

## Cheney Communications

15 July 2021

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

**Covid-19 update:** from Monday, responsibility for tracking infections and issuing self-isolation instructions passes to Track and Trace. Please report any positive test result directly to Track and Trace from Monday morning; we will record the absence of the individual student who has tested positive, but we will not be asking any further students to go home.

**Lateral Flow Tests:** in the circumstances, doing regular LFT is very important. Please remember to send in your results to the school using the [online form](#) as well as uploading results to the [NHS](#). Please do book a PCR test if you have any suspicion at all that your children may have been infected: it is better to err on the side of caution with rates currently so high in Oxford.

At the start of next term, we will once again ask all students to do Lateral Flow Tests before returning to class. The Department for Education wants us to administer two tests to every student at the start of September. The outline of how we will do this is in the 'starting the new school year' section at the end.

**Free School Meals vouchers:** we will once again provide vouchers over the summer holidays for families whose children are eligible. These will be set up to arrive weekly, at a rate of £15 per week for 6 weeks. I need to make it clear that the government has said that this is the last time these vouchers will be provided. I would of course support anything that helps our families who are struggling, but long term changes will need to come through universal credit, rather than through schools. Should you have any problems with your vouchers please email: [fsmsupport@cheney.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:fsmsupport@cheney.oxon.sch.uk). This email will be checked weekly throughout the holidays.

**End of term arrangements:** term ends at **lunchtime on Wednesday 21 July**, which is also sports day. Students will have an end of year celebration in an extended tutor time first thing, then move onto the field for sports day. The track events will then take place (field events are being done over the previous days). This will take around two hours, or a little longer, we will carry out a final roll call and students will then be dismissed from the field at around 12:30.

**DofE:** Good luck to our DofE Silver and Gold participants who will be completing their assessment expeditions this weekend.

**Visitors on site 19-21 July:** from Monday, there are technically no further restrictions, and no further requirement to wear a mask. We will therefore not insist on visitors



**CHENEY SCHOOL**  
*Think for yourself, act for others*

Headteacher: Mr Rob Pavey

Cheney School  
Cheney Lane  
Headington  
OX3 7QH

Tel: 01865 765 726

Email: [office@cheney.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office@cheney.oxon.sch.uk)

wearing a mask, but we would encourage visitors to continue to wear one indoors, either out of courtesy to others who may feel more comfortable, or if it is crowded. Likewise, please keep a sensible social distance from others when coming onto the school site, and continue to use the hand sanitiser available.

**Eid al Adha:** Cheney staff wish peace and happiness to all our students, staff and families celebrating Eid next week, please do follow the normal absence protocols to let us know if your child is absent on Tuesday/Wednesday.

**Reports:** All students in years 7-12 will have received their end of year reports by the end of this week. Please do take time to go through the reports with your child to see the progress they have made over this Academic year. You should also be able to see a copy of your students report on Parent Portal.

**Summer Art Exhibition:** with the weekend ahead, it's the perfect time to visit our virtual SUMMER ART EXHIBITION. Our incredible Y10, Y11 and A-level students have created some phenomenal pieces to amaze and challenge you: <http://ow.ly/A4AI50Fu21i>

**Summer Show:** it's nearly Showtime! Here's what you need to know:

- **Monday 19 July**, gates open at 6pm, show starts at 6.30pm
- Tickets - register your attendance here, there is no cost but we would like to have an idea of numbers for refreshments! <http://ow.ly/VCoo50Fklei>. If you would like to donate to Cheney Music, we will have donation buckets on the gate.
- Bring your own chairs / blankets for the event (weather is looking good - fingers crossed!)
- Take a lateral flow test before you come and socially distance at the event (there's plenty of space!)
- Bring some change for refreshments and the raffle (there's some serious prizes up for grabs!)
- Sit back, relax and enjoy!!

If you're joining us **online** for A Night in the Cheney Bubble here is the link! <https://youtu.be/9YuYUTByuE0>. The show will premiere at 6.30pm on Monday 19 July.

**Second-hand Uniform Sale:** our amazing PTA, Cheney Friends, will be holding an in-person second-hand uniform sale on **Tuesday 20 July**, 12.30-4.00pm in the School's Community Hall. Families from all years are welcome, including those of upcoming Year 7s. The sale will be **cash only** and **socially distanced** please.



**CHENEY SCHOOL**  
*Think for yourself, act for others*

Headteacher: Mr Rob Pavey

Cheney School  
Cheney Lane  
Headington  
OX3 7QH

Tel: 01865 765 726

Email: [office@cheney.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office@cheney.oxon.sch.uk)

Prices: blazers £10, jumpers/cardis £5; red PE t-shirts £2; sports jumpers with Cheney logo £5; black trousers/skirts £1; white polo shirts 50p

**Celebrating Year 7 reading:** Mrs Fenton wants to share with everyone just how impressed she has been with Year 7 reading this year and to remind all our awesome Year 7 readers to continue to read for 20 minutes every night, to choose lots of different books by different authors and to choose something they will enjoy reading. She's awarded every student in Year 7 25 House Points in recognition of their fabulous year - the #AWESOME stats are attached.

**Rumble newsletter 14:** in this week's Rumble Museum newsletter we join Museum Council students as they present their projects and take a journey into the fascinating world of moths with expert and illustrator Richard Lewington.

**Walk-in Covid-19 vaccination clinic at Oxford Brookes:** the pop-up Covid-19 vaccination centre has reopened for 18+. The clinic will run from 9.00am until 7.30pm, Thursday 15 until Sunday 18 July initially and will offer a limited number of vaccinations. Please [follow the Oxford Brookes Community Twitter](#) account for updates on queues and vaccine availability before you set out. [For more information, please see the Oxford Brookes Coronavirus webpage.](#)

### Summer break and exam results

**Results day information:** this year has been particularly difficult for all exam year groups. We hope that our students will get the outcomes they want this summer to progress to the next step of their education. More information is being sent home to students and parents this week detailing how results days are being planned for us to celebrate our students' achievements. Results days are:

10 August: from 9.30am, Year 13

12 August: from 9.30am, Year 11; from 10.30am, Year 12; from 11.30am, Year 10

**Key contacts:** many of our offices are closed during the summer break, but the following key contacts will be available at given dates:

- **Free School Meals:** [fsmsupport@cheney.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:fsmsupport@cheney.oxon.sch.uk) will be monitored weekly.
- **Safeguarding:** see our Summer Safety leaflet attached



**CHENEY SCHOOL**  
*Think for yourself, act for others*

Headteacher: Mr Rob Pavey

Cheney School  
Cheney Lane  
Headington  
OX3 7QH

Tel: 01865 765 726

Email: [office@cheney.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office@cheney.oxon.sch.uk)

- **Exams:** [chs-exams2021@cheney.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:chs-exams2021@cheney.oxon.sch.uk) will be monitored until the end of July and again from 9 August.
- **Sixth Form:** [sixthform@cheney.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@cheney.oxon.sch.uk) will be monitored 10-13 August
- **School Health Nurse:** The school nurse service still operates over the summer. For up to date details families should check the [Oxfordshire NHS School Nurses Facebook page](#), or they can contact the team directly on [SHN.Oxfordshire@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:SHN.Oxfordshire@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk).

Cheney students/parents are welcome to continue to contact Caroline directly on the summer break at [carolinee.smith@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:carolinee.smith@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk) or mobile 07717661485. Caroline has some leave, but there will be an out-of-office set at this time.

**Summer reads:** the long summer break is the perfect time to curl up with a good book – there are loads of new titles to explore and the space to do so; and it is the ideal time to try a new author or genre. However, finding the right book isn't always easy - so Mrs Fenton has put together some [summer reading suggestions for Year 6](#) students and a beautiful update full of tips and fabulous recommendations for Years 7-10 (attached).

**Classics Summer School:** the Classics Summer School will take place on the mornings of 23, 24 and 25 August. Latin for ages 10-11 is now full, but there are still some places in the other classes; for details see the [Classics Centre website](#).

**Holiday activity and food programme (HAF):** Oxfordshire County Council is delivering a Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme in 2021, for school-aged children, aged 5 to 16 years, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

The aim of the programme is to support the physical and mental health and wellbeing of children and young people, encouraging them to engage in interactive and fun activities and provide them with access to a healthy meal. More information on [the County Council family information directory](#).

[Starting the new school year](#)

**Welcoming Year 7s:** we are really excited to be welcoming all our new year 7's on Thursday 2 and Friday 3 September. These two days will be their transition experience and will focus on a tour of the site, meeting and working with their tutor group and sampling a range of lessons. Please see [Mrs Hart's letter](#) of 14 July which includes key information including consent for Lateral flow testing which will take place on site in September.

**Start of term arrangements:** the school will be closed to students for Staff INSET on Tuesday 31 August and Wednesday 1 September.

The school will open to Year 7 and Year 12 students for induction/transition on Thursday 2 September, plus to Year 13 for Lateral Flow Tests.

The school will open to all students on Friday 3 September. Year 7 will continue their transition and Year 12 and Year 13 will follow a normal timetable. Years 8-11 will have Lateral Flow Tests and extended tutor time and will return home after tutor time.

**Arrangements for Lateral Flow Tests:** we will run the school's asymptomatic testing in the same way as we did after lockdown in March. Students will come in one year group at a time, and will be divided into three venues, by tutor group. Once we have done the lateral flow test, students will go to their tutor room for an extended tutor time. After this, they will go home. Years 8-11 will therefore be in school for 90 minutes to 2 hours on this day. The full school timetable will start on Monday 6 September. The second of the Lateral Flow Tests will be done during the school day on Monday 6 September (Year 7 and Sixth Form) and Tuesday 7 September (other year groups).

Details of which year group will be expected in, at which time, will be circulated in August, along with a consent form.

### **Year Teams 2021-2022**

Year 7: Head of Student Progress, Andy Ransome. Pastoral Leader, Vicki Allsworth

Year 8: Head of Student Progress, Tom Stacey. Pastoral Leader, Rachael Clear

Year 9: Head of Student Progress, Becky Robson. Pastoral Leader, Tom Haines

Year 10: Head of Student Progress, Andrew Olubodun. Pastoral Leader, Lee Fieldwork

Year 11: Head of Student Progress, Lucy Payne (nee Jackson). Pastoral Leader, Molly Yalci

Sixth Form: Head of Sixth Form, Kate Hackett. Pastoral Leader, Sarah Warbrick. Pastoral Assistant, Jacqui Dearden

### **Open Events/Parents' Evenings 2021-2022**

14 September: Open Morning



**CHENEY SCHOOL**  
*Think for yourself, act for others*

Headteacher: Mr Rob Pavey

Cheney School  
Cheney Lane  
Headington  
OX3 7QH

Tel: 01865 765 726

Email: [office@cheney.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office@cheney.oxon.sch.uk)

16 September: Open Morning  
22 September: Open Morning  
23 September: Y6 Open Evening  
29 September: Y12 Pastoral Evening  
30 September: Y7 Meet the Tutor  
14 October: Y10 Parents' Evening  
11 November: Y8 Parents' Evening  
2 December: 6th Form Open Evening  
13 January: Y11 Parents' Evening  
27 January: Y12 Parents' Evening  
10 March: Y7 Parents' Evening  
17 March: Y13 Parents' Evening  
5 May: Y9 Parents' Evening  
19 May: Y9 Options Deadline  
7 July: Y12 Parents' Evening

**New school day:** we are returning to a more normal system for the new academic year, although all of this will be subject to confirmation in late August, once we know how the unlocking over the summer has affected the hospitalisation rate. We are planning the following changes:

- One break and lunch of 30 minutes each. This will allow clubs and activities to resume, and allow sufficient staff on duty.
- The canteen will revert to normal, with the seating back in place and a wider range of food available from different sections of the counter.
- PE changing rooms will be back in use, which means students will no longer be able to come to school in PE kit.

**Essential equipment:** please ensure your child has the essential equipment to be ready to learn when we return in September (see attachment).

**Uniform:** in September we will be expecting every student to come to school wearing the correct uniform proudly. Please ensure that you refer to the uniform page on the school web site and the uniform guidelines in particular to ensure that any uniform you purchase is correct. We would like to stress that hoodies are not acceptable and students wearing hoodies on site will be challenged and expected to remove them.



**CHENEY SCHOOL**  
*Think for yourself, act for others*

Headteacher: Mr Rob Pavey

Cheney School  
Cheney Lane  
Headington  
OX3 7QH

Tel: 01865 765 726

Email: [office@cheney.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office@cheney.oxon.sch.uk)

Persistent non-compliance will result in hoodies being confiscated. Also please pay particular attention to the PE uniform. Any PE kit with logos other than the school logo, or legwear that is any other colour than black is not acceptable. Please do not spend money on branded sportswear for school, as even small logos will not be acceptable.

- [Uniform page](#) on the Cheney School website\_
- Specific uniform guidance including PE kit is attached.

**Attendance:** having high levels of attendance are really important. When students attend regularly, they are able to stay on top of their subjects and they learn well. The government guidance is that good levels of attendance are 95% or better. Our students have been attending really well this year and our attendance level is well above the national average. This is excellent, especially considering how disruptive the Covid pandemic has been. Next year we are looking forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that every student attends school as often as possible and we will be following up on absence swiftly.

If you know your child is going to be absent, please use one of the following methods to inform us:

- Complete the Cheney School Student Absence Google Form
- Call the attendance manager Mr Hawkswood on 01865 765726 - Option 1
- Email Mr Hawkswood [rhw@cheney.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:rhw@cheney.oxon.sch.uk)

If leaving a telephone or email message please include the following information:

- The name, form and year group of your child
- Your name and contact details
- Reason for absence
- Expected date of return
- Please inform us for each day of absence

**Punctuality:** in September we are also going to have a punctuality drive to ensure that all students arrive to registration and lesson promptly. We would appreciate it if parents would discuss the importance of being on time with their children and help support them to arrive at school with plenty of time to get to registration. When students arrive on time, it helps support an orderly and timely start to lessons. Clearly



**CHENEY SCHOOL**  
*Think for yourself, act for others*

Headteacher: Mr Rob Pavey

Cheney School  
Cheney Lane  
Headington  
OX3 7QH

Tel: 01865 765 726  
Email: [office@cheney.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office@cheney.oxon.sch.uk)

there are occasions when students are late for legitimate reasons. When this is the case, please provide your child with a note explaining their reason for being late.

We will be sending a much briefer end of year message next week and in the meantime you will find all our letters and notices on the [website](#) and/or on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Kind regards

Cheney Communications