



01 May 2026

Dear parents and carers,

As we welcome May today, and look ahead to the Bank Holiday weekend, the sunny weather has certainly given us a glimpse of hopefully a lovely warm summer ahead.

This week Y10 have taken much of the spotlight at school as they have embarked on a full suite of PPEs. They have really stepped up to the challenge in terms of revision over the past few weeks and showed a real desire, and even enthusiasm, to perform during this exam series. This has reflected in Y10 attendance this week too, where they have registered at 94% with 10A and 10D finishing the week with figures in excess of 97% for the week! PPEs are in place to provide students with the opportunity to sit papers in exam conditions but also practice the routines associated with exams – so that when they sit the formal papers in the summer of Year 11, they are not worrying about where to line up or what the expectations are in terms of equipment or conduct. Year 10 have been simply fantastic this week and now as staff we begin the marking and moderation processes ready for results to be returned to students just before Half Term. Thank you to Mrs Reilly, Exams Officer, and the Year 10 tutor team for all their efforts in supporting Year 10 across this week and in advance to Year 10 teachers for their time in marking papers over the next fortnight or so.

The exams team's energy and focus now switch firmly to Year 11 many of whom have their first GCSEs next week (BTEC Sport / Drama). This marks the start of a 6 school-week block of exams – undoubtedly relentless for the students but also a hugely intense period of the school year for Mrs Reilly and her team who work tirelessly to ensure we are JCQ compliant as well as firefighting issues on the day that may arise. We have an excellent team of over 15 invigilators who help to foster a calm and positive environment for students taking their exams – some working 1:1 with students with others supervising in the Main Hall where the bulk of our students sit their papers.





On Wednesday afternoon, talented mathematicians from Year 7 and 8 took part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge. In recent years we have had plenty of success in this competition and based on how the students have said they found it, we are very hopeful of repeating these successes this year. Thank you to Mrs Gopal for organising and invigilating.

I am pleased to share following recent recruitment that we have successfully appointed 2 colleagues to join us ahead of September. Mr Okeowo will be joining the Science team and Ms Peek the Maths team who will be joining us in July. We are hopeful for a June start for Mr Okeowo and we are working hard behind the scenes with Shared Services Recruitment and HR to expedite the relevant paperwork. I know Mr Mavromichalis and Mrs Gopal are excited to welcome them to their teams.

This week we have also welcomed Miss Louzolo-Aya who joins us on a short contract to support in the Food, Tech and Art teams as a technician. Miss Louzolo-Aya has stepped in whilst Mrs Skitt is recovering following recent hip surgery – we wish her a speedy recovery.

A final call for entries to the Greener Henley Poetry competition which has been publicised with Years 7-9 this week. Winning entries will be displayed as part of an exhibition alongside Photographs showcasing the wonderful Natural environment in and around Henley on Thames. I am delighted to have received lots of entries already the quality of which have been amazing!

Also, a reminder on behalf of CESA of the annual quiz taking place next Friday (8 May). Details of how to sign up can be found on the information poster attached. Be great to see you there!



And finally, as we reach the mid-point of this Half Term a quick review of House Points & attendance from the term so far. For House Points over 18000 have been awarded in the last 3 weeks with the student average being 48 points per pupil. However, looking at just Y8 and Y7 I am hugely impressed that the average points per pupil (for this 3-week period) sits at 78 and 76 points respectively – an amazing achievement. Top performers by year group are:

Year 7: Sable, Toby, Maisie, Gabi, Austin and Hazel

Year 8: Anushka, Rosamund, Charlotte, Percy, Hanna and Mia

Year 9: Henry, Aaron, Achintha, James, Jayden, Aron and Olivia

Year 10: Libby, Finn, Ellis, Zemeriah, Noor and Deanna

Year 11: Phoebe, Natasha, Samatha, Ruby-Rae, Lam and Qasim

In terms of attendance, we sit at 88% for the three weeks to date this term. This is a little bit down on where we would like it to be. However, a big shout out to students in Years 10 and 7 where all tutor groups are sitting above 90% and to those in 11C, 9A and 9C who have also registered attendance above 90%. A particular mention to 10B, 10A and 9C who have registered attendance over 95% for this period!

Wishing you all a lovely Bank Holiday weekend!



Miss E Bliss  
Headteacher



**ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT**  
 IN AID OF  
**CHILTERN EDGE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

**FRIDAY 8TH OF MAY**  
 Doors open 6:30pm, Quiz to start at 7pm

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 WITH TEAM NAME AND TEAM MEMBERS

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