



## LEADERSHIP UPDATE - 2 DECEMBER 2021

**School Closure TOMORROW Friday 3 December for well-being day.** Scheduled mock exams will still go ahead.

**COVID:** we will once again be doing mass lateral flow tests at the start of term. These will take place on the INSET day, Tuesday 4 January to avoid further disruption to learning. Students will be expected to come in just for their test slot, can wear their own clothes and can go home straight afterwards. We will start with Sixth Form, and finish with Year 7; exact times will be sent out before the end of term, but students will not need to be in school for more than 45 minutes.

Please do not change plans if you are not returning to Oxford until Tuesday 4th: please just do a lateral flow test at home before coming back to school. We will not be disrupting lessons to do catch-up testing, and this time, we are only required to do one test.

**Community Translators:** Over the last couple of weeks, we have translated the key messages in the Leadership update into several languages; Arabic, Portuguese, Spanish, Polish and Urdu. Recordings of this week's summary will be available by the end of the day on Monday.

**Vote for a new Parent Governor:** [View the candidate summary statements and vote on our website.](#)

\*Please note Candidate SA has updated their personal statement which you can [read here.](#)

**Sixth Form Open Evening TODAY:** our Open Evening will take place this evening, 6 - 7.30 pm. It's not too late to [sign up if you want to attend.](#) We really hope Year 11 students and their guardians will join us for an introduction to Sixth Form life, opportunities and subjects.

**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. 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 now access the [Google Form](#) for purchasing tickets.

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!

### **Year 9 GCSE and BTEC options process**

The options booklet will be published before the end of term. An initial indication of preferences will happen in January to allow us to plan the right number of classes and to start constructing the timetable. Final decisions will be made in May after parents evening. There will be core subjects and four options; RE is becoming an optional subject taken in Year 11.

**Football News** : U14 Girls Football Match vs Headington Girls on Tuesday 30th November 2021

Livvy (GK), Isla, Ramsha, Tallulah, Thea, Lara W, Chole, Jennaya, Roberta, Georgia, Amy, Jess, Marianna Lara S and Andrea represented Cheney School in the Oxfordshire FA Schools Cup. Unfortunately we lost to penalties, but a great debut match nevertheless. The player of the match were given to Isla by Headington Girls for their excellent effort and performance throughout the match, well done! (Miss Millard - Teacher of PE).

### **Oxford Mutual Aid : Charity Donations**

The Sixth Form charity committee are organising a collection for Oxford Mutual Aid They are requesting :

- Canned and Preserved goods
- Toiletries
- Small (unwrapped) presents for stockings
- Smaller food items to go into hampers they are preparing.

***[Rumble Museum #21](#): This week's Rumble Museum newsletter is all about the Ashmolean Late Night.***

### **Rumble Museum Year Seven Breakfast Talks Now Online**

We've now finished our series of Rumble Breakfast Talks for this term for Year Sevens. Three of the four talks can be watched again online here: <http://rumblemuseum.org.uk/index.php/what-s-on/485-rumble-talk-series> (please note we have had to remove the Q&A at the end to avoid showing student faces).

Next term, there will be a new series of Rumble Breakfast Talks, and it will be the turn of Year Ten to come along and attend! Watch this space for more news on these soon!

**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!

Please let Dr Robinson - [lro@cheney.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:lro@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](mailto:info@irisproject.org.uk).

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

Cheney Communications