

Cheney Communications

4 November 2021

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

Covid vaccination catch-up - children aged 12-15: Parents can now book COVID-19 vaccinations online for their 12-15 year old children. You can read the Government's announcement [here](#).

You can go online and check the [National Booking Service](#) to see if your local site has appointments.

Lateral Flow Tests: the next batch of LTFs will be coming home with students next week.

Flu vaccination catch-up sessions: please find attached a letter from the School Health Nursing Immunisation Team regarding Flu vaccination catch-up community clinics, which was sent to Year 7-11 families earlier this week. Any questions regarding these sessions should be directed to the Immunisation Team.

Cheney Friends - Invitation to Wednesday 10 November: 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 with a presentation from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm by Rob Bown (languages teacher) and Rob Pavey (Headteacher). There will also be a sale of second-hand uniform throughout the evening.

All parents are invited to join Cheney Friends for a presentation from staff and students on

DIVERSITY AT CHENEY
followed by
CHENEY FRIENDS AGM
and
A SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE

Wednesday 10 November
Doors Open 6.30 pm
Diversity Presentation 7.00 pm
AGM 7.30 pm

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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.

Please let us know if you're planning to attend by filling in this form <https://forms.gle/zBq2YN78tcjCvst1A>

Late Start 12 November: following Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday 11 November (see below), there will be a slightly later start to lessons on **Friday 12 November**. Lessons start at 9.00 am but the school gates and canteen will be open from 8.00 am.

INSET update: on Monday's INSET, staff from our Diversity Working Party ran sessions on Unconscious Bias, Race: Barriers to Learning and LGBTQ+ Language. Our thanks to them and our speakers for their experiences and insights and to all staff for their participation. It was a great success.

Promoting Equality and Tackling Identity-Based Bullying - questionnaire: we want to make sure that our school is a safe space where young people and families feel safe, welcome and able to achieve their best. In order to help us to do this, we really welcome your thoughts about how well the school is doing in promoting equality and tackling identity-based bullying.

[Our questionnaire](#) should take about 5 minutes to complete and is completely anonymous and confidential.

Lost Property: we have not had a "lost property" service since the start of Covid, but children haven't stopped losing their possessions (how do you lose a single sock?). From next week, the lost property service will be run by Helga Danciu from the Site team, and there will be a stall after school every Thursday in BR block, near the main exit. Unclaimed items will be kept for 4 weeks, and then donated or disposed of. It would be very helpful if you could **name everything**, which helps things find their owners.

U16 Girls Basketball: well done to the U16 Girls Basketball team, Rianne, Andrea, Martina, Marianna, Meabh, Isla, Bella, Kim, Sarah, Sara, Grace and Immy, who played King Alfred's away on 14 October. This first game of the season sets us up nicely for the coming weeks. The final score was 33:7 to Cheney.
(Ms Falconer)



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COP26: our three Sixth Form COP26 delegates continued their training and media engagement throughout the half-term. Nor heads off to Glasgow today and will try to keep us posted about her activities.

Back at school, our subject lessons linked to COP26 are underway and on Friday we're planning a school-wide streaming of 'The Great Big Lesson for Climate and Nature', live from Glasgow. The lesson is being delivered by AimHi Earth with support from Cambridge Zero and the Eden Project. They are brilliant at communicating key ideas and solutions in a clear and lively way. [More information](#).

Christmas Show: a reminder that auditions take place tomorrow, 5 November. If your child wants to be involved, please encourage them to come along. Poster attached.

[Rumble Newsletter #19](#): this packed edition features the reception display which has been updated for remembrance, Tuesday's Museum Project visit from Sarah Lloyd of the Oxford University Museum of Natural History and the upcoming Year 7 breakfast talks. There's also an exciting update on the African artefact project.

African Artefacts, Poetry & Drumming: come and explore our beautiful African artefact collection, enjoy artefact handling and refreshments, and listen to African poems and drumming from 3.30pm on **Friday 10 December**.

We are delighted that Natty Mark Samuels, founder of the African School in Blackbird Leys, will be giving a reading of his poetry inspired by artefacts in our African collection between 4 and 5pm. This event will launch our new booklet about the artefacts with Natty's poems. Visitors will be able to listen to some of his beautiful poems as well as view the artefacts in our collection, get a copy of our new booklet, and enjoy some

refreshments. To book places, please email info@irisproject.org.uk. Poster attached.

Year 7 families

Accelerated Reader Millionaires: congratulations to the first Accelerated Reader Millionaires of the year. These 19 students have shown that they are fantastic readers and they should be very proud of themselves. They win 500 house points, a coveted golden ticket, and a pin badge.

Accelerated Reader Millionaires' Club

Congratulations to our new members (#awesome)

Dominic HE

Aaron V

Selina R

Imelda C

Constanca R

Gwen C

Halit X

Corianne N

Freya P-H

Maya WS

Millie B

Sunehri M

Finlay M

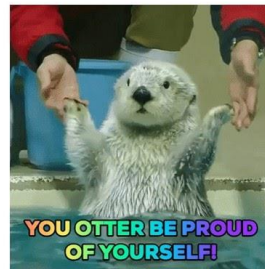
Riad S

Abdallah A

Theo P

Ruby R

Landon M



Your golden ticket will be delivered to you in tutor time. You have been awarded 500 house points 😊.

All Year 7 students have a words-read target which, once reached, entitles them to membership of the Millionaires' Club. The targets are set at a level which is easily attained, but only if students do the recommended 20 minutes per night reading. If parents/carers are able to support and encourage students to read regularly, it would be of great benefit both to their long term academic achievement and also to a sense of personal wellbeing. If students are not sure what to read (and book choice is so important) then Mrs Fenton is always happy to help.

Year 8 families

Year 8 Parents' Evening Thursday 11 November, 3:30 to 7:00pm: in response to feedback from students, teachers and parents, we recently introduced a new, intuitive and easy-to-use online system for managing Parents' Evenings, called School Cloud. This system allows you to book your own appointment times and easily attend online appointments.

Appointments for the Year 8 Parents' Evening can be made from **Wednesday 3 November**, 3.30pm, until the start of the event at 3:30pm on **Thursday 11 November**.



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Please visit <https://cheney.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointments. To login, please use your child's details.

You can find support materials on how to use the system here:
<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/category/823-video-parents-evenings>

If you have any issues logging on, **please make sure that you check these support materials before contacting the Year 8 Team.**

Please also note that there will be a slightly later start to lessons on Friday 12 November for all students. Lessons start at 9.00 am but the school gates and canteen will be open from 8.00 am.

Year 11 families

Year 11 Mock Exams: please find attached an important letter from Mrs Payne regarding the Year 11 Mock Exams, which start later this month.

Year 11, 12 and 13 families

Open Evening, City of Oxford College

When: 17 November 2021

What time: 4pm - 7pm

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)

What will I learn: Come along to discover our range of courses, meet our subject specialist tutors, have a look around our facilities and ask as many questions as you like!

Open Evening, Abingdon and Witney College

When: 17 November 2021

What time: 3:30pm - 7pm

Where: Abingdon College

When: 24 November 2021

Where: Witney College

What will I learn: This is an opportunity to explore the campus, talk to the tutors and find out more about the courses you are interested in.

Year 12 families

Oxford Brookes Autumn Undergraduate Open Day - Saturday 13 November:



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- 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

“Robin Hood” area Story Collection Morning: on **Saturday 13 November** between 10am and 12.30pm, the Rumble Museum is running a joint Story Collection Morning at St Alban's Church. We are inviting people to bring any stories or items that are connected to the history of the "Robin Hood" area. The Robin Hood area is said to have stretched between Magdalen Road and Howard Street. For those who would like to share their stories and items (these could be anything from photographs, diaries, letters, to any other sort of item or object), volunteers will record these and make them available for others to listen to or view through an online archive gallery.

There will be refreshments and an activity trail for younger children, and also a range of archive material and artefacts on display - you don't have to have a story to share in order to drop in! Visitors will be able to explore the historic building of St Alban's Church, and have hot and cold drinks and cakes. All ages are warmly welcome to come along, and there is no need to book to attend. If you are unable to attend, but would like to share a story or item by email, you can do so by emailing lorna@irisproject.org.uk. Poster attached.

Bike Donation Event: Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service and Active Oxfordshire are hosting a bike donation event on **Saturday 6 November, 10 am - Midday**, at the Slade Park fire station. If you have a bike that is no longer used and is still serviceable, please consider donating it to be refurbished for young people and families facing financial barriers to cycling!

- Come along with the bike(s) to the Slade Park fire station on Horspath Driftway on Saturday 6 November, between 10.00am – Midday
- Members of Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service will be on hand to receive your donation – it's as simple as that!

Your bike could make a big difference to a local family.

NB: Please do not leave any donated bikes at the fire station, **OUTSIDE** the 10.00am – 12.00pm slot on Saturday 6 November.



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Interactive Tour of Space with Maggie Aderin-Pocock: join Space scientist and The Sky at Night presenter Maggie Aderin-Pocock for an interactive Tour of Space at the Sheldonian Theatre (**Sunday 7 November, 10am-11am, suitable for ages 8+**), introduced by Science Oxford's Bridget Holligan for the Oxford Literary Festival. Dr Maggie's Grand Tour of the Solar System is an epic journey of discovery - visit the most magnificent sights and spectacles outer space has to offer, from planets and moons, to asteroids, comets and satellites. The BBC presenter is passionate about inspiring young people to pursue careers in science, and has also appeared in Stargazing Live and Doctor Who Confidential. Bridget Holligan is the Director of Education and Engagement for Science Oxford. [Book tickets.](#)

Bodleian Library Lates: you are invited to an interactive exploration of mind and matter, inspired by the current Bodleian exhibition [Melancholy: A New Anatomy](#). The exhibition celebrates the 400th anniversary of Robert Burton's Anatomy of Melancholy. First published in 1621 the text is an innovative encyclopaedia of mental and emotional disorder, as understood in the late Renaissance. 400 years later we are still exploring the different ways to treat mental health. On **Friday 12 November, 7-9.30pm**, come and explore our common experiences and connections over time through a variety of activities designed to uplift the mood and invigorate the mind. Get creative with origami for wellbeing and myriorama making. Try laughter yoga to boost your mood or test your knowledge with brain jenga. Borrow Oxford researchers for a chat in the Living Library and enter the world of sleep. Wake up with music for the brain and print a Burton keepsake to remember his instruction 'Be not solitary, be not idle'. [Book here](#)

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

Kind regards

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