

COX GREEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

22-25
APRIL 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to all of our students and their families. I hope you all had a restful holiday and enjoyed the first sightings of the warmer weather!

We recently sent out a letter concerning the summer uniform - students are now permitted to wear shorts for Term 5 and Term 6 in light of the warmer weather, however we would ask that these are black, tailored and purchased via our uniform supplier. Students wearing skirts are permitted to wear ankle socks in place of black tights for the warmer weather. Students are expected to arrive at school with their full uniform, including their blazers, ties and school shoes. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support to ensure the students are in full uniform.

Tickets are on sale for the upcoming Open Mic Night on Wednesday 30th April. Refreshments will be provided by the PTFA and both cash and card payments will be accepted. If you would like to volunteer to help run the refreshment stall, please email the Chair via ptfa@coxgreen.com.

Just a reminder for Year 11 parents, please note that for all students who have received an offer for Sixth Form, their induction day will now take place on Tuesday 24th June 2025. For any questions regarding the Sixth Form application process, please contact the team directly.

Best wishes,
Mr Edwards, Headteacher



RECENT LETTERS:

- YEAR 11 LETTER
- UNIFORM LETTER

Weekly Calendar: Timetable Week 1

Monday 28 th April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No sports clubs today due to coaching
Tuesday 29 th April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Army Band Music Day
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Mic Night
Thursday 1 st May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Friday 2 nd May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

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Upcoming Dates Term Five

Monday 5th May 2025
Bank Holiday (School closed)

Wednesday 7th May 2025
Year 13 Leavers Afternoon

Thursday 8th May 2025
GCSE and A-Level exams begin
Year 7 Parents Evening

Friday 9th May 2025
Personal Development (Period 2)

Thursday 15th May 2025
Staff training (Reception to close at 3.30pm)

Wednesday 21st May 2025
DofE Bronze Training Day

Thursday 22nd May 2025
Year 11 Awards Assembly (by invitation only)

Friday 23rd May 2025
Personal Development (Period 3)
Year 11 Leavers and Celebration Afternoon (all students)
End of term (school to close at 3pm)

May Half Term Holiday
Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025

Please note that the sports clubs will not run
on the below dates due to coaching:
16th June 2025 and 7th July 2025

THANK YOU

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to one of our wonderful grandparents, who went above and beyond to help one of our visitors in the last week of term.

The kind hearted individual who was also travelling with his wife, generously offered a lift to our guest from our school to Tyler's Green Middle School. The guest accidentally left their mobile phone in their car and the grandfather kindly returned the lost phone to our school. Our reception team were then able to contact the guest and reunite the phone with its very relieved owner!

Our guest did not find out the name of the grandfather, but did recall they were a retired bank manager and had two grandchildren who attend Cox Green School.

On behalf of our guest, we would like to thank these wonderful grandparents for their kindness returning the lost mobile phone and we hope that they get to see this message!

THANK YOU



JOIN US FOR OUR GENERAL MEETING!

The PTFA warmly invites all parents, carers and friends of the school to attend the upcoming PTFA General Meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the work of the PTFA, share ideas and discover ways to support the school community. The meeting will take place in person at Cox Green School at 5.30pm. All welcome to attend and refreshments provided. Please register your attendance to the Chair via email: ptfa@coxgreen.com

**SAVE
THE DATE**

**PTFA General Meeting
Wednesday 7th May 2025
5.30pm
Cox Green School**

COX GREEN SCHOOL SCHOOL NOTICES

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Going back to school after the holidays will be an exciting time for some children, who will be looking forward to seeing their friends and getting back to learning. However, for children who struggle to attend, the return to school might be daunting. Here are some top tips for parents of children who are worried about the return to school:

Listen to your child's worries and encourage them to discuss their concerns.

Inform the school and keep your child's point of contact updated.

Reassure your child that feeling anxious or nervous is normal.

Build a calming night time routine and limit time using electronics before bed.

Make a list with your child of ways they think they could be supported.

Prepare and arrange something for your child to look forward to after the first week back.

Prepare for return to school; prepare to get up early and check timetables.

Confirm your child's commute to school to help them settle into a routine.

Encourage your child to ensure all the 'back to school' essentials are ready.

Date	Sport	Age Group	Opposition	Home / Away	Time Start	Competition
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	Athletics	Year 9 & Year 10	TVAC	Away	16:00	RBWM League
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	Athletics	Year 7 & Year 8	TVAC	Away	16:00	RBWM League
Wednesday 14 th May 2025	Athletics	U15, U17 & U19	TVAC	Away	16:00	District Trials
Wednesday 21 st May 2025	Athletics	Year 9 & Year 10	TVAC	Away	16:00	RBWM League

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FREE PARENT ONLINE COURSES

Berkshire Healthcare (NHS) are offering a selection of free online courses for parents and carers. For more information and to book, please visit the website [here](#):

NOW communication: communicating with a distressed young person.

Friday 9th May (9:30am – 11:30am, online)

How to recognise distress, how it may present in young people, and how to respond in the moment.

Supporting young people with low mood

Friday 23rd May (9:30am – 11:30am, online)

Exploring what depression is, how it may present in young people, and discussing useful techniques to support.

Supporting young people who self-harm

Friday 6th June (9:30am – 11:30am, online)

Exploring what self-harm is and how it might present, including why young people might self-harm. Includes guidance around how to talk to young people who may be self-harming, and supporting young people with alternative strategies.

Overcoming childhood anxiety

Friday 13th June (9:30am – 11:30am, online)

Exploring when anxiety might be a problem and highlighting key treatment strategies.

Supporting young people with anxiety

Friday 20th June (9:30am – 11:30am, online)

Exploring how anxiety presents in adolescence and how to assess it. Session includes a number of useful techniques to support young people.

Young people's mental health and navigating services

Friday 27th June (9:30am – 11:30am, online)

An information giving session for parents/carers to help identify mental health issues and find appropriate help for young people and their families.



**BERKSHIRE
MUSIC TRUST**
Making music for everyone



Our Creative Arts Department are delighted to announce our new partnership with the Berkshire Music Trust. If your child is interested in learning to play a woodwind instrument, you can apply for music lessons on flute, oboe, saxophone or clarinet at Cox Green School directly through Berkshire Music Trust.

Learning an instrument is great fun and also an excellent work out for the brain, building cognitive skills, team work, mathematical awareness through learning to play every week together.

The music lessons will be scheduled for your child during the school day. Group lessons for 3-6 students for 30 minutes and your child will receive 33 lessons across the academic year. We are also able to offer individual lessons – more information about fees for these can be found at <https://berksmusictrust.org.uk/music/fees/>

Lessons are paid for termly.

If your child is in receipt of pupil premium then the cost of the lessons will be discounted by 70%. Further discounts are also possible for students with SEND.

If you have any further questions about lessons, please contact the team via email at contact@berksmusictrust.org.uk or by telephone on 0118 901 2370.

WHAT WE DID LAST TERM



Stars of the Term



Our Site Team have been working hard over the last few months to improve the site for the benefit of the students and visitors. We have a summary below of the completed projects and we would like to take this opportunity to thank our colleagues in the IT and Site teams for their continued hard work and dedication to the improving the school facilities.



Bisham Building Updates

New cables installed to improve the Wi-Fi

New CCTV installed



Additional e-sign in tablet installed



New doors in Cookham building



This term, our students have been busy and have successfully raised money for a number of charities and community works, including Save the Children and Comic Relief. Our students raised over £1,000 in donations for their Swimathon, which was divided between the Maidenhead Lions and the Alexander Devine hospice. On behalf of the charities, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their hard work organising the fundraising events and also to their families for their generous sponsorship and support.

Charity Fundraisers



Last term was extremely busy for our PE Department! In matches against other schools, the students have played a total of 28 football games, 6 basketball games and 3 badminton tournaments (led by Mr Mitchell!) with a total of 6 other schools competing. Year 7 have settled in well and quickly found their feet, establishing two successful teams to take part in their mini basketball tournaments. They have performed exceptionally well and their enthusiasm for the sport is fantastic to see! The PE Department have introduced new clubs such as Rugby and Rock Climbing. We are also very proud of the uptake and participation for our Girls' Football teams. The U16 team played against Newlands school at the end of term and despite losing, the players showed resilience throughout, making it one of the most enjoyable matches of the season! Congratulations to Keevah Delaney (Player of the Match) and special mention to Year 11 students, Maggie White and Bene Nsiah-Boateng, who represented the school in the team for the final time.

Updates from PE Department



As we move into the summer term and (hopefully) the warmer weather, the PE staff are looking forward to opening up more clubs to include Athletics, Cricket and Rounders. The department will regularly organise teams to participate in local events such as the Thames Valley Athletics Centre in Eton and the RBWM League and District Championships. And of course, everyone is looking forward to Sports Day when Years 7-10 (and staff!) will have an opportunity to take part!

WHAT WE DID LAST TERM



GREASE

A School Production



Our school production of 'Grease!' was a resounding success, showcasing the talent and commitment of the students. The cast and crew (who make up 10% of the Cox Green student population!) rehearsed three times a week, with each student clocking up a minimum of 60 hours of rehearsal time before the final production! Backstage, the staff held their breath as, upon arrival, the famous car almost didn't fit through the theatre doors! To the surprise of the Director, our students humorously added to the 'authenticity' of the props, by bringing in real takeaway burgers for the diner scene! In addition, ginger ale cans were selected due to their close resemblance to the actual 1950s drinks. The show was a testament to teamwork; from some of the costumes generously loaned to the production by Miss Piggott, to the stage crew meticulously transforming the set scenery in a mere 20 seconds! Every single student involved should be incredibly proud of their efforts to contribute to such a outstanding performance.



Well done all!



Our Creative Arts Department have had a very successful term, following the triumph of the school production! (more details on the left). The team were delighted to receive the Music Mark Award from the Berkshire Music Hub, which is given in recognition of schools who provide a high quality music education for young people. This prestigious award offers a gateway for the students to access additional opportunities making music outside of the classroom, and for our staff to take part in extra CPD sessions. Our A-Level and GCSE students have enjoyed two musical theatre trips to support their content on the curriculum and Mr Forster is looking forward to starting a new club 'Boys can Sing!' aimed for Year 7 and 8 boys. We have been thrilled with the recent turn out to the new DT club, which takes place after school on Wednesdays. Spaces are available but limited - please ask your child to speak to Mr Bali if they would like to attend!

Updates from Creative Arts Department



BOYS CAN SING!

Meet like minded people | Learn a new skill

Produce endorphins - the happy hormone | Ease stress and anxiety

Have fun!

Year 7 and 8 Boys
Thursday registration in W3



'The Great Cox Green Book Share'

Hosted by Miss Burke, our teaching staff took part in 'The Great Cox Green Book Share'. The purpose of this event was to provide the teaching staff with an opportunity to network and collaborate with different departments. The staff were encouraged to bring examples of their students' exemplary work in order to exchange ideas, showcase classroom successes and to provide each other with feedback to further enrich their lessons.

