



Coopers School



An IB World School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Closing School Procedures – Mr Carling



With the onset of winter, and the possibility of inclement weather, we will endeavour to keep the school open for all unless extreme conditions cause a Health and Safety concern. In the event of snow and/or icy conditions, please check the website daily – notices regarding any essential closures will be posted on the website by 7.00am.



Christmas Lunch for Students and Staff – Mr Carling



Chartwells, the school's catering provider, will be serving up a traditional Christmas lunch in the canteen on Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 December.



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>

Chair of Governors: Andrew Downes

Senior Vice Principal: Matthew Baker

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

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Dates for your diary:

Date	Calendar Item
Wednesday 6 December	LEAP Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 PE trip to Jump Giants, West Thurrock (Miss Owen) • Year 7 Science trip to the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium (Mrs Golding) • Year 12 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm-6.30pm, Sports Hall (Mr Sheppard)
Thursday 7 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSE PE trip to The Reach (Climbing Wall), Woolwich (Mr Golding) • Rugby Academy trip to the Varsity Rugby Games at Twickenham (Mr Hobbs)
Friday 8 December	GCSE PE trip to The Reach (Climbing Wall), Woolwich (Mr Golding)
Saturday 9 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday School Session 8 for students registered to attend, 9.00am-12.00pm (Mrs Denoon) • Steel Pans performing with The Dualers, Indigo O2, North Greenwich (Mrs Goddard)
Monday 11 December	WWLT Finance and Resources Committee, 5.00pm, Conference Room (Mr Carling)
Tuesday 12 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Lunch in the Canteen • Parent Forum, 6.00pm-7.00pm, Conference Room (Mrs Denoon)
Wednesday 13 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Lunch in the Canteen • Year 9 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm-6.30pm, Sports Hall (Mr McDonough) • Christmas Carol Singing at The Glades Shopping Centre, Bromley, 6.30pm-7.00pm, (Mr Tarrant)
Thursday 14 December	Sixth Form Drama trip to The Tin Drum, Shoreditch Town Hall, 5.30pm-10.30pm (Ms Stanley)
Friday 15 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-House Talent Show, 8.30am-12.50pm – students only (Mrs Denoon) • Drama and Dance Showcase Performance, Creative Arts Building, 4.30pm (Mrs Ward and Mrs Stephen)
Saturday 16 December	Saturday School Session 9 for students registered to attend, 9.00am-12.00pm (Mrs Denoon)
Monday 18 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WWLT Trustees' Meeting, 1.00pm for Part 1, and 3.00pm for Part 2, Conference Room (Mr Carling) • Christmas Carol Services at St Nicholas' Church, Chislehurst (Mr Pinder)
Tuesday 19 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Carol Concert at St Nicholas' Church, 6.00pm-7.30pm (Mrs Goddard)
Wednesday 20 December	Last Day of Term – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day (normal uniform with a Christmas Jumper - £1 for charity) Early Finish for all students at 12.00pm
Thursday 4 January	Start of the spring term All students in school at the normal time of 8.30am

Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall – Mrs Denoon

Euan Pryce, a student in Year 13, was privileged to be involved in the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday 11 November in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, and other senior members of the Royal Family. Euan gives his account below.



On Saturday 11 November 2017 I attended the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall. I was there to help out with other Air Cadets and Army Cadets behind the scenes of the show which was to be televised on the BBC. On the day my job was to help people who needed support to get to their seats.

During the day I escorted many veterans of the army including 105 year old veteran Len Burritt. After joining the Army at 18, he served on the frontline in more than 100 battles in 15 different countries, including the Battle of El Alamein in 1942. Seventy-five years on, he recalls his time serving in the Egyptian desert.

It was a pleasure to meet so many war veterans and listen to some of their stories throughout the day. I was then allowed to watch the show at 7.00pm which was a joy to watch. I was proud to be involved in this event as although I wasn't a part of the show I had a great day.



Coopers Rugby Academy – Mr Hobbs
1st XV Coopers 19 vs 52 2nd XV Eltham College



The Academy boys enjoyed their second fixture against Eltham College with high hopes of making it two victories in a row. After five minutes we had scored and expectations were high. Academy Manager Mr Moffat was really happy with the way the systems he has been working on were having an impact. The boys battled hard against a vastly improved team from last year and despite Coopers scoring first we spent much of the first half starved of any ball to attack with as Eltham's superior ball retention meant Coopers spent most of the half defending. The team were committed to the game but with no ball to play with and constantly tackling, the Coopers try line was breached too many times. With ten minutes to go Coopers were actually down to 13 players on the pitch with the heavy tackle count taking its toll, but the boys managed to finish the game the stronger team and scored before the final whistle.

Despite the final result against an independent specialist Rugby school, Coopers played some of their best rugby and the team can now see the improvements they have been making. Well done boys!



Man of the Match was Renus Lin who was outstanding with his throwing in the line out and his intelligent play around the contact and the breakdown.

Year 8 Student Reception Assistants – Mrs Haslam

During the course of the year, all students in Year 8 get the opportunity to undertake the role of Student Reception Assistants which involves helping staff with messages and administration. This is a valuable day for the students to develop their work related and people skills and we are particularly proud of the way Year 8 have been rising to this challenge.

Students to be commended for the period Wednesday 22 November – Tuesday 5 December are:

Nancy Johnson	Lauren Harvey	Yousef Irmal	Matthew Haverda
Poppy Hutchins	Shannon Jones	Daniel Holdway	Zihni Hassan
Danielle Cook	Annabel Longhurst	Ronell Dyer	James Danaher
Owen Deacon	Caitlin Drury	Kitty Evans	

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.

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. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 December at 6.00pm in the Conference Room. If you are interested in being a part of Parent Forum, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Denoon at hdenoon@coopersschool.com.

Yours faithfully

Shirley Puxty

Principal
CEO – William Willett Learning Trust

Sue Wood

Headteacher