



Head

Jolie Kirby, BA, NPQH

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Mrs Kirby, Head

14 July 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

"All staff promote equality of opportunity, creating an environment where students feel stimulated, supported and challenged. Consequently, students achieve well". Quote from Ofsted 2015

We look forward to welcoming your son/daughter back to Cheney School.

First day back and Reminder of Essentials

The first day of term for students is Monday 5 September with an 8:30am start for Year 7 students, where they will be met in the main school hall at the front of the school. Years 8-11 will need to arrive in school at 10am and go into their tutor groups to collect their planners and timetables. All students should go to their year areas to find out the rooms they will be in for tutor time.

Year areas are as follows:

Year 7 – W Block

Year 8 – C Block

Year 9 – Lower floor J Block

Year 10 – Upper floor J Block

Year 11 – B Block (New Science Block)

Year 12 students will start on Thursday 8 September at 8.30am and Year 13 students on 5 September at 10am.

Shape of the school day

Time	Monday	Time	Tuesday	Time	Wednesday	Time	Thursday	Time	Friday
08:30	Period 1	08:30	Period 1	08:30	Period 1	08:30	Period 1	08:30	Period 1
09:30	Period 2	09:30	Period 2	09:30	Period 2	09:30	Period 2	09:30	Period 2
10:30	Break	10:30	Break	10:30	Break	10:30	Break	10:30	Break
10:50	Period 3	10:50	Period 3	10:50	Period 3	10:50	Period 3	10:50	Period 3
11:50	Period 4	11:50	Period 4	11:50	Period 4	11:50	Period 4	11:50	Period 4
12:50	Lunch	12:50	Lunch	12:50	Lunch	12:50	Lunch	12:50	Lunch
13:30	Period 5	13:30	Period 5	13:30	Period 5	13:30	Period 5	13:30	Period 5
14:30	Tutor	14:30	Tutor	14:30	Tutor	14:30	Tutor	14:30	Tutor
14:50	Home	14:50	Home	14:50	Home	14:50	Home	14:50	Home

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School Results

In August, we will be celebrating the results from our Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 students following GCSE/BTEC and A level courses and we are expecting the results to be excellent. A Level results day will be on Thursday 18 August from 9:30am – 12:00pm in the Assembly Hall.

GCSE results day will be on Thursday 25 August. Year 11 students may collect their results from 9:30am – 12:00pm and Year 10 students from 10:00am – 12:00pm in the Assembly Hall.

BTEC certificates can be collected from the Assembly Hall from 9:30am – 12:00pm.

School staff and careers advice will be available on both days to support any student who may require additional help.

On Friday 19 and Friday 26 August from 10:30am – 12:30pm, Mrs Fischer, Examinations Manager, will be available in the Exams Office to help with any enquiry a student or parent may have regarding examination results.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their support and the impact you have made in helping your son/daughter thrive and continue to make progress at Cheney School.

For parents of Year 7 students - We will be holding a Settling-in Meeting on Thursday 15 September from 5-7pm for you to come in and talk to the tutor to help you with any queries you may have.

For parents of Year 12 students - We will also be hosting a Year 12 Welcome Evening on Wednesday 7 September from 5-7pm for students and parents to meet with the Sixth Form team. There are also Open Mornings for parents across the year groups in the Autumn term. Further details of these events will be sent to you at a later date and will be posted onto our school calendar.

We will also be hosting **Parents' Evenings** from 3 – 7pm on the following dates:

Year 7 – Thursday 23 March 2017

Year 8 – Thursday 18 May 2017

Year 9 – Thursday 17 November 2016

Year 10 – Thursday 9 March 2017

Year 11 – Thursday 24 November 2017

Sixth Form Parents' Evenings will take place from 5 – 7pm.

Year 12 – Thursday 1 December 2016

Year 13 – Thursday 19 January 2017

Student Safety – please see enclosed leaflet

Please be aware that students bringing bicycles on to the school site should use the bicycle sheds located at the front of the school. Students using skateboards will need to leave their skateboards in the bicycle sheds, as these are not allowed on the school site due to safety reasons. In order to ensure student safety can I remind you that no students are allowed on site before 8am in the morning or after 3:15pm in the afternoon – when the gates are locked. We have a range of activities after school which are supervised by staff and these include use of study spaces and the library which is available before and after school for study. Students are encouraged to attend these and they will be accompanied off site at the close of these activities.

Online payments

Please can I remind parents that we want to reduce the amount of cash paid for school meals and trips. This saves your child time in the queue and improves efficiency in school. Online payments can be made via Parent Pay www.parentpay.com. If you have a child starting in Year 7 you should have received log in details in your starter pack. For any other years if you do not have log in details please e-mail finance@cheney.oxon.sch.uk.



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With effect from September the maximum amount of money any student can spend in a day will be £4.50. Should you want to increase or decrease this limit for your child then please email our Catering Manager Mr Haslam on phs@cheney.oxon.sch.uk

Sims Learning Gateway (SLG)

The SIMS Learning Gateway is the new online service that allows you to see up-to-date information on your child(ren)'s school record. You will be able to access data on your child(ren)'s attendance, achievement, behaviour, timetable, school reports and, if appropriate, Special Educational Needs. As well as this, you will see your contact details which will ensure that key information retained by the school is correct.

All year groups – **except Year 11 and all new students starting in September who will receive these details at the beginning of next term** - should have received a letter of information and the Acceptable User Policy (AUP) either as a hard copy or electronically which you are required to sign in order to be issued with a password. If this is not the case please call Mrs Greenaway on 755204 or email communications@cheney.oxon.sch.uk.

Website

I would like to draw to your attention to how useful it is to keep an eye on information regarding the life of the school through our website - the Head's blog provides snapshots of the working life of the school and our Cheney newsletter is a bi-monthly update for parents on school events. You will find more information and events on our website www.cheney.oxon.sch.uk and also on our Facebook page (please like our page!).

I hope you have a restful and enjoyable summer break. We are looking forward to the new term and I hope to see you at one of the many events during the next academic year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kirby
Head of Cheney School

