



Head

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have managed to log on to our Parent Portal this term. All students in year 7-11 have received reports this term and you can now view those on the parent portal. If you haven't logged on or need reminding of your log on details, please contact our Communications team:

communications@cheney.oxon.sch.uk.

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 diversity mural project mural proposed by a group of year 11 students has picked up pace. We have launched a crowdfunding campaign to raise money for the mural and have been blown away by our school and local community's generosity - the total now stands at **over £3,000**. If you would like to see more about the campaign, donate or read the messages our donors have left for us, [please click here](#).
- Sometimes we don't get chance to say thank you because life is just too busy. We have a wonderful staff community making the school the great place it is, and this term we have launched a postcard scheme to allow you, or your child(ren), to thank those people. [You can do so by completing this form](#). The postcards are making a huge positive impact on our staff community.
- Our year 11 and 13 students had the chance to 'Pet-a-Puppy' whilst raising money for Guide Dogs as an exam de-stresser. The look of joy and genuine smiles on the students faces was priceless and was a welcome break from their looming exams - you can see pictures on our [Facebook page](#).
- Our year 7 -10 students enjoyed a diversity talk from local charity '**Stand up to Racism**'. Each talk was closed by rapper Lolo who was certainly the talk of the school for his inspiring performance.
- MFL have returned from another successful trip to Tarragona with 40 students - A fantastic opportunity for our students who stayed with families and were able to compare school life with Spanish students when visiting the school.
- Last night we held our second Community Iftaar for our school and local community. It is wonderful that our community comes together to celebrate with each other - there was a great buzz in the school.
- Sport achievements:
 - U15 Girls and U15 boys Basketball team are now county champions - well done!
 - Year 9 BTEC Sport students ran the primary school games swimming festival at Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre.
 - The year 8 boys came second in the city athletics competition at Horspath.
 - Some year 7 & 8 students raced in the Falcon coxed quad at Maidenhead Junior Regatta and won the event.

We have put a lot of support in place for our students sitting exams to try and ease the pressure during the exam season. Our year 11 team have organised breakfast in the library for any students sitting morning exams. This could be a chance to de-stress, go over last minute revision points or get a bite to eat before the exam starts. Year 11 students have also enjoyed two well-being lessons this week as an opportunity to take their mind off their exams and enjoy some fresh air with friends and/or teachers. We wish all students continued luck in their exams and the Leadership Team and Year Team are available to support students and families if needed.

As with last year, as we approach the summer months, students will be allowed to wear black shorts as part of their school uniform. Additionally, we will decide on a daily basis whether students will require blazers during the school day and notify them on the gate whether they can take them off during the day. If there is

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a long spell of warmer weather forecast we will notify parents by email that blazers won't be required and during what time.

Finally, Ms Nadeem, our Pastoral Leader for Year 10 will be leaving us today, for pastures new. I would like to personally thank Ms Nadeem for the positive impact she has had on so many of our young people and wish her every success in the future. Ms Giles will be supporting Year 10 until September.

Thank you, once again.

Kind regards,

Mr Moreton
Head of School