



14 SEPTEMBER 2022

HRH Queen Elizabeth II: The whole school came together last Friday, 9 September to observe a 2 minute silence, and every class in the school will have done a lesson prepared by the History department on the second Elizabethan age by the end of the week.

We can confirm that **school will be closed on Monday 19th September** for the bank holiday.

If you wish to leave a message in a book of condolence you can do so at Oxford County Hall, all Oxfordshire Libraries or [online](#).

Open Events

Open Evening
Thursday 22 September
5.30 - 8.00pm

Open Mornings
8.30 - 10.00am
Tuesday 20 September
Thursday 22 September
Tuesday 18 October



Cheney School
Think for yourself; act for others

These events are aimed at families with children in Year 6. Registration is not required to attend any of these events.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no parking at all available on the school site.

Open Events - Student Volunteers: If your child in Year 7-11 is helping either with the tours or within a department during the Open Evening, please complete the form giving permission.

If you are planning to collect your child at the end of the evening, please wait outside the student gate on Gipsy Lane, between R and J Blocks (there will be signage to help you locate the exact gate).

Mobile phone use in school: as mentioned previously, we are thinking about mobile phone use, and how to achieve a sensible, practical balance in school. At this point, we would very much appreciate hearing from parents who have expertise in the area, from a psychological, research or educational perspective. We will open a more general survey later in the term, as well as asking staff and students what they think.

Locker hire: we have some students who come to school like turtles with their entire possessions in their rucksack. We also have some students with heavy items, with medical conditions, or who live further away than most. We have a very limited number of lockers in school, which are currently unused. If any parents would like to hire a locker for £10 for the academic year (which covers the cost of the padlocks), please fill in this form. Priority will be given to those with the greatest need, if there are more requests than we have lockers.

[Request a locker](#)

Traffic filters: there is a consultation out from the council about traffic filters on some of the main routes into the city, with the aim of reducing car usage. The area covered by this will affect almost all of us, but the proposed filters are not that close to school. You may wish to read more about it and express your views in the consultation on the following link: [Consultation on trial traffic filters 2022 | Let's Talk Oxfordshire](#)

The Sixth form climate committee are donating the money we raised last June to [MSF \(Doctors Without Borders\)](#) who are helping with the relief efforts for the floods happening in Pakistan right now. One third of Pakistan is under water affecting around 33 million people due to the effects of heavy monsoon rains and extreme flooding. This "monsoon on steroids," as the UN Secretary General put it, has not happened by chance, it is the result of the current human-caused climate emergency increasing the likelihood, frequency and severity of such events. As a committee we are dedicated to the idea of climate justice (a just and equitable transition to a more sustainable world) which is why we are donating to MSF and their work in Pakistan in recognition of the position that the ecological and climate crisis puts people in globally and as one of the top polluters our responsibility to help those people out and reduce our emissions.

"It causes so much dread inside of me." - A story from a Cheney student

This situation is also close to our hearts at Cheney, as so many of us have family in Pakistan. Aysha in Y13 goes and stays with her family in Pakistan every summer and was there this summer when the flooding started. The first she heard of the flooding was a series of desperate texts from her sister. Her fear fell slightly, after her mum had reassured her she would be back in England by the time the floods reached them. However the statistics her sister sends her fill her with dread and she is constantly worried for her family.

RLT Sustainability Events calendar

We now have a sustainability and events calendar that anyone in the community can add to their google calendar using this [link](#). It has a range of things - science lectures, activities and national campaign days. If anyone would like to get have an event added to the calendar they can email the RLT Sustainability Lead, Phoebe Mortimer, at pmo@cheneyschool.org

[Eco Festival and 'Riverwoods' Film Screening, 11th October, 3.30 - 5.30pm](#): On Tuesday 11th October, the Rumble Museum, in association with Cheney Friends, is holding an Eco Festival at Cheney School. Museums have an important role in thinking about sustainability and conservation, and this event will explore the many ways in which the Rumble Museum, Cheney School, students, staff and the wider community can be involved in shaping a more environmentally friendly future.

Between 2 and 4pm, there will be a range of information and activity stalls run by organisations such as Headington Livable Streets, Conservation Optimism, Low Carbon Hub, Interdisciplinary Centre for Conservation Action, Wild Oxfordshire and others. The stalls will be run just for Cheney students between 2 and 3.30pm. They will be open from 3.30pm onwards to the wider community.

From 4 until 5pm, we will be having a viewing of the film [Riverwoods](#), followed by a short talk by [Paul Jepson](#).

If you would like to attend the stalls and/or film screening and talk, please email to book places on Iro@cheneyschool.org

The whole event is free and refreshments (kindly run by Cheney Friends) will be available.

[Rumble Newsletter #38](#): In this week's newsletter, you can find out how meeting Ai-Da the Robot went at the Weston Library, where over 700 visitors got to explore Cheney's A.I.-inspired artwork and creative writing, get more detail of our forthcoming Eco Festival and Film Screening, and also read about the new Year Nine Museum Project group's first museum trip of the year.

Korean Beginners and Continuers Club: Mr Sungwon Han will be offering a ten week 'Introduction to Korean Language and Culture' course in L34 from 3-4pm on Thursdays 29th September, 6th, 13th and 20th of October, 3rd, 10th, 17th 24th November and 1st and 8th December. If you child would like to take part, please sign up [on this form](#)

Korean Continuers Club will be taking place on Fridays from 23rd September from 3-4pm in L34. If your child has taken part in Korean Club before, would like to take part, and hasn't signed up yet, please get in touch with Mr Gimson.

Debating Club: Year Ten to Thirteen Debating coaching will be starting on Friday 23rd September from 3 to 4.45pm in L14 with former Cheney student Darcey Snape (currently reading PPE at Oxford) - please fill in [this form](#) if your child would like to sign up, or ask them to see Mr Gimson or Dr Robinson with any questions.

Year Eight and Nine Debating, led by Calum Murray and Thurston Tallack (Year Thirteen) began last Monday and will run every Monday in term time until Christmas in L14 from 3 to 4.15pm - all welcome.

Year Seven Debating will start in January.



Chess Champion: We are incredibly proud of year 9 student, Kenneth who was chosen to represent England in this year's World Youth Chess Championship.

During the tournament, they play one game a day for 11 days. So far Kenneth's won two, drawn three and lost one. He's played opponents from Romania, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, USA and today Switzerland. There are 138 kids in the U14 tournament, Kenneth is holding his own, currently 54th. More importantly, he is having a great time meeting the other players.

Connect with other Cheney School parents and carers!

'Cheney Friends' (the school PTA) has a Classlist group for all parents to join. Classlist enables parents and guardians with children at the school to communicate with other parents, making parent life easier! It can be used for simply connecting with the community or asking school-related questions that do not need to involve staff. Cheney Friends uses it to post information about uniform sales and upcoming events. Join at: <http://ow.ly/mEfi50HjiZ>

Donate your old clothes and raise money for Cheney:

We are doing another collection of old clothes for Rags2Riches. They can accept:

- Clothes that are clean and reusable
- Belts, paired shoes, handbags and jewellery

They cannot accept school uniform or school sports kits (although you can donate these directly to Cheney Friends for their second-hand uniform sales.

You can drop donations off at reception anytime next week or bring a bag into the library during Tutor Time on MOnday 26 September. Please make sure bags are marked with students names and house so they can be given house points!



IF Oxford, the Oxford science and ideas Festival runs from 6th-30th October with a great programme of workshops, talks, tours and performances for all ages to connect with science and ideas. Most events need to be pre-booked so take a look at the programme [here](#). You can also search the programme by age group and event type on their website at: <https://if-oxford.com/events/>.

You will find all our Weekly Newsletters on the [website](#). Updates, school news and important messages will also be posted on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and [Instagram!](#)

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

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