



COX GREEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of our staff and students, we would like to thank everyone for supporting our charity fundraisers this month. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of donations, including contributions to the food bank collection, toy drives and support of our student bake sales. Your help for these charity fundraisers will make a difference to many children at Christmas this year and we are all thankful for your support.



Year 11 parents, please be aware that we have extended the deposit deadline for the prom until Sunday 14th December. If your child would like to attend, please ensure the £25 deposit is paid by this time to secure their place. Please continue to encourage your child to earn achievement points, which will be exchanged for discounts and incentives to enhance their prom experience. As a reminder, every student who reaches 250 achievement points by the end of January will receive a £5 discount on their prom ticket. Any student who reaches 500 points will receive a £10 discount in total. From January, once their tickets have been booked, students will then have the chance to become prom VIPs by reaching other milestones in achievement points, attendance, and engagement with school life. Good luck!

The year group Christmas lunches will take place next Tuesday for Year 7 and 8 and then on Wednesday for Year 9, 10, 11 and 6th Form. If your child has not pre-booked a Christmas lunch, please remind them that they will be able to purchase food at break 1 only.

Good luck and best wishes to our talented students who will be performing in the Winter Concert tonight. We are all looking forward to what promises to be an enjoyable evening!

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

Weekly Calendar: Timetable Week 1

Monday 15 th December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Doors
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 & 8 Christmas Lunch – Pre-booked only • A-Level English Trip to see Othello
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 9, 10, 11 & Sixth Form Christmas Lunch – Pre-booked only
Thursday 18 th December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Friday 19 th December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of term – school closes at 12.30pm

COX GREEN SCHOOL SCHOOL NOTICES

Friday 19th December 2025
Christmas Jumper Day



Students are welcome to wear non uniform (Christmas jumpers optional) for a cash donation of £1 to take part.

End of Term: School finishes at 12.30pm

*** Christmas Holidays:**
Monday 22nd December 2025
to Monday 5th January 2026.

Term 3 resumes on Tuesday 6th January
2026 for all year groups.

THE RAIL SAFE FRIENDLY PROGRAMME
The Rail Safe Friendly programme has educated over **3 million young people** on the dangers of the railways.

Discover our FREE rail safety videos and keep your children safe by visiting railsafefriendly.com



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DON'T LET YOUR CHILDREN BECOME THE NEXT STATISTIC

"I implore you to listen to Harrison's story"
Simon Frazer, Principal, Guilsborough Academy

According to the **ORR Report** April 23 – March 24 on UK railways:

12 people died in accidents while trespassing	58% were struck by a train or tram	42% were electrocuted
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According to **Rail Safe Friendly**, July 25:

120+ companies support the programme	11,000+ schools in the UK have engaged	20,000+ UK schools still need to be reached
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Students at Cox Green School have taken part in the Rail Safe Friendly programme with Network Rail. We are delighted to share with you that the students achieved Bronze certification. Congratulations and a huge well done!

After losing his grandparents, Martin decided that he wanted to do something for Thames Hospice. Following a family discussion, he came up with the idea of making bird boxes. The design for the bird boxes was found on the RSPB website and boxes for robins and other birds were made, depending on what was wanted.

All were made using donated and reclaimed wood, e.g. from pallets donated by local businesses and old decking from the garden. The bird boxes have been bought by a variety of people and some are up in a couple of local primary schools. The fundraising was started in September 2024 and has just finished in November 2025, raising a grand total of £641 for Thames Hospice. Mr Edwards would like to congratulate Martin on his incredible achievement and funds raised for the hospice.



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On Wednesday, a selection of students from Years 7 - 11 took part in the annual GCHQ Christmas Challenge. The GCHQ (Government Communications Headquarters) are the UK's intelligence, security and cyber team. The agency regularly release popular puzzles and brainteasers designed on a similar format to the tests used by the GCHQ for their own colleagues! The puzzles are designed to polish creative thinking skills and challenge young people to have fun while thinking outside of the box! The GCHQ Christmas Challenge is open to thousands of secondary schools to take part, and the puzzles are designed for the students to work together as a team. We have included photos of our teams per year group under the 'What We Did This Week' section. The results will be released on the GCHQ website very soon! If you or your child would like to have a go at solving some of the GCHQ puzzles, these are published on their social media platforms. The link here has some more information and introductory puzzles to try: <https://www.gchq.gov.uk/section/news/puzzles>



YOUNG MINDS
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:

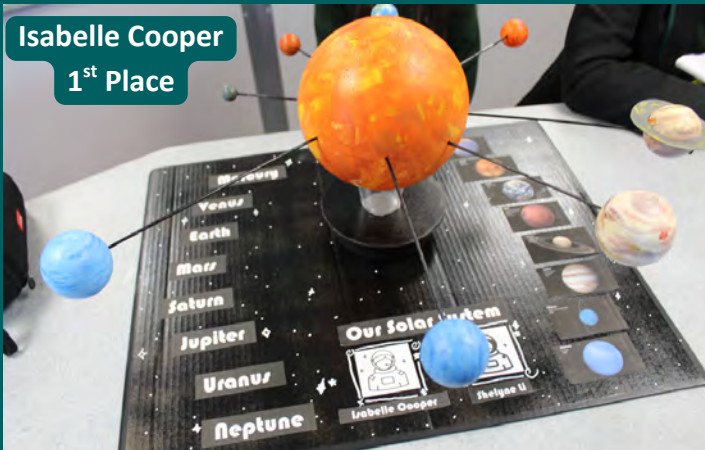
In preparation for the upcoming holidays, YM charity
have a number of resources for *Coping with Festive
Anxiety*.

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

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The Science Department were thrilled with the submissions from Year 7 for the Space Project! The standard of entries was incredibly high and we have included our winners below! Congratulations to Finn Mariaux who was also runner up with a detailed and informative powerpoint presentation!

Isabelle Cooper
1st Place



Harleen Lota &
Georgia Walton
Runner up



A huge thank you to everyone who supported the JSL charity bake sale! The students were thrilled to raise over £100 which will be donated to Water Aid. The students are still welcoming donations to the charity. If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code on the left. Thank you once again to all involved!



This week's debating exchange with Eton College was the final session for the Autumn Term and for the festive season the motion was "This house believes that Santa is a good role model".

With 15 Cox Green students debating, there was enough for two British Parliamentary debates. Arguments ranged from the way Santa encouraged generosity in families, and brought them together, getting people to think of others not just themselves, to (for the opposition) the argument, that Santa was a role model for breaking and entering households when he climbed down chimneys to steal biscuits!

This latter issue was hotly contested with affirmative teams arguing that writing a letter to Santa and leaving out biscuits was actually inviting him to visit, and that chimneys have not yet evolved to have door bells! The biscuits themselves did also give rise to a discussion of healthy eating, and whether Santa should be aiming for a healthier weight. However, as the reindeer were given carrots, it was very evenly matched. Ultimately, all concluded that generosity and kindness at Christmas was something to be celebrated.

Debating will resume in the new year when all debaters look forward to a new range of motions!

COX GREEN SCHOOL

WHAT WE DID THIS WEEK



Year 7

Stars of the Week

Tara Pinkerton

Nominated for fantastic effort in Art, demonstrating different shading techniques.

Betsy Brazil, Molly James, Isabelle Cooper, Anthony Gutierrez Luna and Maya Deliu

Nominated for brilliant work in Food Technology during the practical lesson.

Hannah Armsdon and Finn Mariaux

Nominated for excellent effort and commitment in English. Well done!

Imogen King

Nominated for continued excellent effort and attitude to learning in French lessons.

Chester Stevens and Bartosz Olszak

Nominated for a fantastic shoe drawing submitted for homework in Art.

Georgia Walton

Nominated for representing school values.



Our Year 7 Boys took part in a 5-a-side tournament at Bohunt School and gave a good account of themselves, winning 2 and drawing 1 of their 4 matches.

There were some good skills on display and some good teamwork too. Harry Cairncross scored the goal of the day with a left foot strike into the top corner of the net – “top bins” as they say!

Well done to the team!

Year 7

Bailey Padget and Ffion Pugh

Nominated for great effort in PE lessons.

Sophia Matthews

Nominated for excellent work in Computer Science.

Alex Porter and William Knight

Nominated for excellent work in languages.

Joe Garside

Nominated for making great progress in Art.

Kavan Bhachoo

Nominated for fantastic engagement in universe lesson in Science.



Year 8

Stars of the Week

Emelia Mullenger and Laila Nancy

Nominated for great work in Art submitting mixed media butterflies.

Amelia Martindale-Prater and Jess Doswell

Nominated for excellent behaviour and attitude in Computing. Well done!

Lewis Dear and Laura Harris

Nominated for great work during Food Technology practical.

William Leggatt and Rocco Christian-Lees

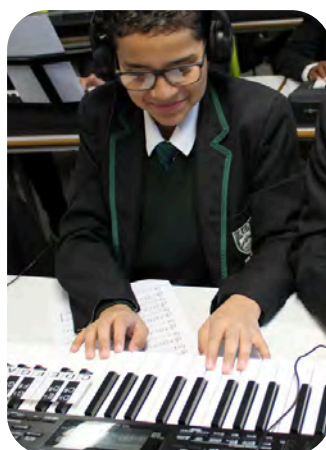
Nominated for great understanding shown in their French lessons.

Seren McEwen and George Bishop

Nominated for consistently good work in Art.

Evie Smith and Jessica Floyd

Nominated for imaginative homework.



Year 8 got into the festive spirit this week and practised playing Carol of the Bells on the keyboard.

Well done to the Year 8 representatives for the GCHQ Challenge.



Year 8

Jack Callaghan

Nominated for great work in Computer Science.

Alfie Mee and

Jamie Tomasso-Trimmings
Nominated for great effort and teamwork in this week's French lesson.



WHAT WE DID THIS WEEK



Year 9

Stars of the Week

Kaleb Matias and Alexander Daley

Nominated for consistent hard work, fantastic effort in class and being kind.

Zach Mahon and Toni Creffield

Nominated for brilliant participation in assembly. Well done!

Layla Stock, Harry Holloway and Amber Heaton

Nominated for fantastic work in Art.

Amber Martindale-Prater

Nominated for excellent work and attitude in Computer Science.

Max Gladden and Jay Swift

Nominated for high quality work in French lessons. Well done!

Charlie Walton, Harrison Walton and Ollie Fisher

Nominated for effort in English.



Congratulations to the Year 9 Boys Football Team who secured an amazing 4-2 victory against Piggott School! The team represented the school proudly. Congratulations to Max Friend who scored the first goal and Sonny Culora who is Man of the Match!



Year 9

Tilly Budd

Nominated for supporting PE fixtures.

Tilly Ellis

Nominated for effort in class this week.

Ethan Fonebi

Daniel Perkins

Daisy Francis

Eliza Dominey

Emma Young

Catherine Atallah

Layla Clarke

Maddison McGuire

Ava Traynor

and Bishan Obhi

Nominated for hard work in Religious Studies.



Year 10

Stars of the Week

Georgia Leroy

Oliver Rankin

and Timothy Chan

Nominated for effort and commitment in English.

Callum Burton

Nominated for great work in Construction. Well done!

Lyndsey Black

Nominated for showing commitment to learning and resilience.

Klenam Gemegah

Dexter Manley

and Yuvan Rajesh

Nominated for hard work and effort in class.

Sekina Abubakari

Nominated for excellent progress this week.



Year 10

Cameron Hart

Nominated for being a STAR student this week.

Well done!

In Personal Development, the students considered 'What makes a healthy relationship?' and discussed in groups. Year 10 students also excelled in the GCHQ Christmas Challenge.



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Year 11

Stars of the Week

Jacob Pelton-Fry

Nominated for consistent hard work in Design Technology.

Kayce Ludlow

Tammi McCaffery

Olivia Kociuba

Nominated for staying focused and working hard in lessons this week.

Well done!

Asali Pandithage

Nominated for effort and commitment in English.



Year 11



“You’re Hired” took place on Thursday, and Year 11 students took part practicing mock interviews with representatives and volunteers from local businesses. It was wonderful to see the students engaged and confidently practicing the skills that they will ultimately utilise in their next steps for placements and applications. Thank you to Mrs Thompson and the number of volunteers from our local community who gave up their time, and helped make the event such a success for our students. If you or your local business would be interested in volunteering for this annual event, and supporting our next cohort of Year 11 students in 2026, please contact Mrs Thompson via email h.thompson@coxgreen.com.



We have extended the deadline for the prom deposit. If your child would like to attend, the deposit of £25 would need to be paid by Sunday 14th December.



SIXTH FORM NEWS



This week, Year 13 Politics students visited the Houses of Parliament and learned about the roles of the MPs. The students enjoyed a ‘Democratic Access’ tour of the Houses of Parliament, which provided the students with a valuable opportunity to ask questions to people working within government. The trip was extremely beneficial to the students, who will be able to use their experience of the visit for additional knowledge towards their upcoming exams. In Personal Development, Sixth Form were visited by a representative from Royal Holloway who talked to the students about the application process and what to expect about university life on campus!