



Coopers School



An IB World School

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'Enabling learners of today to become achievers of tomorrow'



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Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome back to parents and students for the new academic year. I hope you had enjoyable holidays.

New Roles

I am delighted to advise you that as we progress Trust work further and I am taking an extended role in that, Mrs Wood has been appointed as permanent Headteacher of the school. I will take the title of CEO of the Trust and will continue to lead Coopers and Mead Road Infants.

When there are updates on the potential Trust merger with E21C I will let you know. Thank you to those parents who responded to the consultation.

New Staff and Students

I wish to welcome all new Year 7 and Year 12 students, and new students who have joined other year groups. I extend that welcome to all of their Parents and Carers. I hope our partnership will be fruitful and your child will be happy and excel in their academic life at Coopers.

We have a few new staff joining us this year and I wish to extend a warm welcome to them:

Miss Ball (PE), Miss Blair (History), Mr Butueux (Computer Science), Miss Cornforth (MFL), Mr Felton (Geography), Ms Ffrench (Business Studies), Mr Godfrey (Science), Miss Lawlor (Science), Miss Lester (Business Studies), Mr Oyediji (Maths), Miss Robinson (Music), Miss Simmons (Maths), Mr Stanton (Maths, and Director of Learning), Mr Tuffin (MFL), Mrs Ward (Drama), Mr Warsop (Maths) and Miss Webber (Science).

In addition, we are delighted that the following support staff have also joined our team:

Mrs Blackburn (Administration), Mrs Dehil (Administration), Miss Moriarty (Performing Arts and Media), Mrs Reidy (PA to Mrs Wood) and Miss Tapinassi (HLTA).

Outstanding A Level Results in Year 13 – Mr Baker

Congratulations to all of our Year 13 students who collected their A Level results on Thursday 17 August 2017. This year's results were our best ever and well above national average – the hard work students put in throughout the year was evident in their outcomes. Our BTEC results were also fantastic, with a pass rate of 100% pass rate and 60% of our students achieving a Distinction or Distinction*.

Our Year 13 students achieved an outstanding A Level pass rate of 100%, which is well above the national average. 15% achieved the top A*-A grades, 45% achieved the top A*-B grades and 75% achieved A*-C grades. Some of our individual subjects did exceptionally well, but particular mention should go to Art where 50% of students gained an A* grade, and Mathematics where 40% of students gained A*-A.

Particular congratulations must also go to the following:

- Abbie Smith who achieved A* A* A and will study Geography at Kings College London.
- Marta Dobrowolska who achieved A* A B and will study Psychology at Brunel University.

Chair of Governors: Andrew Downes

Senior Vice Principal: Matthew Baker

Vice Principals: Rob Carling | Hazel Hatch | Jane Salt | Niall Toal

Curious Creative Resilient Respectful Empathetic



- Joey Baltruschat who achieved A* A B B and will study Physics (with Astrophysics) at Exeter University.
- Ryan Davies who achieved A* A B and will study Chemistry at Kings College London.
- Paul Gurney who achieved A* B B and will study Music at City University of London.
- Kaya Ozmus who achieved A A C C and is taking a gap year.
- Luke Miller who achieved A* A B and is studying an Art Foundation at Rochester University.
- Lauren Warner who achieved A B B and is studying Biomedical Sciences at University of Reading.
- Conner Lloyd who achieved A B B and is studying Politics and Economics at University of Reading.
- Millie Brady who achieved A* B C and is studying an Art Foundation at Central St Martins, London.
- Louis Bruce who achieved A* A and is studying an Art Foundation at University of Arts, London.
- Nicholas Kim who achieved A B C and is studying Chemistry at Kings College London.
- Luke Doughty who achieved A B C and is studying Geophysical Sciences at University of Southampton.
- Ivan Alfero who achieved A B C and is studying Chemistry at Kings College London.
- Ellis Parkinson who achieved A* Distinction* (BTEC) C and is studying an Art Foundation at Camberwell Art College.
- Jesse Boadu who achieved A Distinction* Distinction* (BTEC) and is studying Accounting and Finance at University of Leicester.
- Adam Bennett who achieved Distinction* Distinction* Distinction (BTEC) and is studying Sport and Exercise Science at University of Brighton.
- Ciara Nuttall who achieved A* A D D and is studying Mathematics at University of Nottingham.
- Laelle Disu who achieved A B C and is studying Psychology at Queen Mary University of London.

Outstanding GCSE results – Mrs Hatch

197 Year 11 Coopers students have been celebrating an outstanding set of GCSE results which now include the new 9-1 grading for the more challenging, “reformed” English Language, English Literature and Mathematics GCSEs. Comparisons cannot reliably be made with previous years because of these reformed qualifications, but we should particularly celebrate a remarkable 83% grades 9-4 in English (national average 60%) and 71% grades 9-4 in Mathematics (national average 61%). 4% of students achieved the highest grades, grade 9.

Our Sixth Form enrolment desk has been extremely busy and we have been able to offer most students exactly what they wanted as they achieved the entry criteria. We have had over 200 external students also apply for our limited number of places.

To highlight a few of our amazing results:

- 100% gained a C or higher in Chemistry (with 41% achieving an A or A*)
- 93% gained a C or higher in Biology (with 31% achieving an A or A*)
- 90% gained a C or higher in Physics (with 41% achieving an A or A*)
- 100% achieved a Pass or higher in ICT (with 46% achieving a Distinction or Distinction*)
- 100% achieved a C or higher in Sport BTEC
- 91% achieved a C or higher in Food Technology
- 87% achieved a C or higher in Art
- 86% achieved a C or higher in GCSE Drama
- 83% achieved a C or higher in GCSE PE
- 78% achieved a C or higher in Music
- 76% achieved a C or higher in Media

These are well above national averages.

There were also excellent results in Further Maths, Business, Geography, Electronics, French, Spanish, German, Portuguese and Turkish.

There were some incredible performances by individuals listed below, including a number who achieved the new grade 9 in English/Maths.

- Ben Baguley seven A*A, one Distinction*, one grade 8 in Maths
- Freddy Flaherty seven A*A, one Distinction*, one grade 9 in Maths
- Sarah Waddington seven A*A, one Distinction*, two grade 9s in Maths and English
- Ricky Wong seven A*A, one Distinction*, one grade 9 in Maths
- George Dickenson six A*A, one Distinction*, one grade 8 in English, one grade 9 in Maths
- Louise O'Sullivan six A*A, one Distinction*, three grade 8 in English and Maths
- Lily Payne six A*A, one grade 8 in Maths
- Lily Girton five A*A, one Distinction*, one grade 8 in Maths
- Anders Larsson five A*A, one Distinction*, one grade 8 in Maths
- Netra Shah five A*A, one grade 8 in Maths
- Princess Ighedosa four A*A, one Distinction*
- Rosie Frail three A*A, one Distinction*, two grade 9 in English

We are absolutely thrilled with these outstanding results. The students and staff worked so hard to achieve them. Congratulations to all!

New Roles and Points of Contact

For clarity, any issues relating to your child should be referred to the Form Tutor in the first instance, then Head of Year, then the Director of Learning:

	Head of Year	Email of HoY	Director of Learning
7	Mrs Dowling	jdowling@coopersschool.com	Ms Roshier
8	Miss West	swest@coopersschool.com	Mr Stanton
9	Mrs Glen	cglen@coopersschool.com	Mr McDonough
10	Miss Handley	ahandley@coopersschool.com	Mrs Gibbins
11	Mr Lawrie	slawrie@coopersschool.com	Mrs May
12	Mrs Elliott	delliott@coopersschool.com	Mr Hobbs
13	Mrs Elliott	delliott@coopersschool.com	Ms Krause

Calendar, Contacts and Parent Events

Please follow the link below to access our events calendar and a reporting cycle overview:

<https://portal.coopersschool.com/CLG/Webdocs/Lists/Parent%20Calendar/calendar.aspx>

Please see the website or follow this link to the Gateway for updated staff e-mail addresses:

<https://portal.coopersschool.com/CLG/Parent/Documents/Teaching%20Staff%20Email%20List.pdf>

Dates for your diary:

Date	Calendar Item
Monday 11 September	School Photograph Day Year 10 Parent/Student Welcome Evening, 6.00pm-7.00pm, Main Hall (Miss Olley)
Tuesday 12 September	Year 12 Parent/Student Welcome Evening, 6.00pm-7.00pm, Main Hall (Mr Sheppard)
Wednesday 13 September	Year 8 Parent/Student Welcome Evening, 6.00pm-7.00pm, Main Hall (Mrs Porteous)
Thursday 14 September	Year 9 Parent/Student Welcome Evening, 6.00pm-7.00pm, Main Hall (Miss Olley)
Friday 15 September	Early finish for all students: Students in Newton House and Pankhurst House leave at 1.35pm Students in Wilberforce House and Franklin House leave at 1.50pm
Saturday 16 September	Advance Notice – Open Saturday – All new Year 7 students and subject ambassadors required to attend from 8.00am–12.30pm
Monday 18 September	Staff Training Day – school closed to all students
Wednesday 20 September	Year 7 Parent/Student Welcome Evening, Main Hall, 6.00pm-7.00pm (Mrs Porteous)
Monday 25 September	Full Governors' Meeting, Conference Room, 5.00pm (Mrs Gulyas)
Tuesday 26 September	Year 11 Parent/Student Welcome Evening, Main Hall, 6.00pm-7.00pm (Mr Barker)

Parent/Carer Welcome Events – Mrs Wood

As advised in the final newsletter last year, there are welcome events for all Parents/Carers and students planned for this month, where you will be issued with your child's academic report, the relevant programme of study for the year and information on how to support your child in the year to come. We look forward to seeing you at these events as detailed above.

Parent App – Mr Carling

Information was sent to Parents/Carers during the last academic year explaining that Coopers School has been using the SIMS Learning Gateway for over six years, allowing Parents/Carers to access their child's school data anywhere and at any time, but we will be making a change this year.

A new system will be implemented with effect from this new academic year starting this September. The system, Insight from TARC software, provides a full parental engagement solution via a clear and simplified communication platform, allowing the school to share information with Parents/Carers. It has more parental engagement elements than the current system and the other systems the school tested, and it is also accessible using a tablet or mobile phone.

The new system has been installed and tested and is ready to go live. Login details will be sent to Parents/Carers by email to the primary email contact during the first week of term, together with a list of frequently asked questions.

The system is easy to use – details can be found through the following link:

<http://www.tascsoftware.co.uk/software-titles/insight-parental-engagement/>, or the document attached with this newsletter gives further details about how to log on.

If you have any questions or issues you would like to raise please contact Mr Nelder at anelder@coopersschool.com / 020 8467 3263 Ext 280. If you would like details sent to the second Parent/Carer email address please also contact Mr Nelder. Help and support for the new system will be available at every Parent/Carer event during September.

Coopers School Fund – Mr Merry

We would encourage any Parents/Carers that have not made a donation to our School Fund this year to do so. The Fund is used on projects around the school which would sit outside our normal funding streams. Recent examples of improved facilities acquired via the Fund include Outdoor Cricket Nets, and outdoor table tennis tables around the site.

The suggested donation is £25.00 but please feel free to donate what you can as every little helps!

Payment can be made online in the Donations Manager Module on WisePay. Please tick the gift aid box if you choose to use this method, or alternatively payment can be made by cheque payable to Coopers School Fund – please attach your check to the gift aid form available from the following page of our website <http://www.coopersschool.com/giftaid.htm>.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium – Mr Merry

Each year, entitlement to Free School Meals (FSM) has to be renewed. A letter has been sent to those students currently on FSM together with a 2017/18 application form. Please return this as soon as possible with the supporting documentation for your claim to ensure your child continues to receive FSM in the next academic year. If we have not received your form by 4 September 2017 then your child's current Free School Meal will be cancelled with effect from Tuesday 5 September 2017.

We would like to encourage those of you who are entitled to FSM but choose to provide a packed lunch to also complete the paperwork. FSM entitlement is one of the components in our school's funding and can bring a significant amount of additional money into the school. It is also worth remembering that the FSM allowance can be used to buy drinks for your child and not just meals! If you have any questions regarding your entitlement to FSM, please do not hesitate to contact dmerry@coopersschool.com.

Saturday School for Years 5, 6 and 7 – Mrs Denoon



COOPERS

SATURDAY SCHOOL

Starting - 14 October 2017

Would you like to boost your child's progress in Maths, English and Science?

- Fun and interactive learning sessions for children in Years 5,6 and 7 at Coopers School
- 1 hour each of Maths, English and Science
- Taught by qualified, specialist teachers
- 9.00am—12.00pm every Saturday during term time
- Boost grades in preparation for SATs, entrance exams or to improve attainment
- Small groups and tailored activities
- £20 per session for a 10 week course to be paid in full

For further enquiries and to book your place please contact:
Helen Denoon — hdenoon@coopersschool.com by:
Monday 2 October 2017

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News from the Music Department – Mrs Goddard

Coopers Steel Pan Band return to compete for national title – on Friday 14 July 2017, our lead steel pan band took to the road to compete in this year's national steel pan festival, 'Classorama', at High Wycombe. This was our second entry, after last year's success of being placed 5th nationally. The steel pan band was looking forward to improving their position from last year as well as watching some of the other bands to gain inspiration. Despite the heavy traffic on the M25, we arrived in time to perform our rendition of 'Raindrops' which was arranged by our steel pan teacher Mr Sadler.

Unfortunately we were unable to improve upon our score from last year, but our steel pan band did very well – we were one of the smallest, but we were praised for our loud sound despite our size and our improvement since last year was even noted. The band will be pleased with the feedback they received and we are looking forward to giving it our all next year! Well done Steel Pan Band A!





COOPERS SCHOOL OPEN DAY

for prospective new Year 7 and new Post 16 students

Saturday 16 September 2017

9:00am until 12:30pm

Headteacher will speak to prospective

- new Year 7 students at 9:15am & 10:20am
- new Post 16 students at 10:00am



Coopers School offers its students an outstanding level of education. Coopers is rated in the top 20% of schools nationally for making progress from KS2 to GCSE.

Post 16 students excel at Coopers and achieve outstanding results which are significantly above the national average placing us in the top 10% of schools nationally at both AS and A2 levels.

Coopers School was rated Good by Ofsted in January 2014.

COOPERS SCHOOL - An Independent Academy Trust

Principal: Mrs Shirley Puxty BSc (Hons) NPQH

Headteacher: Mrs Sue Wood BA (Hons) NPQH

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All documentation is available from our website. www.coopersschool.com

Sixth Form Open Evening 16 November 2017

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Enrichment – Miss Donegan

We run a full programme of Enrichment activities throughout the year and are constantly on the lookout for new and diverse additions to the Enrichment offer. If Parents/Carers would like to contribute to the Enrichment programme for the next academic year, please contact Miss Donegan for further information jdonegan@coopersschool.com.

Activities Week 2018 – Miss Donegan



Did you go on a residential trip this year and want to go again? Did you really want to go away this year but didn't get the chance? Then keep a look out for the Activities Week residential launch event for 2018. During the week beginning 31 October (straight after half term), in your assemblies you will hear about all of the exciting opportunities that are available for Activities Week 2018.



Parent Forum

Parent Forum is made up of interested parents, and meets once every half-term to discuss matters important to Coopers' Parents and their child's education. Meetings are at 6.00pm and normally last approximately 90 minutes. Minutes and dates of meetings will be circulated in due course to existing members. If you are interested in joining Parent Forum, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Denoon at hdenoon@coopersschool.com.

Collecting/Dropping Off Students – Mr Carling Marjorie McClure Gates and Coopers Car Park

Students are not permitted to enter and exit the Coopers site via the Marjorie McClure gates. There are many vehicles using these gates at the beginning and end of the school day and students are putting themselves in danger by using them. Please enter and exit Coopers using our own pedestrian gates.

There have also been a number of incidents of parents using the Marjorie McClure gates and trying to park in their car park. For health and safety reasons, except by prior arrangement with Marjorie McClure School, please note that there is no parking on site available in their car park.

As a member of the Chislehurst community, Coopers works hard to be good neighbour. The roads around the School get very congested at dropping off/picking up times and this can cause problems for our neighbours. Please be vigilant when waiting to collect your son or daughter, and ensure you are not blocking driveways or other access points. Please also do not use the section of road between Hawkwood Lane and the car park gate for dropping off or picking up your children as cars reversing/exiting to Hawkwood Lane cause a potential safety hazard for students.



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Messages from the Attendance Team – Miss Thurston Reporting Absence

Would parents/carers please report student absence on the dedicated School Absence Reporting line and not via Heads of Year or Form Teachers. Parents/Carers can also use the dedicated text number; full details advising how to report absences are on the School Website. Many thanks.

Requests for Leave of Absence

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 came into force on 1 September 2013. These regulations state that the Principal may not grant leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Family holidays do not count as “exceptional circumstances”. Absence during term time directly affects each student’s achievement. The School works with the Local Authority in improving school attendance. For your information, parents/carers who take students on holiday during term time may be referred to the Local Authority Education Welfare Service for legal consideration. Further information on Attendance can be found on our website – please go to Information; Attendance and click on Attendance Guidance.

Absence due to Medical/Dental Appointments

Please note missing lessons for a medical or dental appointment is counted as an authorised absence which will affect student attendance as well as missing vital work in lessons missed. Where possible, parents'/students' support in arranging appointments outside school hours is much appreciated. When this is not possible, students should only be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary for the appointment. We appreciate if, for example, it is for a hospital appointment in London then travelling has to be taken into consideration. However, in an attempt to support an improvement in attendance students should sign in before/after medical appointments and avoid, as far as possible, taking a whole day off to attend a medical appointment. Furthermore, students should provide evidence of appointments by way of letter or appointment card; this will ensure a swift signing out process for students involved. Your support and cooperation is much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Shirley Puxty

Principal
CEO William Willett Learning Trust