



Cheney Communications

21 October 2021

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

Covid and Flu vaccination catch-up sessions: the Immunisation Team have now shared the following information with us:

- A large number of appointments will be available to be booked at the Kassam Stadium, Oxford, as part of a national roll out from Monday 25 October 2021. Anyone aged 12 years of age and above can book on the National Booking System for **COVID Vaccination** appointments in Oxfordshire, Berkshire, and Buckinghamshire from Friday 22 October 2021, for appointments from Monday 25 October 2021 onwards. This includes children in Year 7 who have turned 12.
- Please use this link to book: [Book or manage your coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/vaccination/)
- Catch-up sessions for **Flu Vaccinations** have not yet been confirmed, but will be shared as soon as they are available

Cheney Friends - Invitation to Wednesday 10 November: Cheney is an incredibly diverse comprehensive school. Among our families over 70 different languages are spoken. After English the most common are Arabic (62 students), Bengali (48), Urdu (47), Punjabi (46), Malayalam (34), Portuguese (33), Polish (27), Albanian (26), Spanish (23), Italian (21), Tagalog/Filipino (19) and Pashto (18). We are proud of our diversity and the way our students interact with each other.

We would like to give Cheney parents a glimpse of what daily life is like during the day in our diverse city school. You are invited to come to Cheney on Wednesday 10 November for a short presentation on what diversity and inclusion look like in the school. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the presentation will run from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm. The presentation will be made by Rob Bown (languages teacher) and Rob Pavey (Headteacher). There will also be a sale of second-hand uniform throughout the evening. More details on prices to follow.

The presentation will be followed by a thirty-minute meeting of Cheney Friends (the Cheney parent-teacher association). All are welcome to stay for this. We are keen to recruit members from all our different Cheney communities.

Public Health: please find attached information about Childhood Infections from the South East Health Protection team.



INSET 1 November: school will be closed to students on 1 November for INSET. Term restarts at 8.30 am on Tuesday 2 November.

U16 Girls Football: on Tuesday Hermione, Sara, Kim (GK), Erin, Lola, Freya, Xana, Lily, Kiyana, Alice, Sarah, Sophie, Nisha, and Juhania represented Cheney School in the second round of the Oxfordshire FA Schools Cup and smashed it, winning 3-2! Player of the match was given to Hermione by Cherwell for their excellent effort and performance throughout the match, well done! Bring on round three! (Miss Millard - Teacher of PE).



COP26: we want to congratulate our three Sixth Form COP26 delegates who have been engaged in a frenzy of preparatory activity with the UK Schools Sustainability Network.

In the first 2 weeks of November, as many subjects as possible will deliver a lesson linked to COP26, around our theme of 'Fixing the world: how do we make it fair?' Thank you to our faculty staff for helping students to understand COP26 & empowering them to form opinions.

Rumble Newsletter #18: this week's edition reports on the latest Rumble Museum Black History Month talks and the creative collaboration with Film Oxford and Natty Mark Samuels to create videos about the African collection. We also catch up on the Year 8 Museum Council student's visit to the Dante and Celebrity exhibition at the Ashmolean.

Christmas Show: is your child feeling musical? It's that time again, and our wonderful Creative Arts team are getting ready for the Christmas Show! Auditions take place next term, 5 November - save the date!



Maths Anxiety: Ms Kremnizer has shared the following with us from <https://eedi.com/>

1. Free webinar for parents on helping your Maths-anxious child on Wednesday 3 November at 7:30pm:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RaZtoO11RIGk7HzuDRVYMA

2. Free course for Maths-anxious Parents:

"[Helping with Homework: For Maths-Anxious Parents](#)"

3. Free course for Students with Maths anxiety: [here](#)

Year 7 & 8 families

Transition evaluation - Year 7 families: now that your child has had the opportunity to settle in at Cheney School, we would appreciate your feedback on the transition process: [transition evaluation form](#).

Year 7 & 8 CAT 4 Assessments: between Tuesday 2 November 2021 and Tuesday 7 December 2020 all Year 7 and Year 8 pupils will be undertaking Cognitive Abilities Testing. This is to help us plan for the next few years, and to help us evaluate gaps caused by the pandemic. No preparation is needed or possible, and the results are purely internal, so have no effect on future applications. Please see Ms Elias's letter attached for more details.

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

Year 12 families



Oxford Brookes Autumn Undergraduate Open Day - Saturday 13 November:

- Find out about the course(s) by joining subject-specific sessions.
- Chat to our amazing staff and students and ask any questions
- Attend talks run by our admissions, accommodation, finance and wellbeing teams.

Book now to reserve your place and start exploring Oxford Brookes.

<https://www.brookes.ac.uk/open-days/13-11-2021/undergraduate-open-day-1/>

Community

Your voice, your views on county council priorities: we are a bit late sharing this link, but the County Council is looking for 14-17 yr olds to talk to them about their priorities for the community in the coming year. Although the initial dates have passed, young people are still invited to complete the form to have their say:

<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/your-voice-your-views>

Oxford Mutual Aid: our friends at Oxford Mutual Aid 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/>

Hill End Adult Bushcraft: relaxed and fun bushcraft sessions for enthusiastic beginners to develop the skills and confidence to go out and enjoy themselves safely and responsibly in nature. The next 4-week session starts on Saturday 6 November:
<https://hill-end.org/activities/cpd/>

Leys CDI half term activities: there are some really exciting activities at Leys Community Development Initiative this October half term - including a session on African and Caribbean folklore with our friend, Natty Mark Samuels. See the attached poster for details.

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

Kind regards

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