



# The Cooper School, Bicester

Where 'Learning Matters'



Science

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## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As the end of the school term approaches may I wish you and your families all best wishes for the festive season; I hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing break. The break offers staff and students alike an opportunity to recharge their batteries ahead of the winter months yet to come.

The building work for the new Sixth Form Block and Science labs is progressing well and the Sixth Form Block now has floors and roofs in place. I will keep all parents, students, staff and all others with a vested interest in this programme fully informed of key developments.

The Sixth Form Open Evening held in November was very well attended and there are measurable levels of excitement amongst the likely intake in the school.

There have continued to be many successes to celebrate throughout this term, the school was very successful in the latest Lego Build competition and a place in the national final may be forthcoming.

As we look ahead to the new year, many of our Year 11 students, some Year 10 and Year 9 students will be sitting GCSE Exams in January and it is important that they take some time during the break to revise for the subjects they are taking exams in. As the new year progresses all of our GCSE students (and this includes some Year 10 students as well) will be given as much help and advice to prepare for the main exam season in June/July.

During the last three months the school has raised over £2000 for charitable causes, an effort which the whole school can be proud of. 'Children In Need' Day raised over £1824, McMillan Cancer Fund £270 and Helen & Douglas House £100. We are proud to support all of these local and national charities.

On December 14<sup>th</sup> the school hosted 70 Senior Citizens to Christmas Lunch in the dining hall and also distributed Christmas hampers to other Senior Citizens we are unable to invite.

I would like to end as I began with sincere wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable festive season. Have a great time with family and friends as 2010 draws to a close and we can look forward to another exciting year at the school in 2011.

Ben Baxter



### **Cooper Students Go Stateside!**

43 students and five members of staff from at The Cooper School in Bicester visited Washington and New York recently on a school History Trip to aid understanding of the consequences of conflict. The students travelled from London's Heathrow Airport to Washington where they visited the Capitol Building and the many war memorials on The Mall including the Second World War and the Vietnam War memorials as well as the Lincoln memorial. They also visited the historic and picturesque area of Georgetown before travelling by coach to New York. Their first sight of the city was the famous Manhattan skyline at night which both impressed and excited the students. Whilst in New York the students took a tour of the Ground Zero area before catching a ferry to Liberty Island where they could walk around the base of the statue which was donated to America by France in 1873 and transported to the USA in the 1880s.



### **Oxford Young Ambassadors Scheme**

On Saturday October 16 th 2010, Rebecca Mattingley in Year 9 attended the prestigious opening session at Oxford University. The Oxford college / examination school venue was magnificent and gave the participants a flavour of all the exciting challenges they will face in the forthcoming year as they learn to be 'ambassadors' for higher education. This scheme works with selected state school students from 14 years old right up until they leave school at 18. It is a scheme that supports students personally and academically throughout the final years of their schooling. The programme targets students of potential across Oxfordshire. Mike Nicholson, the Director of undergraduate admissions runs this scheme with a team of dedicated staff and University students and aims to get young people thinking about their options and their future goals and aspirations. Over the next 4 years, Rebecca will work alongside students from other schools and staff / undergraduates at Oxford University in a series of after school clubs and sessions, day events and a 'murder mystery' weekend. Rebecca was an excellent ambassador for our school, a worthy selection and a student who will enjoy and take full advantage of all the wonderful opportunities that this scheme will offer her.



Cate Mallalieu-Needle  
Director of Post 16 studies

## THE COOPER SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

Just a reminder to peruse The Cooper School Sixth Form page, 'Sixth Sense'. Here you will find updates on the progress the school is making towards the historic opening of its new sixth form in September 2011. Our hope is to offer a genuine, twenty-first century learning centre for post-16 education in the Bicester area. Please take some time to look through the information provided and watch the videos that track the progress of this exciting project. Why not also visit the Sixth Sense Blog. On [the blog](#) you can not only read comments and information managed and updated by the Director of Sixth Form Studies, Mrs C Mallalieu-Needle, but you can also post your own questions and feedback as the Sixth Form Progresses.

**IMPORTANT** - Mrs Mallalieu-Needle, Director of Sixth Form will be holding a clinic for advice / guidance for students / parents on choosing options for the sixth form on **Wednesday 12th January 6 - 7 pm in the L2L Centre**

### ECO TIP

Choose Safer Paint Strippers and Varnish Removers. Avoid toxic chemicals and look for plant based and biodegradable alternatives



### The Four Nations Maths Challenge (8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> November)

Congratulations to all our students who took part in the Four Nations Maths Challenge (England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland). Over 140 students managed to gain over 1000 points and were rewarded with a certificate of participation.

Punit Sevak (Y10) managed to score an outstanding total of over 90,000 correct answers during this week and was placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the overall competition and 2<sup>nd</sup> in England. Punit's certificate will be presented by the representative from the Four Nations Maths Challenge and because of his fantastic score he has been selected to be an ambassador for England in the 2011 World Maths Day competition. Other high scorers were Emily Benfield, Melissa Boiling, Angharad Davies, Jacob Hertz, Annabel Hudson, Bethan Humphreys, Shaun Kailla, Josam Macavinta, George Muddle, Jake Mulligan, Lauren Page, Blake Plowman, Hollie Proffitt, Dhanesh Sanjivi, Amber Sherratt, Reagan Spinks, Luke West and Adam Wood.

We look forward to the World Maths Day competition in March and aim to be placed higher on the leader board!



### THE COOPER SCHOOL – CHILDREN IN NEED

Following the national BBC Children In Need Day and events held during w/c 15th November, the money counting has now finished and I am pleased to be able to report that the 2010 Fund Raising Efforts by students and staff at The Cooper School has exceeded all previous totals.

Thanks to a Non Uniform Day, Cake Sale, Talent Shows, Plant Sale and a very impressive individual effort by a Year 7 student a final total of **ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY FOUR POUNDS** has been raised.

12 year old Josh Green organised, arranged sponsorship and ran three and half miles and raised, all by himself, £253 which he has added to the school's total. Previously Josh has taken part in sponsored silences to raise money, his first efforts raised £17 and that total has grown year on year. His target this year was £50 but by asking friends and family he managed to blow that target out of sight. Next year Josh is hoping to organise a long distance bike ride and is looking to cover 20 miles and has set his sights on raising £350. Good luck, Josh!!!!

Mr S Cook  
Strategic Finance Manager

## CATERING DEPARTMENT AUTUMN 2010

Since the beginning of the school year, the kitchen staff, have been striving to maintain the high standards that we have set ourselves. This, I can report was certified on the recent Health and Food Hygiene Safety inspection, where we achieved a Five Star Rating. The kitchen staff are very proud of the hard work put in, not only to provide the best food service within the Nutritional Standards, but, also the work required by everyone to keep our hygienic standards at the highest.

Unfortunately, as you may be aware inflation is presently having an affect on the food industry. I have recently received notice from several suppliers that the prices of products we purchase will be rising shortly. With this in mind it is the intention to try and hold off passing on any price increase, but, this will be reviewed regularly.

I am pleased to announce that the highly successful Senior Citizens Christmas Meal will be going ahead again this year on the 14 December 2010. It gives us the chance to give back something to those people, in acknowledgement of all they have contributed in the years.

Finally, by the time you receive this, we will have had the school Christmas Lunch an event we all look forward to, and hope those that attend had a really good time.

Just to remind everyone that the School Food Trust is an organisation set up to review and recommend food served in schools, it is a very good organisation and has a website which can be visited on [www.schoolfoodtrust.org.uk](http://www.schoolfoodtrust.org.uk). If you get the time, please have a look at the site; it has a wealth of information concerning school meals.

We welcome any feedback to improve the service, in doing so you will have a say in the health of your children.

Have a great Christmas period and a good New Year.

Mr C Epathite.  
Catering Manager.

## Inter-House Hockey and Football Competitions 2010

Four hundred and sixty four students participated in the inaugural Inter-House Hockey and Football competitions which took place on 22 October 2010. There was great team spirit and team work on display, as well as no shortage of skill. In the girls' Hockey competitions, the winning Houses were: Newton (Year 7), Churchill (Year 8), Nightingale (Year 9), Moore (Year 10) and Nightingale (Year 11). In the boys' Football events, the winning Houses were: Moore (Year 7), Nightingale (Year 8), Nightingale (Year 9), Moore (Year 10) and Newton (Year 11). Well done to all students who took part and particular congratulations to Churchill and Moore, the overall winners of the Hockey and Football competitions respectively.



Andy Walkey, Development Officer at Bicester Hockey Club, attended and supported the Hockey event, and several girls have been inspired to join the Hockey Club as a result of this Inter-House competition.



The next Inter-House sports events promise to be equally enjoyable. They will take place on **16 December 2010** (Netball for girls and Rugby for boys). Any student who would like to play, who has not yet registered her/his interest, should see the relevant House Welfare Manager as soon as possible.

Mrs G Allen  
(SSCo)



## Senior Citizen Lunch

66 Senior Citizens and Carers were entertained to a three course Christmas Lunch on 14<sup>th</sup> December in the Café Scientifique at The Cooper School in Bicester. Drawn from a wide area of Bicester including the Pop-In Centre on Crown Walk, Cherwood House, Heathfield House, Fewcott Care Home and St Edburg's House the guests were greeted by a Guard of Honour on arrival before being served by Year 11 students.

Supported by local businesses who donated goods including turkeys and all the trimmings, Christmas Trees and helped provide transport, the guests were also treated to a Christmas Concert featuring many traditional songs and hymns.

The school also made up and distributed 25 Christmas hampers thanks to donations from students and their families and staff.

Headteacher Ben Baxter said, 'It is wonderful to be able to help spread the Christmas spirit at this special time of year and the school would like to thank local businesses for all their help. The school has an important role in the community and it is good to be able to give something back.'



## Bike Club Trip to Manchester

Three lads, Josh, Gareth and Matt went on a visit to Manchester Velodrome on Saturday 11th December. Despite the long journey the racing we saw (and took part in) was electric! We saw the warm-up first of all, and were able to appreciate the steepness of the banking and the speed of the riders. Prior to the racing we were able to ride a WattBike which measures power through the pedals. Josh Mitchell scored the highest, recording over 600W peak power, followed by Matt then Gareth. Once the racing started we returned to our seats. There were many races featuring future stars from 14 years old, right through to seasoned professional riders. Each race was different, distance races with intermediate sprints, team races with eliminations, or pure sprinting.

We even took time out to go down into the track centre. There we took part a roller racing event; bikes are placed on stands with their rear wheels on rollers. Riders are timed and have to pedal as fast as they can over 250m. Once again Josh showed his sprinting prowess recording a time of **14.48secs, 8th in the overall boys competition**. Times can be found on [www.rollapaluza.com](http://www.rollapaluza.com) in the results section. Well done to the lads for taking part, we're looking forward actually riding the track at Calshot on 16th December and Newport in July!



Mr G Frogley

### COOPER FAMILY MULTI-SKILLS FESTIVAL 2010

One hundred and sixty two KS1 children participated in the Cooper Family of Primary Schools Multi-Skills Festival held at The Cooper School on 19 November 2010. The event was organised by The Cooper School, on behalf of the North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership, and was run by Year 9 Sports Leaders from The Cooper School. The 24 Leaders organised warm ups for the younger children, showed them the activities, helped them to improve their performance and ran competitions.

Sixteen teams from Langford Village, Charlton-on-Otmoor, Fringford, Launton, Glory Farm and Longfields Primary Schools participated in a circuit of activities designed to develop different aspects of skill such as agility, balance, co-ordination and reaction time.

The event proved to be highly successful and great fun for all.

Mrs G Allen  
SSCo The Cooper School



### GREEN CORNER

Switch to electronic bills



### YR 9 MULTI-SKILLS LEADERS

Eleanor Barry  
Sophie Berry  
Katie Cannon  
Annabelle Clifton  
Jack Coates  
Angharad Davies  
Kayleigh-May Falkner  
Lewis Hallam  
Stuart Ironside  
Iwan Jones  
Ian Kelly  
Holly Kennett  
Rikki King  
Chloe Lewitt  
Megan May  
Amy Olah  
Matthew Penny  
Joseph Rowland  
Elizabeth Seal  
Ellie Speed  
Hollie Stone  
Mason Wick  
Matthew Wright  
Charlotte Whiteley

## **COOPER FAMILY TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL 2010**

171 Year 5 & 6 children participated in The Cooper Family of Primary Schools Tag Rugby Festival held at The Cooper School on 15 October 2010. The event was organised by Cooper School on behalf of the North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership and was run by KS4 Sports Leaders from The Cooper School. The sixteen Year 10 & 11 students were central to the delivery of the event, leading warm up activities for the younger children and refereeing the matches.

Sixteen teams from Langford Village, Charlton-on-Otmoor, Glory Farm, Fringford, Finmere, Launton and Longfields Primary Schools played in a series of competitive and skilful games. At the end of the group stage, two teams were tied on points at the top of one pool, with a three way tie at the top of the second pool, and the number of tries scored had to be totalled to split the teams and determine which would proceed to the play-off matches. The Festival was eventually won by a team of Year 6 children from Launton School, having defeated the Launton Year 5 team in an exciting Final. Longfields School finished in third place.

The Festival proved to be a highly successful event and great fun for all.

Mrs G Allen  
SSCo The Cooper School



### **Tag Rugby Leaders 2010**

#### **Yr 11**

Jack Stone  
Michael Bagby  
Farai Venge  
Alex Macdonald  
Craig Greenslade  
Roberta Worsfold

#### **Yr 10**

Jordan Matthews  
Mollie Fowler  
David Baleiwai  
Ruth Thomas  
Rafael Garcia-Krailing  
Charlotte Cannon  
Harrison Marshall  
Emily Hill  
Francois Blin  
Grace Julier



### **ECO TIP**



Never put water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as watering a plant or garden, or cleaning.

**Congratulations to the following students who achieved 98-100% attendance from 6.9.10 to 29.11.10**

**AUSTEN HOUSE**

Andrews, Heather  
 Archer, Jacob  
 Arrowsmith, Ross  
 Aspley, Rebecca  
 Baldwin, Max  
 Bateman, Charlie  
 Beckett, Georgina  
 Beckett, William  
 Blin, Francois  
 Blin, Justine  
 Bond, Sarah  
 Brain, Megan  
 Bull, Georgia  
 Clifton, Annabelle  
 Coaker, Daron  
 Connor, Zachary  
 Cooke, Ben  
 Cooper, Lauren  
 Cox, Alexander  
 Crawford, Jack  
 Crooks, Ben  
 Dalby, Heather  
 Dickety, Luke  
 Donohoe, Paige  
 Dunlop, Megan  
 Gallery, Shannon  
 Gambrell, Megan  
 Gould, Thomas  
 Groom, Jamie  
 Grundy, Harry  
 Hainge, Sam  
 Heijink, Daniel  
 Howlett, Chloe  
 Howse, Jennifer  
 Hunter, Lucy  
 Hutchinson, Harry  
 Jones, Iwan  
 Laird, Callum  
 Lamburn, Jessica  
 Leeks, Alexander  
 Lloyd, Matthew  
 Loverock, Sophie  
 Marshall, Gregory  
 McGhee, Jake  
 Megarity, Danielle  
 Moore, Megan  
 Mullier, Catherine  
 O'Driscoll, Lewis  
 Oldham, Helen  
 Palmer, Lorraine  
 Peach, Scott  
 Pearse, Megan

**AUSTEN HOUSE**

Pell, George  
 Reynolds, Luke  
 Reynolds, Samuel  
 Richings, Scott  
 Rust, Stephen  
 Scott, Corin  
 Scott, Megan  
 Skellern, Sam  
 Smith, Bethany  
 Smith, Chloe  
 Spinks, Reagan  
 Spittle, Emily  
 Steadman, Georgina  
 Thomason, Natasha  
 Thomson, Rebecca  
 Trinder, Harry  
 Trowbridge, Spencer  
 Warriner, Rhys  
 Watt, Jasmine  
 Waugh, Lucy  
 Webb, Thomas  
 West, Sophie  
 White, Rebecca  
 Williams, Jodie  
 Winterbourne, Kelly

**CHURCHILL HOUSE**

Atkinson, Jamie  
 Baggett, Sophie  
 Bannister, Shannen  
 Barber, Lewis  
 Beck, Hayley  
 Cannon, Rebecca  
 Channer, Chloe  
 Cherry, Grady  
 Cherry, Hannah  
 Clark, Matthew  
 Coates, Jack  
 Collins, Ryan  
 Cook, Ryan  
 Cottingham, Kieren  
 Cracknell, Lauren  
 Da Silva, Ana Beatriz  
 Davis, Fern  
 Dawe, Ben  
 Dawe, Chelsea  
 Dixey, Catherine  
 Dodds, Nicholas  
 Dodsworth, Chloe  
 Dodsworth, Thomas  
 Dunlop, Victoria

**CHURCHILL HOUSE**

Gahan, Alex  
 Garrick, Andre  
 Gerrard, Jordan  
 Gerrow, Alex  
 Grant, Connor  
 Green, Jasmine  
 Grieve, Blythe  
 Hobden, James  
 Hobden, Laura  
 Hunt, Benjamin  
 Jakeman, Arun  
 Kelly, Ian  
 Kip, Declan  
 Kissias, Antonia  
 Lenihan, Kerry  
 Mann, Thomas  
 Mason, James  
 May, Megan  
 McCarthy, Jonathan  
 McGeever, Isabel  
 McKeran, Danny  
 Michaelidou, Lito  
 Mitchell, James  
 Morgan, Chloe  
 Mulvany, Rachel  
 Newell, Charlie  
 Nicholls, Garin  
 Nolte, Rebecca  
 O'Sullivan, Lucy  
 Plowman, Blake  
 Podgorny, Jaroslaw  
 Powell, Ross  
 Propert-Lewis, Tamsin  
 Reynolds, Chloe  
 Reynolds, Joel  
 Rushton, Sophie  
 Sanjivi, Dhanesh  
 Seger, Molly  
 Sewell, Matty  
 Sheppard, Jack  
 Smith, Darius  
 Smith, Matthew  
 Sowerby, Jennifer  
 Speed, Kiera  
 Stirrat, Jack  
 Tafirenyika, Anita  
 Tagg, Georgia  
 Tang, Ka Yi  
 Thomas, Ruth  
 Thomson, Hannah  
 Wadley, Eleanor

**CHURCHILL HOUSE**

Walsh, Mark  
 Ward, Tiffany  
 Webb, Ryan  
 White, Georgina  
 Whittington, Chloe  
 Wills, Michael  
 Wood, Adam  
 Worsfold, Claire  
 Wray, Matthew

**MOORE HOUSE**

Aldridge, Cameron  
 Bartram, Rhian  
 Barwell, Joshua  
 Bowes, Jamie  
 Branch, Matthew  
 Brown, Michelle  
 Burgess, Aaron  
 Cannon, Charlotte  
 Carty, Samuel  
 Cheesman, Rebecca  
 Cole, Kristen  
 Coleman, Ryan  
 Collins, Kai  
 Corfield, Nicole  
 Craft, Peter  
 Daykin, Holly  
 Edwards-Giraud, Zarius  
 Fazal, Kayleigh  
 Fincham, Jake  
 Foote, Ashleigh  
 Ford, Liam  
 Franklin, Lauren  
 Gardner, Lewis  
 Giles, Asha  
 Golder, Charlotte  
 Greenslade, Megan  
 Greenway, Adam  
 Guttridge, Christopher  
 Hall, Matthew  
 Hallam, Lewis  
 Hine, Max  
 Howard, William  
 Julier, Grace  
 Kew, Sophie  
 Langley, Kathryn  
 Lelli, William  
 Loverock, Sasha  
 Maynard, Alexander  
 Mitchell, Owen  
 Mortiboys, Ashley



ATTENDANCE!



### Bicester Area Quicksticks Hockey Festival 2010

The Bicester Area Quicksticks Hockey Festival for children in Years 3 and 4 took place at The Cooper School on 24 November 2010. The event was organised by Andy Walkey, Development Officer at Bicester Hockey Club, in conjunction with the North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership. More than 60 children representing Schools from across Bicester and the outlying villages participated in the Festival. There were nine teams in the competition from Langford Village, Bure Park, Southwold and Charlton-on-Otmoor Primary Schools. Young Leaders from The Cooper School, many of whom are Junior members of Bicester Hockey Club, umpired the matches and acted as scorekeepers.

After a series of exciting group matches, Bure Park emerged as Festival winners, closely followed by Southwold. The winning team members received certificates, provided by the North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership, which were presented by Mal Leather, the President of Bicester Hockey Club.

Following last year's hugely successful inaugural Bicester Area Quicksticks Festival, scores of youngsters joined Bicester Hockey Club's Junior Section. It is hoped that the children who participated in this Year's Festival will have been similarly inspired.

Mrs G Allen  
(SSCo The Cooper School)



#### KS 3/4 LEADERSHIP OF YR 3/4 QUICKSTICKS HOCKEY FESTIVAL

Student Leaders:

Amy Olah  
Katie Cannon  
Hayley Beck  
Grace Julier  
Emily Hill  
Charlotte Cannon  
Eleanor Groves

#### ECO TIP

Choose loose fruits and vegetables instead of those in packaging.



**Congratulations to the following students who achieved 98-100% attendance from 6.9.10 to 29.11.10**

**MOORE HOUSE**

Mortimer, Gemma  
Moss, Amy  
Nolte, Amy  
Palfreyman, Jamie  
Peake, Dylan  
Pearce, Ryan  
Penny, Matthew  
Pugh, Gemma  
Raven, Christopher  
Richards, Amy  
Robbins, Alex  
Roberts, Hollie  
Rushby, Carl  
Sapnik, Adam  
Sawyer, Alastair  
Staples, Misha  
Stenning, Kilian  
Thornton, George  
Turner, Amy  
Warner, Louis  
Waters, Beth  
Webb, Lauren  
White, Matthew  
White, Thomas  
Whitehouse, Chloe

**NEWTON HOUSE**

Fryer, Hugh  
Giles, Ellen  
Grant-Casey, Iain  
Hagan, Stephen  
Hawtin, Aidan  
Hayles, Tanisha  
Hobson, Phoebe  
Hooper, Libbie  
Hooper, Miles  
Hudson, Annabel  
Isaacs, Samuel  
Janiszewska, Roksana  
Kailla, Shaun  
Kailla, Shernice  
King, James  
Kisack, Cio  
Kuhne, Aidan  
Laitt, Samuel  
Lelli, Edward  
Lelliott, Megan  
Long, Charles  
Magnay, Harold  
Mann, Sarah  
Masara, Tinashe  
McMillan, David  
Megarity, Courtenay

**NEWTON HOUSE**

Walsh, Brendan  
Waugh, Andrew  
Webb, Alice  
West, Luke  
White, Bethany  
White, James  
White, Scott  
Wilkinson, Holly  
Worsfold, Katherine

**NIGHTINGALE HOUSE**

Allen, James  
Allen, Keri  
Ayers, Hana  
Baldwin, Giles  
Baldwin, Oscar  
Bambrough, Toby  
Barry, Eleanor  
Baynton Glen, Katie  
Benfield, Emily  
Bennett, Joe  
Blake, James  
Bosher, Thomas  
Bowden, Charlotte  
Bowden, Reece  
Boyle, Emma  
Brooks, Amber  
Carter, Mitchell  
Chipiro, Tanaka  
Crisp, Amy  
Crook, Edina  
Djebbar, Jude  
Donohoe, Georgie  
Duggan, Liam  
Dyer, Luke  
England, Christopher  
Fowler, Zoe  
Framingham, Katy  
Franklin, Charlotte  
Fryer, Lizzie  
Garcia-Krailing, Rafael  
Gascoigne, Louis  
Goss, Frances  
Grose, Sophie  
Hawtin, Cameron  
Hicks, Danielle  
Hillsley, Liam  
Howlett, Scott  
Humphreys, Bethan  
Jani, Maja  
Jordan, James  
Keen, Daniel

**NIGHTINGALE HOUSE**

Lamche, Anna  
Langton, Matthew  
Liddicot, William  
Linfoot, Oliver  
Livermore, Kyle  
Loosley, Brett  
Lyons, Jack  
Mackay, Megan  
Macquarrie, James  
Mann, Christian  
McCarthy, Alexander  
McCulloch, Natasha  
McLernon, Katie  
Mead, Benjamin  
Miniken, Harrison  
Mitchell, Daniel  
Moore, Luke  
Namooa-Foster, Christina  
Newby, Jacob  
Newton, Jack  
Nixon, Robert  
Nolan, Chancey  
Peart, Declan  
Proffitt, Hollie  
Raven, Matthew  
Richings, Zoe  
Sanjivi, Keerthana  
Scaysbrook, Michael  
Sessions, Lucy  
Skosana, Thembelihle  
Starr, Aidan  
Stone, Jack  
Stone, Josie  
Szczezanik, Nicholas  
Tang, Ka Wai  
Timms, Jack  
Troth, Rachael  
Valentine, Megan  
Waddup, Matthew  
Walsh, Brandon  
Walsh, Leanne  
Watt, Heather  
Whiteley, Emily  
Wick, Mason  
Wilson, James  
Wilson, Madison  
Worsfold, Roberta  
Wyatt, Jack  
Yau, Chloe

**NEWTON HOUSE**

Astbury, Lucy  
Ayres, Mary  
Bagby, Michael  
Barber, Rebekah  
Benakrab, Chantelle  
Billson, Malcolm  
Boiling, Melissa  
Bosher, Laura  
Brown, Alexander  
Buck, Eleanor  
Burgess, Edward  
Burniston, Jessica  
Butler, Lewis  
Cadle, Hollianne  
Card, Harry  
Carder, Evelyn  
Cheesman, Katie  
Clarke, Laura  
Cole, Amanda  
Crowden, Angus  
Crowden, Dominic  
D'Addabbo, Alessio  
Delos Santos, Kiara Isabel  
Edmans, Hollie

Merritt, Oliver  
Molloy, Patrick  
Morrison, Hannah  
Muddle, George  
Murray, Cameron  
Nash, Bethany  
Nolte, Thomas  
Nugent, Jessica  
Page, Lauren  
Painter, Edward  
Painting, Molly  
Palmer, Paul  
Parker, Jack  
Perkins, Rebecca  
Purnell, Katie  
Roberts, Rebecca  
Savin, Samuel  
Sherratt, Amber  
Smith, Ashley  
Smith, Jakob  
Stokes, Ashley  
Sullivan, Charlotte  
Swan, Hannah  
Swanson, Daniel  
Szczezanik, Antoni  
Tracoshas, Antony



ATTENDANCE!



## OUR UNIFORM

### Girls

- Black blazer with school badge on top pocket
- Plain white collared school shirt
- School tie (*fully tied so that 7 stripes are showing*).
- Black skirt with pleats **or** tailored plain black trousers – full length
- Plain black socks **or** plain black or neutral coloured tights
- Plain black shoes with heel max of 2"/5cm
- Plain black V necked jumper (optional)



### Boys

- Black blazer with school badge on top pocket
- Plain white collared school shirt
- School tie (*fully tied so that 7 stripes are showing*).
- Tailored plain black trousers – full length
- Plain black socks
- Plain black shoes (*Black trainers are not permitted*).
- Plain black V-necked jumper

### ECO TIP

Dispose of old paint, chemicals, and oil properly - don't put batteries, antifreeze, paint, motor oil, or chemicals in the dustbin. Use proper toxics disposal sites. Never buy more than you need.



### ECO TIP

Make or buy less toxic or biodegradable cleaning products



### WANTED — SOMEONE LIKE YOU!

Do you like to make a difference? Are you a decision maker? Have you got the odd day to spare? Yes? I need people like **you** to sit on school appeal panels! So, if you are interested in taking part in schools admissions and exclusions we would love to hear from you. To find out more please contact 01865 810180 or write to:

Education Appeals Officer, County Hall,  
New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND or email:  
[schoolappeals@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:schoolappeals@oxfordshire.gov.uk)



## DIARY DATES

2010/2011

### TERM 3

Wednesday 5th January Students return to school  
Friday 18th February End of Term 3

### TERM 4

Monday 28th February Students return to school  
Thursday 7th April End of Term 4

### TERM 5

Tuesday 26th April Students return to school  
Friday 27th May End of Term 5

### TERM 6

Monday 6th June Students return to school  
Friday 22nd July End of Term 6

### Parent Voice Meeting Dates

Thursday 10th March @ 6.30pm

Thursday 22nd June @ 6.30pm

## EXAM DATES

2011

Science & Geography 13<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February  
Maths Modular Exams(re-sits only): 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Summer GCSEs 16<sup>th</sup> May - 30<sup>th</sup> June

### HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE COOPER SCHOOL

If you are thinking of doing any shopping online you can help raise money for The Cooper School at no extra cost to yourselves using the 'Buy At' scheme.

If you are making an online purchase from any online retailer in the scheme, you can enter their website via the Cooper School website. The link is about halfway down the first page of the school website on the left hand side under 'Support Cooper School - Use Our Online Shop'. Retailers include Amazon, Game, M&S, Next etc and when you have entered the website of your choice you proceed in the same way as you would normally.

Each time anyone makes a purchase by entering via the Cooper website a donation is made to us without it costing you anything.

Your support with this scheme would be much appreciated as it helps raise some much needed funds for the school.

Mrs Jeacock  
Finance Secretary



### PHOTOGRAPHS POLICY

The School has a very active publicity policy and often publishes photographs of students in the press. If you do not wish your child to appear in any press releases please inform the School in writing.

### APPLICATION FOR HOLIDAY ABSENCE FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 10 AND 11.

The format of GCSE examination for students in Year 10 and 11 has changed. Many subjects are now of a modular type. Examinations, both practical and written, occur throughout the whole of the two school years. Students are also required to produce coursework at various times over the two years. It is vital if students are to reach their potential in the examinations that they maximise their school attendance in Years 10 and 11.

We are finding that holiday applications from parents for students to be absent from school are increasing and regularly clash with Examination dates and periods of coursework and study periods for the modular Exams.

If a student fails to sit an examination because of holiday they may not be able to sit the examination at a later stage. This will affect the final grade they achieve in the examination.

Because of the importance of student's final two years of schooling towards their success at The Cooper School we will be adopting the policy from the start of the school year 2010-2011 not to authorise any holiday applications for any student during Year 10 and 11 during school time.

We hope that parents will appreciate that we have made this decision in the interest of their child's education.

Applications for students within Years 7 to 9 will continue to be considered in the normal way.

Mr K Clayton  
Attendance Officer

### ECO TIP

Make or buy less toxic or biodegradable cleaning products



### SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

If you have any worries or concerns, our School Counsellor is happy to discuss them with you in private. A form is available from Reception if you would like to book an appointment.