

## Night of the Musicals



On Wednesday 12th October the students in Year 7 took part in the annual Night of the Musicals concert; a celebration of the work they have been doing in their lessons, alongside performances from the school choirs. This year's concert saw Max Mazower and Amelia Ledgard-Hoile guiding the audience through the highlights of the best-selling West End and Broadway musicals, featuring songs from The Lion King, Buddy, We Will Rock You and Les Miserables among many others. The evening was a great success, and the Year 7 students sang their socks off! Reflecting on the evening, students wrote: "It was the best night of my life", "I was proud to sing in front of my parents", "I really enjoyed singing with my friends", "we were amazing!"

Mrs Willett:  
Head of Music



## Staff Profile



Mrs De Bruyn,  
Head of Sixth Form

**How do you pronounce your surname?**  
My husband pronounces it as *Du Brain* but I prefer it to be said as *Der Bruan*.

**Why did you decide to come to CNS?**  
I was Head of Sixth Form at my previous school which was quite a small school. I wanted to work in a bigger Sixth Form and one which is high achieving. CNS Sixth Form is in the top 15% nationally for achievement. I was a student at Chipping Norton School and remember it fondly.

**Have you always enjoyed sport?**  
I have always enjoyed sport, and when I was younger I almost made it onto the squash national team and represented the school, county and region in squash.

## Singing Exam Results

Keara Koterwas (I1EN) achieved an outstanding result in her Rockscool grade 4 examination. She scored 94% which is a very good distinction. Isabel Sladen (I1WN) did well in her grade 3 Rockscool

**What is your favourite sport?**  
My favourite sport is Trampolining.

**What's your favourite meal from the canteen?**  
I haven't eaten in the canteen yet but when I was a student my favourite thing were the ice buns..

**What interests do you have outside of school?**  
I play netball for a team in Banbury. I have two young boys and therefore spend a lot of time at 'Rugrats'. I love reading and my favourite book is *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen and also *Bridget Jones' Diary*. I enjoy going to the cinema and my favourite film is 'Dirty Dancing'.

**If you had to teach a subject other than Sport/ Dance what would it be?**  
English, because I love it.

**Have you ever met any famous sports stars?**  
Yes, I once met Will Greenwood, one of England's greatest Rugby players, and it was very embarrassing because I spoke to him in a very high pitched voice and tried to hug him!

**Bake Off or Masterchef?**  
Definitely Bake Off as I love cakes.

Zoe Allan: I1WS

examination, achieving a good merit; Chloe Hastings (I1WN) also passed her grade 3 ABRSM examination, with a good pass.



## What's on at CNS

- TERM 2  
OCTOBER
- Wk 9 B OPEN CLASSROOM WEEK
- Mon 31 Y12 Spire trip to Oxford University this week
- NOVEMBER
- Wed 2 University Admissions Tests
- Thurs 3 Y13 Parent Teacher Consultation
- Wk 10 A
- Mon 7 Y11 Rehearsal exams begin  
Y11 Drama 9am-4pm  
Unit 2 exam
- Tues 8 Y12/13 Senior Maths Challenge  
Governors' Staffing Committee Meeting 6pm
- Wed 9 CNS CSLA Street Dance - Dennis Victory 1.25-3.05pm
- Thurs 10 Y11 Citizenship Day
- Fri 11 Y12/13 D+T visit to V&A Progress Reports home (Y7, 8,9,10,11 + 13)
- Wk 11 B
- Mon 14 A level Biology DNA Day this week (prov)
- Tues 15 Unit 3 A2 Performance Evening 7pm
- Wed 16 Y11 Rehearsal exams end
- Thurs 17 Y12 EU Mock Council (London)  
Unit 3 Drama A2 exam 9am-4pm  
Sixth form Open Evening  
House Match Week
- Wk 12 A
- Tues 22 KS5 Awards Evening
- Thurs 24 Y8 Parent Teacher Consultation
- Sat 26 Y8-10 Rugby Trip to Twickenham
- We 13 B
- Tues 29 Y12 Safe Drive Stay Alive  
Y7 Puzzle Day
- Wed 30 CNPS SH Athletics 3.00-4.45pm with CSLA
- DECEMBER
- Thurs 1 Y9-13 German Christmas Market visit (until 3 Dec)  
Family Focus Y7 Maths 6.00-7.30pm
- Fri 2 Return to the Forbidden Planet Musical 7pm (until Wed 7th)
- Wk 14 A
- Mon 5 Celebration Assemblies this week
- Tues 6 Y10 Woodlands PE trip (until 9th)
- Wed 7 CNPS Dance Workshop CSLA Holy Trinity 1.45-2.45  
CNPS Ball Skills Y11 Leaders 3.00-4.45pm
- Thurs 8 CNPS English - A,G&TY4/5 3.30-5.00pm  
Y12 Parent Teacher Consultation
- Wk 15 B
- Mon 12 House Assemblies  
Y11 Target-Setting Interviews (and Tues 13)
- Wed 14 Y12 House Matches 1.25-3.05pm  
Carol Concert St Mary's Church
- Fri 16 END TERM



## HEAD'S LINES

**What is new at Chipping Norton School?**  
**Sporting Success:** We have had recent sporting successes in hockey, cricket and rugby. Last term the U12 cricket team were victorious in the Oxfordshire County league final, convincingly beating Icknield School. The girls' hockey teams go from strength to strength with good wins over other West Oxfordshire Schools. The U15 rugby team are progressing well in the National Cup having defeated Bablake School, Coventry, 31-29 this week, and the 1st XV remain unbeaten this season after a great 14-12 win over Burford School. This newsletter shares other sporting activities and successes.

**BSG and DIRT:** Since the start of this academic year we have been focusing lessons on these two things. What are they?  
BSG are Bronze, Silver and Gold success criteria. These are set by teachers and shown to students in lessons so that each student can identify what it is they are learning and so that they can push themselves. Students tell us that they like the bronze, silver and gold because it challenges them to think more, pushes them to understand better, and that they make a difference in learning.

DIRT is Dedicated Improvement and Reflection Time. This is time deliberately set aside

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# CNSNewsletter

## Students excel in A Level and GSCEs



Once again students at Chipping Norton School are celebrating outstanding 'A' level results. This year the headline A\*-B percentage figure is 59%, the best that the school has ever achieved, and for the sixth year in succession the A\*-B percentage has been well over 50%. The overall pass rate was an extremely high 99.5%. One quarter of all students achieved two or more A grades and eight students achieved grades that were all A\* or A.

Especially high performing students include: Leonie Jurkschat (A\*A\*A\*A); Monica Schroeder (A\*A\*A\*A); Megan Humphreys (A\*A\*A\*A); Alice Ortona Coles (A\*A\*A\*A); Jack Williams-Sharkey (A\*AA); Daniel Thompson (AAA); Alisa Mann (AAA); and Poppy Grimes (AAA).

Year 11 students also enjoyed some great GCSE successes. Over two thirds of students (67%) achieved the threshold in English and Mathematics (A\*-C grades) and across all subjects 22% of grades were A\* and A.

This summer the way that school performance is measured has changed and the emphasis has shifted firmly to the progress that students make from their KS2 starting point to their KS4 outcome. In addition to progress and attainment across 8 subjects schools will report the percentage of students achieving the threshold in English and Mathematics. At Chipping Norton School over three quarters of students made expected or better than expected progress in both English and Mathematics. This represents a significant increase on the 2015 results and is well above the national figures.

There were many notable results and there were lots of high achieving students. 16 of the year group managed to get 8 or more GCSE grades at A\* and A: Elizabeth Alarcon-Clark; Max Benson; Charlotte Facer; Emily Fothergill; Abi Greenfield; Georgia Jukes; Bonnie Lunel; Evie McCabe; Elizabeth Moulson; Alice Nottingham; Holly Oliver-Hall; Louisa Oliver-Hall; Marcus Pendery; Ewan Vellinga; Darcy Watkins; and Jenny Woodcock. Special mention should go to the Oliver-Hall twins, Holly and Louisa, who are celebrating a magnificent 15 A\* grades and 6 A grades between them.



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in lessons so that students can respond to feedback from their teachers by correcting errors, answering questions posed, adding to explanations, and learning from mistakes. This time is used by teachers during a sequence of lessons to give students the chance to stop and think about their own work and learning. Once some DIRT time has taken place, the students can consider what they must do to make their learning even better. They have EBI ("Even Better If") sheets in the front of their books and can keep a record of the improvements they have made.

**Multi Academy Trust:** In addition to these changes in the classroom, governors have been looking at ways to ensure such improvements are sustainable in the long term. As part of discussions with the Department for Education, the school has sought to become part of a larger Multi Academy Trust to access the benefits that such a move will bring. Governors have now agreed that we will join the River Learning Trust in the New Year. The River Learning Trust have a commitment to excellence, strive for the best educational experience for all, and very much shares the same values and ethos of Chipping Norton School. This is a really exciting venture for the school and one which will enable us to access a range of services and expertise that is no longer provided by the local authority. The River Learning Trust consists of Cherwell Secondary School, Wheatley Park Secondary School, a number of primary schools and have plans for a new school in Oxford. There will be more information coming to parents in the very near future and you will be invited to attend one of two meetings early in November, the first being on Thursday 3 November and the second on Thursday 10 November, both from 6.00pm in the evening.

**Simon Duffy:**  
Head Teacher

## Exploring the art of Photography



Photography has grown in popularity with young people over the years. Every Wednesday after school students at Chipping Norton School can be found investigating what amazing photos they can take with their own cameras or cameras

provided by the school at the weekly Photography club. Mr McPhillips helps students learn new techniques, both pre and post production, that will enable them to take more effective photographs. Some of the students

have recently been experimenting with macro, flash and freeze frame photography. The two beautiful photographs above were taken by Henry Gorst and Sophie Allen (8SN) using coloured water to great effect.

## Jo Cotterill 'electrifies' Year 7s



Award-winning children's author Jo Cotterill spent a morning at school talking to the Year 7s about her part novel/part comic book Electrigril series. The students greatly enjoyed her lively interactive talk which involved a group of students demonstrating how electricity works. The Year 7s had lots of

interesting questions to ask Jo and many came to the library during break to speak individually to Jo about her brilliant books. She also ran a creative writing workshop for a selection of Year 8/9 students. These students took part in a sponsored reading challenge over the summer break on behalf

of the Readathon charity. Readathon supply books, libraries and storytelling in UK hospitals. Our students donated approximately £700 for this worthwhile cause and enjoyed the added bonus of reading some fabulous books.

Jo joined the weekly Reading Club for a picnic lunch in the library. We celebrated her latest novel 'A Library of Lemons' by eating lemon drizzle cake. The club members had prepared a series of serious and not-so-serious questions to ask Jo about her writing inspirations, favourite authors and literary events that she had gatecrashed.

**Ms Bovington:**  
Librarian

## New Head Boy and Head Girl announced



Congratulations to the all the Sixth Form students who applied for these prestigious positions in school. We are pleased to announce that our new Head Boy and Girl are

Will Scantlebury and Ellie Cornish. They will be assisted by Deputy Head Boy James Matthews and Deputy Head Girl Rachel Newman.

## Extra Time Badminton

Over the last 18 months we have had the pleasure of employing Joe Manktelow as our Extra Time Badminton Coach. His commitment to our students and high coaching skills have helped our students to develop their badminton skills and enabled several to go on to join the County Squad.

Joe has now completed his degree at Oxford University and gone to London to make a new career for himself. He leaves us with competent confident players who can lead and teach our younger students. He commented: "Year 12 students Connor, Tom, Arnold and Sunny have shown excellent leadership. They have been particularly impressive, continuing to lead beyond their required hours, and stepping up to more senior roles within the club, taking responsibility for delivering parts of sessions. I'm impressed with how well

their group management and session planning skills have developed.

As a coach, I'd like to say that the students are a pleasure to coach, always polite and willing to learn. Those that take their badminton seriously have been able to take it to county level, not purely on their talent, but on their hard work, and they should be proud of their achievements."

**If your child is interested in playing Badminton at Chipping Norton School, we will be sending out the new Spring Extra Time Clubs Booklets in November. Places for some clubs are limited, so send your forms in ASAP. NB: Don't forget if you are paying by parent pay – forms still need to go to the Finance Office as the place is not guaranteed until the form come in.**

## CHIPPING NORTON SCHOOL SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

**THURSDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2016**  
**6-8pm**

An opportunity to:

- Have a tour of the school
- Talk to A level subject teachers and see demonstration lessons
- View our Sixth Form Centre
- Meet the Sixth Form Tutor team
- Talk to current Sixth Form students

**COME AND DISCOVER WHY WE  
ARE ONE OF THE HIGHEST  
ACHIEVING SIXTH FORMS IN  
OXFORDSHIRE!**

## Sexting: App teaches students to "Stop & Think"



Sexting is having devastating consequences with many children and teenagers suffering terribly from sharing ill-advised images that suddenly go viral. SelfieCop is a app that protects children and teenagers from the dangers of sexting and selfies.

It works by emailing parents a copy of every photo or video taken on their child's smartphone or

tablet. This includes photos and videos captured by popular social networking apps. SelfieCop deters unsafe behaviours by making children "Stop & Think" ... "Do I really want my Mum and Dad to see me like this?"

SelfieCop is a free app which can be downloaded from the following website: [www.selfiecop.com](http://www.selfiecop.com)

## CNPS U11 Football Competition



On a lovely autumn day 20 primary Football teams came and took part in the annual CNPS U11 Football Tournament on CNS sports field. The tournament was run by CNS Year 12 Sports Leaders, who took key roles in running the whole event. Each primary team played exceptionally well, putting their hearts into every match and all very keen to win. As always, we are so impressed by the hard work that goes into preparing the teams by the primary teachers and the support from parents and friends.

Our Year 12 Sports Leaders really enjoy the challenge of running these events, and each student is

able to show their ability to lead.

One said "it was much more tiring than I thought, and I nearly lost my voice".

**Big School Girls Winners – St Marys**  
**Small School Girls Winners – Enstone**  
**Big School Boys Winners – Hook Norton**  
**Small School Boys Winners – Enstone.**

Congratulations to everyone who took part. It is a fantastic start to our 2016 – 2017 Partnership programme of events.

**Mrs Phillips:**  
**Community Learning Lead**

## AGT Design Workshop



We were delighted to welcome 29 Year 4 & 5 students from our primary partnership schools to take part in our first Able Gifted and Talented workshop of 2016 – 2017. Mr Redman, Mr Crudge, Miss McSwinney and Mr McPhillips welcomed the pupils to the D&T Department where they set up a recycling project making key rings from plastic bags.

One of the highlights was watching the laser cutter working and cutting out each key ring. The pupils then had to sew around the key fob which proved to be quite a challenge for some. Our Year 12 Leaders, Alice, Frazer and Ellen were

impressed with the pupil's determination to finish the product and their eagerness to learn to do something new. They really enjoyed the opportunity to support the younger pupils.

Zoe from Holy Trinity said 'I loved the heat pressing where we were melting the bags, and loved sewing them together'. Jack from Enstone said 'The sewing went well and I didn't mess up, but wished my sewing was neater'.

We were so impressed by the pupils, and took great pleasure in hosting the workshop. They all went home with a finished key fob and a certificate. Well done to everyone.

cricket'. I then had to pretend to be an audience and watch as she showed me all the moves!

We are delighted to host these events and our Year 12s really do hone their leadership skills. Thank you so much to all the staff at St Mary's for their welcome; it was a lovely event.



## Year 3 Dance Festival

On Wednesday 12 October a group of CNS Year 12 Dance Leaders accompanied by Mrs Du Cros and Mrs Fisher went along to St Mary's to lead a Dance Workshop.

The workshop was based on the book 'Giraffes Can't Dance', and the pupils were split into groups and taught a small dance which they then performed to their peers. The Dance Leaders really enjoy the challenge and hard work to get to a level where they can teach the younger children the necessary skills to achieve this. It takes a lot of effort and commitment by our Year 12s and one said

'The younger children are amazing and so interested, I really loved it; but it was harder work than I thought it would be'.

One parent commented:

'My daughter took part in the Dance workshop at St Mary's School yesterday and absolutely loved it! She came home raving about how 'they did dancing from the book Giraffes Can't Dance' and that 'she was a rhino' and 'had to be the legs of a

## Sports Awards 2016



At the start of term we hosted our 8th Annual Sports Awards celebrating the sporting excellence of our students.

A number of awards were handed out including dedication to sport awards, sportswoman and sportsman of the year and team of the year awards.

It was another fantastic evening hosted by former

Welsh international rugby player Philippa Tuttiett who gave an inspirational speech about her sporting career and how she overcame adversity to play international sport for well over 10 years.

Over 200 parents, students and teachers celebrated and credit must go to all those students nominated.

**Mr Thomas:**  
**Head of PE**

## U12 Boys triumph at Cricket



At the start of term our U12s Boys played Icknield School in the final of the Under 12 Oxfordshire County league competition on a sunny afternoon at Eynsham Cricket Club. After winning the toss and electing to field first, CNS restricted the opposition

to 213 from their 16 overs. With cool heads CNS convincingly came out victorious finishing their innings on 272. Captain Rowan Moss was very proud to receive the trophy on behalf of the delighted group of boys.

## CNS hosts Six Nations Cup



On Thursday 8th September Chipping Norton School were chosen as one of only a handful of schools to have the honour of hosting the RBS Six Nations and Triple Crown trophies, freshly engraved with the name of England - the most recent winners courtesy of the Grand Slam earlier this year.

Students were delighted to have the opportunity to learn about the history of the trophy and have their photos taken with

their representative teams. Chipping Norton School has an enviable reputation in the field of schools' rugby, with the U14 team progressing from local and regional finals to the South of England State School Final this year. The presence of these magnificent trophies at the school will hopefully inspire the students to continue to enjoy their sports and maybe represent the county or even England in the future.



# Beyond school: a world of opportunities

We are constantly amazed at the array of fascinating and worthwhile activities that students from Chipping Norton School enjoy during their summer holidays and outside school hours. We believe that by engaging in a range of extra curricular activities, young people develop into well-rounded and mature individuals. The school offers a wide range of opportunities for students to experience different sports and activities after school hours in order for them to broaden their horizons and gain new experiences and skills.

## Henry's summer of challenges



This summer holiday Ed Gripper and I attempted to walk the 184 mile long Thames Path from its source in Kemble, Cirencester to the Thames Barrier in Greenwich, London. The main purpose behind this expedition was to raise money for a charity called Building Schools for Africa, which aims to develop the quality of schools all across Cameroon.

Our twelve day trek started on the 28th July, along with 5 other companions who accompanied us for the first two days. The path follows the Thames for most of the route, therefore navigating was easy and we could focus on enjoying ourselves without getting lost! We camped on the wild banks of the river for most nights,

but as it widened and eventually reached London we stayed in youth hostels and with friends. It was really interesting to watch the Thames develop from a tiny stream in a Cotswold meadow to a massive volume of water flowing through London. At the same time, the experience was physically challenging as we had very heavy camping kit to carry, as well as lengthy distances to walk, our longest day being 27 miles!

Ed and I thoroughly enjoyed our trek, and we would like to give a huge thank you to everybody that sponsored us. We raised £1262 for our chosen charity.

On Sunday 25th September 2016 I attempted to run my first half marathon (approx. 13.1 miles) in Cheltenham. I've



always enjoyed running, but I wanted to see how far I could push myself and how my body would cope over the longer distances. I arrived at the event to find that I was one of 3,500 that would be taking part in a course that took you all over the town, starting and finishing at Cheltenham Racecourse. When the starting gun went off at 9:00 I stayed with a 1hr 45 pacer (their job is to run at an exact pace to finish at an exact time) but a couple of miles in I decided to push myself and worked my way through the runners to catch up with the 1hr 30 pacer. A few people tripped over each other because of the close proximity of the people taking part, however as the race progressed everyone started to space out. You could also collect water

bottles and sweets from volunteers along the route. By the time we'd reached the 10 mile point I was still running at 90 minute pace, so I thought I'd increase my speed and overtake the pacers as my energy levels were high. I dashed through the Racecourse and finished in 89th place with a time of 1hr 29 minutes and 4 seconds. I was very pleased with my time as it was faster than I'd expected. Overall, Cheltenham Half Marathon was organised effectively and it was a great experience to run with so many people. I'd recommend it to anybody that wanted to try something new and keep fit all at the same time!

Henry Gardner-Roberts:  
13G

## Amie shines at World Championships



At my previous gymnastics club, I qualified to take part in an international gymnastics competition in Orlando. Unfortunately, my club and coaches could not take me so I started training at Carterton Gymnastics Club in January with my new coach, Debra Courtney-Crane, in order to compete at the USAIGC World Championships at the end of June.

To compete I had to work really hard on my strength, flexibility and technique along with learning lots of new routines, so I was fully prepared for Orlando.

The competition was held at the Hyatt Regency with over 1000 gymnasts competing in total. It had an amazing atmosphere and was an experience which I will never forget. I competed in the bronze level (4 piece: floor, vault,

beam and bars) and bronze diamond (2 piece: floor and beam). My best piece was the floor with a score of 9.45 out of 10, finishing in 3rd place and getting into the final, where I finished 8th overall out of around 50 other gymnasts in my level.

While I was there, I got the chance to make friends with other gymnasts from lots of different countries like South Africa, Bermuda, Canada and from all over the United States, which was very interesting, and so much fun! Sometimes I got nervous, but my amazing coach always kept me motivated. Since I have got back, Carterton Gymnastics Club has asked me to stay with them, so I have joined their elite squad, and will continue to train 9-12 hours a week with them.

Amie Cooper: 9SS

## Jake meets the Dalai Lama

In the summer my family and I went to Ladakh in the north of India on a tour of the Himalayas. We had a free day to rest because there is not as much oxygen and you run out of energy really quickly. Then we heard that the Dalai Lama was doing a speech nearby so we thought we would go and see it. We got to the temple and there was a little wait before he came because he was in a car greeting people. When he got to the temple there was silence. Then a lama (Tibetan buddhist monk) gave him a medal to mark being the Dalai Lama for

over 75 years. There were over 1000 people watching the ceremony. He spoke to the crowd with someone translating what he was saying. I couldn't make out everything he said because the English translation was drowned out by him talking in his own language. Everyone was excited to see him. I thought it was amazing that I actually got the opportunity to see him! We also climbed a couple of mountains and drove along the highest road in the world, Khardung La. The road is at over 5600 metres above sea level. After 10 minutes I felt dizzy through

altitude sickness and had to go back down. In the past I have visited Vietnam and Cambodia for holidays, but this trip was my favourite. Next year my dad and some friends are returning to Northern India to celebrate his 50th birthday by travelling on Royal Enfield vintage



motorbikes. I am really jealous and wish I was going too.

Jake Petyt: 8GS