



CNSNewsletter



HEAD'S LINES

Spring is here!

As we move into Spring and embrace lengthening days (and hopefully some sunshine), our year 11 and year 13 students are very much turning their thoughts to forthcoming examinations. Teachers and students are working really hard in classes and at home, focusing on revision and ensuring that preparation for final examinations is as good as it can possibly be. Can I take this chance to wish all students sitting examinations this summer the very best of luck.

No Wasted Time

I have recently talked to students in assemblies about the nature of time. Time can seem to be relative to the activity we are doing. As we all know, the amount of time that elapses in a minute or an hour never changes. What does change is our attitude towards time and what we do with it.

As we move forward in this academic year and into next we will be ensuring that no time in school is wasted and every student is working hard on harder work. This will help ensure success for all of our students and will help set them out on successful paths

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Sixth Form students visit Parliament



(left to right)
Luke Briggs, Georgia Jukes,
Alicia Ross Vergara ,
Hettie Gardner and
Ms Millar (Head of English).

On 26 February, Ms Millar and Mrs Lee (English Department), and Sixth Form students Georgia Jukes, Hettie Gardner, Luke Briggs, and Alicia Ross Vergara attended Parliament.

Following our success at The West Oxfordshire Democracy Challenge, local MP Robert Courts, invited the team up to London for a tour of the Houses of Parliament, followed by a viewing of Home Office Questions.

We were very intrigued by Westminster Hall, specifically the statues and their history. One statue stood out in particular- that of Lucius Cary, 2nd Viscount Falkland due to the lack of spikes on his spur following Margery Humes' suffragist declaration. She chained her wrist to his boot, so that when she was forcibly removed by the police, it damaged the statue, thus acting as a permanent statement for women's rights. As a majority female team, we found this very poignant.

Being inside the House of Commons felt surreal, and it was extremely interesting to learn about Winston Churchill's 'dent' on the opposition side of the table, when the wedding ring on his finger made contact with the table during a passionate rage in response to the government's proposition. We also witnessed some of the highly regarded traditions, such as the speaker procession in which John Bercow, the Speaker of the House, walked through the lobby to the sound of trumpets.

After a pleasant lunch in the Parliamentary cafe, we were lucky enough to witness Home Office Questions, during which we heard Boris Johnson, Diane Abbott, and Vince Cable speak, amongst many others. This experience was very impressive, and it was important to hear MPs speak on issues such as road safety and immigration.

Overall, our trip to Parliament was very enriching, and we are very grateful to Robert Courts for inviting us to enjoy such an uplifting opportunity.

Georgia Jukes: 12S

into further study or into work. Teachers will be working closely with all students to ensure that progress is carefully assessed and that the important skills of thinking and writing are fully embedded.

We are going to be reviewing the curriculum areas of study at KS3 to make sure that all students are ready for the demands of the courses at KS4 and beyond. This is part of our drive to make sure that students are working harder on harder work.

Be ready; Be respectful; Behave impeccably

These are the three principles that we talked about a good deal at the beginning of this year. They are seen in our everyday interactions, both in and beyond school. I recently received a really nice letter from the driver of one of the public buses that students use:

"Dear Mr Duffy, I don't usually put pen to paper but I wanted to write to you to say that the students from your school who travel on my bus are a delight. Last week there was an elderly passenger who was struggling to get onto the bus. Two of the boys (I think they were 12 or 13) got up to help him and then made sure he was comfortable. The students frequently greet me as they get on and thank me as they get off. Young people don't always get a good name in our local area and I wanted to thank you for enabling me to transport such delightful youngsters."

This clearly illustrates the three principles happening in practice. Thank you.

Simon Duffy:
Headteacher

Ski Trip 2018



During the February half term, I was part of a group of 39 students (Y10-13) on the annual ski trip. We travelled by coach to Montafon in Austria. Throughout the week we participated in 6 days of 5 hours ski lessons. We were split into four groups ranging from beginner to advanced.

The morning after we arrived, we got ready for our first day of skiing, the snow conditions were great and we managed the first day without any injuries – however we did pick up a few along the way! During the middle of the week, the intermediate group and advanced groups had the chance to try out the slalom course,

which was definitely a highlight, as well as going off piste with our instructor, which was a new experience for everyone.

Throughout the week, we went to many different evening entertainments including watching an ice hockey match, swimming and ice skating. Overall it was an amazing trip and I would love to go again. Many thanks to the staff involved for organising such a great trip, run by Mr Newton.

Maisie Frater: 10SN



Help us improve our website

We are currently in the process of revamping the Chipping Norton School website and are very keen to make it as user-friendly and informative as possible for students and parents alike.

We would appreciate your input in helping us to improve the website. Please help by taking this very quick survey. Thank you.

<https://insights.hotjar.com/?siteId=796987&surveyId=40959>

Year 10 Citizenship Day



The day started with a talk by the Oxford Friend charity about LGBTQ+ issues. The speakers explained the meanings of each letter and covered all questions that people may have about LGBTQ+.

The next talk was on meditation to help us cope with exam stress or anything that is causing us anxiety or worry. A few techniques for meditation were outlined including basic skills and listening to a expert take us on a psychological journey through various landscapes to help us feel relaxed.

For the second half of the day we were introduced to a 'Human Library' – a collection of eighteen business men and women from around the county presenting their various careers to us. The careers that they represented ranged from electricians to GPs. It was our job to ask questions and gain an insight into their work. This will help us make various decisions about potential job choices and paths we may want to take in the future. The 'Human Library' taught us valuable life skills and gave us a great insight in to the world of work.

Edward Roberts-Gant:
10SN

Tristan Peissel: 10SW

Book Week @ CNS



Our annual Book Week at CNS is one of the highlights of the year in the school library. This year it was especially fantastic because we were thrilled to have two authors visit us.

Award-winning author, Joe Craig (pictured above) delivered an entertaining and motivational talk to the Year 7s about his brilliant Jimmy Coates series of spy novels. He encouraged the students to think about what the most important components of a good story are. Joe was a 'reluctant reader' as a child but was 'turned on' to reading when he discovered the Harry Potter series of books. He explained how important it is to find the right book for the right reader.

Martin Stewart (pictured below) spoke to the Year 8s about his journey from

a career as an English Teacher to becoming a full time author. He explained how much work goes into writing books and how many stages of editing a story goes through before it is published.

Martin spoke about both of his published novels, *Riverkeep* (a vivid and rich fantasy novel) and *The Sacrifice Box* (an atmospheric horror story set in the 1980s).

Other Book Week activities included a treasure hunt, a murder in the library competition, and poetry slam. The final event was the Year 7 Book Quiz. All teams performed brilliantly well with the team representing 7EG winning by just 1 point.

Ms Bovington:
Librarian



MFL News



Each year the Modern Languages Department invites students to see French and German plays which are performed at Tudor Hall School, Banbury. The humorous plays have been written especially for teenage language learners and are performed by native actors.

The plays are funny and full of physical comedy and misunderstandings.

Students often get dragged up on stage to help out and to practise some short phrases in French or German.

After the plays we are always invited for a snack in the Tudor Hall dining hall. All in all, this was a great morning out.

Mrs Brocklebank: Head
of Modern Languages

Wellbeing Matters at CNS



each year by them completing a range of online surveys.

Based on the results of these surveys we will receive bespoke feedback which may include interventions to alleviate any recurrent problems highlighted by the surveys.

The current Year 9 students will complete the survey once to provide us with a benchmark so that we are better able to identify progress in future years.

The project is very oversubscribed and we feel fortunate in being selected to participate.

Mrs Cottrell:
Lead LSA for SEMH

At Chipping Norton School we recognise that schools provide a key setting for support and intervention with regard to young people's mental wellbeing and resilience. To that end we have successfully applied to join the HeadStart Wellbeing programme.

The project will run for three years with our current Year 7 students' wellbeing being measured

Year 3 & 4 Ball Skills Festival



This fantastic event was hosted by Chipping Norton School Year 11 Leaders. Each leader looked after a team of Year 3 & 4 pupils who represented a country. The leaders taught simple skills including a warm up, team cheering, ball skills and team tactics in preparation for the Benchball competition.

The younger pupils really enjoyed this competition; they competed against each other to see how many children could get from one side of the court

to the other by throwing the ball to their team mates. This encourages great team spirit and determination and it is a fantastic way to get to know each other and support each other.

The winning teams included pupils from Enstone and Great Rollright Schools. Well done to everyone who took part, and as always thank you to our Year 11 Leaders, all staff and of course the parents who came along to support their children.

Year 3 & 4 Schoolympics



Over the last two weeks of Term 4, we were very proud to invite approximately 500 Year 3 & 4 pupils from our partnership to take part in the Schoolympics. This festival was run by our Year 12 Sports Leaders. They worked very hard to prepare for this; leading groups of around 30 children in activities in which the young children can really get involved and enjoy the varied sport activities.

The Year 12s started the festival by welcoming the children and then splitting everyone into country groups. The session started with a name game, which is a gentle way to introduce the children to each other and break the ice; before they went onto other activities, including

throwing bean bags and jumping. One of the big favourites of the afternoon was using the parachutes; the children got very excited and enjoyed this activity which is devised to include everyone in the group.

The ethos behind the festival is that everyone works together, making new friends and trying very hard to really do their very best. Chipping Norton School Sports Leaders worked very hard devising the activities at a level which suits the age range, and making sure everyone is involved.

Congratulations to everyone who took part; you all worked very hard, and if you were part of a winning team well done – wear your medal with pride. It was a pleasure to host you all.

Year 1 Dance Festival



It was a pleasure for our Year 12s to host the Year 1 Dance Festival at Chipping Norton School supported by Mrs Du Cr s and Mrs Fisher. Over the two festivals we welcomed

approximately 130 Year 1 pupils from our ten feeder primary schools to CNS.

The Year 12s worked with groups of pupils

teaching them small dance sequences and steps. It is lovely for the very young primary pupils to have the opportunity to come to Chipping Norton School, and our Year 12s benefit so much from the experience of teaching; extending both their confidence and

leadership skills.

Thank you so much to all the supportive staff and everyone who took part. It was a lovely event, and one which we look forward to very much.

Mrs Fisher:
Community
Learning Lead

Year 4 & 5 AGT Science Workshop



We were delighted to welcome our aspiring Year 4 & 5 scientists to Chipping Norton School on Monday 12 March. Dr Hagan and Ms Eakins welcomed the group and led a workshop based on electricity.

Our pupils were able to build circuits using energy from fruit and vegetables and the highlight was hearing the potato sing! The pupils were so enthusiastic and really worked hard, discussing and taking part in experiments and learning about why and how electricity works.

Well done to everyone; you really worked hard and were a pleasure to teach.

Mrs Hannis; Community Learning Coordinator

Extracurricular

Extra Time Clubs at Chipping Norton School for the Summer Term

We have an exciting range of Extra Time Clubs available during the Summer Term.

Cooking, Coding, Sport, Drama or Dancing – you get to choose...

Sign up, come along and take part. It's easy.

Please hand in your consent form and payment to the CNS Finance Office.

Sports News: a term of triumphs

Sibford 7s Rugby

Our Year 7, Year 8, Year 11 and Senior Boys have all represented the School at this annual event, which sees a wide variety of teams come from far and wide to compete for one of the titles on offer.

Huge congratulations to our U13 Rugby team for their victory in the Sibford 7's Cup competition! Some fantastic performances along the way meant they became only the second CNS team to win the prestigious cup competition with victories over Royal Latin, Langtree, Oxford Spires, Cotswold, Cheltenham Bournside and Burford in the Final. Unfortunately neither the Sixth Form or our Year 11 team could match the Year 8 efforts although the Year 11 came closest by losing to KES in the Cup Final, frustratingly having beaten them earlier in the group stage!

The boys will now go on to represent Oxfordshire in another 7's tournament on the 26th April at Franklin's Gardens (the home of Northampton Saints RFC). The stadium has a 15,000 seat capacity and will be a fantastic opportunity to showcase their ability and potential in front of the club's talent spotters.



Football Update

All year groups are now well into their season. There have been mixed results overall in cup competitions however Year 10 and Seniors are into the quarter finals playing Wheatley Park and Burford. In the league competition Year 7 are unbeaten and in a strong position going into their last few games to challenge for the trophy.

Netball Update

The Year 7's have had a great season of netball so far. We have had excellent attendance at training every week and all girls that have attended training have had the privilege of representing the school against other schools. We have had some good wins and taken a couple of losses. The West Oxfordshire tournament saw us finish 3rd after some excellent team play.

The Year 8s have had a successful season so far winning all of their games and coming third in the West Oxfordshire partnership tournament. Unfortunately they had a couple of games postponed due to the snow and these have been rearranged over the next few weeks. The last match of the season is against Wood Green School on the last day of term so hopefully the Year 8s will finish Term 4 on a high!

The Year 9s are in a similar position to the Year 8s with matches postponed due to the snow. However, from the games they have played, their 'goals for' equates to 26 and they have only conceded 12. The Year 9 tournament is hosted and organised by us and unfortunately fell on a snow day, this will now take place on Wednesday 21st March and we are confident going into that tournament that we can retain the trophy!



Athletics Update

Congratulations to our Year 7&8 Indoor athletics teams for some fantastic performances in the District Athletics Competition. Both boys teams finished 1st with girls finishing runners up and 3rd. These teams now go onto the County Finals in Oxford - good luck!

Mr Thomas and Mrs Tandy: PE Department



Performing Arts News



In December Chipping Norton students across the school took part in the Performing Arts Review. From Fantastic Mr Fox to The Nutcracker, the quality of Dance, Music and Drama work on display was outstanding. We are thoroughly excited for the performances coming up such as the Drama examination evening and the Dance Showcase.

The Performing Arts Department has had a packed start to 2018 with different workshops, trips and performances. On January 11th the Drama Department took over 40 Year 7 students to Chipping Norton Theatre to watch their production of Sleeping Beauty (Oh yes we did!) as well as taking part in two exciting workshops. They explored character creations where students used costume to create their parts for their own pantomimes. The boys particularly seemed to enjoy donning dresses as evil stepsisters and dames. Students also worked on using mime and physicality with some very comedic outcomes. Dance students welcomed Tom Page back to school for a Choreography workshop in January where students from Years 9-13 experimented with new Dance styles and created new pieces through creative tasks. On top of all of these amazing opportunities, we are also very happy to see our new Performing Arts uniform being worn in lessons, workshops and rehearsals - flying the flag for the Performing Arts Departments!

The Year 11 Drama Students completed one of their performance exams on 19th January. Each student had to learn, practice and perform monologues and duologues in front of an examiner. A lot of hard work and dedication went into their creations so I'm thoroughly looking forward to seeing the results in August.

Also upcoming is our Dance trip to the Move It Dance Exhibition in London. We are taking 48 students to watch performances, take part in classes and shop the stalls at this incredible Dance-focused event!

Please keep an eye on In Touch for letters about all trips, visits and workshops.

Mrs Du Crôis: Head of Dance
Mr Franklin: Head of Drama

Battle of the Bands 2018

Battle of the Bands is always a highlight of the school year, with our talented students perfecting their performances for weeks before competition day. As ever the range of musical styles was impressive with the audience enjoying covers of music by artists as varied as Frank Sinatra, John Newman, rock band Mudhoney and indie-soul songwriter Cosmo Pyke. 'An Encounter' performed their own song 'What the painter saw'.

All the bands performed brilliantly and the judges, Mrs Faulkner, Mrs Jackson and Hugh Phillimore (founder of Cornbury Music Festival) had the unenviable task deciding on the winning act. After some lengthy deliberation, during which the Staff Band comprising of Mr Brown, Mr Franklin, Mr Long, Mr Prentice and Ms Johnson entertained everyone with a lively rendition of Crocodile Rock, the judges announced that MARG(e) were the winners.

Band members Mark Estupa, Alfred Tuckwell, Rory Mitchinson and George Osborne won the fantastic opportunity to perform at Cornbury Music Festival in the summer.

Thank you to the Concert Band for their fabulous performances, MCs JJ Simpson, Georgina Housby and Tamzin Lawrence, who did a brilliant job hosting the evening and the Performing Arts students for their valuable work managing the sound, lighting and staging.

STOP PRESS: Runners up Atticus will also perform at Cornbury.



Senior Netball



It has been a pleasure to coach and lead the Senior and Year 10 Netball Team. The girls' comradery and graciousness both in victory and defeat, make them the team any teacher would be proud to work with. A special thank you to Sasha, Lydia, Miranda and Beth, who have help organise teams, kit and lead training.

Mrs De Bruyn:
Head of Sixth Form

Our senior netball team has had a largely positive season. Our first fixture, somewhat unfortunately, was also our first tournament, for which we travelled to Burford eager to win! We finished in 2nd place, after losing to a tough Bartholemew side but beating Burford by a large margin. The most recent game we played was against Henry Box, who we beat with an incredible result of

22-6. We still have one game to play – a home fixture against Barts which we hope to dominate with our fair-play, perseverance, ability and team spirit. We would like to thank Sasha for being our brilliant captain, and Mrs DB for training us and taking us to our fixtures.

Lydia Harding: I2E

The Year 10 season has been fraught with injury and illness, but despite this we pulled together as a year group and put forward a team.

Although it has not been the best season in wins, as usual all our magnificent players have advanced through the season with high morale and motivation. Well done this season girls, and good luck with the Rounders season ahead of us!!

Beth Blackwell: I0WS

Hockey Success



A few weeks before Christmas, we were delighted to receive the news that we had both made it onto the U17 Girls' Oxfordshire County Hockey Squad for this season. Prior to this, we had attended two trial sessions, where we participated in skill drills and game play in order for the coaches to assess our ability and teamwork.

Being on the squad involves attending three, 2 hour training sessions where we work on individual skills, but mainly on how to work well as a unit. We have four match days in April/May, where we will play seven other counties, including Buckinghamshire and Sussex.

Alongside improving our hockey ability, being on the squad allows us to play with different people our age that we don't know from school, and we are planning a social evening in the coming weeks to get to know each other better.

We are extremely proud to be on the team together representing

What's on at CNS

TERM 5

APRIL

Wk 28 A

Mon 16 TERM BEGINS

Thurs 19 KS5 Awards Evening
6:30-7:30 pm

Wk 29 B

Mon 23 MFL GCSE Orals all week

Extra Time starts

Thurs 26 ChipLit Festival (authors visiting schools)
Junior Maths Challenge (Prov)
Y7 Parent Teacher Consultation 4:45 pm

Wk 30 A

Mon 30 Y7,9&10 Assessments begin

MAY

Wed 2

A level French Orals
MFL Languages Festival with Y7,10&12 leaders 3:00-4:45 pm

Wk 31 B

Mon 7

Bank Holiday

Wed 9

CNPS Rugby Festival Y9&10
Leaders 2:15-4:30 pm

A level German Orals

Thurs 10

KS4 Awards Evening 6:30pm

Fri 11

Y7,9&10 Assessments end

Sat/Sun 12/13

D of E Bronze Training
Practice Expedition

Wk 32

Mon 14

A

GCSE exams begin
AS exams begin

Wk 33 B

Wed 23

CNPS Athletics Championship
Y7 Leaders 3:00-5:00 pm

Stop and Read

Fri 25

Y8 HPV 1 Innoculations

END OF TERM

CNS, as we are two of the only players on the squad who attend a state school.

We encourage any fellow students who are involved with sport to strive to the next level, whether that be getting on the school team or one day representing your nation.

**Lydia Harding and
Miranda Edwards: I2E**



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