



18th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of our first term already! Year 7 students have all settled in very well and the summer holidays seem like a distant memory to us all!

I am delighted to report that following our recent Ofsted inspection we have maintained our "Good" status. This is down to the commitment of our amazing team of teaching and support staff, and our hardworking students. I would also like to thank the parents and students who participated in the Ofsted questionnaires online – your feedback is much appreciated and all contributed to the successful outcome. The report will be published on the Ofsted and school website within the week.

We welcomed a huge amount of visitors to our Open Morning events over the last three weeks. This is clearly testament to the reputation we have earned as a supportive and inspiring learning environment. Visitors have all been impressed by the new building and classrooms as well as the behaviour and attitude of our students. I must also acknowledge the Year 8 tour guides who did a fabulous job answering questions and reassuring nervous Year 6 children about the transition to Senior School.

There has been a huge improvement both in the presentation of students in their uniform this year, as well as the equipment that they are remembering to bring in with them each day. Thank you to students, parents and carers for supporting us with this. Pupils have now all been allocated their House and we are looking forward to the Inter House events that are planned over the coming year.

Mrs McKay has been very impressed by the aspirations of Year 11 following their Careers Meetings. Students should be now following up, looking at 6th Form, college and apprenticeship options. The Cox Green 6th Form Open Evening event is being held on Thursday 29th November and we would love to see as many Year 11 students as possible. The Cox Green 6th Form was picked out as one of our greatest successes by Ofsted who were impressed by both "a transformed picture in the 6th form" and our students who "are making above national progress".

There have been a number of trips for students in each year this term with many more planned for the coming year. Year 7 enjoyed a sunny day in Southsea team building. The English department has run several trips to the theatre and the Geography students in Year 10 enjoyed a field trip to Bournemouth.

We were informed by a parent that there was an unauthorised "Cox Green School" Facebook site which parents mistakenly believed was the authentic school site. We have contacted Facebook who have now closed this down. Please do ensure that if you are following us on Social Media you are following [@CoxGreenSchool](https://www.facebook.com/CoxGreenSchool) on Twitter and Facebook. These are the official pages, and are a great way to keep up to date with announcements and information. We share lots of great pictures of students during the school day (subject to photo permissions) so you may see a picture of your son or daughter! Remember to keep us updated with student successes out of school: we love to share good news!

I am working with the schools in the vicinity to try to improve the parking issues at the start and end of the day. Due to the proximity of the three schools, it can be difficult for parents to find a pick up spot close to the school and unfortunately, there are lots of drivers who are still parking inappropriately, putting students at risk. We will be patrolling, asking you to move your car if you are deemed to have parked carelessly.

Auditions are taking place for the school production of "The Wizard of Oz". We are renowned for the performances we stage throughout the year, and I would urge students to get involved. Whether it be as a performer or behind the scenes, it is great fun and a chance to make friends in other years.

Finally, we have made the decision to return to a half term pattern in line with RBWM and reduced the two-week holiday at October. This will take effect from September 2019 and the confirmed term dates are published on the website.

I trust you will all enjoy your half term break and look forward to see our students refreshed and ready for Term 2 on 5th November.

Yours sincerely

Frances Walsh
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

5 th November	Start of Term 2.
19 th Nov – 7 th Dec	Mock Exams for Years 11, 12, 13 and 14.
3 rd December	Headteacher Surgery 4-6.30pm
21 st December	End of term – school closes at 12.45pm