



CNSNewsletter



HEAD'S LINES

We hope you have noticed Mr Doherty's weekly letters to families. They can be found on our website. Meanwhile, we asked him about his initial thoughts about CNS and some of his favourite things.

First impressions of CNS:
Big school, large site, loads of brilliant facilities and many, many after school clubs and activities for students to get involved in most nights. Confident, polite and optimistic students. Passionate and deeply caring staff.

What you like most:
The feeling that if something can be done in education, it can be done here at CNS.

What you like least:
Limited availability of dining or break-out spaces for students at lunchtime. But we can't have everything and what we have is already great. But we might be able to develop things...

Favourite book:
'A Short History of Nearly Everything' by Bill Bryson, 'The Count of Monte Cristo' by Alexander Dumas or 'Room On The Broom' by Julia Donaldson and Josie Lawrence.

Favourite leader:
Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

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Students excel at Chipping Norton School



Students celebrated some excellent GCSE results, with the number of top grades (9-7) outstripping the national average once again.

Especially high performing students include Thomas Alarcon; Reuben Beck; Alexander Blackmore Sly; Maddy Fisher; Megan Hayes; Oscar Hlustik; Retu Rafiq; Harry Smart; Jacy Taylor and Felix Wigzell who between them achieved an amazing 61 top Grades 8 & 9.

Our Sixth Form students also achieved some fantastic A level results. One quarter of all grades achieved were A* – A grades and the headline A* – B percentage figure is 53%, which makes it the 8th year in succession

that over half of the students have been awarded A*-B grades in all subjects studied.

With the majority of A levels now the reformed linear type and the national picture suggesting slightly less top grades, we are delighted that our students were able to achieve the results that they richly deserved.

Especially high performing students include:
Darcy Watkins (A*A*A*) Biological Sciences at Exeter;
Jenny Woolcock (A*A*A*) Geography at Nottingham;
Marcus Pendry (A*A A) Neuroscience at Bristol;
Matt Paskin (A*AA) Theoretical Physics at Bristol;

Lizzie Alarcon-Clark (A*AA) Medicine at East Anglia University;
Albie Lee (A*AA) Computer Science at York;
Bonnie Lunel (AAA) Aerospace Engineering at Sheffield; and
Lauren Jones (A*AB) Geography at Exeter.

GCSE 2018- Headline figures (144 students)
75% of all grades 9-4 (A*-C)
National Average 66.9%
25% of all grades 9-7 (A*-A)
National Average 20.5%
Attainment 8 – 50

A Level 2018 – Headline figures
A* – A 24%
A* – B 53%
A* – C 72%
A* – E 99%



Favourite holiday destination:

Austria.

Favourite food:

Jammie Dodgers.

Favourite car:

Navy Ford Mustang with two white stripes.

Favourite film:

'Schindler's List' or 'Paddington'. Somewhat different genres.

Favourite team:

Aston Villa FC.

Favourite childhood memory:

Seeing the Space Shuttle Enterprise carried on the back of a jumbo jet as it flew over our primary school in Birmingham.

Favourite animal:

My dog, Sammy; a daft, loyal and loving Retriever /Collie mix.

Favourite invention:

The printing press.

Favourite discovery:

Crop rotation.

Favourite person in history:

Tricky! I'll go with Charles Darwin.

Favourite audiobook:

I'm a big fan of these. I've listened to 'The Martian' (as good as the film) and 'Ready Player One' (much better than the film) several times.

Favourite band:

Easy. The Killers.

Favourite song or music:

Very hard to choose but 'Ode to the Moon' in Dvořák's 'Rusalka' is incredible.

Favourite quotation:

"Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and to remove all doubt." (Mark Twain)

Perfect Day:

Morning: Slow breakfast.
Afternoon: Take Sammy for a walk up some hills or along a coastline.
Evening: Film night with nachos.

Barry Doherty:
Head Teacher

Meet our new Year 11 Head Students



We would like to introduce ourselves to you – we are Maya Salgado Swabey, Lola Burnett and Charlie Hill and we have been elected as Head Students for 2018-19.

We were elected in Term 6 of last year and had to write a letter of application, explaining why we wanted to become Head Student and then take part in an interview. We were all really pleased to be elected.

As Head Students we have a number of responsibilities. We must support the school ethos and vision through words and deeds, represent the student body within the year group, act as ambassadorial role models for other students and provide a positive public profile for Chipping Norton School and its broader community. We helped at the recent Open Evening by welcoming parents and talking to them about the school. We will be representing the views of the student body and are members of the Student Council. We will manage the prefect team as

they carry out their duties, write a termly column for the school newsletter and do an assembly for the Year 7 and Year 8 year groups.

We want to support our peers and younger year groups by helping Year 11 have a stress-free GCSE year, offering one-to-one support for students who would prefer to talk to an older student and to launch a litter campaign and promote a cleaner environment.

We will keep you updated in our termly column in the newsletter.

**Maya Salgado Swabey,
Lola Burnett and
Charlie Hill: Year 11**

Student Council News

The Student Council convened for the first meeting of this academic year on the 8th October. We welcomed the newly elected representatives from Years 7 and 12 (Emily Ridgway, Holly McAdam, Maddie Hall, Ned Kingsley-Bates, HJ Walkden, Holly Carter, Ewan Graham, James Howard, Finn Truelove and Ethan Bennett) and Mr Doherty came to meet and address the Student Council. He stressed that we have a voice and the capacity to make changes. He is very keen to hear the views of the student body via Student Council representatives on a range of topics.

The Council then elected students to the posts of Secretaries (Charlie Summers and Jess Bradford), Publicity Officers (Bethany Oliver-Hall, Dylan Stovin-Bradford and Will Gofton) and Treasurers (Niraz Miah, Archie Randall, Harley Coggins and Holly Carter). The main focus for

discussions were feedback on the new arrangements in the canteen, school uniform, the House system and Citizenship and PSHE themes.

Students have put forward further suggestions for the canteen, including queuing arrangements and the range of food on offer and these will be fed back to the Leadership Team in Term 2.

Mr Doherty has asked the Student Council to put forward possible ideas for a summer uniform for Term 6 and also to discuss issues surrounding the school skirt. There was a lively discussion about what a summer uniform might look like.

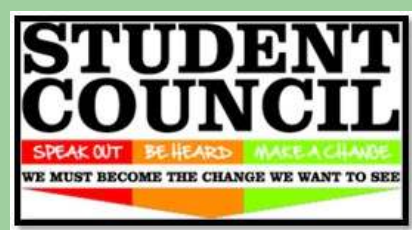
The House System is firmly established in the life of the school but House activities have diminished recently. Students discussed new symbols and virtues (e.g. wisdom, courage, honesty and kindness) for each House, charities for each

House and competitions and possibly part of the uniform indicating which House a student is in.

The next meeting of the Student Council will be in early December and there will be a presentation on 'What is Democracy?' by Mr Ward and a review of the School anti-bullying policy. All students are encouraged to put forward their views on any topics of relevance to school life to their Student Council representative for discussion.

Mrs Thomas would like to thank the Student Council for their positive contributions to the school community.

**Mrs Thomas
Dylan Stovin-Bradford:
11SW**



The Sixth Form is thriving

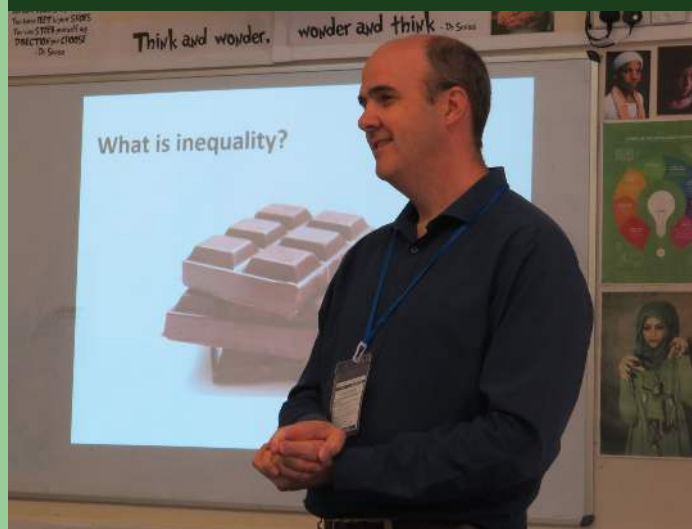


The new term saw us welcome 90 students into Year 12, including 15 students from other schools, who are busy finding their way around their new surroundings and making new friends.

Our Year 13 students also have a busy term ahead of them, with many starting their university

and apprenticeship applications. The Sixth Form team look forward to working with them all this year and are also preparing to welcome more prospective students at our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 15 November.

Visit by Paul Langley of Oxfam



Year 13 Sociologists and Geographers benefited from Paul Langley of Oxfam coming to speak to them about international development, the role of Oxfam in tackling global poverty and the inequality and injustices in the world.

Our Sociology students study global development; looking at issues such

as war and conflict, gender, education, trade, employment and aid. The Geographers benefited from hearing about the role of NGOs in natural disasters as well as the knock-on consequences of global inequality.

Mrs De Bruyn:
Head of Sixth Form

Young Arts Awards 2018



Every year the Fine Arts Society Cotswold present one Year 13 student going on to study Art in further education with a bursary. We are very honoured to be chosen as a school for this yearly bursary alongside the Cotswold School and Burford School.

This year I am very proud to announce that Molly Matthews (pictured right of John White, Mayor of Burford) won the Anne Stevens

bursary and attended the award ceremony at Burford Community Hall. The award of £500 will fund an Arts' Pass or an account with an art equipment retailer.

This is always a prestigious occasion with members of the society enjoying the opportunity to view the work of the bursary winners and talk to them about their inspirations and future aspirations.

Mrs Corley: Head of Art

Chipping Norton School Sixth Form Open Evening

15 November 2018 6pm



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50 Years of German Exchange



2018 marks the 50th anniversary of Chipping Norton School's German Exchange with the Theodor-Heuss-Gymnasium in Nördlingen. The exchange started after a regional partnership between Oxfordshire and the Bavarian region of Schwaben led to the meeting of the then head of CNS, Arthur Nockles, and Dr Alexander Kessler. Initially visiting each other in alternate years, the exchange now takes place annually and over the years has enabled hundreds of students to experience family and school life in a different country and to form many long lasting friendships.

In the run up to the celebrations, there have been lots of stories of wonderful experiences and of families who are still great friends over 30 years after doing the exchange. We now find that students taking part sometimes had parents or other family members who also took part in the exchange. In fact the grandfather of one of the German students who was visiting us this year took part in the very first

visit to Chipping Norton back in 1968! The German teachers have been over many times and their bus driver, Peter Rapp, has just completed his 22nd visit to our school.

To celebrate this remarkable achievement we held an event on Wednesday night for our German guests and their host families. It was a fantastic atmosphere





of friendship and celebration, with everyone tucking in to scones and cake. We were treated to some great music by the school concert band, speeches by Mrs Thomas, Mr Doherty, Herr Aunkofer and Chipping Norton's mayor, Councillor Don Davidson; who also presented the German teacher with a glass engraved with the coat of arms of Chipping Norton. But undoubtedly the highlight of the evening was a shadow puppet play performed in German by some of our students telling the story of the saving of Nördlingen in 1440 by a pig!

Graf Hans von Oettingen had bribed a gate guard to leave Löpsinger Tor unlocked so that he and his men could sneak in during the night and capture the town. But a woman passing the gate while fetching beer for her husband came across the pig scratching itself on the gate and so was alerted to the fact that the gate was open. She raised the alarm and Hans von Oettingen was not able to conquer the town.

We are incredibly proud that our school has maintained such strong links with our German partner school for such a long time. In a time when many schools no longer offer the exchange experience to students, we are looking forward to keeping this friendship going for many more years to come.

Ms Richmond: MFL Department



Year 5/6 Music Ensemble



Mr Brown (Head of Music) and Miss Johnston were delighted to welcome twenty Year 5 and 6 pupils to Chipping Norton School on Friday 28th September to take part in a Music Ensemble and Concert.

Our budding primary musicians learnt two new pieces of music and rehearsed with the Chipping Norton School Concert Band during the afternoon. Our band members here at Chipping Norton School worked with and supported the younger

children, and it was a wonderful opportunity for all involved. Chipping Norton School Concert Band member showed their leadership skills, encouraging and supporting the primary musicians to perform the pieces with confidence and flair.

At 4pm families, carers and teachers arrived in the large hall to watch the performance which was very well received.

Well done to everyone who took part in this event; you showed how hard work leads to big achievements.

U11 Football Tournament



This is the first festival of the year and we were so lucky to have a beautiful sunny afternoon. The teams from the Partnership all arrived really looking forward to the tournament. All of their teachers had worked hard getting their teams ready and encouraging them to do their very best.

Everyone played well and put a lot into it, supporting and encouraging each other and showing lots of skills. This festival is run by Year 12 Sports Leaders, who referee, keep score and oversee the whole event.

At the end of the festival the winners were:

Big Schools Girls – St Marys
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Small School Boys – Chadlington
Small School Girls - Enstone

As always thank you so much to all the teachers for their hard work and enthusiasm, and congratulations to all our primary footballers who took part in the festival and to Chipping Norton School Year 12s who worked so hard to make sure it was so successful.

AGT Design and Technology Workshop



We were delighted to have over twenty Year 4 and 5 pupils at our D&T workshop which was run

by Mr Newton and Mr McCormick. The pupils were asked to design a keyring choosing what

shape it would be and the words they would like on it. The designs varied from the name of their dogs to football teams.

They were supported by six Year 10 students who sat with the younger children helping them initially draw their designs and then transferring them on to the computer. It was a busy and productive environment and our Year 10s really showed maturity and skills, teaching and supporting our primary

pupils. The keyring designs were then cut on the laser cutter.

Congratulations to everyone at the workshop, and 'Thank You' to Mr Newton and Mr McCormick.

Mrs Fisher: Community Learning Lead
Mrs Hannis: CNPS Administrator

Sports Awards 2018: another fantastic celebration of sporting success



On Wednesday 12th September students, teachers and parents came together for our 10th annual sports awards. During the evening there were a number of awards given out including dedication to sport, sportswoman and sportsman of the year and team awards.

Mr Doherty opened the evening to welcome everyone and hand out each award to the delight of the crowd of over 200 students and parents.

Overall it was another fantastic evening which shows that sport at CNS continues to go from strength to strength.

All students and teams nominated for awards deserve congratulations. The students who won awards this year are:

Dedication to Sport

Year 7

Abigail Walker

Archie Street

Year 8

Maya Williams

Thomas Cross

Year 9

Olivia Riley

Rory Hlustik

Year 10

Beth Blackwell

Lazaros Thomopolous

Senior

Maisie Green

George Tuckwell

Sports Award

Year 7

Eden van Jaarsveld

Lewis Pretorius

Year 8

Niamh Smith

Will Ingham

Year 9

Annabel Jenkins

Isaac Harrington

Year 10

Kiera Koch

Michael Pearson

Senior

Miranda Edwards

Max Benson



ESFA U13 PlayStation Schools' Cup



Bredon's defender took a really long throw in and they got their head to it making it 2-0 by the half time whistle.

The second half started well for Chipping Norton with Luke Sampson pressing their defender and winning the ball. Lewis Pretorius came on for the injured Tom Hart and Harry Thomas came on for Jack Fagan. One of the Bredon players ran through the Chipping Norton defence and made the score 3-0.

We were still determined to do well and after a very good one touch football from Charlie and Luke Sampson, Charlie passed the ball to Louis England who took a first time shot and lobbed the Bredon keeper to score in the top corner of the goal. Sadly Bredon responded by scoring another 3 goals, and as the full time whistle was blown we trailed 6-1.

We played some lovely football but unfortunately Bredon had more experience because last year they reached the last 8 of the National League. Considering it was Chipping Norton School's first time in the National league I think we did well.

Louis England: 8EG

KS3 Girls' Team of the Year

Year 9 Athletics

KS3 Boys' Team of the Year

Year 7 Football

KS4 Girls' Team of the Year

Year 10 Rounders

Boys' Team of the Year

Senior Rugby

Brenda Morris Award

Nicola Vincent (see photo left)

Dan Harman Award

Toby Robottom

Mr Thomas: Head of PE

Duke of Edinburgh Awards: Going for Gold!



Over the past year and a half I have been working towards completing my Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. There are 5 components to the Gold award; volunteering, physical, skill, residential and expedition.

The part of the Gold Award that is different to Bronze and Silver is the residential element. This involved undertaking a project or activity whilst staying away from home. I took this element to the extreme, and went to Nepal for 3 weeks with Girlguiding Anglia and Projects Abroad to volunteer in a school in Kathmandu. This was an incredible experience that developed my confidence and teamwork, whilst also giving me a chance to explore new cultures and environments. Most people, however, stay in the UK for their residential, and activities include conservation, youth work, sports trips and educational courses.

For our expedition a group of 16 of us from Chipping Norton School teamed up with the Eyot Centre in Henley on Thames

to canoe. We had 3 training days and in April we spent a weekend paddling down the River Wye for our practice expedition.

Our assessed expedition was on the River Severn at the end of July. We started in Oswestry, and spent 4 days paddling down the river, ending up in Stourport-on-Severn. Each group had an aim, and ours was litter collection. We observed where there was litter along our route and, where it was safe to do so, we collected it. Most of what we collected was large items such as buckets, and even a traffic cone; we decided not to try and pick up the two shopping trolleys we saw along the way! The weather was less kind to us on this expedition, and we had a few days of rain, but it didn't dampen our spirits.

Something that many of us hadn't done before this expedition was wild camping, and it was an interesting experience! We had to strategically pitch our tents in between nettles and thistles, and we had no running water or toilets. Thankfully we only had to

wild camp for one night, but it was also the night where the rain was the worst, so we were all a little downhearted that night.

During this expedition, we had to negotiate some rapids. They were slightly scary, but really exhilarating despite the fact that we took a lot of water onto our boats and got soaked! At the end of the 4 days we were all exhausted, but had a great sense of achievement, and it is an experience that I will remember for a long time!

I have now completed my Gold Award, and am waiting for an invitation to go and collect it at St James' Palace in London. Doing my Gold DofE was something that really pushed and challenged me, and it is an opportunity that I'm very grateful for. I would recommend DofE to anyone, as it is a great way to develop lots of skills that you wouldn't have the chance to otherwise, and of course, it's great fun!

Eleanor Taylor:
Sixth Form School
Leaver 2018

What's on at CNS

TERM 2
Wk 8 B
Wed 31 University Entrance Exams

NOVEMBER
Wk 9 A
Mon 5 Y11 Rehearsal exams begin (until 16th)
Tues 6 Y13 Progress reports home
Wed 7 Y12 Street Dance - Dennis Victory 12:25-3:05 pm
Oxfordshire Book awards trip
Thurs 8 Y13 PTC 4:45 pm

Wk 10 B
Thurs 15 Sixth Form Open Evening
Fri 16 School Council non-uniform day
Y9,10&11 Progress Reports

Wk 11 A
Mon 19 CNPS English-A,G&TY4&5 3:30-5:00 pm
Y12 Spires trip
Wed 21 CNPS Sports Hall Athletics 3:00-4:45 pm
Y13 Drama Exam Performance 5:00 pm
Thurs 22 Y11 Citizenship Day
Y10 PTC 4:45-7:00 pm
Y12 Safe Drive Stay Alive
Y12 Progress reports home

Wk 12 B
Mon 26 Y11 Imperial War Museum Trip
Wed 28 CNPS Ball Skills 2:50-4:45 pm
Thurs 29 Y9-13 German Christmas Market Trip leaves (until 1st Dec)
CNPS Literary Quiz Final 3:30-5:00 pm
'Joseph' 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Fri 30 'Joseph' 7:00 pm

DECEMBER
Sat 1 'Joseph' 1:00 pm

Wk 13 A
Tues 4 Scholastic book sale this week in Library
Wed 5 CNPS Dance Workshop
CSLA Holy Trinity 2:00-2:50 pm

Wk 14 B
Mon 10 Y12 House Matches 2:05-3:05 pm
Wed 12 Y11 Mock results day
Y11 Drama Exam Performance 5:00 pm
Thurs 14 Y12 PTC 4:45-7:00 pm

Wk 15 A
Mon 17 Sixth Form EPQ Library Trip
Tues 18 Y11 English Literature Mock 9:00-11:15 am
Christmas Concert Main Hall 7:00-8:00 pm
Fri 21 END TERM: Early closure at 12:25 pm; buses at 12:40pm



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