

Cheney Communications

18 November 2021

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

Community Translators: we're working with a group of our students to provide a summary of the most important notices in our leadership updates. They will be available by the end of the school day tomorrow on the following web page:

<https://www.cheney.oxon.sch.uk/leadership-update-translations/>

Exams 2022: some additional guidance has been released in the last week about exams in the summer. In short, we expect them to go ahead as planned. There will be some adjustments made to the content of some exams (teachers have already factored this in), some guidance given in the Spring on the topics that will be covered in some subjects, and some adjustment to grade boundaries.

If exams are cancelled again, we will once again have a system of Teacher Assessed Grades, which will operate very much like last year. The recommendations on assessment from Ofqual will not change what we already have planned, although there will be some in-class assessments at the start of the summer term, as there were last year. The good news is that contingency planning will not have any effect on our curriculum, our lessons, or on what students experience in school.

The chief regulator at Ofqual has published a letter to students which contains a little more detail and links to the full guidance: [Letter to students](#)

Parent Governor: if you are interested in joining our team of dedicated Governors, please complete our [form](#). Deadline 22 November.



COULD YOU BE A
PARENT GOVERNOR?

We need a new Parent Governor to help us ensure that the Governing Body is connected with the views of parents and the local community.

You don't need any specific skills or experience to apply.

You do need good inter-personal skills & a strong commitment to improving outcomes for children.

Apply by 22 November



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Extended Project Qualification Presentation Evening: parents and interested students are very warmly invited to attend our Extended Project Qualification Presentation Evening this **Friday 19 November, 6 - 8.30pm**. You will have the opportunity to listen to a range of interesting presentations and ask questions. There will be refreshments available at a midway break. The presentations are as follows:

| | Mr Gimson | Dr Robinson | Ms Hackett | Ms Warbrick |
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| | Room 1 – L14 | Room 2 – L13 | Room 3 – L12 | Room 4 - L11 |
| 6.00-6.25 | Orlando Burrell - The Vikings | Sofie Drew - Water Imagery and Feminism in Virginia Woolf | Natalia Sved - Heading in Football | Sahana Narayan - Gene Therapy |
| 6.30-6.55 | Toby Hill - China's One Belt One Road initiative | Rasha Alsouleman - Brutalist Architecture | Josh Philpott - Optimising Oxford Nanopore Basecalling Hardware | Erin Snape - Writing a Musical |
| Refreshments | | | | |
| 7.30-7.55 | Mariam Haji – The Treatment of the Uighurs | Nina Arezina - The effect of translation | Alice Ratcliffe - Museums and Colonialism | Julia Deodato - Women and Domestic Violence in Brazil |
| 8.00-8.25 | Hannah Watts - Threats Whales Face | Anna Hens - Sleeping Medication and Children | | |

Please let Dr Robinson know if you are interested in attending - bro@cheney.oxon.sch.uk - you will need to stay in the same room throughout the evening if you are attending. Poster attached.

Buy books and support the school: the latest Scholastic Book Club is now up and running! Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/cheney/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. Why not stock up for Christmas whilst earning rewards for the school? There are lots of great bargains. For easy reference, there are two catalogues to browse:

- [Secondary](#)
- [Primary](#)

Please place your order online by **1 December 2021**.

6th Form Open Evening, Thursday 2 December: more information and sign-up under Year 11 section below.

School Closure Friday 3 December: the school will be closed to students on Friday 3 December for well-being day.

Christmas Show - An Evening of Yuletide Sparkles: Christmas is coming to Cheney on **Thursday 9 December!** Doors will open at **6.00pm** for a **6.30pm** start; refreshments will be available to purchase before the show and during the interval. We will have a reduced live audience, with tickets released via a Google Form at **6pm on Monday 29 November**. Tickets will cost £5 and will be issued on a strictly first-come-first-served basis; further information on this can be found in [our video](#).

You can access the [Google Form](#) for purchasing tickets from 6pm on Monday 29 November. **Please note, any Google Form responses completed before this time will not be counted.**

For those who do not wish to attend in person or are unsuccessful in obtaining tickets, we will also be livestreaming the event via a Google Meet. Tickets for this can be purchased via Parent Pay for a donation of £1; a link to the Google Meet will be emailed out the week of the performance.

Looking forward to seeing you there for some Christmas fun!

Quickways Consultation: the formal consultation has now opened. This will have an impact on cyclists and drivers using Morrell Avenue and Warneford Lane. **Closes 10 December.**

[Oxford - Quickway cycle routes | Let's Talk Oxfordshire](#)

Basketball: congratulations to the **U19 Girls** for Tuesday's win 69:12 vs King Alfred's. This means they topped their group and are the first team through to the Basketball County Final!

Y12: Marie C, Lia G, Zahide K, Jessica F, Eden H (Captain), Ella J, Martyna K
Y11: Rianne R, Sara P, Sarah A

The **U16 Girls** game against Wood Green was a success with a score of 65:33 to Cheney. Wood Green put up a good fight during the game with some fabulous 3-point baskets scored; however, the fitness, tenacity and team work of Cheney was what resulted in a confident win. The team consisted of 6 Year 11s (Sarah, Meabh, Immy, Bella, Sara, Grace) and 3 Year 9s (Andrea, Isla and Thea). All 9 students played a well fought game and should be proud of their input into the final score.

Well Done from Miss Falconer



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Football: U16 Girls Football Match at Cheney vs King Alfred's on Thursday 11 November 2021. Winning 5-1, Hermione, Sara, Louisa (GK), Erin, Lola, Freya, Xana, Lily, Kiyana, Alice, Sarah, Sophie, and Juhaina represented Cheney School in the Oxfordshire FA Schools Cup and smashed it! The player of the match was given to Lola by King Alfred's School for their excellent effort and performance throughout the match - well done! Bring on the semi-final!



Rumble Museum #20: this week's Rumble Museum newsletter is all about the Year 8 Museum Council student's Greek Underworld Gallery for the Dante Late Night Opening at the Ashmolean Museum on 26 November (more below) - it sounds fantastic!

Dante Late Night Opening with Year Eight Underworld Gallery: the Year 8 Museum Council have been working hard designing activities and displays for the Ashmolean's Dante Late Night Opening on **Friday 26 November, 5 - 8pm**. If you want to explore their gallery, as well as the wider event, find out more [here](#).

Living Museum Wall: we are very keen to get the Living Museum wall going again, and we are welcoming both loans and permanent donations of any items you might like to be on display. The object could be anything - previous examples have been photographs, paintings, a mask, a large model of a key, a board game, amongst others. The aim ultimately is to have a wall of objects and stories that represents the great diversity of the Cheney community!



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Please let Dr Robinson - Iro@cheney.oxon.sch.uk - know if you would be happy to loan an object and say a few lines about it for us to put online. Let her know if you have any questions!

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**. To book places, please email info@irisproject.org.uk.

Year 11 families

Sixth Form Open Evening: our Open Evening will take place on Thursday 2 December. We really hope Year 11 students and their guardians will join us for an introduction to Sixth Form life, opportunities and subjects. You can listen to a presentation by key staff and students starting at 6 or 7.30pm. We hope you will also enjoy meeting teachers and students in subject rooms from 6.15 to 7.45pm. Please use [this form to sign up](#); this will help us manage numbers on the night.

**SIXTH FORM
OPEN EVENING** **2 December 2021**

Presentations at 6 and 7.30pm
Hear from the Headteacher and key Sixth Form staff & students

Subject Rooms 6.15 - 7.45pm
Speak to staff & students and explore the many subjects on offer at Cheney


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Community

OXFORD CHRISTMAS LIGHT FESTIVAL is this weekend! There's no central Oxford lantern procession this year; the festival is community-based with hubs in Blackbird Leys, Rose Hill, Cowley, Cutteslowe and a touring Light Bus – and all invited to MAKE LIGHT! Find out what's on in your neighbourhood: <http://ow.ly/jXuM50GQBkQ>

TalkingSpace Plus: TalkingSpace Plus is a free, confidential NHS service for adults in Oxfordshire, to help people when they're feeling stressed, anxious or low and we offer our treatments online for your safety and convenience.



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If you feel you would benefit from support please contact our service directly on 01865 901222 or visit www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/talkingspaceplus.

Oxfordshire Junior Chess Championship: a chess tournament for U13 / U15 / U18 age groups is taking place at Cumnor School over the weekend of Sat 8 and Sun 9 Jan 2022. There are cash prizes, and county junior titles to be won. Keen chess players are invited to enter. The online entry form and further details can be found at: <https://forms.gle/3yqzvbS9wfYfevWv5>.

You will find all our letters and notices on the [website](#) and/or on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Leadership Update translations will be made available [here](#).

Kind regards

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