



9th February 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to announce that following the recent publication of the League tables by the Department of Education Cox Green School is the highest performing mixed senior school in Maidenhead, and rated third in the Borough. This is a truly incredible achievement and testimony to the fabulous teaching staff and our hard working students.

The feedback from all of the parents' evenings has been very positive and it has been wonderful to meet so many of you over the recent months. Please do remember there is an opportunity for parents/carers to discuss any issues or concerns directly with me at our regular Headteacher Surgeries. Our next session will be on Monday 5th March: please contact my PA Mrs MacKenzie to arrange an appointment.

Huge congratulations must go to 7 of our Sports Academy students, who are now 2 games away from playing at Wembley with Windsor FC. We will keep you posted with their progress. Jack Denton, another of our Sports students has been awarded a full football scholarship to Harvard, a marvellous opportunity for him.

Year 8 students Jakub and Jan Pleskac recently won silver in the South England Indoor Rowing Championships. A fabulous achievement and even more impressively did this with a team member missing!

Year 9 student Luke-Lom continues to excel in his cross country running, winning a silver medal at the County competition and is now through to the Nationals. Abbie Jones also did incredibly well, placing 35th in County. Year 10 student Olivia Phelps also should be acknowledged for qualifying for County Sportshall for the 5th consecutive year. Last but not least, Year 9 student Katie Crowhurst recently broke the 400m Individual Medley Female long Course S13 British Record which has stood for 31 years.

It is fantastic to see so many of our students enjoying success in so many extra-curricular activities. Please do share any newsworthy items and success stories with us as we do like to hear about good news! We are thrilled that we will be soon offering the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme at school and are pleased to have so many students show such an interest in participating.

Marta Liiko in Year 7 has been awarded 533 positive points so far this year, the highest amount in the school! Over 150 students received reward certificates for their efforts over the last term. Well done to everyone involved!

Our amazing Year 7 Netball team played in the Windsor/ Maidenhead tournament this week winning every single match and we have had some brilliant videos produced by Year 7 English classes of students performing as news readers!

A group of Year 8 students attended a STEM inspired trip to Paris in February 2018. The trip included lectures and seminars and from the pictures we have seen they also had a wonderful time at Disneyland in the snow! Several year 8 students also spent a week experiencing university life at Surrey University which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated.

Year 11 students had a moving and informative History trip to Auschwitz, and a small group of students were lucky enough to have a tour of the building site and learn about opportunities in the Building Industry. Most of

our Year 11 applicants have now had their interview for 6th Form and are working hard at achieving the grades required to access the courses they wish to study.

Our Careers Officer, Sara McKay, has had her hard work with our students recognised with The Thames Valley Award for significant progress. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the brilliant speakers Mrs McKay organised for our Year 8 options event, huge thanks to all involved and truly inspirational for our students.

Our A Level students have been working hard with their studies and organising fund raising events ranging from The Tuck Shop to Rocks Green. Tickets are still available for this annual event, being held on Thursday 1st March - a bargain at only £5! Visit www.jumblebee.co.uk/rocksgreen2018 to book. All profits will be split between Nordoff Robbins in memory of Bryony Holland and the Year 13 prom.

Wishing you all a relaxing break and I look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 19th February.

Thank you all for your continued support of the school.

Kind regards

Frances Walsh
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 19 th February	Start of Term 4
Wednesday 21 st February	Sports Academy Open Evening – 6.30-8pm
Thursday 1 st March	Rocks Green 2018 in the Theatre
Monday 5 th March	KS5 Parents Evening
Monday 5 th March	Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
Monday 5 th – Friday 17 th March	Mock Exams Y11-13
Thursday 22 nd March	Leavers Concert
Thursday 29 th March	End of Term 4 - School closes at 12.40