

Cheney Communications

14 October 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and Year 12 and 13 Students

Late start Friday 15 October: following Year 10 Parents' Evening, there will be a slightly later start to lessons on Friday 15 October. Lessons start at 9.00 am but the school gates and canteen will be open from 8.00 am.

Covid and Flu Vaccination: Covid and Flu vaccinations for Years 10 and 11 take place on 19 October. The consent forms for both Flu and Covid were temporarily closed earlier this week to allow the immunisation team to triage the Year 7-9 vaccinations - these have both now reopened for Years 10 and 11 ONLY. We have sent a reminder and consent information to Year 10 and 11 parents and carers separately earlier today.

Younger students who were unable to attend the vaccination session on 13 October cannot attend the 19 October session. As soon as we receive guidance for families whose children have missed sessions, we will communicate to parents and carers.

Lateral Flow test kits: these came home yesterday. This will give students enough to carry them over the half term. The next allocation will be handed out at the end of the first week back after half term.

Covid vaccine monitor study: the Covid vaccine monitor study organisers have asked us to share this opportunity for parents/carers to log any symptoms of the vaccination. Interested parents/carers can sign up to the Covid Vaccine Monitor study online survey (within 2 days) on behalf of their child, whether a side effect has been experienced or not. Your experience provides essential information. Poster attached.

Intimate and Sexual Relationships lessons, Term 2: please find attached a letter from Dr Bown and Dr Narajos regarding the intimate and sexual relationships topics of the Relationships and Sex Education programme for students in Years 7-11, taking place next term.

PE kit: in response to concerns raised by some parents/carers, we have made an additional clarification to our PE kit:

- no logos (apart from our own)
- no flashes

- no cycling shorts

PE Uniform

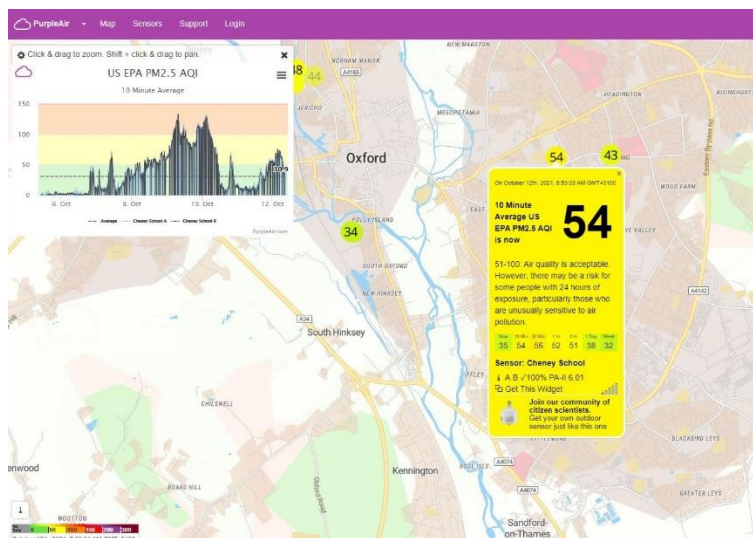


PE Uniform

- Cheney/ plain red PE T-shirt
- Plain black jumper/Cheney PE top
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms/shorts/sports leggings
- No logos or flashes
- No cycling shorts

[Uniform page of the website](#)

Quickways consultation: road safety and air quality are a real concern for us.



As part of the active travel programme, Oxfordshire County Council are proposing introducing quickways routes to some main Oxford highways, intended to make cycling safer across the city. The big changes for Cheney would be the removal of parking on Warneford Lane - to be replaced by proper wand-separated cycle tracks - and the creation of an uphill cycle lane on Morrell Avenue. These should make cycling to Cheney significantly safer and more accessible for quite a few students.

The [consultation](#) has been extended to 24 October.

You can track local (and Cheney) air quality [here](#).

INSET 1 November: school will be closed to students on 1 November for INSET.



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Second-Hand Uniform: Cheney Friends are holding a second-hand uniform sale on Wednesday 10 November. These are very popular, and we would be grateful for new stock.

We particularly need donations of: blazers, red PE T-shirts and long-sleeved PE tops. Jumpers, cardigans, tracksuit bottoms and trousers/skirts are welcome too; white polo shirts only if in very good condition.

To facilitate collection, **next week, w/c 18 October, there will be large boxes placed at the school entrance every morning.** Children can simply put uniform donations in those (no need to bring them in plastic bags).

More details about the sale will be sent out nearer the time.

Overdue library books: Mrs Fenton has written to over 100 families this week about overdue library books. If your child borrowed a book before the summer holidays, we need it back: other students are waiting! Students can check their loans on the [library app](#) or with library staff.

Spooky October in the Library (see attachment):

House Competition: this week, students have been emailed links to the Cheney Library Spooktacular October Quiz. There are House Points a-plenty to be won, so why not encourage your child to have a go?
Deadline 22 October.

Spooky Books: encourage your child to drop by the library this week and pick up a spooky book for some half-term reading!

Iris Classics Centre Banner Competition: the Iris Classics Centre at Cheney is holding a school wide competition to design a new banner for the Classics Centre. We are very fortunate that classicist **Professor Mary Beard** will be judging the entries! Students should submit their designs to [this google form](#) (or as a paper copy by finding Dr Robinson (in the Classics Centre) by **Friday 22 October**. [More info](#)

U13 Girls Football: on Tuesday Ameera, Cecilia, Tihanna (GK), Siri, Lara, Amy, Chloe, Leila, Roberta, Lotti and Millie represented Cheney in the first U13 Girls Football match of the season! Wheatley Park gave player of the match to Tihanna for excellent goalkeeping and effort throughout. Well done!
(Miss Millard)



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Year 7 families

Transition evaluation: for the attention of all Year 7 parents; now that your child has had the opportunity to settle in at Cheney School, we would appreciate your feedback on the transition process. Please could you complete [this form](#) enabling Mrs Hart to review this year's transition process?

November Breakfast Talks: the Rumble Museum has organised a series of Breakfast Talks for Year 7s during Tuesday tutor times in November. The talks are all exploring aspects of science, and are delivered by a range of academics. If your child would like to attend, please book places with Dr Robinson using [this form](#).

| Date | Speaker | Topic |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| 9 November, 8.30 - 9am | Professor Andrew Lowe, University of Adelaide | "Why is blue so rare in nature?" |
| 16 November, 8.30 - 9am | Dr Thomas Rawson, Imperial College London | "Diseases, animals, songs, and ideas; the maths behind how things spread." |
| 23 November, 8.30 - 9am | Dr Neil Gostling, University of Southampton | "Discovering a New Species of Dinosaur" |
| 30 November, 8.30 - 9am | Professor Gina Rippon, Aston Brain Centre | "The Myth of the Gendered Brain" |



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Year 10 families

Year 10 Parents' Evening Thursday 14 October: Year 10 families can book appointments using SchoolCloud until 3:30pm today. Book with your child's details: <http://ow.ly/bvF150GliVW>, support: <http://ow.ly/p7vC50GliVV>, Year 10 SchoolCloud survey: <http://ow.ly/U3HP50Glj3t>

Year 11, 12 and 13 families

City of Oxford College Open Event: is your child thinking of college in Sept 2022? City of Oxford College Open Event is this Saturday, 16 October. Discover the range of courses, meet subject specialist tutors, look around the facilities and ask as many questions as you like!

- When: 16 October 2022
- What time: 9:30am - 12:30pm
- Where: City of Oxford College, Oxpens Road, Oxford, OX1 1SA
- Where: Blackbird Leys Campus, Cuddesdon Way, Oxford, OX4 6HN (for Brickwork, Carpentry, Computing, Electrical, Engineering, Motor Vehicle and Plumbing)

[Register here](#)

Community

Oxford Mutual Aid: our friends at Oxford Mutual Aid have been in touch. They are in urgent need of sharpies and whiteboard pens. They don't have to be new, so if you have any spare, please drop off at Richard Benson Hall, Cowley Road. Find out more about the work of OMA, if need support, or if you can offer help: <https://oxfordmutualaid.org/>

Helen & Douglas House Little Cook's Bake Sale: would your child like to support Helen & Douglas House and get a slice of the action by whisking up some tasty treats and holding a bake sale to raise some dough to help local terminally ill children? From 11-17 October 2021. Find out more and register to take part here: [Helen & Douglas House](#). Anyone who raises more than £75 for Helen & Douglas House will be entered into a prize draw to win a £500 voucher for Drayton Manor Theme Park.

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

Kind regards

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