



## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for continuing to support us with our uniform drive – it really is important that all students meet our uniform expectations each day. Please remember we do have a number of preloved items available which is a cost effective and sustainable solution for replacing lost/outgrown items. Please donate any items you may have to us if you are able, so that they can have a new lease of life!

We are delighted to have published reading lists on our website for each year group and thank you to Ms Burke for all of the investment she has made in our #LiteracyMatters campaign! It is lovely to walk around the school and see so many students reading in their break times. The lists for each year group can be found here: [Literacy \(coxgreen.com\)](http://literacy(coxgreen.com))

The focus on Science features high on our agenda also, tying in with British Science Week. We had a trip to London for a number of Year 9 and 10 students, attending lectures and thinking about how Science is fundamental in solving real world problems and the Science department have a wealth of activities planned for the week ahead.

We welcomed a number of external students to school this week for their Sixth Form interviews and Year 9 students completing the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award enjoyed a training day in the rain today.

Finally, we have had a number of reports of students wearing earphones who are stepping into the road and not paying attention to oncoming traffic. Whilst we have staff outside the front of school, it is difficult to ensure that all students are crossing at the appropriate spots. This will be addressed with our school community in assembly but please do reiterate the importance of road safety to your children.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Edwards, Headteacher

### Recent Letters

- [Year 9 Options Letter](#)
- [Year 12 A Level Sociology Trip](#)
- [Year 8 Parents' Evening](#)
- [Year 11 Prom](#)

## Weekly Calendar Week 1 Timetable

Monday 20th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly—Be Respectful—LGBT History Month</li> <li>• Year 10 Debating Trip to Eton College</li> <li>• Year 9 Options Subject Choice Deadline</li> <li>• Science Week—Physics Zone Webchat 3pm-4pm</li> <li>• Science Week—Q &amp; A Live Neonatal Science Session - P3</li> <li>• Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition Meeting</li> </ul>
Tuesday 21st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 11 Cricket Moderation Trip</li> </ul>
Wednesday 22nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RAF Visit—Careers Week</li> <li>• 'Home, I'm Darling' Year 12 Theatre Trip</li> </ul>
Thursday 23rd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duke of Edinburgh Year 10 Silver Training Day</li> <li>• Year 8 Virtual Parent's Evening - 4.30pm– 7.30pm</li> </ul>
Friday 24th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science Week 'I'm a Scientist...' Webchat 3pm – 4pm</li> </ul>

### Dates for your diary

Open Mic Night - Thursday 30th March 7pm  
End of Term—Friday 31st March 12.30pm



If you have any items for the Newsletter then please email [en-](mailto:en-)



# Celebrating Success Our Stars of the Week



## Year 7

**Olivia Stabler Dukes**  
**Guneet Chhokar**  
**Eve Fuller**  
**Katerina Nozdrina**  
**Subhana Khan**  
**Ming Lok So**  
**Kayden Gaunt**  
**Phoebe Lant**



- for outstanding work in English and consistently applying themselves.

**Bethan Gardhouse** - for creative use of French in her writing.

**Jessica Smith** - for being determined in English and completing first book review for Reading Passports.

**Olivia Byrne** - for being determined in English and completing first book review for Reading Passports as well as consistent application in History.

## Year 9

**Tyler Edwards, Hayden Redfern, Albie Reader, Gurpreet Khaira, Kawan Rahimi, Ruby Purser** - for displaying excellent bench press technique in the fitness suite!



## Year 10

**Josh Wilson and Louise Nicholls** - for giving their time to play some top music in the theatre at the Year 9 Options Evening.

## Year 11

**Adam Hodges** - for being an amazing ambassador for Music at the options evening.

**Dan Brierley** - for a stunning left foot strike in Friday Football!



## Year 8

**Liam Okoro**  
**Philip Ashon**  
**Luke Croucher**  
**Kenzie Kendall**

- for excellent effort and displaying good technical skill when learning how to bench press.



## Inclusion Star of the Week

Nominated by Mrs Brennan for all Cox Green students who have made a contribution to the Inclusion Department.

**Daniel Brierley** - for excellent effort and work in English.

## Sixth Form Stars



### Stars of the Week

**Jonathan Peace, Will Smith and Amy Pollard** - for continued hard work and dedication to their subjects.





# Student & Sport News



Congratulations to Joshua Brigdale Year 8 who is now the new South East K1 Kick Boxing Champion.




Congratulations to both Natasha Sloan (Year 12) and Charlotte Sloan (Year 9) who took part and won Gold in their categories at the Berkshire District Sea Cadets Drill and Piping Competition.



Both will represent Berkshire District Sea Cadets in the next round being held at HMS Excellent at the beginning of April.



### U15 Girls Football

Mr Williamson's team played Denefield in the County Cup. With the game evenly poised at 2-2, our girls scored two more to run out winners. Lillie Bixby and Amber-Lily Saunders-Merryweather both scored twice in a great 4-2 win, which sees us into the Cup semi-finals.

### U13 Boys Football

The team travelled to Bohunt School and in a hard fought game, managed a 2-2 draw. Goals came from Kaamil-Zain Davis and Liam Okoro, but it was the performances of Charlie Lawrence and Ashton Monello that drew most attention, as they shared the Man of the Match honours for their outstanding effort and play.

### Rock Climbing Club

Our Year 7 group learnt basic health and safety skills including how to wear and adjust their helmet and harness. They also developed their skills in traversing the wall, completing a series of challenges and games. A special thank you goes to Filippo, Zoe, Lucy and Sara who are helping assist our younger students in developing a passion for climbing.




### Recent Results

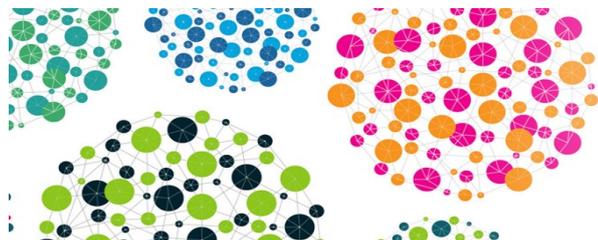
Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home/AWAY	Time Start	Competition	Result
13-Mar-23	FOOTBALL	U13 Boys	Bohunt	AWAY	4.00pm	League	D 2-2
	FOOTBALL	U15 Girls	Denefield	HOME	4.00pm	County Cup	W 4-2
14-Mar-23	FOOTBALL	U15 Boys	Edgbarrow	HOME	3.45pm	League	L 0-1
	FOOTBALL	U14 Boys	Emmbrook	AWAY	3.45pm	League & County Cup	W 3-1

### Fixtures

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home/AWAY	Time Start	Competition
17-Mar-23	FOOTBALL	U14 Boys	Desborough	HOME	3.00pm	League
20-Mar-23	FOOTBALL	U15 Girls	Altwood	HOME	3.30pm	League
	FOOTBALL	U12 Boys	Charters	AWAY	3.45pm	County Cup
21-Mar-23	FOOTBALL	U14 Boys	St Crispins	AWAY	3.45pm	League
	FOOTBALL	U15 Boys	Forest	HOME	3.45pm	County Cup
22-Mar-23	FOOTBALL	U16 Boys	King's Academy, Binfield	AWAY	3.45pm	League
23-Mar-23	FOOTBALL	U13 Girls	Piggott	HOME	2.00pm	League
	FOOTBALL	U15 Boys	St. Crispins	AWAY	3.45pm	League



# Science Week



## British Science Week 2023

### Review of Our Biology Science Week Webchat Session

Today some of our Year 7-12 students had the opportunity to talk to accomplished Biologists as a part of our Science week. Pupils had the chance to speak to the Scientists directly, asking them about careers and experience in their unique specialities. Biologists from a variety of backgrounds participated ranging from Virology to Sports Medicine, exposing students to a selection of different specialties and areas of research. It was a fantastic experience, allowing our young Biologists to explore areas of Science they have an interest in, in more depth. In the future similar talks will be held for Chemistry and Physics, so make sure to sign up in advance!

**Maddie Thandi Year 12**

### What's On?

- **Physics Zone - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 3-4pm**
- **Q & A Live Neonatal Science Session - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March—P3** by Dr Mia Kahvo (Neonatologist, St Michael's Hospital Bristol)

### Science Spelling Bee Competitions



Put your spelling skills to the test! The three highest scoring students will win Science-related prizes!

#### Years 7 and 8

Come to **L2** during **Break 1** on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** to join.

#### Year 9

Come to **L2** in **Break 1** on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** to join.

#### Year 7 Competition

**Design an anatomically correct model of a heart with all major structures labelled.**

Students can either take their models into their Science Class or take a photo and email to Mrs Steele at [steele@coxgreen.com](mailto:steele@coxgreen.com)



All competition entries to be submitted /brought in by Friday 24th March.

#### Year 8 Competition

**Design an A4 or A3 poster to capture ideas on 'Connections'**

Students can either take their poster into their Science class or take a photo and email to Mrs Steele at [s.steele@coxgreen.com](mailto:s.steele@coxgreen.com) We will be submitting five entries online for an opportunity to win an assortment of fantastic prizes. Poster competition - British Science Week

#### Year 9 Competition

**'How are we connected to the ocean?'**

To build on our work on biodiversity and ecosystems this year, students are encouraged to investigate the question above.

Year 9 students can create a presentation (on paper, a model or digitally) on this question. Students should bring their presentation to their Science class or email Miss Brown at [e.brown@coxgreen.com](mailto:e.brown@coxgreen.com).

#### Year 10 Competition

**'Periodic Table Challenge'**

Test your knowledge of the Periodic Table with this tricky challenge!

Instructions:

**Open the bpES website: [www.bp.com/bpes](http://www.bp.com/bpes)  
Click on 'Enter a student code' (top right on all pages if you are not logged in)  
Enter the code: 85495**



# Events

Cox Green School presents  
'Old Times'  
as part of The National Theatre Connections.



Tuesday 21st March  
Doors Open—6.30pm  
Performance begins—7pm

Reserve your complimentary tickets now for  
this performance!

Suitable for ages 14+

<https://forms.office.com/e/CL1DsNsFG9>

**TICKETS  
£5 ON SQUID  
NOW!**

**OPEN MIC  
NIGHT**

THURSDAY 30TH MARCH

**DOORS OPEN 6.30PM**    **LIVE FROM 7PM**

15 AMAZING ACTS ALREADY SIGNED UP!

**REFRESHMENTS  
AVAILABLE**

**FUNDRAISER**

Cox Green School Community  
is fundraising for the development of  
our Basketball Courts in memory of  
Sean Norbert Anyanwu.

**Sean's Court**

## Easter Fun-draising!

Our Sixth Form students are organising a week of Easter fun; raising funds for 'Sean's Court' for the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> March. We hope many of the students will take part and look forward to lots of excitement!

All fun will take place in the Quad and Sixth Form during break times. Games are £1 per go. Lots of prizes to win!

**Monday 27th** — Guess the Celebrity Egg/Easter Egg Tombola

**Tuesday 28th** —Easter Bake Sale and 'Guess the number of sweets in a jar!'

**Wednesday 29th**—'Pull Up Bar' Challenge

**Thursday 30th**— 'Soak a Sixth Former'!

We would welcome any donations of cakes from all year groups to be brought in to Sixth Form by 9am on Tuesday 28th March.

### **Easter Bake Sale**



Please remember we are a nut free school.  
Many thanks for your support!



# Notices



## Can you help by offering a Work Experience setting for a Year 10 or Year 12 student?

Year 10 & 12 are currently searching for work experience for the end of the summer term 2023.

We are asking our School Community for help to secure any contacts that parents may have with their own employers, who would be willing to host one of our students.

Work Experience or Work Shadowing are both options we are keen to explore.

Any questions or offers of placements please contact Mrs Thompson at [h.thompson@coxgreen.com](mailto:h.thompson@coxgreen.com)

## Adult Dyslexia Centre

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**Understanding Dyslexia**  
An online course for parents and carers of dyslexic children



Our popular Understanding Dyslexia course will be running from Wednesday April 19th to Wednesday May 24th.  
All sessions delivered by experienced professionals.  
Delivered online, via Zoom, sessions are lively and interactive.  
Places are limited to facilitate participation and discussion.

Topics covered are:  
Understanding your child with dyslexia  
Maths and dyslexia  
Spelling strategies and handwriting  
Reading strategies and phonics  
How to get help in school  
Creating a positive learning environment

Register your interest by email to [courses@adc.org.uk](mailto:courses@adc.org.uk)  
The cost is £90 for the 6 sessions.

Adult Dyslexia Centre is a registered charity  
[www.adc.org.uk](http://www.adc.org.uk)

## VIRGIN MEDIA O2 WORK EXPERIENCE



Virgin Media O2 is launching work experience week from 3rd - 6th April 2023!



Students of this event will be able to gain valuable insight into our industry, Virgin Media O2 as an organisation, and what our early career programme opportunities look like for graduates, internships and apprenticeships as well as building skills to support education through to employment.

Over the course of four days, we'll be giving students the opportunity to gain experience of what it's like to work in the highly dynamic telecoms industry and gain an insight into Virgin Media O2's mission to upgrade the UK. We want to help young people develop skills, knowledge and experience to take control of their futures and change the world around them.

This event is running virtually from the 3rd - 6th April 2023 and this allows students to have the flexibility to access this work experience from wherever is best for the student.

### Who's this for

Students aged 14-16, who have a strong interest in finding out more about STEM based careers (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics).

### What to expect

- You'll get to delve into the importance of key skills that are critical to STEM careers, including problem-solving and critical thinking
- You'll gain exposure to career coaching activities and get hands-on practice using innovative recruitment tools such as Match Me, situational judgement tests or career alignment quizzes.
- Hear from our people, including those on our early in career programmes to gain valuable insight into our industry, STEM careers and how our sustainability plan has a powerful impact on what we do as a business and in society
- The knowledge, skills and experience gained over the week will help students achieve the Bronze Industrial Cadets accreditation

### How to apply

Scan / Click the QR code to apply!



So we know it's you, use the Work Experience Reference Code on the application form.

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