



Christ Church Cathedral School

Friday 16th September 2022

Dear Parents,

Every morning, during the time that I am out on Brewer Street, our minibus arrives, carefully driven by Mirko, our wonderful driver and handyman. Everything Mirko does, he does with great care and attention, and his driving of the minibus is no exception. I have written to you separately today about the traffic plans being put together by Oxford County Council. At the heart of those plans is the laudable desire to decrease the amount of traffic travelling through the city centre. If you live in Summertown or North Oxford, or to the north of Oxford and are currently travelling by car, please do consider using the minibus. It has the three obvious advantages that it cuts down on the number of cars coming in, it reduces emissions, and may well be more convenient. The minibus is reasonably flexible about where it can pick up and drop off – please let us know where you live and we will endeavour to arrange for the minibus to rendezvous with you at a convenient place. The minibus also has one of our two Gappers, Lara and Elly, on board so you can be assured that your child will be well looked after. If you have concerns about the age of your child, please contact the front office - we are able to take young children on the minibus given the presence of Lara and Elly. As I wrote in my letter to you earlier today, the minibus will be able to go through any traffic filters which the Council might plan to set up, so it is, in terms of any plans being created, future-proof. For all the reasons mentioned above, we are very keen that people should consider using the minibus and so we have decided to halve the cost of travelling on the minibus. Do please get in touch with Miss Green, the School Secretary, on schoolsecretary@cccs.org.uk if you would like to use the minibus or if you have any questions about it.

On Sunday morning, I went to an extraordinary ceremony at Carfax, in the very heart of Oxford, the official Proclamation of the Accession of Charles III. It was lovely to see so many people there, in particular, Mr Robson, our Housemaster, Mr Harrison, our Deputy Head Pastoral, and our Choristers, who were spending their first weekend of the term in school. The ceremony goes back to the times when people did not have such ready access to information and so the important news that the country had a new monarch would be publicly announced. The Proclamation itself was made by an Old Boy of the School, the High Sherriff of Oxfordshire, Mark Beard, who came to present the prizes on Speech Day. It occurred to me, as we were standing at Carfax listening to the formal proclamation, that the last time it happened, seventy years ago, no one would have recorded the event on their mobile phones. In fact, virtually everyone attending then would have heard the news of the new Queen's accession on the radio, as very few households would even have owned a television. The transformation in communications during the course of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II, is nothing less than miraculous.

We have talked a great deal to the pupils over the last few days about the events occurring in the past week. One thing that has struck me throughout this time has been the extraordinary sense of calm seen everywhere. We saw it in the groups of people on the course of the late Queen's six-hour journey through the glens and towns of Scotland last Sunday, where every bridge she went under had people standing quietly above the road, where the cars on the opposite carriageway had come to a halt or were travelling very slowly. This was also the case on the Royal Mile when the procession arrived in central Edinburgh – the crowds clapped quietly – and of course, most strikingly, there was a sense of deep calm on the Mall and along Whitehall in London on Wednesday, when the late Queen's coffin, carried on a gun carriage, progressed at a slow march.

Subsequently, we have seen the snaking queues waiting to see the late Queen lying in state. The reporters following this have said, over and over again, that they have not met a single person who has seemed frustrated at the very lengthy waiting times. The late Queen had so many admirable qualities about which so much has rightly been said, but one of them was her calmness and it is utterly fitting that this quality has been so striking in the nature of the crowds who have come to pay their respects to her over the past few days. Calmness seems, to me, to be a quality which is so important as it allows people to act rationally and thoughtfully, not at all at the mercy of their emotions. The School has seemed, to me, to have been very calm so far this year and I wish to pay tribute to my fellow members of staff for the calmness they have shown, which has had such a positive effect.

May I wish you all a very memorable Bank Holiday on Monday.

Mr Murray
Headmaster

Michaelmas 2022

Monday 19th - Sunday 25th September

MONDAY 19	Bank Holiday - School Closed
TUESDAY 20 4.00 - 5.00	After School Tennis Club (Reception - Form 2) (VWH)
WEDNESDAY 21 8.30 - 4.00 3.30 - 4.30 4.00 - 5.00 7.30	<i>Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i> Swimming (Forms 3 & 4) Team Building at Youlbury Scout Camp (Forms 5 & 6) After School Chess Club (Form 2) After School Tag Rugby (Forms 3 - 6) (Merton Field) Parents' Forum: Future Schools (Teams)
THURSDAY 22 9.00 - 4.00 1.00 - 4.00 4.00 - 5.00	Form 7 Trip to Reading Museum and Silchester Football U8 Summer Fields Tournament After School Football Club (Forms 3 - 6) (Merton Field)
FRIDAY 23 8.30 4.00 - 5.00	Cathedral Assembly, speaker tbc After School Tag Rugby Club (Reception - Form 2) (Merton Field)
SATURDAY 24 4.45 6.00	CC: Full Choir Rehearsal CC: RSCM Festival Evensong
SUNDAY 25	<i>The Fifteenth SUNDAY After Trinity</i>

CC: OUT



Cathedral Events this Weekend

The memorial service is at 6.00 pm on Sunday - because of limited capacity the service has to be ticketed, tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/service-of-thanksgiving-for-her-late-majesty-queen-elizabeth-ii-tickets-419517025717>

The service will also be livestreamed, livestream here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9mrTba0O2o>

We are open for prayer all day on Monday. People are welcome to come to the Chapter House to watch the broadcast funeral.

We have a service at 1.00 pm and Evensong at 6.00 pm. PW

Reminders...

On Thursday Form 7 will be visiting Reading Museum and Silchester (9.00 am - 4.00 pm).

Greek Club on Mondays after school is open to Forms 7 & 8 for those who wish to learn about the ancient Greeks and their language. Please ask Mr Richards for information. NR

Games and Swimming

Games for Forms 5 - 8 have begun. As it is Rugby season, full Games kit, Games socks, trainers, Rugby boots and mouth guards are required for each Games session.

Swimming for Forms 3 and 4 begins on Wednesday 14th September. Boys need blue trunks, a cloth swimming hat, goggles, towel and small waterproof rucksack to carry everything in. Thank you. ADM

Music News - Rare Instruments at CCCS

We're at that stage of the year where boys might be considering taking up a new instrument, and it seemed a good moment to advertise the wonderful opportunities to play unusual instruments at CCCS. We're particularly keen to recruit new oboe and bassoon pupils, as these are always needed at senior schools due to their rarity, and there is a new Double Reeds Ensemble for these boys to join. We already have a good team of viola players in school, and hope to see more boys taking up the French horn, double bass and harp too.

As well as being hugely satisfying to play, these 'rare' instruments are in high demand at senior schools and are a superb choice if your son might be thinking of applying for a Music award in Form 8. It's a great way to catch the eye of a Director of Music if you can stand out from the hordes of pianists knocking on the door! There are plenty of options for hiring an instrument when your son starts out, so please do get in touch for more information, and if you think he might like a taster session on any of our more unusual instruments, please don't hesitate to ask. It could be the start of an exciting adventure... SB



Pre-Prep News

Form 2 boys enjoyed harvesting and tasting the first crop of tomatoes in our Pre-Prep garden. We are still waiting for borlotti beans to ripen... EF



Reception were busy in their classroom on Thursday making Autumn crumble to go with their letter sound 'u'. After thinking of words that they could find the sound in, we practised our letter formation. Of course, nothing could be more delicious than crumble to help the children remember their learning. Everyone very carefully chopped up apples and squashed blackberries before weighing out butter, sugar and flour to make the crumble topping. Yummy Scrummy! RF



Reception and Form 1 enjoyed their first trip of the school year to the Woodland School. It was a lovely Autumn afternoon and the leaves were already turning into golden shades.

The children enjoyed learning about the shape and names of different leaves, they then had great fun searching for their own perfect Autumn specimens, which were then threaded onto pipe cleaners - to make leaf hangers. RF

One of our new **Nursery** boys came into school during the Summer holidays - for his first ever school backpack 'fitting.' It looks like Xander approves! LK



**Junior
Playground
Fun**

Charity News

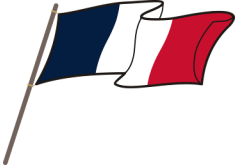


I am running the London Marathon to raise funds for the Oxford Hospitals Charity, if you would like to make a donation the link is below.

Many thanks in advance. Mr Potts.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Steve-Potts-London22>

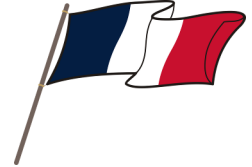
French News



Immersion Trip to France - "Have fun and improve your French!"

Dates: 10th -14th July 2023 Cost: Around £550.00.

Open to boys in Forms 5, 6 and 7 as a priority - then to Form 8 boys, depending on numbers.



We are delighted to be launching a full immersion trip to Normandy, France next July. We will be staying at Le Château de la Baudonnière, which is an ancient château with 100 acres of woodland, which boasts a lake, an orchard, a farm and stables.

I would be grateful if you could contact schoolsecretary@cccs.org.uk before 30th September, should you wish to book a place for your son on this trip. SL

Flexi-Boarding



We are now able to offer flexi-boarding for £58.00 per night.

If any of our parents would like to use this facility, please contact Mrs Kemp:

registrar@cccs.org.uk

Abandoned Bicycles

These bicycles were left at school over the Summer holidays. If they are not claimed by half term, they will be disposed of. NN



Porthole to Another World

Saturday 17th September 2022

Bands & DJs Community Bar & Food Cinema

Spoken Word & History Talks Dog Show

Arts, Crafts, Dance and Children's Workshops

11am - 7.30pm, Aristotle Lane Recreation Ground



www.oxfordcanalheritage.org/oxford-canal-festival-2022



Our Boarders are Back!

We've had a good, positive, start to term. The boys are settling well into their new Form groups, and positions within House. Our Form 8s immediately stepped up, helping and guiding the younger boys and welcoming our two new Probationers.

We look forward to the reopening of 'Deb's Café' tonight, serving tea, toast and Horlicks. The boys have been happy to be reunited with Onni, our resident Fox Red Labrador and, equally, he's thrilled to see the them! I think he's missed them over the Summer. DP

Meet and Greet

Name: Poppy Green - School Secretary

What did you want to be when you grew up and what are you doing now? I wanted to be a Fashion Designer when I was younger. Now I am a School Secretary at CCCS.

If you could travel anywhere in the world tomorrow, where would you go and why? I would go to Paris as I have never been and it looks beautiful!

Who is your idol, and why? My Idols would be my parents as I admire their hard work and positivity.

Favourite city or town and in which season? My favourite city is London at Christmas time.

One thing you would change in the world if you could? I would end world poverty.

Is there a family trait/habit that you have? Yes, we all love to travel to different countries together.

Favourite Book? *Wonder* by R. J. Palcio - I highly recommend!

If you could start something new (hobby/interest or sport) and were not limited with time/age/ money, what would it be? I would learn how to fly an aeroplane.

Any advice on how you relax on the weekend? Go for a walk and have a nice hot bath!

It would be a little unfair to ask you the question of what do you want to be, as there are still many years ahead for you to explore the countless options! Eventually, after spending many days with the boys at school, you may decide to go into boys/menswear fashion - so start noticing the trends now. Although the uniform is much the same on each boy, its how they wear it! There will be a muse or two in there for you I am sure. It is refreshing to hear that your parents are your idols - nothing like a strong foundation to help pave the way for you. It's very important to stay ambitious in your endeavours, and whilst many people like to learn a new language or instrument, learning to fly could still very much be in your sights. We could replace the school minibus with a light aircraft and easily organise a 'hi vis' and ear muffs for Mr Murray in the mornings, as you steady in for the taxi landing along Brewer Street "Please remain seated with your seat belt fastened and keep the aisle(s) clear until we are parked at the gate".

Thank you and welcome to CCCS Poppy!

Enjoy your weekend,
Kathryn