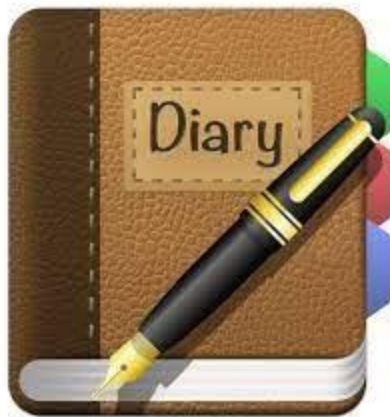




# Cumnor House Boys' School & Nursery

Friday 14th January 2022

## Key Dates - Early Years & Boys' School



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*A reminder that the school calendar is located under the 'calendar' section of your Cognita Connect app.*

### **EARLY YEARS:**

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- *Thursday 27th January - Purley & South Croydon Nursery Storyteller visit*
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### **BOYS' MAIN SCHOOL:**

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- *Thursday 20th January - LAMDA Exams*
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## This week in the Boys' School.....



Dear Parents

The term has started at great pace and I am sure it will continue this way. It was lovely to discuss our new year's resolutions during our assemblies and how to start the year on a positive note.

We are now beginning to receive 11+ and 13+ examination results and so far we are extremely pleased with how well the boys have done. There are still many interviews and scholarship assessments to come and the boys are being supported well.

Further to the changes announced this week for covid testing/notifications/isolation please ensure you refer to the section below. We are continuing to maintain high levels of hygiene and as I have mentioned previously if your child is displaying symptoms please keep them at home and arrange for a PCR test.

Some of the boys have shared with us their news from the Christmas break. Just before the holidays, Timothy's (3G) violin teacher entered him for a music exam, and we are pleased to share that Timothy passed his Trinity Violin Grade 3 with a distinction (after just 4 weeks work)! What an amazing achievement - well done!

As we all know, it can be quite easy to turn into a couch potato during the cold, winter months. However, Ansh (5T) made a conscious effort to get off the couch and stay active; showing us all how it is done. Continuing from the Games Department's focus on fitness in the last five weeks of term, Ansh completed 27km of running across the 3 weeks as well as numerous other self-driven active endeavours such as workouts in the park and swimming. Possibly more impressively, Ansh developed an exercise routine recording the details of each activity, as you can see below! A terrific effort and a great example of how to look after our physical health, so we can all stay at our peak. Suffice to say, Mr Beattie was impressed (and a little sheepish) when he looked through it.

#	Date	Workout/Sport	Recorded on Strava	Time in Mins	Distance in KM
1	10-Dec-21	Dog Walk - Jog	Yes	38.23	2.9
2	10-Dec-21	Cricket Session	No	120	0
3	11-Dec-21	Workout - HIIT	Yes	35.05	0
4	12-Dec-21	Workout - Functional	Yes	45	0
5	13-Dec-21	Dog Walk - Jog	Yes	37	3.85
6	13-Dec-21	Evening Swim	Yes	65	1.3
7	13-Dec-21	Cricket Session	No	120	0
8	14-Dec-21	Core Workout	Yes	35	0
9	15-Dec-21	Workout - HIIT	Yes	40	0
10	16-Dec-21	Dog Walk - Jog	No	60	7
11	16-Dec-21	Cricket Session	No	120	0
12	17-Dec-21	Dog Walk - Jog	No	60	6.8
13	18-Dec-21	Running	No	35	4.3
14	18-Dec-21	Cricket Session	No	120	0
15	19-Dec-21	Workout - Core	Yes	30	0
16	20-Dec-21	Workout - HIIT	Yes	24	0
17	20-Dec-21	Cricket Session	No	120	0
18	21-Dec-21	Running	No	44.15	5.54
19	22-Dec-21	Workout - HIIT	No	37	0
20	23-Dec-21	Dog Walk - Jog	No	45	5.9
21	23-Dec-21	Cricket Session	No	120	0
22	24-Dec-21	Running	Yes	39	5.14
23	25-Dec-21	Workout	Yes	30	0
24	26-Dec-21	Dog Walk - Jog	Yes	23	1.5
25	26-Dec-21	Cricket Session	No	120	0
26	27-Dec-21	Dog Walk - Jog	Yes	40	2
27	27-Dec-21	Cricket Session	No	120	0
28	27-Dec-21	Workout	Yes	37	0
29	28-Dec-21	Running	Yes	31.43	4.47
30	29-Dec-21	Workout	Yes	40	0
31	29-Dec-21	Cricket Session	No	120	0
32	30-Dec-21	Dog Walk - Jog	Yes	45.15	3.4
33	31-Dec-21	Running	Yes	31.21	4.72
34	31-Dec-21	Workout	Yes	61	0
35	31-Dec-21	Cricket Session	No	120	0
36	01-Jan-22	Running	Yes	21.05	2.9
37	02-Jan-22	Workout	Yes	62	0
38	03-Jan-22	Workout	Yes	37.34	0
39	03-Jan-22	Cricket Session	No	120	0



During Mrs Irvine's Art Club the boys have been looking at drawing animals and then creating mythical creatures. Ibrahim (4F) drew and coloured (using chalk pastels and pencils) an amazing phoenix as you can see at the top of the newsletter –stunning work.



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The highlight of my week has certainly been my English lesson with 3B. After the boys worked extremely hard on their comprehension about the whale who ended up in the Thames we looked at the official news reports and discussed the language that a report should contain. They then practised their reporting skills and those who wanted to presented to the class. I was amazed at the vocabulary used from the comprehension and how confident they were. I have attached some of the videos above. Great work boys! This was excellent preparation for the creative writing on the following day.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Kind Regards

Miss Edwards

## Important Changes to Covid Testing/Notifications/Isolation

Further to changes in Covid guidance with effect from Monday 17th January please read the following::

**All positive lateral flow and PCR results should please continue to be reported to our designated email inbox: [covidresponseboys@cumnorhouse.com](mailto:covidresponseboys@cumnorhouse.com)**

- If you are reporting a positive lateral flow test result where your child **does not** have symptoms an email to above address is sufficient, as a PCR test is not required. Your child should isolate from the date of the positive lateral flow result\*
- If you are reporting a positive lateral flow test result where your child **does have** symptoms they should isolate and undertake a PCR test. The PCR result notification should then kindly be forwarded to the email address above.\*

\*From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, **if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.** Please remember that the day of the **initial** Lateral Flow Test which was positive is still regarded as **Day 0**

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

## An Introduction to.....



We would like to introduce Jolanta Vanate who has joined us this term as our Languages Lead. Jolanta grew up in Scotland, Edinburgh, but has lived in Spain and China as well. She has taught Spanish, Mandarin and French to all ages in Primary and Secondary school. She is looking forward to getting to know all the students at Cumnor House School!

## Music News

I delighted to report that all instrumental groups and most choirs have now had their first rehearsal of the term and the House Music competition is well underway.

As promised last week, here is a quick update about the choirs. Following discussion with the boys we have had a slight change round of some of the choirs. We are going to be trialling a new choir just for boys in years 7 and 8 – this is open to all boys in these year groups on a Thursday lunchtime and is designed to support and encourage them in singing in a no-pressure environment. In order to accommodate this, and also give us a more focussed rehearsal time, we are also going to trial Choristers rehearsing from 7.45 – 8.30am on a Wednesday morning. If your son is a Chorister, you will receive a separate communication via Cognita Connect about this. I have opened a 2-week audition window to any boy not in a choir (Y3-6) or who wishes to be considered for Choristers (Y5-8) – the boys simply have to speak to me to arrange a time to audition.

In addition to these changes, we have decided that it is time for some of our choirs to have new names, so I have launched a competition for the boys in Training Choir (Y3/4), Junior Choir (Y5/6) and the new Y7/8 singing group to come up with some suggestions for new names. I'm hoping the boys will be creative in their thinking – so watch this space!

Please find attached the complete music rehearsal timetable.

Finally – congratulations to the following boys who have taken music exams:

Fionn M - Grade 3 Drums (Merit)

Aarushjyoti S – Grade 5 Piano (Merit)

Fred C - Grade 2 Piano (Merit)

Music Rehearsals – 2021/22						
TIME	PLACE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.00	Hall			Choirs 7.45 – 8.30 (HS)	Girls' Voices Y13 (HS)	Full Band Y5-8 (HS)
	Music Room					
10.00	Music Room		Music Ensemble (Y5/6)			
10.30	Music Room	Guitar Ensemble (HS)		Bassoon Ensemble (HS)		
12.00	Hall		Woodwind Group (Y5/6) (Y6/HS) (HS)			
12.15	Hall	Percussion Y10 (HS)		V.21 Choir (Y7/8)		
12.30	Hall		Singing Orchestra (HS) (Y7/8)			
12.50	Hall	Jazz Band (HS)			VSL Choir (HS)	VSL Choir (HS) (Y9)
After School				Music Theory (HS)		Musical Theatre Rehearsal Y10-12

## Notices

### Benenden and Tonbridge Online Event

On Tuesday 18th January, Tatler's Education Editor, Tori Cadogan, will host an online event from 7-8pm, featuring the Heads of Benenden and Tonbridge, Samantha Price and James Priory. They will discuss the merits of boarding schools and how they are relevant in modern society.

To book a place please click [here](#)

### What is Modern Boarding?

Tatler's Education Editor Tori Cadogan  
interviews the Heads at two leading boarding schools:



Samantha Price,  
Benenden



James Priory,  
Tonbridge

Free virtual event – and you can join in the live Q&A  
Tuesday 18 January  
7.00pm-8.00pm



## This week in Reception & Nursery.....



As part of our topic “Stories around the world” Reception have turned their role play areas into a travel agent with the help of the boys. They thoroughly enjoyed setting it up and playing in the area. They enjoyed choosing different countries to visit. In Art the boys have started to colour in different flags to be used in their classroom displays. I was very impressed with how carefully William S and Alexander W coloured in their flags and could name their flags from England and the Solomon Islands.





It is lovely to see the children in Pre-School back and eager to learn. In phonics they revised the sounds that we have covered thus far, next week the children will be learning "n".

In Maths at Purley the children have been learning about the number & concept of zero and at South Croydon the children have been learning about size ordering alongside their topic of 'traditional tales'.

Along side this topic at Purley the children focused this week on the story "The Little Red Hen" and the children even had a chance to dramatize the story wearing masks of each character. For art the children are making their own textured hen, featuring feathers, tissue paper and straw! At South Croydon the story focus is 'Goldilocks and the three bears' they have been investigating which bear chair, porridge bowl and bed are small, medium, or large, listening to the story and retelling it using props in their own words.







In Kindergarten the theme this term is nursery rhymes. The children have used props that we chose out of our circle time box. We have been using play dough to make spiders and counting their legs.

Our sound of the week is 'c' and we have been practicing writing this using different mark making tools and also speaking about objects that begin with the sound.









Next week at Purley Pre-School our Maths topic is measurement and our story focus is Jack and the Beanstalk. Miss Peterson kindly let us trace her tall body so we can measure every child's height and compare it to hers!



The Reception boys were really excited when they found ice in the outside learning area yesterday and explored painting it!





Congratulations to the children below who received awards this week:

- Stars of the Week: Ayaan RS, Adam RUS and Rowen S Purley Pre School.
- Gold Awards: Alex T RUS, Arjun RUS and Robin C Purley Pre School.

Kind regards

Mrs Eloise Upfold

Head of EYFS