

**Head**

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*Think for yourself, act for others***Kate Hackett, Head of Sixth Form****May 2019**

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 with our Leavers' Assembly at 1pm. We are looking forward to sending off these amazing students in style, with musical performances, awards, ice creams and a good old game of rounders. We are sad to see them go, but very excited about all their exciting plans for the summer and beyond.

Exams

We are now in exam season. Up to 24 May, 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/>

So, for clarity, students are not expected in school APART FROM THEIR EXAMS, after 24 May.

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.

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.

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; 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. Our dress code found here is still in place, even when students are on study leave.

End of year prom – student-organised event at Isis Farmhouse

Our Year 13 students have organised the end-of-year celebration for Year 13 on 21 June. Due to the nature of the venue, Cheney is not able to support the event – so we strongly encourage you to talk to your child about the arrangements to ensure their safety. **For clarity, there will be no Cheney staff supervision at the event.**

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

Ms Hackett – Head of Sixth Form (KH@cheney.oxon.sch.uk)**A reminder about exam guidelines & regulations**

- Arrive ½ hour before the exam

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- 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/>