



LEADERSHIP UPDATE - 13 January 2022

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

Late start - TOMORROW Friday 14 January: Following the Year 11 Parents' Evening, school will start for all students at 9am on Friday 14 January.

COVID: In recent days, we have had several students come to school with symptoms, who have then tested positive once they are in school. Please test your children at home before coming to school, if they have symptoms, including a runny nose or a headache. If the lateral flow test is negative, please send them to school.

It is now not necessary to get a confirmatory PCR test after a positive lateral flow test. The 7 day isolation period should start from the first day of symptoms, or from the date of the positive lateral flow test.

We are no longer sending letters home every time there is a positive case in a class. With community transmission still at such high levels, please assume that your children will come into contact with a positive case relatively frequently, and continue using the lateral flow devices regularly at home.

Students should go to their year teams for extra boxes of lateral flow tests, as we currently do not have enough spare in school to hand more out to every individual.

Year 9 GCSE Options : You should have received the form for submitting GCSE option preferences. Please ensure you submit your choices by Friday 21 January.

[Options Booklet](#)

Developing Green spaces at Cheney: Come to the next Cheney Friends evening Thursday 20th Jan at 7pm. Venue: school library

The theme of the evening will be "Green spaces at Cheney". Staff and students will talk about an exciting new project: making the Cheney outdoor spaces more environmentally-and user- friendly. This will be followed by the termly Cheney Friends meeting. The evening is open to all parents. You can attend either or both parts.

Anyone with a special interest in helping Cheney to become a more "green" school, in every sense of the word, is particularly encouraged to attend. Tea, coffee and biscuits supplied!

Depending on stocks, there may be a chance to buy second-hand uniform at the event. This will be confirmed nearer the time.

Sixth Form applications : The deadline for Sixth Form applications is Friday 21 January.

[Find out more about our Sixth Form](#)

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Parking / school drop-off: the usual issue with drop-off and pick-up, unfortunately. Parking and access to school site by car is a problem; there is no parking available, and there is nothing we can do to change that. Please encourage your children to walk, cycle or use public transport, and if you must drive, please park legally. Unfortunately, this will mean stopping some distance from school. In particular Brookes University have asked us to remind you not to use the side road off Gipsy Lane. There is construction work going on, and it also interferes with the Covid testing centre, and is particularly anti-social.

Korean Club: The Korean Club which ran last term has temporarily come to an end, because Mr Han, our teacher, has some new working commitments. We hope to re-start the club once we have a new teacher, perhaps in the second half of term. If you are interested in taking part, please sign up [here](#). This won't commit you but will give Mr Gimson an idea of how much interest there is. Further information will follow at the start of next term.

Second-hand uniform donations needed : Stocks of second-hand Cheney uniform are getting low, particularly blazers, school jumpers, PE tops and t-shirts. Any donations of these items would be most welcome. Donating "pre-loved" school uniform declutters your house, helps other families and is great for the environment. A win-win-win situation! Depending on the response, a sale will be held later on in the term. Please bring donations to Reception.

[Rumble Museum Newsletter #23](#)

[Article about the Rumble Museum in Museum ID Magazine](#)

African Drumming Workshops

The Rumble Museum is exploring whether to organise some African Drumming Workshops as part of its African Community Artefact Project with Natty Mark Samuels. If you are interested in attending an African Drumming workshop this term, please can you fill in [this form](#) to give me an idea of numbers. All year groups are welcome to express interest.

Rumble Museum's Breakfast Talk Series on Japan for Year Nines and Tens

In January and February, the Rumble Museum is running the following Breakfast Talks on aspects of Japanese language and culture during Tutor Times on Tuesday mornings. The talks are open to all Year Nines and Tens, and students are able to book more than

one talk. If you are in Year Nine or Ten, and would like to attend one or more of the talks, please use [this form](#) to let me (Dr Robinson) know (please don't fill it out twice if you have already done it - I will have received it and will be in touch shortly!). The talks are as follows:

| Date | Speaker | Topic |
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| 18th January, 8.30 - 9am | Bjarke Frellesvig Professor of Japanese Linguistics, University of Oxford | "An Introduction to the Japanese Language" |
| 25th January, 8.30 - 9am | Dr Alex Jacoby Brookes University | "Eiga: Japan on Film" |
| 1st February, 8.30 - 9am | Dr Sharon Kinsella University of Manchester | "The Rise of Manga" |
| 8th February, 8.30 - 9am | Dr Griseldis Kirsch SOAS | "Why Shoes Matter - Gender Roles in Contemporary Japanese Society" |

Coding Club: Join the brand new code club at the Barton Neighbourhood Centre, where you can learn computer coding through challenges and games. You don't have to have any experience of coding, and we will give you a tablet you can use too, so you don't need to have a device either. If you complete the course, then the tablet will be yours to keep!

The code club is open to students in Year 7 or Year 8 who live in Barton or nearby. It will run after school on a Monday, during school term times from February to June 2022. The sessions will be led by students and staff from Oxford University, and build skills in block coding languages such as Scratch.

[You can apply now to be part of the club](#) – but hurry! Places are limited – with only 15 spaces – and applications will close on 31st January.

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](#).

You can also now follow the Mrs Fenton's new Cheney library twitter account @cheney_library

Kind regards

Cheney Communications