



# Cox Green Newsletter



Newsletter 5th—9th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, the talk of the school has been the incredible production of We Will Rock You and we were all in awe of the professionalism and talent of our cast members and stage crew. The students put in many hours and worked incredibly hard to produce the show. We were delighted to host the Year 6 students from Wessex, Lowbrook and Larchfield who joined us for the matinee performance on Wednesday morning. I would especially like to thank our Performing Arts Team; Miss Piggott, Mr Brignull, Miss Killick and Miss Beech for their hard work and effort to organise such a fantastic performance enjoyed by all.

As we look forward to the next half term, please could I ask that over the holidays any issues with uniform are dealt with to ensure that all students can return to Cox Green in correct uniform. If any support is needed, we are happy to help supply pre-loved items from our uniform shop. Please do get in touch via enquiries@coxgreen.com.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful, restful break and we look forward to welcoming the students back to school on Monday 19th February.

Best wishes,  
Mr Edwards, Headteacher



**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
Let's Celebrate on Friday 8th March

**YEAR 7**  
dress as a character from a book!

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.

**LOTS OF PRIZES UP FOR GRABS!**

### Recent Letters

- Options Choices Letter 2024
- Year 11 Prom

## Weekly Calendar: Timetable - Week 1

<b>Monday 19th February 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly: Be Determined—World Book Day</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 20th February 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Globe Players Visit to CGS (Years 10 and 11)</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 21st February 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Development (Period 3)</li> <li>• Year 9 Careers Appointments</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 22nd February 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paris Trip (Years 10 and 11)</li> <li>• Oddballs Foundation Presentation (Year 10)</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 23rd February 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taster Day Choices (deadline for students)</li> <li>• Paris Trip (Years 10 and 11)</li> </ul>



## February Half Term

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024

School re-opens for all year groups on Monday 19th February (Week 1)

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# Celebrating Success Our Stars of the Week



## Year 7



### **Lexie-Mai Smith**

Nominated for incredible kindness and amazing manners in her Food Tech lessons.

### **George Myles**

Nominated for being amazing and standing in at the last minute, taking part in the school production.

## Year 8



### **Dajuan Christian-Lees**

Nominated for consistent participation and helpfulness in Science lessons.

### **Sophie Tull**

Nominated for amazing effort and kindness by helping another student in Food Tech.

## Year 9



### **Grace Shadloo**

Nominated for great participation in Science.

### **Charles Smith**

Nominated for excellent work in Religious Studies.

## Year 10



### **Jayden Dennison**

Nominated for fantastic attitude in tutor time every morning.

### **Pixie Walkenden Egan**

Nominated for challenging herself in French.

### **Astri Leroy**

Nominated for consistent hard work and high standards.

## Year 11



### **Jade Dowden-Brown**

Nominated for excellent work on ethics in Psychology.

### **Blake Leonard**

Nominated for positivity and great work.

### **Isaac Bailey**

Nominated for great work in Graphics.

## Sixth Form Stars



### **Freya White**

Nominated for displaying Cox Green values and excellent application and focus in Criminology.

### **Amelia Staunton**

Nominated for great work during PE—well done!



# Notices

## 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



### 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!

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



## Spanish Trip Information Meeting Tuesday 20th February



A pre-trip information meeting for parents/carers and students will take place on Tuesday 20th February 2024 at 5pm in the school Theatre.

## Tupperware Donations

Our Food Tech department are in need of tupperware! Please drop any donations to reception.

## Cox Green Careers Fair 2025

Would you like to represent your business and join us next year?

If you would like to register your interest for our Careers Fair 2025, please contact Mrs Thompson via email [h.thompson@coxgreen.com](mailto:h.thompson@coxgreen.com)



## 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.





# We Will Rock You



On Wednesday and Thursday, the students put on an amazing performance of the musical 'We will Rock You'. It was a wonderful show and huge congratulations to all of our talented cast members and stage crew!

Special thanks to the Sixth Form Team and the PTFA for the refreshments, Mr Langley for the many hours spent designing the set, Mr Nash for the maintenance, Mrs King for the organisation, Miss Shaw for editing, and Mrs Bedwell for producing the programmes.



## **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 aims to provide students passionate about football an exciting sporting and cultural opportunity.

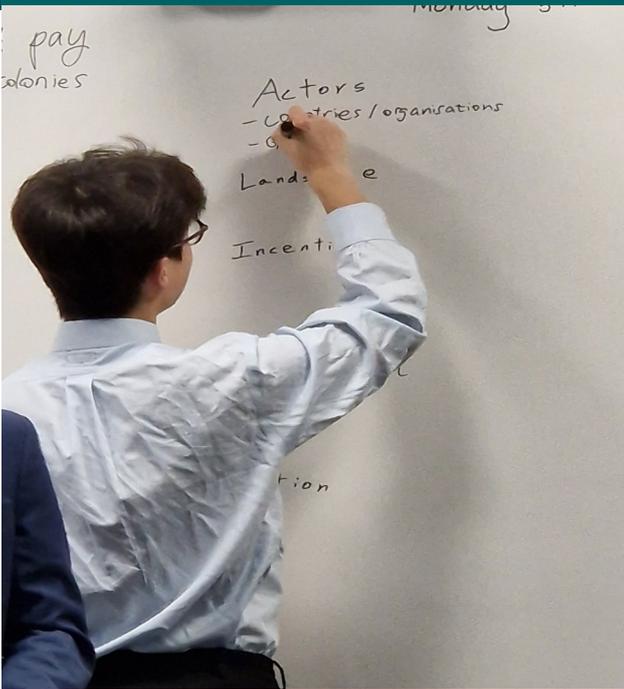
The trip includes a visit to Westfalenstadion for a stadium tour as well as use of Borussia Dortmund training ground for training sessions.



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



## Eton College Debates

Eton College Debaters returned to consider topics to do with International Relations. The motion focused on was "The House Believes Britain should pay reparations to her former colonies." Students worked as a whole group considering the economic and human costs of colonisation by Britain and how this had enriched Britain while having negative effects on her former colonies. Then the students split into two groups to consider why reparations might not be a sensible or adequate way to recompense for past injustices and on the other hand, why countries may insist they can only effectively move forward if reparations are paid. In what was a particularly complex motion much time was spent developing in planning both sides of the argument with the debate proper to take place in the future. Therefore there was not a winner on the day but rather a deeper understanding of how complex and nuanced history can be and how societies still live with that history today. A fascinating discussion for all.

## Valentine's Day Roses



In celebration of Valentine's Day, Year 13 students sold roses for £2 which will then be hand delivered to the recipients on the last day of term.

All proceeds raised will be split evenly between fundraising for Sean's court and the upcoming Year 13 prom. Our students would like to thank everyone who contributed to the money raised.



## Year 13 Revision Sessions

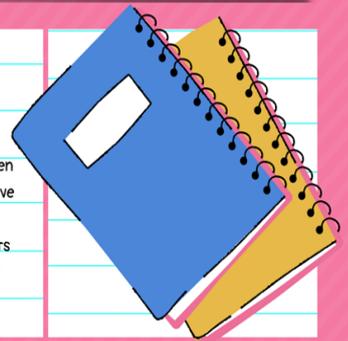
In the run up to exams, the Sixth Form Centre will be open for all Year 13 students between 3pm - 4pm daily to provide revision sessions. Tea, coffee, biscuits and useful revision supplies will be provided!



# 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

Edulink Club: National Scientific Thinking Challenge 2024

Date: Monday, 22nd April 2024

Time: Period 1 (9-10am)

Location: C1

How to sign

up





# Sports Extra Curricular Clubs

## Mondays 3pm - 4pm

Football	Years 8, 9 and 10	Boys Only	Mr York and Mr Aston	Astro
Netball	Years 7 - 11	Boys & Girls	Miss Anderson and Miss Beech	Netball Courts
Y11 GCSE Intervention	Year 11 Only	All	Mr Saunders	C14

## Tuesdays 3pm - 4pm

Basketball	All Years	Boys & Girls	Mr Critchley	Sports Hall
Fitness Suite	All Years	Boys & Girls	Mr Saunders (A new sign up on Edulink will go live on at the start of next term to give other students a fair chance to sign up)	Fitness Suite
Rock Climbing	Year 11 GCSE only	All	Miss Beech	Sports Hall
A-Level PE Intervention	Year 13	All	Miss Anderson	C14

## Wednesdays 3pm - 4pm

Trampolining	Y11 GCSE Only	All	TBA	Old Gym
Girls Football	All Years	Girls Only	Miss Beech (Not running on 21.02.24 and 13.03.24)	Astro
Dance	All Years	All	Miss Anderson (Not running on 21.02.24 and 13.03.24)	Dance Studio
Handball	Y11 GCSE Only	All	Mr York	Sports Hall
Football	Year 7	Boys Only	TBA	Astro
Netball Matches	All Years	Girls Only	Miss Anderson and Miss Beech	Furze Platt

Congratulations to the netball team!

On Wednesday, the team played exceptionally well and went on to achieve a very successful win against Furze Platt school

Well done!

Mr Edwards would like to congratulate Yasmin Grant and Chloe Bavazzano for their recent sporting achievements. Both athletes successfully competed in the South East Inter Counties Cross Country Championships in an extremely tough and competitive race.

We are both incredibly proud of both students, Chloe finished 11th out of the 12 Berkshire runners and Yasmin has been accepted into the English Schools cross country which will take place next month.





# Sports Results

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / Away	Time Start	Competition	Result
Tuesday 6th February 2024	FOOTBALL	U13 Boys	Furze Platt	HOME	3.45pm	League	L 0-2
Wednesday 7th February 2024	NETBALL	Year 10 Girls	Various	Away	4.00pm	Furze Platt League	W 1, L 2
	BASKETBALL	U16 Boys	The Wren	HOME	3.45pm	League	L 33-38

# Sports Fixtures

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / Away	Time Start	Competition
Wednesday 21st February 2024	NETBALL	Year 8 Girls - A Team	Various	Away	4.00pm	Furze Platt League
	FOOTBALL	U15 Boys	St. Crispins	HOME	3.30pm	County Cup
	FOOTBALL	U13 Boys	Forest	Away	3.45pm	League
Thursday 22nd February 2024	BASKETBALL	U14 Boys	Kennet	Away	3.30pm	League
Monday 26th February 2024	FOOTBALL	U15 Girls	Bohunt	Away	3.45pm	League
	BASKETBALL	U16 Boys	Luckley House	Away	4.10pm	Friendly
Tuesday 27th February 2024	FOOTBALL	U15 Boys	Forest	Away	3.45pm	League
	FOOTBALL	U16 Boys	Piggott	HOME	3.45pm	League
	FOOTBALL	U13 Girls	Piggott	HOME	3.45pm	League
Wednesday 28th February 2024	NETBALL	Year 8 Girls - B Team	Various	Away	4.00pm	Furze Platt League
	FOOTBALL	U13 Girls	Waingels	Away	3.45pm	League