

## **LEADERSHIP UPDATE - 9 June 2022**

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

**End of year exams:** all year groups will sit some formal assessments at the end of term. Each year group, except 7 and 8, will do some of their exams in the hall in a formal setting. Exams are important, but it is necessary to keep a sense of perspective. We expect them to be taken seriously and treated with respect, but they should not cause anxiety or lead to massively increased workload, which is why Years 7 and 8 will do their exams in class, rather than in exam conditions in the hall. They are internal assessments, mainly there to give staff, students and parents a sense of progress, and therefore tell us what needs to be done next year. For Years 9 and 10, it also helps to build up experience of formal exams, so that GCSE is more manageable. The older a student is, the more these exams matter (for Year 12, they are the UCAS predictor exams, and therefore are important); our youngest students should make sure they talk to their tutors if they are feeling anxious so they can get extra support.

The dates of the formal assessments which will be done in exam conditions in the hall are below. Not every subject will be sat in this way, and assessments will be done in class over the coming weeks if they are not in the hall. Individual class teachers will tell their classes when the in-class assessments are.

- Year 12 UCAS predictor exams: Monday 20 June - Tuesday 28 June.
- Year 10 first mocks (core subjects): Wednesday 29 June - Monday 4 July.
- Year 9 (Languages only): Tuesday 5 July

The exact timings of all formal assessments being sat in the hall in exam conditions will be up the website shortly: [Exam Information - Cheney School](#)

A complication is that the only possible date for the required GCSE geography field trip for Year 10 clashes with the mocks; Geography students will miss an English paper because of the field trip; the department is making arrangements for them to do this during class time before the main exams. Teachers will tell the students concerned directly.

**Vaccinations:** The immunisation team will be coming into Cheney on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to deliver a catch-up vaccination sessions for the following vaccinations:

Yr 8 & 9 ONLY - HPV

Yr 9 & 10 ONLY - TdP/IPV/MenACWY

Please see the attached letters with further information, including a link to the consent form.

**Data Collection sheets:** Students will be coming home with a data collection sheet on Monday. Please could we ask that you look at the information we currently hold for your child and complete the information on the attached letter. You can update the information via the Bromcom MCAS app, which saves a lot of time; please just let us know you have done this via the reply slip. Tutors will be reminding students during this term for these reply slips. The **deadline for the collection is Thursday 30th June 2022.**

**Year 7 Celebration Evening - Save the Date!** We are pleased to be able to invite parents into school on 30th June from 5.30-6.30 to join us in celebrating the achievements of all of our Year 7 students. More information soon.

**Monday 13 June - Switch Up Your Lunch!** Switch Up Your Lunch is a campaign run by Good Food Oxfordshire and Oxfordshire Greentech. It aims to raise awareness and provide information of the benefits that increasing people's vegetable consumption can have on both individual health and on reducing our ecological footprint, by serving vegetarian and vegan lunches across Oxfordshire on the 13th June.

We are challenging everyone (staff and students) to eat a plant-based or vegetarian lunch that day - there will be samosas, cakes and ice cream sold from Pam's Hatch (profits will go to an environmental charity) and extra plant-based and vegetarian choices in the canteen.

If you would like to contribute any vegetarian/vegan bakes for the sale, please get in touch with [Ms Mortimer](#).

**Cheney represented at Modern Art Oxford:** Two Cheney students have been shortlisted for the Art Bytes Celebration Event - with their artwork being exhibited at the Modern Art Oxford on the 16th June! Both students, Dorian S and Ella M have a chance to be a regional/national overall winner!

The event will be livestreamed and tickets are available for free here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/art-bytes-celebration-event-live-stream-tickets-334436938887>

**School Uniform donations needed:** We would be very grateful if you could donate old school uniform, in particular Blazers, Jumpers and PE tops. Our stocks are very low and we've had many parents asking, especially those coming into Year 7 in September. Please drop off any donations to the main school reception. Thank you!

**RLT Trustee Recruitment:** River Learning Trust are looking for a new Trustee to join their board. The Trust Board needs members with a range of skills and experience. We are looking for someone with extensive experience of governance and developing strategy, and of chairing a governing board in an educational setting Further information can be found on the attached letter.

**Rumble Museum:** In the latest edition of the Rumble newsletter, we move from dystopias to utopias with Rewilding Breakfast Talks, the Rumble Dragonflies return, and find out all about how our annual Dionysia Fest went. Also featured is a recent Invisible East museum workshop, and information about our forthcoming Dystopia Day and a community author and activities event on 12th July.

**Classics Summer School at Cheney for ages 7 - 11: 22nd, 23rd and 24th August:** We are delighted to be offering our eighth annual Classics Summer School this August at the Iris Classics Centre at Cheney. It will take place on the mornings of 22nd, 23rd and 24th August. This year the summer school will be themed on sea myths!

To find out more information, please visit the [webpage for the summer school](#).

**Reminder: Rumble Museum Rewilding Breakfast Talks in June:** This term's Rumble Museum breakfast talks will be exploring rewilding, and are open to anyone in **Years Seven and Eight**. The talks are as follows (we are hoping to add one more at the beginning of June or beginning of July):

16th June	Pupak Haghighi, Founder of Trees for Hope	Rewilding in the Middle East
23rd June	Dr Paul Jepson, University of Oxford	Rewilding and the media
30th June	Dr Keith Kirby, University of Oxford	Can we have a wilder countryside?
7th July	Kate Sheard, <a href="#">Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust</a>	Taking Action for Wildlife: Rewilding Gardens and Parks

Please sign up using [this form](#) if you would like to attend:

**Rumble Museum Council Applications for 2022/23 - open to all Year Sevens:** We are recruiting a new group of students to take part in the Student Museum Council between September 2022 and July 2023. It involves a weekly breakfast meeting on Thursdays from 8.30 - 9am, as well as some trips outside of school hours. It is a year-long programme - students are expected to attend for the whole school year.

Students on the Museum Council are able to have a special involvement in the museum's work both within and beyond the school. Students have taken part in projects with local museums including running a gallery at a Late Opening at the Ashmolean and creating a display cabinet at the History of Science Museum, working on giving the Rumble Robots speaking technology, and developing last year's Tree Trail.

If you would like to be involved, you will need to write a paragraph outlining why you would like to take part using the form below by July 9th:

<https://forms.gle/Si9xELxjamtGCubN8>

Please email Dr Robinson ([lro@cheneyschool.org](mailto:lro@cheneyschool.org)) if you have any questions about any of these opportunities.

## **House News and Competitions**

### **Cheney Sports News:**

**City Athletics Event:** On 11th May Cheney students from year 7,8 and 9 went to the City Athletics Event at Horspath Athletics Track. The day was rainy however student spirits were high and participation in the event was of a great standard.

We school took the following students:

Year 7 : Ruby R, Asha H, Aimee GN, Annabelle P, James R, Umar S, Oliver W, Theo P and Ilias A.

Year 8/9 combined team: Emily C, Lara WJ, Amy B, Chloe K, Isla A, Marianna B, Georgia E, Jack S, Layton M, Alex G, Ben J, Harry C, Khalil H, Nicholas B, Adam A

The results of the competition were:

Year 7 Girls - 6th

Year 7 Boys - 3rd

Year 8/9 Girls - 4th

Year 8/9 Boys - 1st

Well done to all who took part and for doing your best when the weather, on the day, was not kind to us. Thank you for also representing Cheney in a fantastic way showing real spirit for all others when competing. Following this event a number of students have been selected to represent the City Athletics team in the County Competition running on 11th June. The students who have been chosen based on their score or position at the City Event are Harry C, Ben J, Lara WJ, Ruby R and Umar S. Good Luck to those athletes this weekend and we all look forward to hearing how you get on.

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 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