



Cox Green Newsletter



Newsletter 16th—20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a finish to the end of term! Our students have enjoyed a very busy week with end of term activities and have celebrated their hard work and achievements. It has been wonderful to hear of the many successes of our students and they should be very proud of their efforts for the start of the year.

The Halloween door decorations are well underway and the competition is fierce between the tutor groups and staff. We will be delighted to share the photographs of the finished projects in the new term and I have been impressed with everyone's effort so far.

On the last day of term, Year 8 and Year 9 were excited to meet with local MP, Theresa May and councillors for a lively Question Time Session. Our Student Leadership team formed part of the panel with Mrs May and presented insightful views with confidence. My thanks to Mrs Kirby for her arrangements for the day.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful, well deserved rest.

Best Wishes
Mr Edwards, Headteacher.



Recent Letters

- Year 11 Mock Exams
- Year 13 Mock Exams
- Uniform Standards Letter
- Sixth Form Open Evening

Weekly Calendar

October - Week 2 Timetable

Monday 30th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly - Be Determined: Careers • School re-opens for all year groups
Tuesday 31st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 Career's Appointments (all week)
Wednesday 1st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Thursday 2nd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windsor Castle Folio 400 - Sixth Form
Friday 3rd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None



Please note the school will be closed from Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October for the holidays.

The school will re-open for all year groups on Monday 30th October. Stay safe and have a fantastic, well deserved break!



Celebrating Success Our Stars of the Week



Year 7

Cameron Money

Nominated for being determined to try his best.

Lewis Nagy and Sonny Culora

Nominated for displaying exceptional skills in their badminton lessons.

Mr Edwards would like to congratulate and nominate Brodie Allen (Year 9)

Nominated for demonstrating exceptional kindness to an elderly member of the public who had fallen into the road. A local resident who witnessed the incident wrote to Mr Edwards directly to commend Brodie on his compassion and kindness.

Well done Brodie!

Year 8

Timothy Chan

Eloise Duggal Jeanson De Damoiseau

Nominated for their amazing effort on drawing a portrait using the grid method.

Michael Shrimpton and Olivia Cecaro

Nominated for being a constant delight to have in the classroom.

Zubair Badhwal and Preston Kuan

Nominated for winning the Premier League twice in the badminton season end of term assessment.

Year 10

Jack Boys

Nominated for his consistent outstanding efforts in music and the joy he brings to the class, for all class members and staff.

Mason Brown

Nominated for his efforts in music, sharing in class and positive attitude in lessons.

Ellis Snowden

Nominated for his constant joie de vivre and kind, respectful attitude to others within the tutor group and around school.

Sixth Form Stars

Isabel Padfield

Nominated for an outstanding presentation of her research project in Health and Social Care.

Isabelle Martin

Nominated for her kindness in supporting lower school students.

Mathew West

Nominated for his incredible support in teaching business studies.

Year 11

Braiden Devitt, Sienna Jane and Ezekielle Mondok

Nominated for showing dedication and great effort over the past few weeks - Well done!

Inclusion Stars

Jay Keshvara (Year 9)

Nominated for his excellent work in Science on the carbon cycle. Jay was focussed and worked really hard to recreate an image of the carbon cycle in his book.



Notices

Sparx Maths

The Maths department are now using Sparx Maths for all the compulsory homework for KS3 & KS4. All students can access the Sparx website using their school email account and password. The students have over 6 days each week to complete the set homework. If your child has any issues logging on or completing the homework, they need to see their Maths teacher or Mr Morris at break times, before the day the homework is due.

In the past 3 weeks, so far students have successfully answered over 150,000 questions correctly on the Sparx platform. The best performing class last week was 7G/Ma2, while 9G/Ma1 had the biggest improvement from the previous week.

Which class will be next week's champions?



Some parents have reported experiencing issues with their sQuid app. If you are experiencing any problems, you may be using an outdated version of the app. We recommend that you delete the app and reinstall it, to ensure that you have the latest version. Alternatively, you can access your child's sQuid account on the sQuid website at:

<https://squidportal.squidcard.com/LoginPortal/>

We particularly recommend using the website rather than the app if you are trying to book a potentially oversubscribed trip, or if you are making an overdue payment for a trip. If you have any issues with your sQuid account, please contact our finance office at finance@coxgreen.com or sQuid customer services at customerservice@squidcard.com.

#Literacy Matters

Wider Reading Fortnight

This term we celebrated our first wider reading fortnight launch! Students enjoyed reading an array of texts linked to their subject areas, to build on their subject knowledge and make links to the wider world whilst improving their literacy skills. For more information on our curriculum, please visit our literacy page on the school website: [Literacy \(coxgreen.com\)](http://coxgreen.com)



#Readingmatters

Our top picks for Half Term reads!

Year 7: *Pig Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman

Year 8: *The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis

Year 9: *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

Year 10: *Brick Lane* by Monica Ali

Year 11: *Cry, the beloved Country* by Alan Paton

Sixth Form: *The Hare with Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal

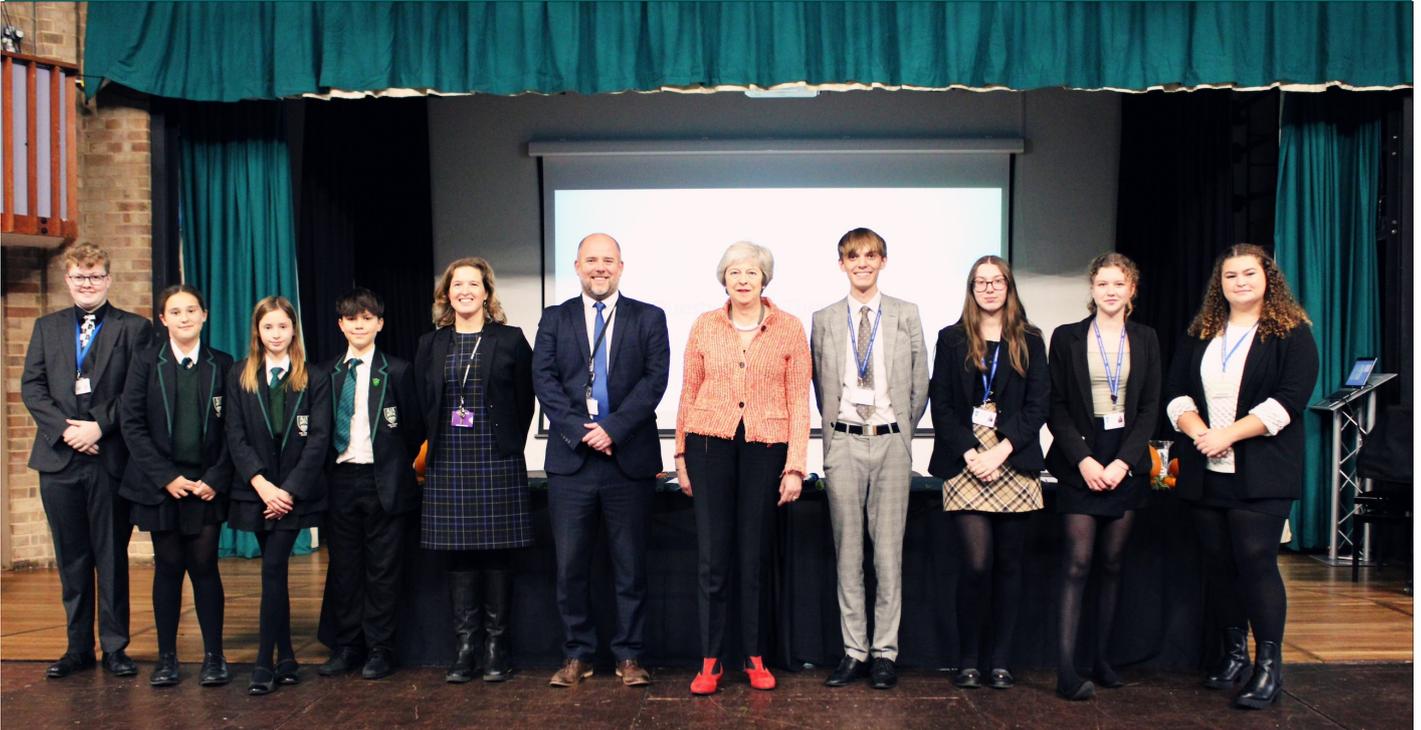


Our Year 10 Reading Mentors are ready for action! Next term, they will be providing 1:1 support for younger pupils, recommending engaging books and help promote a love for reading! #readingmatters

Don't forget to check out more reading lists available on our literacy webpage to support your child with reading!



Personal Development



It's been a busy week for our students in our Personal Development sessions to complete the end of term. Year 7 finished their work on British values, while Year 10 and Year 11 completed their respective tasks exploring their values in future prospects and relationships. Our Sixth Form students continued to look at UCAS and university applications as well as discussing ways to manage stress. Our Junior Student Leaders enjoyed an adventurous team building session together which proved great fun! Year 8 and Year 9 focused on studying local and national politics in their Personal Development sessions and discussed the importance of having a voice. Both year groups were excited to welcome special guests to the school this week; in lively Question Time sessions, Year 8 met with our local MP, Theresa May and Year 9 participated with our local councillors. Next term, Years 7-10 and Sixth Form will be looking at Relationships and Sex Education, while Year 11 will start to prepare for their futures with interview practice. We will also be holding an Anti-Bullying Day on November 17th for Y7-10.



COX GREEN SCHOOL'S
HISTORY CLUB

HISTORY CLUB IS COMING TO COX GREEN

Come on down to F4 every Friday break 2



Each week we will focus on a different period of History, entailing in lots of fun activities!

3/11/23 – Gunpowder plot
10/11/23 – Nelson's Flags
17/11/23 – Witch trials
More to be decided ...

DIRECTCLOTHING

SCHOOLWEAR | CORPORATEWEAR | TEAMWEAR | HOSPITALITY

Direct Clothing will be temporarily closing their website for their annual stock take.

No new orders will be taken from Monday 23rd October and the website will be under maintenance until Friday 27th October.

Any orders placed once the website comes back on line on Sunday 29th October, will be processed and delivered to the school by Wednesday 1st November.



Notices



Online Mental Health and Wellbeing Support for Young People

Over the coming weeks, your child may mention that they have been made aware of a service called Kooth. It provides early intervention mental health support to children and young people. Kooth is free to access via any internet-connected tablet, computer or smartphone. There are no waiting lists or thresholds to meet and a referral from a medical professional is not needed. Your child can join Kooth anonymously simply by visiting www.kooth.com. Kooth offers young people a range and choice of support options under one digital roof.

It has services that are accessible 7 days a week, 365 days a year. This includes one to one text based sessions with experienced counsellors and wellbeing practitioners run from midday to 10pm on weekdays, and from 6 -10pm at the weekend. Appointments can be booked in advance or accessed via a drop-in text-based chat. Kooth also provides a fully safeguarded and pre-moderated community with a library of peer and professional created articles. And there are discussion forums too. All content is pre-moderated and age appropriate.

Kooth covers many topics on the website including relationships, LGBTQIA+, exam stress, anxiety, eating difficulties, self harm, suicidal thoughts, body image, social media, bullying and family worries. All of these subjects affecting young peoples' mental health are presenting issues that Kooth and other mental health providers see from all age groups. Kooth is commissioned by the NHS and clinically approved for children from the age of 10, and is the only digital mental health provider to hold a BACP (British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy) accreditation across the UK.

If you would like to know more about Kooth you can watch a 5 minute overview here: [Parent Carer 5 min webinar.mp4 on Vimeo](#) and if you have any questions please do let Mrs Phelps or a member of the SAFE Team know.

If you would prefer to contact Kooth directly, please email parents@kooth.com.



Sports News

Results

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / Away	Time Start	Competition	Result
Tuesday 17th October	Table Tennis	Year 10 & 11	Oakbank	Away	3:30pm	Friendly	Won
Wednesday 18th October	Netball	Year 11 Girls	Various	Away	4:00pm	Furze Platt League	Cancelled
Thursday 19th October	Football	U13 Boys	Bohunt	Home	4:00pm	National Cup	W 2-0

Fixtures

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / Away	Time Start	Competition
Tuesday 31st October	Football	U15 Boys	Forest School	Away	3:30pm	National Cup
Wednesday 1st November	Netball	Year 8 Girls A Team	Various	Away	4:00pm	Furze Platt League
	Basketball	U14 Boys	Langley Grammar	Away	3:45pm	League
Thursday 2nd November	Basketball	U16 Boys	St. Bernards	Away	3:45pm	League