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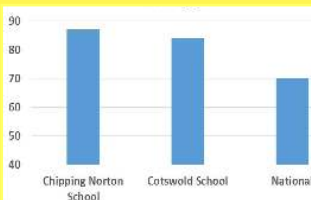


HEAD'S LINES

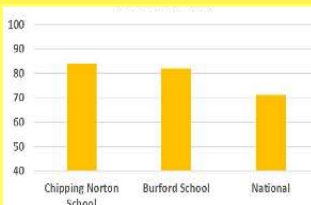
Our examination results this summer illustrate the huge improvements we have made in the last 18 months. When Ofsted visited us in May 2017 they said that they thought results in summer 2017 would be good. They were very good!

At GCSE, the results this year place us number 3 in Oxfordshire for attainment and make us one of the very best schools in this part of the North Cotswolds (see below). Our English and Maths outcomes are outstanding and overall progress is very strong. But do not take our word for it, take a look for yourselves, and look at the websites to see how well we compare with other local schools.

%9-4 English



%9-4 Mathematics



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One of the *best* schools in Oxfordshire

Students in Years 11 and 13 achieved some outstanding results in this year's GCSE and A level examinations.

At A level almost one quarter of all grades achieved were A* - A grades and the headline A* - B percentage figure is 54%, which makes it the 7th year in succession that well over half of the students have been awarded A*-B grades in all subjects studied. A levels are increasingly challenging and these results reflect both the quality of the learning and quality of the teaching.

Especially high performing students include: Emily Heppell (A*A*A*), Lorenzo Ronconi (A*A*A*), Henry Gardner-Roberts (A*AA), Sam Horner (A*AA), Arnold Medrano (A*AA), Connor Vellinga (A*AA), Rachelle Newman (AAA) and James Weir (AAA).

In a year of change for GCSE qualifications, students celebrated some excellent results, mirroring the great A level results.

Headline figures show a huge increase in students achieving the top grades (A*-A & 9-7), and an equally big increase in the number of students achieving threshold standard in English and Mathematics. 41 students, over a quarter of the entire cohort, celebrated achieving five or more A*-A (9-7) grades.

Of these students, the 19 listed below achieved three or more of the very top grades (A* or 9):

Lucas Cavendish, Jake Darby, Molly Duff, Joe Frater, Luie Glover, Lydia Harding, Beatrice Jacobs, Sasha Koch, Ellen Morton, Kirsty Pearson, Sam Richardson, Ceyhan Sam, JJ Simpson, Oliver Tailby, Sophie Tate, George Tuckwell, Jack Tyler-Chamberlain, Imogen Ward, and Rowan Woodell.

Especially well done to 5 students, Joe Frater, Sasha Koch, Oliver Tailby, George Tuckwell and Imogen Ward, who between them achieved 41 A* & 9 Grades.

Mr Duffy:
Head Teacher

A level Results 2017

A* - A	24%
A* - B	54%
A* - C	79%
A* - E	99%

GCSE Results 2017

English and Mathematics

87% 9-4 English
83% 9-4 Mathematics
80% 9-4 English and Mathematics

Overall performance

78% A*-C (9-4)
29% A*-A (9-7)

Photograph below: James Weir, Connor Vellinga, Henry Gardner-Roberts, Emily Heppell, Molly Presly and Sam Horner collect their A level results.



At A Level we have been one of the top performing schools in the country over the past 5 years, with students achieving a high proportion of top grades. A level progress measures are excellent and we have an impressive record of students going on to University or to employment with training.

Outstanding achievement at A level:
Top 20 % for past five years.
Over 55% A*-B Grades.
University and
Apprenticeship success.

So what are the priorities for continuing improvement?

We will ensure that all students are working harder on harder work. We will also ensure that the improvements in teaching are consistent across the school and that all student outcomes match that in the strongest subjects.

What will we be focusing on?

1. Increasing the challenge of work using bronze, silver and gold success criteria.
2. Getting students to think about their work and respond to teacher feedback.
3. Ensuring students produce work of a high quality regardless of ability.

What can parents do to help?

1. Please check work regularly and push for excellence.
2. Ensure 100% attendance and do not ask for time away from school.
3. Encourage frequent reading and careful writing.

Mr Duffy:
Head Teacher

Mr Long and the Year 7 boys publish book for reluctant readers



Last year I decided to bring together a group of Year 7 boys with varying degrees of interest in reading to look at why many boys are reluctant readers and to try to enthuse the reluctant readers in the group to become more involved with reading.

Many of the boys felt that current books in the market are “not exciting” or “they can be exciting but they are too long so they get boring” with the overall consensus being

that “Xbox is much better.” Discussions with colleagues from different schools in different areas of the country illustrate the extent of this issue. Indeed, academic studies indicate that boys tend to underperform in English, so it is evident that more needs to be done to animate this small core of disengaged readers.

The group of boys met for 5 lessons, and the aim was to provide the plot and characters for

a story that might engage reluctant boy readers. They did this through a variety of activities. The boys created comic strips, investigated the plots of stories they liked, and had some very messy sessions where we made costumes from cardboard boxes and acted out the scenes. The culmination of this collaboration is *Jack Turner and the Black Knight* written by myself in conjunction with the boys. Harry Guzenda designed the illustration for the front cover and the chapter headings.

The book is now available to buy as a paperback or an e-book from Amazon with profits going into school funds.

The novel has an open ending and I hope to repeat the project again this year with our new Year 7 boys.

Mr Long: English Department

Year 11 Careers Fair



Our recent Year 11 Careers Fair was well attended by students and their parents. They found it really useful to be able to talk to the local education and training providers in the hall as well as local employers who could discuss specific career

routes such as medicine, finance, public services, law, trades in the construction industry, marketing, hairdressing, engineering, and the performing arts.

All three talks in the Lecture Theatre were well attended; the first one of the evening by Melanie Ringer from Oxfordshire Apprenticeships was on ‘Apprenticeships’, followed by a talk by Danny

Stepney from Hybrid Training on ‘Employability Skills’. Finally there was a very informative talk on ‘Preparing for University’ given by Lucinda Rumsey, a Senior Tutor at Mansfield College, Oxford.

This was followed by the West Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Event on Thursday 19th October 2017 at Witney Lakes Resort in Witney.

Further careers events are planned for this year - watch this space.

Mr Parker:
Careers Co-ordinator

Year 10 Art trip to the Pitt Rivers Museum



On Tuesday 19th September the Art department took nearly seventy Year 10 art students on a trip to the Pitt Rivers and Ashmolean Museums in Oxford.

The day was a great success and the students got to listen to a talk about the Pitt Rivers Museum and all the wonderful artefacts housed in its walls. They

had time to explore both museums and to draw and take photos of the pieces to inform their art topic Non-European Cultures.

We are very proud of the students and their impeccable behaviour and the sunny weather even held out for us!

Mrs Corley:
Head of Art

Year 7s triumph at “Night of the Musicals”



Our annual ‘Night of the Musicals’ is always a special event and this year’s performance was no exception. The Year 7 choir were magnificent; performing songs from ‘Matilda’ and ‘Oliver’ with great skill and enthusiasm – no mean feat when you consider that they have only been at school for 5 weeks!

The soloists Holly Ibrahim, Maisie Frater, Molly Day, Phoebe Latham-Mollart, Lola Burnett (Year 10) and Arianne Bennett (Year 12) delivered beautiful and moving renditions of their chosen musical numbers skilfully accompanied by Louis Jukes (Year 10) on the piano.

Mr Brown: Head of Music

Helping raise funds for PAPHYRUS Prevention of Young Suicide charity



We recently received an email from Mrs Clare Boomer, mother of former

student Tom, informing us of her brilliant idea to raise funds for this very worthy charity. We hope that you can support her mission.

“I wanted to let you know about a fundraising project I am organising in Tom’s memory.

I’ve spent the first half of this year making a quilt and cushion (textiles always having been a great

hobby of mine) and the second half of the year is now being spent organising the raffle for which the quilt and cushion are the prize.

My goal was to raise £1000 for PAPHYRUS Prevention of Young Suicide, a charity which is close to our hearts, for obvious reasons. I’m delighted to say that over £1100 has already been raised in ticket sales, but I’m going to keep on selling raffle tickets and promoting the project as much as I can, to make as much as possible for PAPHYRUS.

The draw will be held

on December 8th, on what would have been Tom’s 18th birthday. I’m hoping it will add a note of positivity to what will undoubtedly be a difficult day.

Raffle tickets are available at Sharlyn Interiors in Bloxham and GTS Sewing Machines in Banbury; alternatively they can be purchased online at www.virginmoneygiving.com/PurpleQuilt where there is much more detail about the charity, my motivation for getting involved, and many more photos.”

Year 3 Dance Festival



Chipping Norton School Year 12 Dance Leaders accompanied by Mrs Du Cr s went along to St Mary's School to lead a Dance Workshop with Year 3 pupils.

The workshop was based on the book 'Giraffes Can't Dance' by Giles Andreae, and the pupils were split into groups and taught a small dance which they then performed to their peers. Preparing for these Dance Festivals is very hard work, and our Year 12 really do work hard. It is very challenging, but

with commitment and effort they get to a level where they can teach the younger children the necessary skills to build a small dance which they can perform. Mrs Du Cr s was incredibly proud of our students.

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. We really do enjoy working together.

AGT Design & Technology Workshop



We were delighted to welcome thirty Year 4 & 5 pupils from our primary partnership schools to take part in our first Able Gifted and Talented workshop with Mr Crudge and teachers from the Design and Technology Department.

Before the workshop, the pupils were asked to do a worksheet to find the definitions of 'anthropometrics' and 'ergonomics'. Mr Crudge then discussed this with the pupils and they went on to make a torch which was ergonomic to

use. The pupils went home knowing about ergonomics and how it impacts in real life and everyone had a working torch. Fantastic!

The skills shown by the youngsters were really impressive, everyone worked very hard. Well done to you all, and of course a big thank you to the teachers here at Chipping Norton School who give up their time to host these fantastic workshops.

Mrs Fisher: Community Learning Lead

UII Girls and Boys Football Tournament



Chipping Norton School hosted the annual CNPS UII Girls and Boys

Football Tournament. Twenty teams took part. The whole tournament

is run by CNS Year 12 Sports Leaders, who take key roles. Each primary team played exceptionally well, putting their hearts into every match and using all the skills they have gained in their preparation lessons. As always, we were so impressed by the hard work of the primary teachers and the support from parents and friends of CNPS.

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

is able to show their ability to lead. The skills our Year 12s gain from these events really help them to succeed.

Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Tournament Results:

Big School Girls: Kingham
Small School Girls: Great Rollright
Big School Boys: Kingham
Small School Boys: Enstone

Mrs Hannis: CNPS Administrator

“Growing Older” research project



For the last few months, a group of about 20 students, including myself, have been involved in a research project about our local area. Collaborating with Paul Cann (chairperson of the Public Policy Panel of Age UK), the “Growing Older Project” is looking at how we can develop the community in and around Hook Norton, and the possibility of setting up a “Good Neighbour Scheme”.

We have interviewed key members in the community: the owner and manager of The Village Shop; the GP practice; colleagues from the church; and a number of individuals living locally.

We also sent out a questionnaire to over 250 households, which was designed by some of the students in our team. The feedback we received in response to these is allowing us to further our project and initiate the actions we need to take.

On September 26th, Edward Lewis and I (along with Paul Cann) went to speak with our local MP, Victoria Prentis. We informed her of

our current work and discussed with her on how we can take this further. She was exceptionally enthusiastic about our project and highly praised our work. She was especially impressed by how much work had been voluntarily carried out by Sixth Form students on top of exams and UCAS applications.

The meeting helped to identify a number of areas to work on, including applying for a grant, organising a lift-sharing arrangement and the possibility of setting up a “retired people’s lunch” in a local pub. It was an amazing opportunity to discuss a small-scale project with an MP and voice our concerns about an aging population with her.

The “Growing Older Project” is continuing as new Sixth Formers join us, and we are in the process of applying for a grant which we will use to set up the scheme.

Alice Nottingham:
Year 13

Chipping Norton School Sixth Form Open Evening

16 November 2017 6pm



2017 Results:

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Macmillan “Largest Coffee Morning”



There are currently 2.5 million people in the UK living with cancer. By 2030, it is expected that this figure will reach 4 million.

Annually, in the last week of September, Macmillan organise the “Largest Coffee Morning”, and as a Sixth Form we decided to host a bake sale in order to raise money for the cause. Approximately fifteen sixth form students donated homemade treats, in the form of cupcakes, flapjacks, truffles, biscuits and brownies.

Selling only at lunchtime, there were queues stretching out of the Sixth Form block as students (and teachers) patiently waited to buy their share of cakes. It is incredible that, as a Sixth Form, we were able to raise so much: overall, we raised £180.

One in three people will experience cancer in their lifetime, and Macmillan strives to make sure no one is alone in their struggle. The money we raised will help fund nurses, provide information about cancer and ensure that no one faces cancer alone.

I was inspired to take part after experiencing the brilliant support of the Macmillan nurses and am very thankful to everyone who baked cakes and donated to the cause!

Alice Nottingham:
Year 13

Sports Tour 2017



On Saturday 22nd July, following over 2 years of preparation, fundraising and training, 49 students and 5 staff made the 11 hour overnight flight from Heathrow to South Africa for the start of our 2017 Sports Tour.

This was the third time a group of our students had made the trip following previous visits in 2012 and 2014. What was to follow was an incredible 16 nights filled with a huge range of experiences the students will never forget - all the way from Cape Town to Durban. These experiences included visiting Table Mountain and Robben Island, seeing penguins on the beach, visiting a Township and Zulu village, having fun at a water park and segwaying along the beach, going on a hippo cruise and then to top it all off an evening and morning safari game drive. It is difficult to put into words the experience of being part of a group of 54 from our school to go through this together!



Of course the main reason for the trip was to stay with and play sport against the South African students. We know from previous experience that they take their sport very seriously and so it proved across all 12 matches and the three sports. To their credit our students never gave up and can be proud of their efforts and sportsmanship across all matches – hopefully they can take this experience into the new sporting season at school.

There was a tremendous effort from all students to make the most of this incredible opportunity. It was a pleasure to take the group away and it made us very proud to be a part of it. Will there be another trip? Probably come 2020 so keep an eye out for the launch at school this winter!

Mr Thomas: Head of PE



Sports Awards 2017



Wednesday 13th September saw the return of our annual Sports Awards celebration - now in its ninth year! In excess of 200 students, parents and teachers were present to witness the awards being handed out consisting of dedication to sport award, sportswoman and sportsman of the year awards and team of the year.

We were fortunate to have former Olympic triple jumper Vernon Samuels on hand to present the trophies. Vernon spoke passionately about how he got into the sport and what it has meant for him throughout his life as a whole.

Overall it was a fantastic evening. Congratulations to all those nominated for an award and good luck to all students for the forthcoming sports season.

Mr Thomas: Head of PE

Senior Girls' Hockey team enjoy great start to the season



On Wednesday the 20th of September, the senior girls' hockey team played our first match of the season – against Lord Williams's school in Thame. Having never played this school before, we were enthusiastic and especially looking forward to the prospect of cake afterwards! This enthusiasm paid off, and after 50 minutes of hardwork and skilful play, we were rewarded with a 5-3 win.

The goal scorers Lydia Harding (2), Miranda Edwards (1), Sian Dunbar (1) and Eve Blake (1) were supported by a strong, determined squad of 9 other players who all love playing together. We are very much looking forward to playing (and hopefully winning) our games in the future.

Lydia Harding 12E

Summer School: a chance to make new friends



In partnership with the Chipping Norton Co-op store and the charity Thrive the school was able to offer a small group of 21 students, who would be joining the school in September, a chance to attend a summer school.

An action-packed week had been planned and the students were bright-eyed and eager to build some good memories and make some new friends. The students were asked to do a treasure hunt around the school looking for 20 cards that would reveal a hidden phrase in order to aid their ability to navigate the large corridors and school site.

Students had a first-hand experience of what their future technology lessons would be like by making 3D shapes and then decorating them. They were introduced to the Food Tech rooms by Mrs Vickers and shown how much fun it would be to both cook and bake. The students made their own fajitas for lunch and produced some beautiful decorated cupcakes - Great British Bake off eat your heart out!

The students also conquered their fears by

Staff Profile



**Mrs Debbie Earnshaw:
School Health Nurse**

School Health Nurses work in partnership with school staff to deliver the Healthy Child Programme.

All School Nurses employed by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust are qualified nurses who have a special interest in working with young people, and have undergone additional specialist training to support children and young people in a school setting. School Health Nurses work closely with teaching staff and pastoral staff to provide support and guidance to students, to help them make healthy lifestyle choices. Based in secondary schools they are ideally placed to offer a

having a go at handling some reptiles, including a bearded dragon and python.

They explored maths throughout the ages from ancient Egyptians numbers through to mathematical symbols that we are familiar with today. They even managed to create some number bunting to put up at home to help them remember those tricky

range of services with the aim of improving long term health outcomes for young people.

We offer a wide range of services which include; Immunisations in accordance with the UK schedule, support at transitional points in school life, 'drop in' access and individual support, small group work, managing emergency medication within school, supporting the school PSHE curriculum, themed health promotions activities for all school students, referrals and signposting to specialist services and sexual health services for some students.

This is a confidential service, available to all students. Our priority is to safeguard the health and well-being of young people at all times so information will be shared if it is felt the young person, or somebody else, is unsafe or at risk of harm.

You can contact me for an appointment on 07786 313632 or students can 'drop in' to see me in my office.

number sequences such as prime numbers or the pesky 8 times table.

After a very busy week the summer school came to an end and the students involved had gone from being strangers to forging friendships that the staff hope will last a lifetime.

**Miss Ashdown:
Cover Supervisor**

What's on at CNS

TERM 2
Wk 9 B
Mon 30 Y12 Spires trip to Oxford University this week

NOVEMBER
Thurs 2 University Admissions Tests
Y13 Parent Teacher Consultation 4:45 pm

Wk 10 A
Mon 6 Y11 Rehearsal exams begin
Wed 8 Y11 Drama Exam 12:25-3:05 pm
Thurs 9 CNS CSLA Street Dance - Dennis Victory 1:25-3:05 pm
Oxfordshire Book Awards trip
Fri 10 Y12&13 D&T visit to V&A Progress Reports home (Y9,10,11&13)

Wk 11 B
Wed 15 Y11 Rehearsal exams end
Thurs 16 Y11 Citizenship Day
Sixth Form Open Evening
Fri 17 School Council non-uniform day
Y12 Report home

Wk 12 A
Mon 20 CNPS English—A,G&TY4&5 3:30-5:00 pm
Y10 GCSE PE to Woodlands 4:00 pm

Thurs 23 Y8 Parent Teacher Consultation 4:45 pm
Fri 24 Y10 GCSE PE Woodlands trip returns 5:00 pm

We 13 B
Tues 28 Y12 Safe Drive Stay Alive
Wed 29 CNPS SH Athletics with CSLA 3:00-4:45 pm

Thurs 30 CNPS Literacy Quiz Final (Library) 3:30-5:00 pm
Y9-13 German Christmas Market visit (until 2 Dec)

DECEMBER
Wk 14 A
Mon 4 Tudor Hall French Trip
Weds 6 CNPS Ball Skills Y11 Leaders 3:00-4:45 pm
CNPS Dance Workshop CSLA Holy Trinity 2:00-2:50 pm
Thurs 7 Y11 Drama Practical exam
Y12 Parent Teacher Consultation 4:45 pm

Fri 8 Y11 Rehearsal Exam results
Wk 15 B
Mon 11 Y12 House Matches 2:05-3:05 pm
Y11 Target-Setting Interviews (and Tues 12)

Wed 13 Carol Concert St Mary's Church

Thurs 14 Y13 Drama practical exam
Wk 16 A

Tues 19 **END TERM:** Early closure at 12:25 pm: buses at 12:40pm