



## **Kate Hackett, Head of Sixth Form**

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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Summer Term update**

The summer is here and the students have been working hard but also enjoying the sunshine when they can. Just as a reminder, Term 5 finishes on Friday 24 May

### **Exams**

We are now in exam season, and some of our Year 12s have been taking public exams. Students are allowed to take the day before an exam as study leave, but they have to complete an absence form (to be found outside the office) so that their teachers know they will be absent. The timetable for the public exams can be found [here](#). There's lots of important information on the school website as well -

<https://www.cheney.oxon.sch.uk/exam-information/>

Year 12s start Term 6 with their UCAS Predictor Exams on 3 June. The exams will run all week, with morning exams starting at 9.00am and afternoon exams at 1.30pm. It is important that students arrive ½ hour before their exam to allow them time to sort out their equipment, put their bags and coats in the correct place, and ensure that they feel calm and ready before they enter the exam room. The exam timetable is on the back of this letter. Students will not receive individual timetables, so please help them by highlighting their exams and putting it somewhere visible at home. We will run the exams under strict exam conditions (see overleaf). We will have limited study spaces during the exam week which is in L6, the library and Brighthouse building.

The results of the UCAS Predictor exams will feed into the subject grade that will be on your child's final report of the year. We may arrange for students with unexpected or disappointing results to re-sit their exams before or after the school holidays. In some cases, it may be necessary to review Year 13 courses for students who have a combination of poor learner characteristics, attendance and grades.

### **Work Experience Week**

The 10-15 June is Year 12 Work Experience week, and hopefully your son/daughter has managed to arrange a stimulating and enriching placement.

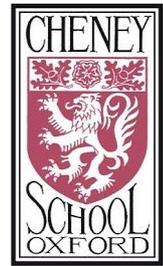
So, for clarity, students are not expected in school APART FROM THEIR EXAMS, between 3 June & 15 June. Timetabled lessons will start again on 17 June.

### **Exam results**

A level/BTEC results will be available on **15 August** and GCSE results will be available on **22 August**. If students are not able to come in to pick up their results there is an authorisation form on the Cheney website which should be completed and returned to school. Further details about timings will be communicated nearer the time.

### **Summer dress code**

Now that the weather is getting warmer, we are very happy to have students in shorts, but can they be no shorter than 10cm above the knee. No sports shorts or beach shorts, please. Also, can students be mindful of not wearing clothes that are overly revealing [as per the dress code](#); students are often asked to work with younger students, or show parents around the school site and we need them to set a good example. We will send students home to change if they are in school in inappropriate dress.

**Head**

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*Think for yourself, act for others*

Please continue to support your child as we move through the exam season. They should now be in the thick of revision, and you can help them by providing a quiet space to study in at home, making sure that they take sensible breaks, are sleeping and eating well, and ensuring their attendance at school is 100%. Please also encourage them to review their phone usage - it's quite an eye opener to get them to look their app usage.

We wish all of them the best of luck in their exams, and thank you for your continued support during what can be a challenging time for our young people.

Kindest regards

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Timetable - Year 12 UCAS Predictors

	Monday 3/6			Tuesday 4/6			Wednesday 5/6			Thursday 6/6			Friday 7/6		
<b>AM</b>	English 1	2 hrs 15 mins	L1	Sociology 1	1 hour 30 mins	L1	Philosophy	1 hour 30 mins	L1	Maths 1	1 hour 30 mins	L1	English 2	1 hour	L1
	Economics 1	1 hour	L1	Computing	2 hours 30 mins	L1	Geography 2	1 hour 30 mins	L1	Sociology 2	2 hours 15 mins	L21	Economics 2	1 hour	L1
<b>PM</b>	Physics	2 hours	L1	Biology	2 hours	L1	History 1	1 hour 30 mins	L1	Chemistry 2	1 hour 30 mins	L1	Maths 2	1 hour 30 mins	L1
	Geography 1	1 hour 30 mins	L1	Product Design/Fashion & Textiles	2 hours 30 mins	L1	Chemistry 1	1 hour 30 mins	L1	History 2	1 hour	L1			

**Exam guidelines & regulations**

- Arrive ½ hour before the exam
- Ensure your mobile phone is SWITCHED OFF and left in your bag in L2
- Dress appropriately according to the Cheney dress code to cope with varying conditions:
  - Lots of (thin) layers are more versatile than one crop top and a thick coat
  - Outdoor coats/hoodies cannot be worn in an exam and MUST be taken off
- You MUST have your lanyard/ID card
- Enter and leave exam rooms in silence
- See-through pencil cases only
- Calculator lids not allowed
- Write clearly in black ink
- Only clear water bottles without a label are allowed
- Ensure the calculator memory empty
- Do not bring smart phones/watches/ipods/mp-players into an exam room.
- No food in the exam room
- Exam conditions apply as soon as you enter an exam room and until you leave
- Do not start writing until told to do so – you may be disqualified!

**Some useful links**

Exams can be a stressful time for our students - here are some links that might provide a useful source of support:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/understanding-stress/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

<https://www.moodjuice.scot.nhs.uk/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/a-z-mental-health/>