

## CDFAS Bursary Award 2017

Once again we have been privileged to be invited to nominate a Year 13 Art student for the Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society Bursary Award.

Each year the society generously award bursaries of £400 each to one student at Chipping Norton School, Burford School and The Cotswold School to enable them to pursue their interests and studies in the arts, crafts and design.

This year we are pleased to announce that Anna Jacobs won the Award. Anna has worked tirelessly in the Art department completing her A level in Art & Design and has been recognised for her hard work and talent.

On Wednesday 10th May Anna was invited to display her work to members of CDFAS and was presented with her Award. It was a wonderful occasion and the Art Department and Chipping Norton School are very proud of Anna and her achievements. I look forward to seeing more of her artwork as she moves into further education in Art & Design.

For a chance to see Anna's artwork alongside all the talented AS and A level students please join us in the evening of Thursday 29th June for the Art and Technology Private View.

**Mrs Corley: Head of Art**

## Goodbye to the Sixth Form



The Sixth Form Team would like to wish Year 12 and 13 the best of luck in the upcoming exams and to say a heart felt good bye to the Year 13s. They have been an exceptional year group that have made a fantastic contribution to both Chipping Norton School and the local community.

I would like to say a special thank you to the Senior Student Team for all of the work they have

completed on behalf of the students and the school; you will be missed.

We are looking forward to welcoming the Year 11 students to our Induction Days on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th July. This is a fantastic opportunity to get to know your peers, the Sixth Form Team and to have a tiny taster of the subjects that you will be studying in September.

**Mrs De Bruyn: Head of Sixth Form**



## What's on at CNS

<b>TERM 6</b>	
<b>JUNE</b>	
<b>Wk 34</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Mon 5</b>	Y6 Transition visits for 2 weeks
<b>Thurs 8</b>	Family Focus Science 6.00-7.30
<b>Fri 9</b>	Y8-10 MFL visit Normandy (until 13 June)
<b>Wk 35</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Mon 12</b>	Living for Sport visit week KS3 Enrichment Day Drama 9am-3pm Family Focus Dance 6-7pm Family Focus Music 6-7pm
<b>Tues 13</b>	WOSSP Athletics Y7-10
<b>Wed 14</b>	Y13 Drama Devising Workshop 9am-4pm CNPS U11 Cricket 1.00-4.40pm
<b>Thurs 15</b>	Family Focus First Aid 6-8pm
<b>Week 36</b>	<b>A OPEN CLASSROOM WEEK</b>
<b>Mon 19</b>	Carnegie Day
<b>Wed 21</b>	Bridge Club (2.15-3.45pm)
<b>Thurs 22</b>	KS3 Awards Evening 5.30-8pm Bridge Club (2.15-3.45pm)
<b>Fri 23</b>	Pre Sports Day
<b>Sat/Sun 24-25</b>	DoE Bronze Assessment
<b>Week 37</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Mon 26</b>	CNPS Y4/5 Maths A,G&T 3.30-5.00pm
<b>Tues 27</b>	KS4 Explained to Y9 Parents Main Hall 7pm
<b>Wed 28</b>	Y6 Transition Day
<b>Thurs 29</b>	Y6 New Entrants Parents' Meeting 6-8pm Art and Technology Exhibition

<b>JULY</b>	
<b>Week 38</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Sun 2</b>	German exchange departs (until 10 July)
<b>Mon 3</b>	Y10 Work Experience (until 7 July) New Y12 Induction
<b>Tues 4</b>	New Y12 Induction CNPS Y5 Bake Off 3.30-5.30pm
<b>Wed 5</b>	Alternative Curriculum Day DoE Silver Expedition (until 7th) Y12 Futures Programme
<b>Thurs 6</b>	Y12 Futures Programme Y9 Science Medicine + Material trip
<b>Fri 7</b>	Y12 Futures Programme
<b>Week 39</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Mon 10</b>	German exchange return
<b>Tues 11</b>	CNPS Y10 Drama Workshops (until 13 July) Dance Jam 7-9pm
<b>Fri 14</b>	Sports Day
<b>Week 40</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Mon 17</b>	Y10 Drama devising exam 9am-3pm
<b>Tues 18</b>	Dance Jam 7-9pm
<b>Wed 19</b>	Summer Soirée 7-9pm
<b>Fri 21</b>	End of Term Sports Tour – South Africa



### HEAD'S LINES

**Ofsted recognise some real quality at Chipping Norton School**

As you are aware, Ofsted visited our school again in early May and the report of what they saw and heard has just been published. It is a very positive report and recognises that our programme of targeted improvement is continuing at a very good rate. The Ofsted inspection team saw 30 lessons, spoke to students in lessons and around the school, met with teachers and governors, and reviewed the numerous parent responses on Parent View (Ofsted's online questionnaire).

**"I know he is being stretched more in English because there are higher expectations now". (Parent feedback).**

### Very positive messages in the May 2017 monitoring inspection report:

- The Ofsted team recognised that we have raised our expectations of the work that students are tackling in lessons.
- Student work is assessed and tracked really well.
- Parents reported to the inspection team that they appreciate how staff "go the extra mile" to support students.
- Teachers are using the "Chipping Norton Standards" - using 'Bronze, Silver, Gold' to push learners; providing high-quality feedback; getting students to work harder on

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## CNS Bake Off 2017 Grand Final

On Thursday 18th May, the eight finalists of this year's Chipping Norton School Bake Off conducted a public tasting session of their cakes at the Co-Op Store in Chipping Norton. They met with Jenny Hudson, award-winning proprietor of the 'Sweet As Cake Emporium' and Sarah Peedall, community representative for the Co-Op.

Our finalists were quoted as being; 'amazing ambassadors for Chipping Norton School', 'delightful' and 'imaginative and ambitious young chefs!' Indeed they were; they were excellent in encouraging members of the public to taste their cakes and very positive in their support of each other throughout the experience.

Jenny Hudson, who is going to produce the winners' cake as a limited edition to be sold in Chipping Norton Co-Op, gave useful comments to each pair to help their baking skills develop with a focus on becoming professional bakers in the future. She was extremely pleased with all of the finalists. Jenny made the final judging decision and the winners are Ryan Steer and Lewis Kelt, both in Year 9.



(Pictured above.) This year's finalists: Jessica Bradford, Maya Williams, Archie Blundell, Grace Heath, Katie Blundell, Ryan Steer and Lewis Kelt.

(Pictured right.) Archie and Katie Blundell handing out samples of their delicious cupcakes.

(Pictured below.) Lewis and Ryan's extravagant chocolate cake was chosen as the winning bake.



Congratulations to the boys and to all of our finalists..... What will next year's CNS Bake Off produce?

**Ms Ashton: House Leader**



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harder work.

- Students are behaving well and this is improving learning.
- Students are making better progress overall and can talk clearly about what they need to do to get even better.

“Teachers make sure that tasks are both interesting and challenging.”

**Remaining priorities for improvement:**

- We need to ensure that all students are working harder on harder work.
- We need to ensure that all teaching matches that of the best.

**What can you do to support the school?**

1. Check that all school work is excellent. “If it is not excellent, it is not finished”.
2. Ensure that you do not miss any school days.Aim for 100% attendance.
3. Read a lot and focus hard on the quality of your writing.

“Students invariably work industriously and with obvious enjoyment. Inspectors saw no low level disruption to learning and students looked smart.”

We are determined to be judged good again. We are well on the way and very strong practice is becoming embedded.

Thank you for continuing to value our school improvement work. We greatly value your support, confidence and trust at this key time for our school.

**Good LuckYear 11 and A-Level Students**

We are now a full fortnight into the examination season and the school has the usual notices in place to remind students where exams are taking place. Our KS4 and KS5 students are going into their exams very well prepared and we look forward to celebrating with them come the summer. Good luck to all of you!

**Simon Duffy: Head Teacher**

## Spotlight on attendance: Welcome to Mrs Cox



We are pleased to welcome our new Attendance Officer Mrs Linda Cox, who started working at CNS this term. Mrs Cox can be found in the Head of Years’ Office, working with the Pastoral Support team, on all matters regarding attendance. If you are having any concerns or anything you would like to

discuss, then please don’t hesitate to contact her. Mrs Cox can be contacted via email using the absence email address: absence@chipping-norton.oxon.sch.uk or by telephone, using the absence line: 01608 649412. (24/7 messaging service).

Please contact the school on every day of

absence, if possible by 09.00a.m. and remember to inform us of any change of contact details. This facilitates good communication between home and school, as we work to improve our overall school attendance. Thank you for your support.

**Ms Hancock: Deputy Head**

## Fidget Toys



Fidget toys are now banned in school. There have been a number of negative reports in the media about how these new toys are proving to be a distraction to learning and therefore we cannot allow them in school. They will be confiscated if seen. We have made this very clear to students and if any student is struggling with issues of focus and concentration then they need to liaise with their Head of Year or the SEN team who will discuss an alternative strategy with them.

Thank you.

## Healthy Eating @ CNS

As you are aware, we are changing the timings of the school day for September 2017. This means that break time will be at 11.00am -11.25am and lunch will at 1.25pm – 2.05pm.

These changes mean that students need to be prepared for the new timings. As we are told regularly, breakfast is the most important meal of the day, so it is really important that all students eat breakfast. We serve breakfast in school every morning from 8.00am.

We know that many students eat their lunch during break time. For that reason we have extended break time by 5 minutes. We serve hot and cold food at break time together with healthy snacks such as nuts, fruit, granola pots etc....All students should be encouraged to eat a healthy snack at break time if they are not eating their lunch.

**Ms Hancock: Deputy Head**



## Outstanding LAMDA Extratime results



Since September 2016, 34 Year 7, 8 and 9 students have been working tirelessly towards their LAMDA exams at a weekly club led by Pippa Phillips, who is a local Drama specialist teacher.

We are delighted to report that every student passed with distinction. Congratulations to you all; you have worked

incredibly hard and showed dedication and commitment, and are fabulous ambassadors of Chipping Norton School. Also, thank you very much to our fantastic tutor Pippa Phillips for all of her support, professionalism and high standards.

**Mrs Phillips: Community Learning**

## The Poem of Belonging

I’m small in the world of big,  
I’m fat in the world of thin,  
I’m a fish in a world of sharks.  
I’m a frown in a world of grin.

I’m heavy in the world of light  
I’m sad in the world of glee  
I’m dim in the world of bright  
I’m jailed in the world of free

I’m living in the world of dead  
I’m scared in the world of brave  
I’m Dave in the world of Fred  
I’m taken in the world of gave.

**by Jessica Bradford**

## Chip Lit Poetry Competition

The annual Chip Lit Poetry competition is always something that our students look forward to taking part . This year local school children were challenged to write a poem on the theme of ‘Belonging’ - a topic which allowed great scope to be creative. Hundreds of entries were sent to the judges to review. The judges were impressed with the standard of poetry and the maturity of the work.

The following students from Chipping Norton School were nominated for the shortlist and were invited to the awards ceremony at The Crown and Cushion on April 26th.

**Year 7**  
Jessica Bradford 7EG  
Ivy Water 7WS  
**Year 8**  
Phoebe Latham-Mollart 8SS  
Cathryn Kirk 8EN  
**Year 9**  
Aimee Simson 9WS  
Bronte Roberts 9GS

Jessica, Phoebe and Bronte were judged to be the winners for their age categories. Jessica commented “At the ceremony we had a short talk from a local poet before the results were announced. We were each called out and our poems read to the audience. The winners received £10 or a £15 book voucher. It was really good fun!”

## I Belong in a Book

I belong in a book  
somewhere long, long ago,  
where adventure awaits me,  
waiting high and low.

I belong in a book,  
set deep on the rolling waves,  
mysterious threatening woods,  
or a sunny, deceiving maze.

I belong in a book,  
with so many people to meet,  
a murder in a grand house,  
strange things to eat.

I belong in a book,  
where magic runs amok,  
with problems far more strange,  
where danger comes with a knock.

I don’t belong here,  
laughed at and misunderstood,  
yes, I am very different,  
because I belong in a book.

**by Phoebe Latham-Mollart (8SS)**



## AGT Science workshop



Thirty enthusiastic Year 4 & 5 pupils from our ten partner primary schools came along to work in the Science Department to learn about Microorganisms and Disease. The workshops were led by Dr Hagan and Mr Mavromichalis. The lesson was started with a question 'Think about everything you have touched today?' Some of the children were delighted to talk about all the things they had touched, and others were slightly worried about the germs they may have picked up. Dr Hagan and Mr Mavromichalis assured the pupils that although germs can cause nasty bugs they can also be very beneficial in protecting the human body. Good hand washing is the way to protect yourself from many germs.

Over the lesson, the pupils took samples from the bottom of shoes, sink taps and fingers using cotton buds which they then wiped into petri dishes. Dr Hagan explained that he was going to grow the sample and see what developed. Photographic results and explanations of which bug grew have now been sent to the primary schools.

The pupils were supported by 6th Form Science Leaders, who worked with the pupils in various tasks, and when using scientific equipment including microscopes, petri dishes and of course their very favourite, the Bunsen Burners. Everyone really enjoyed all of the experiments, and learned lots of very interesting facts as well as making new friends.



## Year 4 MFL Festival



We were delighted to host Year 4 pupils from CNPS primary partnership schools to come and take part in our annual Modern Foreign Language Festival. This is run by Senior Language Leaders, with younger students acting as team managers and supported by teachers from the MFL Department.

During the festival each group of students took part in workshops to learn some new words and phrases in French, Spanish, Italian and German. They played games, and one of the most popular was the 'Splat Game'. This caused lots of laughter, but also determination to splat the right word. Pupils also had the opportunity to try cheeses from different European countries which caused some children to smile with delight while others were not so thrilled with their tasting experience.

The Year 7s were fantastic and made sure each group of pupils got to the right classroom for each

workshop.

Each workshop was run by CNS students from Year 12 or Year 10. They encouraged the children to take part and really try hard with the pronunciation of phrases and words in a foreign language. It was a really great learning experience for our primary age pupils, and feedback from their teachers said the activities will support them in learning languages at their own schools.

Well done to you all, you worked so hard and were a credit to your schools. Thank you so much to all of the teachers and especially our CNS Leaders who ran and hosted the workshops. It was a fantastic learning afternoon.

**Mrs Phillips: Community Learning Lead**



## Sports News: U13 girls crowned West Oxon Football champions



A huge congratulations to the U13 girls football team who have been crowned West Oxfordshire Champions!

After remaining unbeaten and winning the group stage, the girls faced an extremely difficult semi-final where their hard work really did pay off with a 1-0

win.

In the final they faced a very strong Henry Box team, but the effort and determination shown by the girls saw them through to the end with another 1-0 win.

**Miss Pinfold: PE Department**

## Oxfordshire School Games

Many of our sports teams represented West Oxon at the School Games after winning their West Oxon competitions. The results below demonstrate that they all did incredibly well:

Year 7 boys athletics 3rd place - Bronze medal  
Year 7 girls athletics 5th place  
Year 7 and 8 girls football 4th place  
Year 7 hockey 5th place  
Year 8 hockey runners up - Silver medal  
Year 9 boys swimming 4th place

**Mr Thomas: Head of PE**

## Individual sporting excellence



Year 11 student Callum Smart (pictured left) recently competed at the British Swimming Championships in Sheffield, qualifying for and winning the 100m Junior Male (15-18 Years) Breaststroke Final and coming second in the 200m Junior Male Breaststroke Final - beaten by just 0.06 of a second. However, Callum's 200m time of 2:16.02 was a New British and English

Swimming Age Group (16 Year Old Male) Record.

Following these successful performances in Sheffield, Callum, who has a strong prospect of representing GB at the 2020 Olympic Games, has received selection to represent Great Britain at the forthcoming World Junior Championships in Indianapolis USA, from 15th – 30th August 2017. Callum commented "It will be a great experience to race against the best in the World."

We wish Callum the best of luck!

Congratulations to Archie Jones in Year 7 (pictured right) on his fantastic performance at the County Athletics Championships in May.

Archie, who is a member of Banbury Harriers, achieved a silver medal in the long jump competition and two gold medals in the 100m and 200m sprints.



**The Year 7 boys athletic team proudly displaying their bronze medals.**



## No 'quiet please' for Year 10 students at CNS 'human library'!

A library is traditionally a place of quiet but talking was very much the order of the day at Chipping Norton School 'human library'!

Volunteers from 17 local businesses loaned out their wisdom and experience at the lively, interactive careers event for 175 Year 10 students organised by the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise (OxLEP) Skills Team. The session was timed to give the students experience of talking to adults and build their confidence about interacting with business people ahead of their work experience placements in July.

A 'human library' involves students 'borrowing' each volunteer – or 'human book' – for a short time to learn from all the knowledge inside each 'book' about their particular job, workplace and sector. Students have the opportunity to hear each individual talking passionately about what they do and to ask lots of questions, finding out all about their career choices and pathways, qualifications, experience, role and top tips.

Former Chipping Norton School student Lauren McCallum (pictured middle right) is a bench joiner with Cotteswood Kitchens in Chipping Norton and was keen to share her experience of working in construction with other young women.

Other 'human books' included Renee Watson, Head of Explosions at Wats.on and The Curiosity Box; Graeme Hackland, Chief Information Officer at Williams FI; Shaun Fagan, founder of digital marketing company, Black Dog New Media; and Julia Cook, clothes designer and founder of Tickittyboo and Tickittysake.

Julia (pictured bottom right) said: "I enjoyed today and always like to be involved with the schools especially with creative workshops and definitely helping kids understand what's involved in building a career and the starting out in the work place. I employ 5 children from Chipping Norton Top School too so it was good to understand their thought process and hear their opinions today."

Theresa Dix, Careers and Work Experience Co-ordinator at Chipping Norton School said: "It was wonderful to be able to give students the chance to engage with adults and talk about their jobs and career paths. Talking to them makes it realistic, rather than a paper exercise. Hopefully, it will give them more confidence for their work experience placements in July."

Marcus Randall, Year 10 student commented "I enjoyed meeting all the employers and finding out about what skills they need for their job. I learnt about new skills that I will need when I go to work. I learnt about new jobs that I had never before heard of that I am now quite interested in learning more about. I enjoyed the experience and definitely would do it again."



## RAF 'Fun with Flight' roadshow

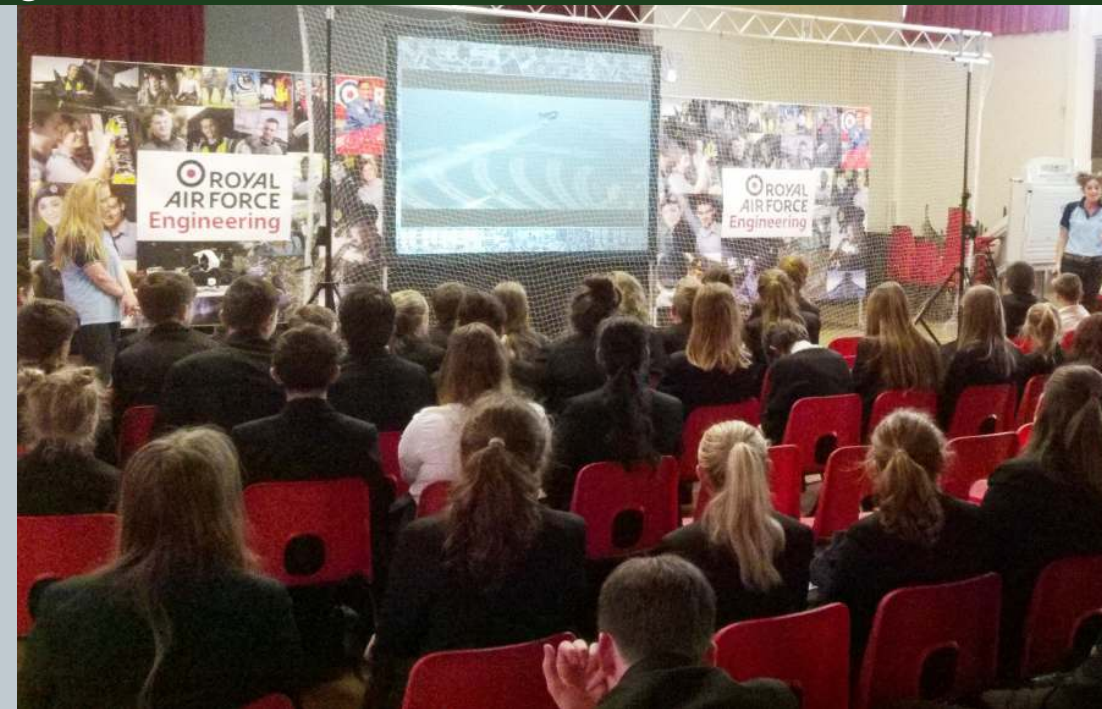
Year 8 were visited by the RAF Roadshow, Fun With Flight, where they got to see how the Physics they learn in Science lessons is an integral part of the work that engineers undertake in the RAF and other engineering organisations.

The show was designed in response to the Government's acknowledgement that there is already a shortage of 'home grown' scientists and engineers to meet the needs of the country.

Students were able to play catch with a drone, experience Virtual Reality and the show culminated in the very loud demonstration of a fully functioning jet engine.

The show also highlighted the range of careers available with the RAF - including everything from engineers to dog handlers.

The students left having very much enjoyed the action-packed and very noisy show which perhaps may have inspired some engineers of the future.



**Dr Hagan:**  
Leading Edge Coordinator, Science

## Year 7 'Tenner Challenge'



Young Enterprise's 'Tenner Challenge' is an exciting national challenge which encourages students to turn start-up capital of £10 into a profit within one month. Through this challenge students develop key business skills including creativity, problem-solving and team work. They can then choose how to use their profits for the good of the community.

Year 7 students recently raised £200 through 'The Tenner Challenge' and have donated £50 to Macmillan Cancer, £75 to SeeSaw and £75 to Phone Cards for Refugees.

The money raised will pay for phone cards for refugees who are alone to enable them to keep in contact with their families and SeeSaw will use the money to buy five Memory Boxes for bereaved children.

Well done to all the Year 7s who took part.

**Mrs Dix:**  
Careers and Work Experience Co-ordinator

**Years 7s presenting their cheques to Vanessa Porter from Phone Cards for Refugees (top photo) and Lesley Duff from SeeSaw (bottom photo).**