COX GREEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,













please encourage them to speak to the team if they have any questions. Please do take a moment to review the Sixth Form page on the school website, which has many useful links including the Sixth Form prospectus, further information about the courses available, and a full breakdown of the entry requirements per subject. We are very proud of our students across all year groups, as they have all been taking part in Anti-Bullying Week. This is a national campaign organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, a charity with a goal to unite against bullying. This year, the theme of the campaign is 'Power for Good', aiming to stand up to bullying, spread kindness, and finally, create safer school environments for everyone to enjoy. On behalf of all us, I would like to thank Mrs Morgan-Russell and her Anti-Bullying student

ambassadors for putting together such an important and informative event for us all to enjoy. You can read more about the students' activities on page 5 of the newsletter, and also find out more about

Our Sixth Form applications are now open! We were thrilled with the turnout of Year 11 students and their families who attended the Sixth Form Open Evening. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces, and we hope you all enjoyed the event. Thank you to James, Angel and the Student Leadership team for your support and speeches. The deadline for the Sixth Form applications is Sunday 22nd February, however we do invite your child to submit their applications as soon as possible. Mr

Burrows and the Sixth Form staff are available to support your child through the application process -

Christmas has arrived early in the Art Department! We are all looking forward to finding out the winners of the Christmas Card Competition 2025! Please note the deadline to order the Cox Green School Christmas cards is Friday 21st November.

the Anti-Bullying Alliance charity works here: https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/

RECENT LETTERS:

- FOOTBALL RESIDENTIAL TO MANCHESTER CITY FC
- SKI TRIP TO ITALY FEBRUARY 2027
- **CONTAINMENT DRILL LETTER**

/r Cdnards

Monday 17" November 2025	Road Safety Awareness Week
Tuesday 18 th November 2025	• None
Wednesday 19 th November 2025	JSL Bake Sale - Break 1 and 2 (outside Sixth Form Building)
Thursday 20 th November 2025	None
Friday 21 st November 2025	Deadline to order the Cox Green School Christmas cards: www.apfsorders.co.uk

SCHOOL NOTICES



Upcoming Dates Term Two

Monday 24th November 2025 Year 11 and Year 13 Mocks begin

Tuesday 25th November 2025Personal Development: Period 1

Thursday 27th November 2025
Staff Training: Reception to close at 3.30pm

Friday 5th December 2025 INSET Day - school closed

Tuesday 9th December 2025 Personal Development: <u>Period 2</u>

Wednesday 10th December 2025
Year 13 Parliament Tour Trip

Thursday 11th December 2025 You're Hired! (Year 11 only) Winter Concert (evening - timings TBA)

> Monday 15th December 2025 Christmas Doors Competition

Tuesday 16th December 2025

Year 7 & 8 Christmas Lunch – Pre-booked only

A-Level English Trip to see *Othello*

Wednesday 17th December 2025 Year 9, 10, 11 and Sixth Form Christmas Lunch – Pre-booked only

Friday 19th December 2025

Christmas Jumper Day / Non Uniform Day (Cash donation of £1 for students 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.

NEW SEASON, NEW MENU!

Innovate

WHAT'S COOKING AFTER HALF TERM?

There's lots to look forward to on the menu when students return after half term! Our caterers have refreshed the school restaurant offer to bring warm, hearty meals for the colder months, alongside fresh, lighter options — all designed to give students variety, balance, and great taste every day.

The new winter menu is full of comforting classics like roast Wednesdays and fish and chips Fridays, as well as tasty vegetarian and vegan dishes that make it easy to eat well.



MAKE IT A MEAL DEAL!



For those who prefer something cold and easy, the Chill Deal is a great option — four items (such as a roll, yoghurt, fruit pot, or small home bake) all within the Free School Meal allowance.



OUR CONCEPTS AT LUNCHTIME

Our popular StreetVibes range brings a taste of the High Street to school with a build-your-own format. It's all about choice, flavour, and fun, encouraging students to create meals that suit their tastes. Each week, Tuesdays to Thursdays, a new concept will take centre stage, but the approach stays the same!



CHOOSE IT!

Whether its rice, noodles or salad, we have a variety of bases to create the foundations of a delicious dish.

ADD IT!

Add proteins such as grilled chicken, savoury beef or plant based alternatives.

TOP IT!

Top it with some chilli or a cool mayo, whichever finishes the dish right for you.



There's even more to enjoy — grab a **PowerBites** snack pot at break, try the **Naturally** vegetarian and vegan options, or start the day with a **free porridge breakfast**.

For anyone concerned about food allergies, our **Allergen Buddies** (purple hat and apron) are around to help with safe choices. Just ask!

VOLUE JEFRS

The PTFA are looking for volunteers to support with refreshments for the Winter Concert on the evening of Thursday 11th December. The PTFA are welcoming non members for supporting this event. Please get in touch via ptfa@coxgreen.com if you would like to help!



SCHOOL NOTICES







Debating with Eton College this half term resumed on Monday, with the motion "The house would legalise the use of Performance Enhancing Drugs (PEDs) in sport". Cox Green students split into three groups to hold British Parliamentary (BP) style debates, with Eton College students also participating. Initially, there was some time spent planning arguments for and against the topic, as this was a limited preparation debate. Then according to BP rules, Opening Government commenced the case for the proposition, followed by Opening Opposition with the two sides of the motion being argued turn and turn about. It was a good opportunity for students to concentrate on the fundamentals of debating e.g. firstly saying what their argument was about, secondly, saying why their argument was true, and thirdly saying why their argument was important, before engaging with the opposition case and rejecting it with rebuttal. The focus of the debate in the sessions that occurred, tended to be on why Low Income Countries (LICs) benefited more from PEDs, and on the other hand, how PEDs could be detrimental to the health of the athletes. Students enjoyed honing their craft, and we look forward to the next session taking place!



Help Us Keep Families Safe from Courier Fraud in the Thames Valley

The Independent charity Crimestoppers and Thames Valley Police are working together to stop a type of scam called courier fraud—and we need your help to protect children, parents, grandparents, and the whole community.

What Is Courier Fraud?

Courier fraud is when a scammer pretends to be a police officer or bank worker and tricks someone into handing over money or valuables. Here's how it works:

- They call and say there's a problem with your bank account.
- They call and ask for assistance in an investigation.
- They ask for private details like your PIN or bank card.
- They tell you to take out money or buy expensive items.
- Then they send a courier or taxi to collect it.
- Once they have it—they disappear,



This can happen to anyone, but scammers often target older people or young people who may not know it's a trick.

More information is available at Crimestoppers Campaign.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING





This week, we were thrilled to welcome our Year 11 students to the Sixth Form Open Evening, which took place yesterday. During the event, they had the opportunity to explore the Sixth Form facilities, discuss subject choices, meet the teachers and hear directly for our current students about their time at Sixth Form. The event showcased the variety of subjects, enrichment clubs and leadership opportunities; giving students and families a clear picture of what to expect for their academic and social life at Cox Green Sixth Form! Applications to Sixth Form and Sports Academy are now open. Please direct your child to the course subject leader or Mr Burrows if they have any questions relating to the course entry requirements, future pathways or the application process itself.



Deadline for applications: Sunday 22nd February 2026
Internal admission interviews start: Monday 9th March 2026
External interview evening: Thursday 5th March 2026
Sixth Form Induction Day: Tuesday 23rd June 2026
GCSE Results Day: Thursday 20th August 2026
Enrolment interviews: Thursday 20th August 2026
Enrolment interviews: Friday 21st August 2026

Meet the Team



Mr J Burrows



Ms L Beech
Deputy Head of Sixth Form



MORE INFORMATION

2026 Subject Guidance Booklet

Sixth Form Prospectus

Pastoral Program







Monday 10th to Friday 14th November

#AntiBullyingWeek #PowerForGood



You're not alone

Access support from other young people and professionals, all at your own pace



Banter or Bullying?

Online bullying

Legal implications of bullying

Managing our emotions

Discriminatory Language

Be heard @ Cox Green

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This week, we have been celebrating the national Anti-Bullying Week! The theme this year is 'Power for Good', using our power to stand up to bullying. Mrs Morgan-Russell and our Anti-Bullying student ambassadors arranged a week of activities for the students across all year groups to spread kindness, prevent bullying and create a safer, friendlier environment for each other.

We were lucky to be joined by several representatives of pastoral services for young people on Tuesday. The students took part in a carousel of discussions that aimed to raise awareness and prompt positive discussions. A key topic explored by the students was the concept of 'Banter vs Bullying'. In this discussion led by Miss Last and Mrs Cowling, the students were presented with examples of real life school scenarios to discuss and identify the important differences between the two. We would like to thank all of our guests for attending and supporting our students.

Finally, our students were delighted to partner with Manor Green school on Wednesday. The students collaborated for an outdoor musical performance - luckily the rain managed to hold off until the end. The students joined together for a musical performance using a selection of handmade instruments or African drums. Some students opted to use sign language to participate, making the event inclusive and enjoyable for everyone. Thank you to all who took part in the event.



ANTI BULLYING WEEK



This week, our Sixth Form volunteers visited Lowbrook primary school and took the lead in the session, helping the students prepare for the 'Beat Bullying' activity as part of Anti-Bullying week. The volunteers organised small groups of the primary school pupils and helped them craft their own drums from recyclable materials for the upcoming musical performance. The Sixth Form volunteers received excellent feedback from Lowbrook for their support and participation.









