



Newsletter 16th—20th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted that we now have an official PTFA at Cox Green School and huge thanks to Chair/Treasurer, Roelien Van Der Linden, and Vice Chair/Secretary, Nota Leroy, for taking on these roles. Please do keep your eyes peeled for events and information that the team will be sharing and organising.

Sadly we have been made aware by Thames Valley Police of a disturbing TikTok trend that is being shared on socials targeting young people. The 'game' encourages actions of self-harm (and worse) so please do monitor their platforms and encourage open dialogue with them. The Police are monitoring how widespread the issue is so please do be vigilant with your children and if they have been exposed, or you see anything of this nature, it is essential that you please report it to us.

Our Reading Mentors did a fantastic job this week and know that the younger students enjoyed the experience just as much as the mentors!

It is also heart-warming to learn that there are some real acts of kindness, thoughtfulness and caring taking place in Year 8. Mr Burrows is aware of a number of students going through some difficulties who are being well supported by their peers, absolutely embodying the Cox Green School Values. Thank you!

Our Sixth Form BTEC students sat their first exams this week and I am delighted hear University offers are coming in thick and fast for our Year 13 students.

Miss Brown has been exceptionally impressed with her Y9G/Sc3 Science class and shared that they were working at a level of understanding far beyond their

Mr Edwards, Headteacher			
Wishing you all a wonderful weekend	•		
next week!	•		
age. This is super feedback and I will be rewarding them			
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- Recent Letters
- Sixth Form Parents' Evening
- Early School Closure Letter
- Year 9 Options Letter
- Careers 'Unifrog' Letter
- Year 10 and 11 GCSE History Trip

Weekly Calendar Week 1 Timetable			
Monday 16th January	Assembly: Be Kind - 'Safer Internet Day'		
Tuesday 17th January	Year 9 Careers Appointments		
Wednesday 18th January	• Year 9 Careers Appointments		
Thursday 19th January	 Personal Development - P3 Year 9 Careers Appointments Year 11 Parents' Evening - ONLINE 		
Friday 20th January	Year 9 Careers Appointments		



Celebrating Success Our Stars of the Week



<u>Year 7</u>

Zubair Badwhal and Heze Freeman – for their fantastic effort in RS last week.

Charlotte Haward - for her brilliant work in History recently.

Tommy O'Dowd – for continued enthusiasm in PE.

Zane Reid and Leo Wilga – for excellent effort in their Badminton lesson.

Year 9

Mika Newman, Evie Clark, Rio West and Theo Brown - for brilliant focus during PD lesson, outstanding uniform and equipment.

Ryan Goddard - for brilliant focus and contribution to difficult Shakespearean concepts.

Amabel Jacobs, William Flavelle and Samar Chanar for impeccable uniform and equipment each day last week.





Sixth Form Stars

Star of the Week

Blue Quenell and Harleigh Sumner - for an excellent start to the year.





Random Act of Kindness

Jamie Calvert - for helping staff with an errand and saving their legs!



Winter Photography Competition!

- The theme for this terms Photography Competition is 'Winter'.
- Submit your photo to <u>competitions@coxgreen.com</u>
- Every entry earns a House Point!
- The winner will win 10 achievement points and a box of chocolates.



If you have any items for the Newsletter then please email enquiries@coxgreen.com



Sports Update



Basketball

Before Christmas, our combined Year 7 and Year 8 Junior NBA team played their first matches. An excellent team performance led by the impressive Joseph Subrai-Harmon, with good support from Archie O'Connor and Lewis Harper, saw us defeat Dedworth Middle School 23-10 in the first game. In the second match, we opened a 5-0 lead against King's Academy, Binfield with Samson Sui amongst the points. However, our opponents fought back and we were defeated 9-12.

The team showed good potential in these games and we look forward to seeing them progress as the season goes on.

Fixtures

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home/ AWAY	Time Start	Competition
16 January	FOOTBALL	U15 Girls	King's Academy, Binfield	HOME	3.45pm	League
2023 FOOTBALL U13 Girls		U13 Girls	Park House	HOME	3.30pm	County Cup
17 January 2023	FOOTBALL	U12 Boys	Westgate	AWAY	3.45pm	County Cup
	FOOTBALL	U16 Boys	Reading School	HOME	3.15pm	County Cup
18 January 2023	BASKETBALL	Y7 & Y8	Coaching Session - "Magic Hoops" Basketball	HOME	3.00pm	N/A
19 January	FOOTBALL	U15 Boys	Reading School	HOME	3.15pm	County Cup
2023	BASKETBALL	U14 Boys	LVS	HOME	3.30pm	League

<u>Results</u>

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / AWAY	Time Start	Competition	Result
10 January 2023	FOOTBALL	U14 Boys	Little Heath	HOME	3.30pm	County Cup	Cancelled
11 January 2023	BASKET- BALL	U16 Boys	Langley Grammar	HOME	3.45pm	League	L 31-55
	FOOTBALL	U13 Boys	Edgbarrow	HOME	3.45pm	League	L 1-5
	NETBALL	Y7 Girls - A	Furze Platt Tournament	AWAY	4.00pm	Tournament	Cancelled











School Theatre Production

We are looking forward to the next exciting production from the Music & Drama Department on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February. Please save the date for evening performances and watch this space for tickets!

Rehearsal Schedule

Date:	Cast needed:	Time:
Monday 16 th January	All main cast and lead chorus	3.15-5.00
Tuesday 17 th January	All main cast, plant chorus and lead chorus-SINGING	3.15-4.30
Friday 20 th January	ALL CAST- Act 2	3.15-5.00
Monday 23 rd January	All main cast	3.15-5.00
Tuesday 24 th January	All main cast	3.15-4.30
Friday 27 th January	ALL CAST- Act 1	3.15-5.00
Monday 30 th January	All main cast	3.15-5.00
Tuesday 31 st January	All main cast	3.15-4.30
Friday 3 rd February	ALL CAST- Act 2	3.15-5.00
Sunday 5 th February	ALL CAST	10.00-4.00
Monday 6 th February	ALL CAST	9.00-15.00
Tuesday 7 th February	ALL CAST	9.00-15.00
Wednesday 8 th February	ALL CAST- Matinee (Private) ALL CAST- Performance	9.00-15.00 17.00-21.30
Thursday 9 th February	ALL CAST- Performance	17.00-21.30

Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to our Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh students for securing great volunteer positions to support their Bronze DofE Award.





Notices

Attendance

Reminder for Reporting Student Absence

It is imperative that parents/carers contact the school before 8am if their child is unwell and unable to attend school. This must be repeated on each day of absence. Please either leave a message on the

attendance line 01628 629415 or send an email to <u>enquiries@coxgreen.com</u>. Alternatively, you can use the 'Absence Reporting' on Edulink One' where you can also upload appointment documents. <u>https://</u> <u>support.overnetdata.com/knowledge-base/reporting-a-learner-absence-parents/</u>

Any absences that we have not received a reason for within a reasonable timeframe, will be followed up and the Attendance Officer will proceed to call <u>all</u> contacts that we hold on your child's record. For safeguarding purposes, if we have not managed to make contact then members of staff will visit your home to ensure the welfare of your child.

Please ensure you are logged into your Parent Account on Edulink One, not a Student Account, in order to see Attendance and Absence Request Options.

Parent Online Workshops

The next workshop is Tuesday 24th January 2023



Talking to Your Teen & Anxiety Workshop - 12pm-1pm

Details to join online has been sent out via Edulink.

The notes from the workshop that took place before Christmas on **Dealing With Grief** are available here. <u>http://cgss.co/dealwithgrief</u>

Online Safety - Wizz App



There is a relatively new app called Wizz. It has over 5 million users from around the world and is advertised as a 'safe space where you can let loose and meet new friends from all over the world.'

You 'swipe' to find 'friends' and people who are online when you are, can chat live, find a "community" and it's free.

As with anything online young people and their carers need to be aware of the potential risks of online content. Please remind students of the SMART CODE (Stay Safe, Don't Meet Up, Accept Only Files You Trust, Reliable?, Tell Someone). There will be assemblies next week in line with Internet Safety Day which is coming up on Tuesday 7th February.

Many mobile phone network providers have ways of helping parents keep their children safer online whilst they learn how to use it responsibly. Here is one example from BT and others are available. <u>https://www.bt.com/help/security/help-your-kids-stay-safe-online</u>



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School and Local Events



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We will be holding races, and fun challenges whilst our DJ turns up the music and gets you in the mood to skate! Book your tickets online at www.leisurefocus.org.uk