking forward to following the live updates online. The trip will provide the students with an unforgettable experience to fully immerse themselves in the French language. The students will have the opportunity to extend their level of vocabulary and learn new skills. The tour includes a visit to the Stade de France, Bateauz Parisiens, local markets, Tuileries Gardens and Disneyland Resort.



Do you have any items for our newsletter?  
If so, please email Ms Chate @ [p.chate@coxgreen.com](mailto:p.chate@coxgreen.com)





# Student News



**Congratulations to our Year 7 students who gained Achievement Points this week!**



## **Cambridge University Trip Wednesday 7th February 2024**

On Wednesday 7th February a group of Year 12 students were lucky enough to be invited for a tour of Selwyn College at the University of Cambridge. They were given a very warm welcome by the Schools Liaison Officer Stuart Wren who started the visit with a brief presentation on what to expect from student life at Cambridge. Cox Green students really appreciated the opportunity to ask questions and talk to students who are currently studying at Cambridge so they could gain a deeper understanding of how Cambridge is different from other universities. The students were then given a tour of the college buildings seeing halls of residences, libraries and other recreational and study areas. After eating lunch in the dining hall (had many similarities with the Great Hall in Hogwarts!) the students were then taken into Cambridge for a very lively tour of some of Cambridge's world famous icons such as the Mathematical Bridge, the building where the structure of DNA was determined and the many meeting places where these ideas were discussed. After a stop at a locally renowned bakery (to honour Mr. Hagazali's baked goods order!) the students returned to the college for one last photo opportunity.

We are hoping we will be able to arrange a similar trip next year, and that representatives from the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge will be able to come to Cox Green School to talk to the senior students about future opportunities.



## **Year 13 Revision Sessions**

In the run up to exams, the Sixth Form Centre will be open for all Year 13 students between 3pm -4pm daily to provide revision sessions. Tea, coffee, biscuits and useful revision supplies will be provided!





## Sports Results

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / Away	Time Start	Competition	Result
<b>Wednesday 21st February</b>	NETBALL	Year 8 Girls - A Team	Various	Away	4.00pm	Furze Platt League	Cancelled
<b>Thursday 22nd February</b>	FOOTBALL	U15 Boys	St. Crispins	HOME	3.30pm	County Cup	W 4-1
	BASKETBALL	U14 Boys	Kennet	Away	3.30pm	League	W 50-10

## Sports Fixtures

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / Away	Time Start	Competition
<b>Monday 26th February</b>	FOOTBALL	U15 Girls	Bohunt	OFF	3.45pm	Cancelled
	BASKETBALL	U16 Boys	Luckley House	Away	4.10pm	Friendly
<b>Tuesday 27th February</b>	FOOTBALL	U15 Boys	Forest	Away	3.45pm	League
	FOOTBALL	U16 Boys	Piggott	HOME	3.45pm	League
	FOOTBALL	U13 Girls	Piggott	HOME	3.45pm	League
<b>Wednesday 28th February</b>	NETBALL	Year 8 Girls - B Team	Various	Away	4.00pm	Furze Platt League