

Chiltern Edge School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers

Wow! Where has the time gone? We survived enrichment week in soaring temperatures and have now officially come to the end of the informal consultation on the future of the school. I thought you would like to see some feedback I received from external providers who delivered activities in school during enrichment week:

"Martha and I both had a really enjoyable day getting to know your students. We both thought that all your students were fabulous - they were incredibly good at debating, asking challenging questions, confident, mature and really engaging with the topics we delivered - and we were super surprised to find out at the end of the day that this hadn't been reflected in the recent Ofsted report."

"It was a pleasure to visit Chiltern Edge School last week for the Young Enterprise Day. As industry mentors it's always great fun coming to these events and getting to work with the children. I had some delightful participants in my group who did your school proud and demonstrated their motivation and interest in the projects we were working on. They were polite, carefully listened to the advice we were able to give and came up with some very unique business ideas during the day. I was especially pleased to see the students working well together as a team. The main theme for the day was preparing for entering the workplace and I was pleasantly surprised to find that everyone on my table had a clear idea of the direction they wanted to go in with careers ranging from IT development to Social Care."

*Moira Green
Headteacher*

Upcoming Events

5 and 6 July

Year 6 Induction Days

11 July

Year 10 Parents' Evening

12 July

Performing Arts Dance Event

13 July

EdgeFest

21 July

School finishes at 12:35 pm

Great Get Together

Thank you to everyone who attended the picnic on Friday evening. We were blessed with lovely weather and a relaxing time was had by all. Look out for the video made by the students on the Save Our Edge Facebook page.



Alumni News



As this year's Year 11s head off to pastures new, it is always pleasing to hear of the successes of our alumni

Lily has just completed a Travel and Tourism Course with predicted grades of D*D*D*. The next step for Lily is to commence a two year apprenticeship in customer service and airport operation. There were approximately 750 applicants for just 40 places.

British Airways is Lily's dream company to work for and we wish her every success for the future.

If you have a story you would like to share, please e-mail office@chilternedge.oxon.sch.uk

Volunteering in Oxfordshire libraries

Help young people to develop their confidence and gain work experience by letting them know of the opportunity to help with the Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge at their local Oxfordshire library. Not only will they make a positive contribution to the local community by helping children read, but they will come away with good evidence for their CVs and Personal Statements. They can also use the experience for the 'community' element of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

There are opportunities for young people aged 13-24 to participate at any time from 15 July – 16 September. Young people will receive training and support to make it an enjoyable volunteering experience and will work to enhance the experience for the children and families completing the Reading Challenge. Other tasks will involve:

- signing children up to the challenge and administering rewards promoting the Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge and website to children and families
- putting up displays
- topping up book displays and helping children choose books
- helping to plan and carry out themed activities, such as craft sessions or story times

Young people who would like to get involved should visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries, or contact their local library to find out more.

Year 10 English and Summer School

Thank you to those parents who have responded to the invitation to Year 10 students to attend the forthcoming Summer School. We would be grateful to receive responses from all year 10 parents indicating whether or not their son/daughter is able to attend. Please respond via the school Gateway.

Pupils in the News

Next week we are hoping to share news of recent successes our students have experienced in their sporting endeavours outside of school. We certainly have some very talented students – more to follow next week.

Performing Arts in the Spotlight

This year's production will be



'All the world is made of faith, and trust, and pixie dust' J.M. Barrie

BTEC Dance Show

Wednesday, 12th July.
6:00-7:30pm The Year 10 BTEC dance pupils will be planning, preparing and performing in the show, as part of an assessed unit of work.

Music Festival and EdgeFest

Thursday, 13th July
6:30pm – 10:00 pm

Lectures at the Edge

On Thursday of this week we hosted Professor Andrew Green from the London Centre of Nanotechnology as he opened our lecture series to an audience of students from Years 8, 9 and 10. Professor Green gave a short presentation on his work, followed by a question and answer session from the students. Here is just a sample of the questions they asked:

“Is there a singularity within a black hole?”

“Is a black hole a void in space and time?”

“Can we harness the power of a black hole?”

Look out for future events in the lecture series throughout the next academic year.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Christopher Hatton (Year 10) has recently completed his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award – Congratulations Christopher. Hopefully this news will provide inspiration for the seven students who are still working towards this Award. Good luck everyone.



Staying on the Duke of Edinburgh these, last weekend 15 of our Year 9 participants completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition assessment along with a further 44 from the Eyot Centre Henley. Well done everyone

Try Something Different

Summer Holiday Canoe/ Kayak Courses.

Thursday, July 27th

Thursday, 3rd August

09.30 - 4.00.

Henley Canoe Club at the Eyot
Centre, Henley.

Cost £40.

For more information contact

info@henleycanooclub.co.uk

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Edge has its own Facebook
page. Please follow us for
regular news and events.