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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support throughout this term. It's been another busy one!

Please note: Year 13 students start next term is on Tuesday 23 April. Students are invited to join the sixth form team from 9:00 to 10:00 in L1 for a welcome cup of tea and to help us plan for their final weeks in school. This will include their leavers assembly on Friday 24 May, a stress-down day and relaxation and sporting activities after school. Alternatively they can come to school at 10:30 when normal lessons will commence.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the results from the recent parental feedback questionnaire we asked you to complete. [You can see the full set of results here](#), and if parents submitted specific comments, the Leadership Team are working to address them on an individual basis. I would like to invite you to an Open Forum on **1 May 6-7pm** in the Assembly Hall with members of the Leadership Team - this is your opportunity to ask any questions you may have about your (or your child's) experiences this year.

You will also have received emails about our new Parent Portal: it's a great tool for you to use to keep up-to-date with your child's school life and, from after the Easter break, to view their school report. If you haven't logged on or didn't receive the emails, please contact our Communications team: communications@cheney.oxon.sch.uk.

Our revision sessions have started and the library is devoted to our exam students at certain times to allow them to focus on revision. Students have completed their mock exams and will have a good idea about their priority areas for revision. Parents, carers and students are encouraged to contact classroom teachers with any questions or concerns they may have. There are a number of libraries students can use during school holidays for resources, or somewhere quiet/different to study. Oxford Brookes welcome students from years 11-13. You can find other local libraries in your area using the [Oxfordshire County Council libraries app](#).

We have, once again, had many events this term which are a testament to the talent and hard work of our school community. These include:

- The drama show 'A Tale of Two Cities' with the biggest cast any Cheney drama show has ever had!
- Our Year 11-13 Careers Convention which included over 50 of our parents and local community members speaking to 150 of our students about career paths.
- A Sixth Form Conference with a keynote speech from Kate Rayworth about Climate Change and how we can all make a difference as well as many life skills workshops from a range of different organisations.
- We also appointed our new Student Senior Leadership Team. Big congratulations to our 6 SSLT Ambassadors: Houda Lmalak, Mak Macapagal, Adel Doci, Aditi Dahal, Adam Hamed and Tasha Fenton and also to our SSLT Project Leaders: Fawad Abbasi, Awais Nisar, Egis Mata, Abdullah Afzal, Katja Letowska and Rosie Lilwall. We know this group of young people are going to make a huge change to our community with their passion and determination: we are very excited about watching them grow!
- A number of Year 7, 8 and 9 students enjoyed a poetry workshop with our own published poet and English teacher Mrs Jones-Mohaghegh where they explored and wrote their own poetry inspired by nature. We hope to run more workshops later in the year for our budding writers.

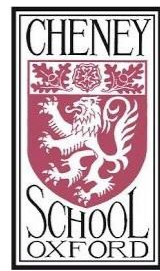
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- We welcomed some real pieces of the Moon for our Science students to explore. They were under the watchful eye of Mr Preston for their whole visit and made for some very exciting Science lessons.
- In Design Technology, our Year 7 students have been competing for the Race for the Line STEM competition and four of our students will be representing Cheney at the Regional Finals at RAF Benson.
- In languages, another term full of international events with the visit from both of our partner schools in Grenoble (France) and Bonn (Germany). Thank you to staff, students and parents who have made these partnerships so successful. Our Yr 8 students also had the opportunity to go and see a German Play at Headington Girls' School.
- Four of our Year 10 students have made national news with their petition to get climate change taught more widely on the curriculum. Their drive and determination is great to see. [Watch their BBC News coverage here](#). You may also have read about them in the Oxford Mail, the Evening Standard, or heard them on BBC Radio One. There are now over 64,000 signatures on the petition - [you can sign it here](#).
- As always, many, many sporting successes including:
 - The best ever Cheney scores for the Year 7 boys and Year 7 girls in the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships.
 - The year 7 and 10 boys rugby teams had some great wins at the Sibford Sevens tournament
 - Our U14 girls football team won against Wood Green School in Witney and Wallingford School and are now due to play Henry Box school in the county finals.
 - Three Year 8 girls who, out of school, won the U14 Division two title in Netball.
 - The U15 boys and girls and U19 boys are all through to the county Basketball semi-finals.
- The school community has been humbled and are all incredibly proud of the response of a group of our Year 11 students to the racial graffiti that appeared on an external school wall this term. You can see the letter they wrote [here](#), and watch this space for more information and how you may be able to help them with the project. They also received some coverage from the Press on the [back of their idea](#).

Finally, Cheney Friends have launched their second hand uniform sales this year which have been very successful, and they need more stock. If you have any uniform at home that you no longer need, please send it in with your son/daughter who can take it to the school shop or their year area. All donations will be gratefully received!

Thank you, once again.

Kind regards,

Mr Moreton
Head of School