

Cheney Communications

10 June 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and Year 12 Students

End of year assessments: we are deliberately keeping our end of year assessments low key this year, and will be doing them in class, rather than in the exam hall. More information about this will be coming out next week; in essence, the end of year reports will be backed up by some kind of formal assessment, but done within the normal lesson timetable in the last few weeks of term. The exception to this will be the Year 12 UCAS predictor exams, which will be done formally; the Sixth Form team will write separately about this.

Summer Show: this year's Summer Show - ***A Night in the Cheney Bubble 2021*** will take place on **Thursday 8 July** (poster attached). We all know Cheney Music shows are legendary and this year will be no different! Due to Covid, we are going to be pre-recording the show, as we have done for the previous two shows. However, we have hired a huge screen and will be holding a live event for the Cheney community to come together and watch the show!

The event will take place on Cheney school field with the gates opening at 6pm for a 6.30pm screening - don't be late!

Please bring deck chairs, blankets and even a picnic if you would like! We will not be providing seating, so please come prepared. Refreshments will also be available to purchase from our fantastic PTA. The screen is waterproof, so we will be going ahead no matter what the weather - be prepared to bring wellies and umbrellas depending on the weather forecast!

For those of you who wish to participate, we are also hoping to run a raffle to raise funds. **To make this happen, we are asking our fabulous community (you!) to donate prizes; these could be physical prizes or services, such as a haircut! We also need your support with gazebos - we need to borrow some for the refreshment tables.** If you think you can help with any of the above, Ms Jackson would love to hear from you: lja@cheney.oxon.sch.uk

We are not charging for this event as we would like to bring together the Cheney School community at the end of a challenging year, however we will have donation buckets on the night if you would like to donate to the Cheney Music department.

In order for us to get an idea of numbers, it is essential that you fill in this form (<https://forms.gle/6XPLMY2SSRaWTTjV7>) if you would like to attend. Please bring



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your family, friends, neighbours and pets (ok, not pets) - let's make A Night in the Cheney Bubble one to remember!

Library update:

- the library is now open to all students before school from 8am and after school until 4.15pm
- book deliveries have ceased - students will now receive a notification to pick up their book from the library
- break and lunchtime - students need to check the signs on the door in case there is a reading lesson taking place

#SwitchUpYourLunch: Monday 14 June is #SwitchUpYourLunch day, and we are proud to have pledged to take part and eat a vegetarian lunch.

At Cheney we are helping students' make the connections between diet and the climate. We have a growing number of students who already enjoy plant-based, vegetarian or reduced meat diets and we are building up the range of delicious canteen meals we offer to meet their needs.

On Monday, we hope staff and students will take the opportunity to try something different for just one meal - perhaps one of our delicious veggie canteen options, or a plant-based packed lunch?

To find out why this matters and for tips, advice, meal plans, recipes and more, check out the [Good Food Oxford website](#).

Clean Air Day: it's Clean Air Day next **Thursday 17 June** and our brilliant 6th Form Climate Action Committee have been working on resources for tutors and an active/independent travel competition. We'll be encouraging students to travel to school independently (and actively) on Thursday so we can all enjoy the benefit of cleaner air on that day. Please support your child to get out of the car and walk, cycle, bus or scoot to school, if at all possible. For more information: <https://www.cleanairhub.org.uk/>

Call for Uniform Donations: Cheney Friends is still asking for donations of good quality, clean, uniform items in order to run their hugely popular second-hand uniform sales. Please take some time over half term to sort through any unwanted items and drop off any uniform donations to the main School Reception during opening hours. Many thanks in advance!

Boots2Africa: our [Boots2Africa](#) collection bin has arrived in reception from Stevensons School Uniforms and it's HUGE! Can you help us fill it with your unwanted



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sports shoes and kit? Only clean non-Cheney kit in good condition please. Any pre-loved Cheney kit can also be brought to reception for Cheney Friends.

Please wear your mask in reception and observe social distancing. We have it until the end of the month.

Parents' Evenings: you have one more week to complete our questionnaire and share your views on the online parents' evenings we ran this year: [Online Parents' Evening Questionnaire](#)

Rumble Museum: on the evening of **16 July**, the Rumble Museum is holding a community event to display the museum's beautiful collection of African artefacts. There will be refreshments provided and drop in workshops with Natty Mark Samuels. Find out [more](#).

Classics Summer School: the seventh annual Classics Summer School will take place on the mornings of **23, 24 and 25 August**, at the Iris Classics Centre at Cheney School. This year the summer school will be themed on ancient cities! For details see the [Classics Centre website](#).

Parents and Carers of Years 7-9

Year 7 Language Choice for Year 8: Year 7 students currently studying French will start another language in Year 8. Please check your inboxes for [Ms Reyne's letter](#), sent earlier this week, asking you to express a preference for the language your child would most like to study out of German, Spanish and Latin. This will be in addition to French that they currently study. There is a deadline of **23 June** for you to indicate your preferences.

Year 8 Museum Opportunity for Year 9: Year 8 students are invited to sign up to the Year 9 Museum Enrichment Project starting in September, as part of the AQA Higher Project Qualification. Please see [Dr Robinson's letter](#), sent earlier this week.

Year 9 RE Revision Guides for sale: a reminder that we have a stock of 'My Revision Notes WJEC Eduqas GCSE (9-1) Religious Studies Route A: Covering Christianity, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism'. These can be purchased via parent pay £8 for students to collect from Mr Twycross' office.

Oxplore Bookclub: this month the Oxplore Bookclub is exploring the story of 'Noughts and Crosses' by Malorie Blackman. The book club is for 11-14 year olds and it's free to take part - there's so much to discover: <http://ow.ly/BoV650F5mNj>

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Year 12 Sociology Revision Guides for sale: a reminder that we have a stock of "My Revision Notes: OCR A Level Sociology" for Year 12 Sociology students. These can be purchased via parent pay £15 for students to collect from Mr Twycross' office.

Community

Wild Swimming: with the onset of the hot weather, we understand some young people may be tempted to swim in our local rivers and lakes. This [Oxford City Council article](#) highlights some of the dangers and gives advice on minimising the risks and staying safe. The Wild Water Code is also attached.

East Oxford Low Traffic Neighbourhoods Consultation: big changes are proposed in Divinity Road, St Mary's and St Clements areas of Oxford to make the streets safer and more pleasant for everyone. East Oxford LTN Team have been working closely with local councillors and community members to produce designs to reduce traffic in the area. The aim is to turn Divinity Road, St Mary's and St Clements areas into low traffic neighbourhoods, enabling people to feel safer when they walk and cycle.

The preliminary designs are now ready, and you are invited to feedback your views here: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/eastoxfordltn>

If you would like paper copies of the plans and feedback form, please contact: eastoxfordltn@oxfordshire.gov.uk or call Customer services: 01865 792 422*

*Questions that can't be answered by customer services will be passed to the relevant team who will respond as soon as possible.

Further information from the East Oxford LTN Team is attached.

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

Kind regards

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