



# COX GREEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our students, our school and our community. This is always the busiest term, yet our students rose to the challenge. Year 7 have found their feet and have settled well into their new experience of secondary school. Year 8 are no longer the newest cohort, and have grown in confidence as they reflect on how far they have come since joining last year. Year 9 have returned with enthusiasm, looking ahead to selecting their GCSE options later in the year. More information about the options process will be sent in the new term. Finally, we are very proud of Years 10–13 for their mature attitude and approach to their mock examinations and assessments.



I would like to thank Mr Forster, Miss Killick and our incredibly talented students who put on a wonderful Winter Concert for us all to enjoy last Thursday. The standard of the performances was incredibly high, and we were all amazed to see the confidence and talents of our students taking to the stage. Thank you also to Mrs Leroy and the PTFA volunteers who kindly supported the event with refreshments and the highly anticipated raffle! The PTFA are delighted to share that they raised over £300 from sales, which would not have been possible without your support. And finally, thank you to our very own student reporter, Phoebe Strutton, who put together a full write up of the event which you can read on page 5.

The Art department are thrilled to announce the winners for the KS3 Christmas Card Competition and the department raised £169 from the sale of the cards. I had the honour, but very difficult decision to select the winners and runners up. It was wonderful to see so many of the different designs from the theme of 'typography'. You can see the winning entries under the 'What we did this week' section later in the newsletter.

Our Reward Shop introduced this academic year has been a great success! We will soon start to be stocked with even bigger prizes, due to the keen interest from the students. Please do continue to encourage your child to gain achievement points to swap them for prizes in the new term.

Wishing you all a wonderful festive break - we look forward to seeing you all in January!

## RECENT LETTERS:

- YEAR 10 AND 11 GCSE GRAPHICS TRIP TO THE MUSEUM OF BRANDS
- YEAR 11 CAREERS LETTER
- YEAR 11 GCSE ART TRIP TO THE TATE MODERN
- YEAR 13 PSYCHOLOGY TRIP TO THE FREUD MUSEUM



**Christmas Holidays:**  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025  
to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**End of Term: School finishes at 12.30pm on Friday  
19<sup>th</sup> December 2025.**



Term 3 resumes on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 for all year groups. Students are welcome to wear non uniform (Christmas jumpers optional) for a cash donation of £1 to take part.

# COX GREEN SCHOOL SCHOOL NOTICES



Year 9 have had a fantastic week! There have been so many nominations for Year 9s, and we are therefore thrilled to include an extra 'Star of the Week' section just for Year 9 in order to credit all of the students with their achievements. Well done!

### **Leyton Bartlett**

Nominated for helping another student, showing kindness and support.

### **Franciszek Abramowicz**

Nominated for showing excellent attitude and determination during French lesson.

### **Aveena Azam**

Nominated for demonstrating the Cox Green Values.

### **Max Gladden**

Nominated for being very kind, supportive in helpful in Food Technology.

### **Poppy Blackwell**

**Seara Siju**

**Daisy Holland**

**Daniel Perkins**

**Amelia McNulty**

**Lethemba Moyo**

**George Myles,**

**Zoe Kapica**

**Dylan Hing**

**Cameron Money**

**Ollie Fisher**

**Catherine Atallah**

**Eliza Dominey**

**and Harry Burke**

Nominated for creating high quality monster portraits for their Art homework.

Well done!



### **SWIMARATHON**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Braywick Leisure**

**10am to 12.30pm**

**(Cox Green School swimming slot is 11am)**

Miss Beech and the students are looking forward to our upcoming annual Swimathon! We are thrilled to share that we have 34 students signed up and Cox Green School will be taking over 5 lanes.

The students have 50 minutes in teams to swim as many laps as they can in a relay race. This annual event promises to be lots of fun for both our students and spectators, as we hope to raise money for Maidenhead Lions and Alexander Devine Hospice. Last year, we managed to raise an incredible £1000, which was split between the two charities. Our students are thrilled to be on their way to meeting their target, with £50 raised already! If you would like to support our students, you can do so via the online link [here](#)

Parking is free at Braywick Leisure Centre on Sundays, so there is no need to buy a pay & display ticket. Spectators may use the viewing gallery to support the teams. The café will also be open to purchase food and drink with tables and chairs outside under cover. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Beech and we look forward to seeing you there!



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## EVOLVE FILM FESTIVAL

Filmmakers can submit short films made between 2024 and 2026, with three age categories (Under 11, 12–15, and 16–19). Durations up to 3 or 5 minutes.

Shortlisted creators will see their work on the big screen before the winners are revealed in a glamorous cinema awards ceremony at Reading Biscuit Factory.

Entry is FREE for students from Berkshire and Oxfordshire. To obtain a free entry code (available to all students from Berkshire or Oxfordshire) please email: [support@evolvefilmfestival.org](mailto:support@evolvefilmfestival.org)

Film submission deadline is Sunday 29th March 2026.

To submit a film or to find out more visit:  
[filmfreeway.com/EvolveFilmFestival](http://filmfreeway.com/EvolveFilmFestival)

To aid that, we are running FREE filmmaking workshops between January and March 2026 in Reading, as well as Goring & Streatley, covering script and story development, camera, sound and editing.

Our first workshops on 11th January 2026, will cover story arch, as well as character and plot development. Come and learn (FOR FREE!) from local screenwriters Simon Uttley and Jesse Cleverly who are volunteering to run the workshop. Simon's recent writing credits include the "Cleaner" starring Daisy Ridley (Star Wars) and Clive Owen. Jesse has written "The Last Bus " for Netflix amongst many more!

**YOUNGMINDS**  
fighting for young people's mental health

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We know a lot of services tend to wind down over the festive period. We have listed suggested organisations that will be open for you and your child to find support over the holidays if needed:

### Childline:

Open 24/7 for under-19s, call 0800 1111  
or chat online

<https://www.childline.org.uk>

### Mind:

Helplines are open daytime Mon-Fri  
(except bank holidays)

<https://www.mind.org.uk/>

### Samaritans:

Open 24/7 for all ages, call 116 123

### Shout:

Text SHOUT to 85258 for support, open 24/7 for all  
ages

### Kooth:

Kooth offers free access to online practitioner  
support and resources to support you and your child.

<https://www.kooth.com/>

### Young Minds:

In preparation for the upcoming holidays, YM charity  
have a number of resources for *Coping with Festive  
Anxiety*.

[https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/coping  
-with-festive-anxiety/](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/coping-with-festive-anxiety/)

# COX GREEN SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWS



This month, we have been delighted to welcome students from local primary schools; Knowl Hill, White Waltham and Dorney School, to visit us and take part in a festive workshop creating Christmas tree ornaments.

The students learned about the laser cutting machine used in Product Design, and were able to choose from a bell, snowflake or Christmas tree shape ornament to decorate.

After using a selection of felt tip pens and colourful materials, the students had fun dipping their ornaments into a huge tub of glitter to make them sparkly!

The collaboration introduced the primary school students to life at secondary school, and we look forward to welcoming the students back to Cox Green School in the near future.



Sustainability Club would like to thank Maria Scavetta and the members of the Maidenhead Rotary Club for their kind donation of a Prunus tree for the school's garden. The Maidenhead Rotary Club are celebrating 100 years and have generously donated several trees to local schools including Furze Platt, Desborough, Newlands and Clare's Court. On behalf of our students, we would like to say a huge thank you!



**Empty Chocolate Tubs & Jam Jars**



**Clean plastic takeaway containers**



**Empty ½ litre milk or water bottles**



**Gardening equipment or seeds**



**Donations for PTFA Raffle Prizes**

Our students have a number of exciting projects for 2026! If you are able to help save any of these items over the festive break, we would be very grateful!

The Food Technology department always needs clean food containers to help the students take their creations home. We will be using empty milk and water bottles for our upcoming Earth Day!

The students are continuing working on their Sustainability Garden, and would love donations of any gardening equipment, including pots and seeds. Finally, the PTFA welcome any items that could be suitable for raffle / tombola prizes - these can be anything from un-used gift sets, gift vouchers, non-perishable food and drink items, stationery, small home decor items etc. Items can be left at reception for the attention of Ms Chate. Thank you.



# COX GREEN SCHOOL WINTER CONCERT

On Thursday 11th December, our school held a Winter Concert, which I attended. The entire theatre was full as the event had sold out. I was seated in the back and had a clear view of the set and staging. There were two microphones a drum set, bass guitar, regular guitar, piano, and a keyboard. There were also music stands being used for lyrics and notes. When it turned 6:00pm, the performances began, starting with the school concert band with *Last Christmas* by Wham! They were wonderful, with the combination of keyboard, drums, flutes, clarinet, trombone, tuba and saxophone. Once the opening number finished, we enjoyed performances which included songs such as *Wildflower* by Billie Eilish, *Walking in the Air* by Howard Blake, *Jingle Bell Rock* by Joseph Beal and James Boothe, *Derniere Danse* by Indila, *For Good* from the movie *Wicked*, and two Oliva Rodrigo songs. The performances were a combination of singing, instrumentals and both group and solo performances. When the 20 minute interval took place, the audience went to DINE to purchase drinks, snacks and also to buy tickets for the raffle organised by the PTFA.

When the interval ended, the rest of the performances took place with many more rounds of applause. We enjoyed performances from the Sixth Form Choir, Senior Rock Band and the Year 8 and Year 9 Rockstars! The evening concluded with *Somewhere In My Memory* by John Williams, performed by the whole school choir.

When all the performances ended, Mr Forster gave heartfelt thank yous to Miss Killick, Miss Gratton, the student performers and the rest of the staff who helped with the arrangements. The night finished with a round of applause and happy smiles. The winter concert was amazing and showed just how great the Cox Green School community is!

**Report by Phoebe Strutton (Year 13)**



# WHAT WE DID THIS WEEK



Year 7

## Stars of the Week

**Jaimeson O'Connor, Oliver Sinclair, Daria Obreja and Lily Roberts**  
Nominated for their fantastic shoe drawings in Art.

**Ella Addison, Anabel Howard, Ffion Pugh and Dylan Khaira**  
Nominated for being helpful and kind to their peers.

**Ramey Zabatt**

Nominated for getting the black belt in *Numeracy Ninjas*. Well done!

**Hannah Armsdon and Morgan Young**  
Nominated for excellent efforts, keen participation and brilliant work ethic in English. Well done!

**William Knight**

Nominated for great effort shown in his Spanish lesson.

This week, Year 7 had fun taking part in their festive lunch with Year 8 on Tuesday. The students enjoyed a roast dinner and played games, including pin the tail on the reindeer.

The Art Department were very impressed with the entries for the Christmas Card competition from Year 7. Congratulations to Gurnaina Sahota who produced the winning entry, along with Harry Williams, Jacob Cleeton, Daria Obreja, Penelope Bristow and Saachi Jutia who were the runners up!



## Year 7



Year 8

## Stars of the Week

**Ollie Saunders, Bradley Monello, Freyja Nielsen, Leo Spencer, Jack Callaghan, Reece Mourant-King, Alkeo Milonakis and Isaac Carrillo**  
Nominated for producing a fantastic Si Scott inspired patterned crab. Well done!

**Sonam Panesar, Oscar Bevan, Olly Hill, Amelia Martindale-Prater, Naomi Edwards, Flo Lawrence, Hadly Webb, Killian Vacher, Robert Reeves, George Cramman, Dollie Smith, Sanele Mabena, Moha Muhumed, Alfie Spires-Cairns and Juan Camilo Molina Cardona**  
Nominated for great work in class.

**Luella Jacomelli, Khalid Badhwal, Maddison O'Neill and Ethan Speller**  
Nominated for their outstanding kindness shown in French. Well done!



Congratulations to Aiden Chapman who has been awarded the Creative Arts Award this week by Mrs Williams. Aiden was the undisputed Masterchef in his Food Technology class, making an outstanding and delicious Christmas dinner in under 45 minutes!

We are also thrilled to announce Ava Mitton as the winner of the Year 8 entry for the Christmas card competition, with Eric Stanculescu, Gemma Petillo, George Bishop, Juan Molina, Kacie Merkel and Nathan Bhargava as the runners up! Following their fantastic appearance at the Winter Concert, we would like to thank Year 8 Rockstars for kindly performing again for the festive lunches.



## Year 8



# WHAT WE DID THIS WEEK



## Year 9

### Stars of the Week

**Amber Martindale-Prater, Oscar Crucefix, Aisha Badhwal, Iyana Xakawe, Cora Taylor, and Mabel Beavan**

Nominated for their great work in Religious Studies.

### Maizey-Jane Harrington

Nominated for hard work in lessons.

### Nyah Fairley, Kian Wilson and Molly Silezin-Olszowy

Nominated for being an excellent role models.

### Olivier Kakareko

Nominated for making a very creative and ambitious cake in Food Technology.

### Kemar Campbell-Clarke

Nominated for a great practical lesson.

### Rocco Stoneham

Nominated for showing determination.

Mrs Williams is thrilled to nominate Alfie in Year 9 for the Creative Arts Award for demonstrating creativity and imagination in Food Technology! Alfie created a Christmas dinner themed burger, complete with gravy and stuffing. Well done!

Congratulations to Mabel Beavan who won the Year 9 entry for the Christmas card competition and also to Bishan Obi and Simrat Birdi who were the runners-up!



## Year 9



### Ted Jacobs

and Ava Woods

Nominated for their excellent work in Spanish.

### Grace Woods

Nominated for fantastic use of descriptive writing in English cover lesson.

### Bobby Collins

Nominated for amazing skills in Food Technology.



## Year 10

### Stars of the Week

### Sekina Abubakari Caston McClymont

Nominated for making positive and insightful contributions in lessons this week. Well done!

### Erin Callaghan Inaaya Fontenelle Akhtar Chloe Gill Shiv Patel

### Louise Peters

### Olivia Stabler Dukes

Nominated for excellent reading and presentation in class.

### Keevah Delaney

Nominated for hard work, effort and commitment in Maths. Well done!

We are delighted to share with you the three nominations for the Creative Arts Award from Year 10 this week.

### Wariyam Sekhon and Liam Ford

The two students were nominated for being inspiring leaders in Music, and demonstrating effort and commitment to the subject. Wariyam and Liam were both proactive with the arrangements and organisation of the Year 10 band, and have consistently contributed to the Music Department. The students also successfully took part in a 'flipped' Music lesson, where the students become the teachers, and lead the lesson. Miss Killick is extremely impressed with their achievements, and would like to congratulate both Wariyam and Liam for their dedication to the subject. Well done!

### Dexter Manley (10CH)

Dexter has been nominated by Mr Bali for demonstrating fantastic effort in Product Design during the theory lessons. Dexter actively engages in the class discussions, contributing insightful answers and subject knowledge. Dexter performed extremely well during the topics focusing on energy generation and storage. Mr Bali would like to congratulate Dexter for his hard work, focus and achievement.

## Year 10



# COX GREEN SCHOOL WHAT WE DID THIS WEEK



**Year 11**

## Stars of the Week

**Ed Holland**

Nominated for great effort with design drawings in his coursework.

**Simar Ahuja**

Nominated for being kind and demonstrating the school values.

**Jamael Mehmud**

**Talea Moraitis**

**Amitha Sijo**

Nominated for hard work and great effort in their Maths revision sessions.  
Well done!

**Ziyad Amod**

Nominated for great achievements in Business class.



This week, Year 11 Art students put the finishing touches to their ceramics. The students selected their final choice of colours, and practised different techniques to enhance the texture and form of each piece.



**Year 11**

## SIXTH FORM NEWS

This week, a small group of our Sixth Form students visited the nearby care home to deliver handmade Christmas cards that they had made for the residents.

While there, they sang a selection of carols for the residents, which was warmly received and enjoyed by all.

Well done to our students representing the school proudly, and all your efforts to support the local community.

