

# Cheney School

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## Head

Rupert Moreton, BA, MA, M.Ed

*Think for yourself, act for others*

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of the first half term of the year - it's always a long and tiring one but our staff, students and parents alike have made it a smooth and certainly enjoyable experience for everyone - thank you to all.

Our Year 7 and 12 students have settled into their new roles within the school very well and their work ethic, especially of our new year 12 students, is a positive and focussed one. This is a great way to start the year and I'm sure will continue all the way through their time in Sixth Form.

We have also hosted a number of open events and welcomed over 350 prospective parents through our doors. A big thank you to all the students who helped out - they are our biggest asset and this was reflected in the positive feedback we have had from visiting families.

Students' uniform has generally been of a very high standard since coming back: thank you for your support. I would like to remind parents of some specifics including no hoodies inside the school gates and that black school trousers should be in line with our uniform guidelines <https://www.cheney.oxon.sch.uk/uniform/>

Unfortunately, there has been a road traffic accident outside school this week involving one of our students. May I remind you to talk to you son/daughter about road safety and also consider where you are dropping off/picking up students and whether it is a safe place to do so. Please see the separate communication about road safety and how you may be able to help.

Finally, I would like to remind you of some key dates for your diary for the following half term:

- **Students will return after October half term on Wednesday 31 October** - this is a slightly extended half term as we came back early after the Summer break.
- **Dress down day** - Friday 2 November - Please send your child with £1 which will be collected at the beginning of the day.
- **Year 13 Parents Evening** - Wednesday 31 October 5-7pm
- **Year 7 Parents Evening** – Thursday 8 November - appointment sheets have been handed out this week to students.
- **Year 11 Maths and English Mock Exams** - Week commencing 5 November
- **School half day - Wednesday 21 November** - We have some essential training for staff to prepare for our new Management Information System to go live in January 2019.
- **Sixth Form Open Evening** - Thursday 22 November 6-8pm
- **Year 11 Mock Exams** - Week commencing 26 November and 3 December
- **Christmas Show** - Thursday 13 December - doors open at 6.30pm
- **Suffrage Event with the Classics Centre** - Friday 14 December
- **School finishes for Christmas** - Wednesday 19 December - school will finish at 3.10pm

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Thank you again for your continued support, and wishing you a restful half term.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Moreton - Head of School