



CHENEY SCHOOL

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Cheney Communications

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Dear Parents and Carers (and staff, governors, Y12&13 students),

We are really looking forward to seeing students next week.

All Parents and Carers

Return to school / lateral flow test basic information

Timings for all tests are below

Year group	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3
7	Mon 8 Mar 8.15	Thurs 11 Mar 9.00	Mon 15 Mar 9.00
8	Mon 8 Mar 9.15	Thurs 11 Mar 10.00	Mon 15 Mar 10.00
9	Mon 8 Mar 10.15	Thurs 11 Mar 11.30	Mon 15 Mar 11.30
10	Mon 8 Mar 11.15	Thurs 11 Mar 1.00	Mon 15 Mar 1.00
11	Mon 8 Mar 12.15	Thurs 11 Mar 2.00	Mon 15 Mar 2.00
Sixth Form	Mon 8 Mar 1.15	Fri 12 Mar 1.00*	Tues 16 Mar 2.00

*NB this is a change: Sixth Form assembly follows at 2pm

Venues: tutor groups 1-3 will be in the Assembly Hall; tutor groups 4 - 8 will be in the Sports Hall and tutor groups 9 and 10 will be in the Chadwick Gym. Sixth Form tutor groups will be divided in the same proportions and will be told by the Sixth Form team directly.

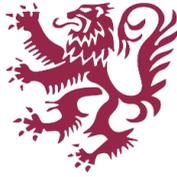
Results: we are going to bulk upload the students' information and the results of the test. Parents will receive an email from Test and Trace with the result. Please note that it will be by email only, not text. Although we have trialled the system, we cannot guarantee how well it will work in practice. The email may take up to 24 hours to come through.

We will ring home for any students that test positive: there is every chance that we will have rung you before your child gets home.

Track and Trace: we will identify close contacts of any students that test positive. Once we are back in school, we will ask all students who have shared a class with a positive case to self-isolate. The one thing we have learned from December's outbreak is that it is better to get ahead of infections, even if it means that more students are asked to self-isolate.

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Free School Meals: in the event of self-isolation, we are aiming to provide vouchers to cover the days out of school. There currently hasn't been any guidance on this, but we will provide more information as and when it becomes necessary

Assemblies and support with the return to school: please see the [support plan outline](#) from Charlotte Broom, our assistant Headteacher, with more details.

Opening Q&A: thank you to those of you who signed up for our virtual Q&A this evening. If you have signed up, please check your inboxes for the meeting link. We have now closed the sign-up form so that we can prepare for the event. We apologise if you were unable to submit your questions, but we will be recording the Q&A and will make this available on the school website.

Home testing kits: we are getting deliveries next week of home testing kits to hand out to students. Families may also order or collect test kits for other family members, but this is not done through school. We will receive test kits only for our current students. Please use the links below to order or collect test kits for other family members:

To collect the test kits: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

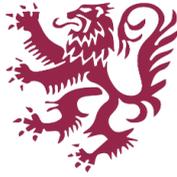
For kits to be delivered: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Letter from Oxfordshire County Council: please see a [reminder letter](#) to all parents and carers from Kevin Gordon, Corporate Director for Children's Services.

PE Lessons and Face Masks: following the most recent guidance from the government documents, students will be expected to wear a face mask in PE when coming into the sports hall and depositing belongings; and for also exiting the facilities before being in an outside space. Once the pupils are outside, if they wish too, they will have the opportunity to remove their masks, but will be required to replace them when making their way back inside the PE facilities. Therefore, please could we ask that students bring **a small, plastic/paper bag labelled with their name** so that we can ensure that masks are kept secure whilst students are participating in PE?

Last Day of Term: we have made an amendment to our term dates information for Term 4. **The last day of term for all students this term will now be Thursday April 1.** This is a change from Wednesday 31 March for Y7-10 and Y12.

World Book Day: thank you to all staff and students for making our virtual World Book Day such a success. Please see Mrs Fenton's [write-up](#) for details about this year's version of the traditional World Book Day tokens and the free £1 books.



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Immunisation Dates: we have confirmation of the new dates for the following immunisations and will be in contact with relevant year groups directly as appropriate:

HPV 2: Wednesday 10 March 2021- Year 9 receiving HPV 2 only (see below)

HPV catch-up: Thursday 25 March 2021- Years 8, 9,10,11,12

TDP/ MEN ACWY: Tuesday 18 May 2021 - Year 9 only

TDP/MEN ACWY catch-up. Friday 11 June 2021 - Year 9, 10, 11

Cheney Student Newsletter: in this week's [student newsletter](#) you will find wonderful pieces of creative writing from Aleksandra in Year 10 and Isabelle in Year 7, as well as art by Ryanshi in Year 10 and Joel in Year 8, plus the regular update from the SSLT.

School Health Nurse Newsletter: Oxfordshire NHS School Nurses have produced [a student edition](#) of their newsletter. There is some great advice for dealing with back-to-school nervousness and feeling good about yourself, as well as tips on how to calm a busy brain, exercise, eye-health and cyberbullying.

Years 7-9 Parents and Carers

Year 7 Parents' Evening, Thursday 11 March: a reminder that Year 7 Parent's Evening will take place next week. This will be a virtual event and students are already busy making their appointments. We will be in touch next week with the information parents and carers need to be able to join the meeting.

Year 7 & 8 pupils and hockey: for the rest of this term year 7 & 8 pupils are going to be taking part in hockey. We recommend for this sport that students wear a gum shield and shin pads. We do use adapted equipment in the form of practice balls and will be using the astrofield for this sport.

Year 9 HPV2 vaccination: Year 9s will receive their second HPV vaccination on Wednesday 10 March. This session is for Year 9 children needing their second HPV immunisation: students who still require the HPV1 (first dose) can join the catch-up session later this month. If you have any questions or concerns about the appointment, please email the Year 9 Office. For questions about the vaccine, you can contact the School Nurse Caroline Smith on: Mob: 07717661485 | Email: Carolinee.smith@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

You will find all our letters and notices on the [website](#) and/or on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Kind regards

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