



17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well.

Dates for your diary are at the bottom of this letter.

## Oxford offers

I am delighted to share that the students who were invited to Oxford for an interview have all received offers (Oxford offers are received before Cambridge offers). It is a super achievement to receive an offer to study at Oxford as the selection process is very challenging and competitive. Students and staff have worked so hard in preparation for the interviews and for them all to receive offers is the icing on the cake. We wish these students well as they work towards achieving their offer grades.

## School production

Students and staff are busy preparing for our musical production. This year it will be Frozen Jr.

Freezing winds and snowflakes swirl,  
Royal sisters' bond unfurl.  
Olaf's warmth in winter's chill,  
Zany adventures, magic thrill.  
Elsa's power, Anna's heart,  
Never let them drift apart.

There are performances each day from Tuesday 11th February 2025 to Thursday 13th February 2025 after school in Newman Hall.

Tickets for Frozen Jr are now available and are likely to sell quickly. Please click [here](#) to buy tickets. Each show starts at 7pm and lasts for about an hour. I do hope you enjoy it.

## **Neurodiversity**

Miss Cook runs a group every other Tuesday called *The Empowerment Project* to support young people in school who are struggling with neurodiverse traits. If you think your child may find this helpful, please do encourage them to attend. The club is in Lab10, every Tuesday week B. In addition to our school club, there is now a city initiative to support young people and families with neurodiverse traits. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

## **Reading**

Reading non-fiction enhances knowledge, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. It provides real-world insights, fosters personal growth, and inspires action by offering practical advice and understanding of diverse perspectives.

Try these recommendations from The Day

Biology [Chocolate breakthrough cuts cocoa waste - The Day](#)

PE [The five key morals of this Olympics - The Day](#)

Law [Call to drop 'guilty' and 'not guilty' in law - The Day](#)

## **School website latest news page.**

This is where we celebrate student achievements and promote school related news.

[Please click here to see our latest news](#)

## **Dates for your diary.**

### **All years**

5<sup>th</sup> February. Staff training afternoon. Students finish school at 1.15pm (please see the separate communication from Mr Britz-Colwill, Assistant Headteacher, Thinking, teaching and learning ([Teacher Training adjustment letter to parents](#))).

11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> February School production of Frozen

14<sup>th</sup> February. Last day of half term. Normal finish time, full uniform.

### **Year 13**

4<sup>th</sup> February. Post Mock wellbeing day. Students are in lessons for period 1 & 2, then they are enjoying a celebration activity to mark the end of their mock examinations.

6<sup>th</sup> February. Mock results published to students and parents.

### **Year 11**

21<sup>st</sup> January. Mock results published to students.

23<sup>rd</sup> January. Mock results are published to parents.

24<sup>th</sup> January 3.30pm. Deadline for sixth form choices. (The paper form to be returned to Mrs Mills in the sixth form centre and the online SIMS options form to be completed for Miss Roughton.)

### **Year 9**

23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January. Parents evenings via online appointments.

6<sup>th</sup> February GCSE option deadline 3.30pm.

Best wishes,



**Simon Underdown.**  
**Headteacher.**