

LEADERSHIP UPDATE - 12 May 2022

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

Walk to work week: next week is 'walk to work week', and we are doing a series of activities in tutor time to encourage use of public transport, walking or cycling. There are health, environmental and educational benefits to leaving the car behind, especially since the new Low Traffic Neighbourhoods and Quickways are about to make driving to school a lot harder. We are also exploring 'walk to school' buddies in tutor groups to help support students who are more anxious about getting here on their own. We also hope to be running some cycling proficiency training in the near future for students who are less confident on bikes. Staff will be handing out some information leaflets to parents who are using their cars over the next week; a copy of this leaflet is attached.

Study Leave Dates: we expect students in both Year 11 and Year 13 to be in all lessons when they do not have an exam until the start of summer half term on Friday May 27. After this, lessons will continue on a drop-in basis until the last exam has been sat in that subject. Some students will be told they need to attend lessons, or be invited to specific revision sessions; departments will communicate directly with families concerned.

There are leavers' assemblies planned for both Year 11 and Year 13 on Friday 27 May. Year teams will be in touch with details separately.

RLT parent survey: the link to the RLT annual parent survey is below, and a letter from Paul James, the RLT chief executive is attached. The survey is open until May 23; I am very pleased to say that we currently have the best parents in RLT; at the time of writing, we are 13 parent surveys ahead of Cherwell.

<https://forms.gle/X6oS7mD8hsTd4UHc9>

Bromcom update: Should you still have any issues with access to Bromcom please add your name to the link below, and as a last resort, do [contact the Communications Team](#).

Form to let us know that it *still* isn't working: <https://forms.gle/PPFU67uDanwdiACv6>

Return of year 11 and 13 library and text books: All students in year 11 and year 13 now need to return their library books. Year 13 textbooks should be returned on the day of the student's last exam as the books will be needed for revision.

Parents and carers, any help you can offer in facilitating the safe return of these books would be greatly appreciated. If any student is not sure which books they have on loan, they can either check their library account via the library app or [contact Mrs Fenton](#).

The next Cheney Friends' (PTA) meeting: Wednesday 18 May 7-9pm in the school library. The agenda will include discussion re: the winning Oxford Brookes student submissions for redesigning the main Cheney courtyard (part of our Greening Cheney project). Comments are welcome.

The designs will go up on the website in due course for all to see.

In keeping with the Greening Cheney theme, there will be home-made vegetarian meals for sale at the meeting- all proceeds to GC.

All are welcome

TikTok and Snapchat Fraud: Thames Valley Police have made us aware of a new type of fraud involving young children being coerced into providing their parents details to facilitate the opening of fraudulent financial products and accounts. Please see the attached letter for more information.

[Rumble Museum Newsletter #32:](#) In this week's Rumble newsletter, Year Eights experience driverless cars at Oxbotica, Year Tens explore African American classical music with Castle of Our Skins, Museum Council students' stories about our African collection appear on the Earth Museum, and Dystopia season kicks off with exciting breakfast talks!

Year Eight Dionysia 2022: 27th May, 9.30 - 11.30am: We are delighted to announce our seventh annual Dionysia Festival! This year's festival will take place on Friday 27th May, 9.30 - 11.30am, at the auditorium at Corpus Christi College.

The Year Eight Latinists have been working very hard to adapt four well-known ancient Greek comedies to the modern day. Aristophanes was an ancient Athenian playwright, and he was renowned for lampooning the politicians, customs and context of his fifth century Athens in his plays. His plays were written during the Peloponnesian War between Athens and Sparta, a time of great upheaval and uncertainty for the Athenian people. Many of the plays directly explore these themes.

Each year, the students choose a particular topical theme to weave into their adaptations. This year, the Year Eights have chosen "Partygate" as their overarching theme, and they have come up with lots of inventive ways to incorporate this very apt theme into their plays.

The Year Eights will each perform a scene from one of Birds, Clouds, Peace and Frogs, as well as a trailer for each play.

If you'd like to attend, please [email Dr Lorna Robinson](#)

Year Nine Museum Project Presentation Evening, 24th June, 5 - 7pm: Year Nines will be presenting their research projects on different aspects of museums on 24th June, 5 until 7pm. Each student has spent the past few months on a topic of their choice, and this event will involve an informal opportunity to see their presentation boards, and hear them talk about what they have discovered. Topics range from the controversy over the Benin Bronzes to whether dinosaurs are presented accurately in museums, and from how museums display fungi and gemstones, to how they might display social media in the future.

Staff, students and parents, as well as younger siblings, are warmly welcome to attend, There will be refreshments and you can drop in at any time,

Students considering doing the Year Nine Museum project next year are particularly encouraged to attend.

If you would like to book places, please [email Dr Lorna Robinson](#)

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We now have an online [Community Noticeboard](#) with regular updates from members and groups in the local community.

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

You can also now follow the Mrs Fenton's new [Cheney library twitter account](#)

And follow the [Cheney Library on TikTok](#) for book recommendations, news and more!

Kind regards

Cheney Communications