



CNSNewsletter

Go, Go, Joseph!



HEAD'S LINES

It has been an amazing term. I have lost count of the trips, visits, competitions, matches, extra-time clubs, visitors, evening events, performances and much more that has happened – on top of the 'normal' school day. All that vibrancy deserves a good rest for a few weeks and so with that in mind I wish you all a really lovely holiday with family and friends.

We look forward to seeing you all back safe and sound in 2019 – the 90th anniversary of our school.

With all good wishes,

Barry Doherty:
Headteacher

Key Dates:

7 January: staff training day
8 January: term begins
11 January: deadline for Sixth Form applications
6-11 February: Family Focus Week
15 February: end of term

Thank you to all who came and supported the school musical *Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat*. It was a huge success and the students performed fantastically, both those on the stage and those assisting back stage. There was a wonderful atmosphere of support and community from both audience and cast. We really appreciated the help from other members of staff, parents and the PTA.

A selection of photographs of the performances can be viewed on the CNS facebook page.

More evenings are planned in the coming months from all of the Performing Arts subjects so keep your eyes peeled for Battle of the Bands, Dance Showcase and more!

Mr Franklin:
Head of Drama



Mental health : What can you do to help?

Some mental health difficulties can be addressed in school or at home, prior to requesting a service from CAMHS through the Single Point of Access (SPA). There are a number of excellent resources available:

Young Minds: www.youngminds.org.uk
A leading UK charity providing resources to support children, young people and their families. Parent Advice Line: 0808 802 5544.

MindEd: <https://www.minded.org.uk> is a free educational resource on children and young people's mental health for professionals working with children and young people.

Family Links: www.familylinks.org.uk has a parent page, including free resources and tips.

Family Lives: www.familylives.org.uk is a charity offering support for parents including Parentline Plus which runs a free phone helpline, courses for parents, develops innovative projects and provides a range of information.

CAMHS Website: <https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/oxon/>

Recommended Books:
Overcoming Your Child's Fears and Worries (2007) – Cathy Creswell & Lucy Willetts

Helping Your Anxious Child (2008) second edition – Rapee, Wignall, Spence, Cobham, Lyneham

What to Do When You Worry Too Much (2006) – Dawn Huebner, Ph.D

The Huge Bag of Worries (2011) – Virginia Ironside

The Parenting Puzzle (2003) – Candida Hunt

Applications for a smartphone/iPad/tablet:

Mindfulness/relaxation:



Support for self-injury:



Use the free CALMHARM app. The app provides 4 categories of tasks to help resist or manage the urge to self-harm (Comfort, Distract, Express yourself, Release) and 2 categories to help calm and get you

back in control (Random and Breathe).

CAMHS:
Oxford Health NHS

New Diversity Alliance club



Diversity Alliance is a club that has been meeting for the last four weeks in G2 on Tuesday lunchtimes. We are a group of varied ages, genders and sexualities. We want to create a sense of community between LGBT+ and allies within the school.

Recently we went on a trip to a Conference in Oxford where we were addressed by a range of LGBT+ support groups and other LGBT+ peers.

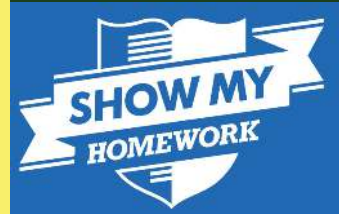
We have been working

on projects within the school such as a display board and we have looked at buying a range of LGBT+ inclusive and factual literature for the library. We are also going to look at how Chipping Norton School can achieve status as a 'Equality Champion School'.

We offer a safe space for LGBT+ students to meet similar people.

If you would like any more information speak to Mrs Jackson in the HOY Office.

Show My Homework



Show My Homework allows you to see exactly what homework your child has been set and when this is due in. It also allows access to important resources from class and is the easiest way for students and parents to communicate with teachers about homework.

To maximise the potential of Show My Homework, we strongly recommend that you download the app. If you have already set up a parent account, using the app is a very straightforward next step. If you have not yet set up your parent account, you will need your Parental Access Code.

If you would like to have the code resent to you please contact Mr Gent at dgent@chipping-norton.oxon.sch.uk

Year 13 Biology Fieldtrip



At the beginning of October, the Year 13 Biology students travelled to Port Talbot, Wales for the annual Biology fieldwork trip. Leaving school on the Monday morning with the sun beaming down on us, we were in high spirits as we arrived at Margam Discovery Centre; an incredibly natural and ecological education site.

Our 4-day stay involved spending the majority of our time out in nature, investigating species diversity in rock pools (where we found crabs, shrimp and a fascinating anemone), plant diversity in a 300m stretch of sand dunes and carrying out one of our 12 assessed practicals in a woodland stream near the site. On top of directly carrying out various experiments, one of which we had to produce entirely independently, we

developed our practical skills and understanding of the key statistical tests we must be confident with for our exams.

This extended learning took place in a classroom in the centre, arguably warmer and drier than each of our other locations. With breakfast at 8am and our final classroom session ending at 8pm, each day was intense but hugely beneficial for putting our practical skills into practice in true natural environments rather than simply the labs at school.

We are extremely grateful to the centre for providing us with approachable and very knowledgeable mentors, comfortable accommodation and plenty of food that together gave us such a rewarding experience.

Lydia Harding: I3E



CNS triumph at Youth Speaks



Over the past four weeks, Ellie Lewis, Luke Barnes and Maddy Fisher have been working hard towards competing in the Youth Speaks public speaking competition, which was held on the 21st November at Bloxham School.

Their speeches maturely discussed the broad array of subjects that stemmed from our main theme: the sexualisation of people in the 21st Century. Ellie, the chairperson, carefully announced the subject and her teammates, providing a clear and well-educated overview of what the presentation would include. After Ellie's introduction, Luke took the floor and spoke fluently and eloquently, completely off-script, about the issues of sexualisation in the modern day. His speech covered the contribution of the media, retail, schools, language and parents to this ever-present problem, and also explained the possible resolutions.

Maddy proposed the Vote of Thanks - a strong and precise summary which included ways in which the audience could make a difference, and allowed for an applause for Ellie and Luke.

After long deliberation from the judges, it was announced that the team had won the competition and were through to the regional round in Witney, beating two Tudor Hall groups, a group from Bloxham School and a group from The Cooper School. The team were thrilled with this result and will now go on to the next stage in February. Credit is certainly due to Mr Ward for his continuous support and advice and encouraging passion and excitement about the wonderful opportunity.

Our junior team of Cadence James (Chairperson), William Gofton (Main Speaker) and Millie Chettleborough (Vote of Thanks) competed in the event. These Year 8s were professional and powerful in their speeches about Brexit and the environment, and despite not winning, they did an excellent job at opening the intermediate competition and deserve praise for their courage and intelligence when speaking, especially since Millie was a last minute entrant.

Maddy Fisher: I2S



German Christmas Markets Trip



Each year Christmas Markets (Christkindlmärkte or Weihnachtsmärkte) spring up around Germany in the weeks before Christmas, signalling the beginning of Advent. They originated in Germany as far back as the late Middle Ages. Those first Christmas Markets were little more than winter markets that lasted a couple of days and instead of the cosy stands that line Christmas Markets today, traders in some cities laid their goods out in the streets accompanied by traditional singing and dancing. Christmas Markets were a welcome occurrence during cold-weather months, joyful occasions for weary villagers and they added a bit of light to long winter nights.

Today, German Christmas Markets serve much the same function that they have for centuries — as a festive meeting place for locals and a market for homemade Christmas ornaments and decorations. Despite the widespread belief that Christmas has only recently developed into a feast of commercialism, you may be surprised to learn that, as early as the 17th century, gift-buying at Christmas Markets had already become a popular activity.

The Cologne Christmas Market attracts over 2 million people and this year that number included 43 pupils from Chipping Norton School. With five markets to visit and a host of other activities planned, it promised to be a whirlwind 3 days of cultural highlights. We started with a tour of the Lindt chocolate museum, with tastings at the chocolate fountain, followed by lunch in the harbour Christmas market. We skated outdoors at the Altstadt market and then finished off at the oldest Christmas market in Cologne at Neumarkt, a magical market with stars in the trees surrounding the market. In the evening, we went to Aqualand – a highlight of the trip for many students. We arrived to a pool disco and laser show, followed by time on the many slides and whirlpools. On our final day we climbed the 533 steps to the top of the cathedral tower, with amazing views, followed by a

farewell tour of the cathedral market before heading home, exhausted but happy.

Thank you to the staff Mrs Vickers, Miss Richmond and Mrs Schofield for accompanying the trip and to the students, who behaved impeccably whilst away. The trip will run again next December. Letters will go out in June for any students interested in taking part.

Mrs Thomas
Languages Department

“Snazz up a Santa Suit” for Helen and Douglas House



During Active Tutor on Tuesday 20th November, all 7 Sixth Form tutor groups ‘snazzed up a Santa suit’ to raise money for Helen and Douglas House.

Having been given an emotionally pertinent presentation by the charity, we decided to get into the Christmas spirit early by designing a fancy (or crazy) Santa suit to potentially be used by runners of their annual Santa run. Each group had 40 minutes to create their masterpiece, with the final 20 minutes involving a fashion show in the lecture theatre. Each model walked in to a Christmas song of their choice (ranging from Santa Baby to some interesting Christmas drum and bass) before a nominated compere gave a comedic supporting speech. Amongst many other hilarious outfits, we were visited by Mrs Claus and a tropical themed Santa with an inflatable palm tree and cocktail made of a conical flask and tissue paper, complete with mini umbrella.

We used the money raised to organise a cake sale in order to boost the profit going towards this very worthwhile charity.

Mrs De Bruyn:
Head of Sixth Form

Art trip to Florence



Very early on a Friday morning a group of 37 students and 4 adults met at CNS to embark on an art weekend to Florence, Italy. After a bumpy and windy flight we arrived in a sunny and warm Pisa. Once in Florence, the students got to experience the birthplace of Renaissance and the wonders of the Uffizi gallery with its works by Botticelli and Caravaggio. We explored the breath-taking Duomo built nearly 1000 years ago and the Galleria Dell'Accademia to see Michelangelo's 'David'. We strolled over the Ponte Vecchio bridge (built in 1348) to the Pitti Palace, once the home of the Medici family and now an art gallery and then into the Boboli Gardens with beautiful views of Florence and the Tuscany countryside.

Much pizza, pasta and many ice-creams were eaten as we enjoyed temperatures of 27 degrees! The trip was an amazing experience for all and the students demonstrated just how wonderful CNS young people are. It was a truly special trip.

Mrs Corley: Head of Art

Fast Track to Williams F1 Team



On Friday 16th November Mr Parker took Ben Hubbard and me to Williams F1 Team in Wantage Oxfordshire. While we were there we spent time talking to the Williams apprentices and graduates on how they got a job at Williams. We were also shown around the factory and the Frank Williams museum which has an enormous collection of Williams Formula 1 cars including Nelson Piquet's car from 1987 and Valtteri Bottas's car from 2016.

This was a great opportunity to see how a F1 team works and also how to apply for a job at one of the most exciting companies in this country.

Ben Driver: IOWS

Sociology trip to Oxford Crown Court



On the 30th November our Year 13 Sociology students visited Oxford Crown Court to support their learning of the crime and deviance unit studied at A level.

This proved to be a very real and sobering trip where the students witnessed a range of court procedures. Split over two courts one group observed the barristers and judge debate issues of consent and assault followed by observing the closing statements of the prosecution, in front of the jury, defendant and judge, for a rape trial. Our

other group observed a wider range of procedures with video links to Bullingdon Prison, court dates confirmed for domestic violence and dangerous driving offences to name a few.

As ever I was incredibly proud of my class who were fascinated by everything we saw, and with their sociological background, able to show sophisticated and mature understanding of the events of the day.

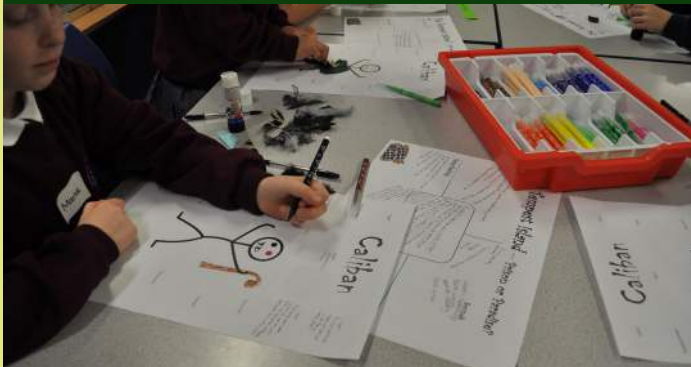
Students said:

'The trip was absolutely fascinating. We watched as various prisoners were live-streamed from prison and defendants entered the court. I was inspired by the judge and the important work she faces every day. Would definitely do it again!'

'It was amazing to be able to see people's real life situations unfold. The lawyers were gripping and it was interesting to compare to how it is portrayed on TV. I especially got into it when a man was accused of domestic abuse and pleaded not guilty when he definitely was!'

Mrs Gray: Sociology

AGT English Workshop



Year 4 & 5 pupils from the Partnership schools were invited to take part in a workshop run by teachers from CNS English Department. The workshop was based on 'The Tempest' by William Shakespeare.

The pupils were asked to take part in a range of drama activities to illustrate the impact of how the play begins, focussing on language and how the play may have been staged. We then asked the pupils to explore how

Shakespeare created the island and the character of Caliban. Pupils were asked to think about the island and Caliban with a teacher-led discussion. They then wrote their own description and feelings about the island and Caliban.

Several children read out their pieces and Mrs Duffy and Mrs Boyd were impressed and delighted with the range of understanding and emotion, and the extensive range of vocabulary used.

Year 3 Dance Festival



The topic for St Mary's School was based on the book 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and at Holy Trinity it was based on Roald Dahl's books and characters. The leaders split into groups and worked with the pupils, encouraging them to imagine and make the characters come to life, finishing with a small performance of their dance to their peers. It is

During Term 2, our Year 12 Dance Leaders had the opportunity to work with our partnership younger years. They devised and planned two workshops and were keen to lead the Year 3s, encouraging them to create a small dance.

absolutely lovely to see how the younger pupils interact with older children and everyone had a fantastic time.

Well done to everyone; you all worked very hard and should be very proud.

Family Focus Workshops; an opportunity to share new learning experiences



We invited Years 4, 5 & 6 pupils with their families to come along and take part in the free Family Focus Family Learning workshops we offer at Chipping Norton School. These workshops are varied and encourage families to work together and perhaps try something new.

Over the two weeks lots of families were welcomed to the school and they

took part in the different activities, such as: 'Build your own Trebuchet', No Fear Shakespeare, Create your own Peg Doll and two Squash workshops.

The workshops were all well attended and everyone who came along was enthusiastic and appreciative of the opportunity afforded to them.

The workshops are led by teachers and coaches from Chipping Norton School. Pupils get their invites through their own primary schools, and these can also be found on the CNS website.

The next workshops will take place at the

beginning of February. These include Hockey, Drama, Art, Astronomy and Cookery. Come along, try something new. Gaining new positive and shared experiences can be a great way of improving wellbeing; especially at this time of year.



Festivals at CNS



Here at Chipping Norton School we know how much our primary partnership pupils love taking part in tournaments and festivals. These are run by Year 12 and Year 11 leaders, supported by Mrs Fisher and other members of the PE Department. Over the last term we have been delighted to invite pupils to take part in the following:

U11 Hockey Festival



This is run by Year 12 Leaders and takes place on the CNS School Field. Ten schools are coached by their primary teachers and really do look forward to taking part in the tournament. The skill and determination shown by the players is really wonderful and each team plays to win. The Year 12s mentor and encourage the pupils doing a lot of work prior to the festival to ensure they know the rules and everything is fair and correct.

Year 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics



This is a lovely festival and gives the Year 5 & 6 pupils the opportunity to split into country teams working together and making new friends. They then all take part in the activities which includes running, jumping and obstacles. Everyone is encouraged to support their team members. This is led by Year 12 Sports Leaders who demonstrate the skills required and help and encourage the younger children to do their best.

Well done to everyone who took part. You were enthusiastic, motivated and really did your very best.

CNPS Lit Quiz 2018



Eight teams of Year 5-6 pupils competed against each other to win the annual CNPS Lit Quiz trophy. The children faced five rounds of literary questions on Orphans, Food, Fantasy Creatures, Places and Pot Luck. The teams had to choose a category in which they felt they could excel to play their joker and double any points earned.

Throughout the competition the lead changed hands many times and at the end of Round 5 both Charlbury (the reigning champions) and St Mary's tied with 48 points each. A tense tie-breaker followed with St Mary's triumphing at the end.

Congratulations to all the teams - your knowledge of books was impressive and 'Thank You' to the members of CNS Reading Club, Mrs Blundell and Mrs Hannis for all your help running this wonderful event.

Ms Bovington: Librarian



Year 3 & 4 Ball Skills

This festival is run by Year 11 Sports Leaders and is a great opportunity for our younger years to improve their throwing and catching skills. The Primary Schools come together and form into mixed teams which gives them the opportunity to make new friends as well. After different activities, the festival ends with a Bench Ball tournament.

Our Year 11s encourage and support the teams, making sure rules are adhered to. There is a lot of excitement and the teams support each other with a motivational school chant. Well done to you all. You were fantastic and showed skill and great team spirit.

We would like to say a big thank you to all of our Primary staff who work with the pupils before the festivals and the pupils themselves, and of course staff and Year 11 and 12 students at Chipping Norton School.

Mrs Fisher: Community Learning Lead

Sporting Successes



Congratulations are due to Katie Henderson, Sophie Cooper, Ella and Kira Westerman in Years 7 and 8. They represented Chipping Norton School at the British Schools Gymnastics Association regional Trampoline competition. The team came second in the intermediate category (Years 7-9) and have qualified for the next stage of this national championships which will take place on 19th January in Eastleigh, Hampshire. We wish the team 'Good Luck' for the future.

Congratulations to our Senior Rugby team who on December 6th defeated Burford in the County Vase final. Trailing 19 points to 10 going into the final stages, a fantastic try and penalty goal meant Chippy won 20-19 on aggregate to end the season on a high!

Mr Thomas: Head of PE

Varsity Match trip to Twickenham



On Thursday 6th December 50 students in Year 7 and 8 travelled to Twickenham to watch the Cambridge v Oxford Varsity match. This was particularly exciting as former CNS 1st XV captain Jordan Eriksen represented Cambridge.

It was a fantastic occasion which was watched by a huge crowd of over 20 000 spectators. The game was evenly balanced at half time but the quality of Oxford's backs told in the second half as they scored some great tries to finish winners

by 38 points to 16.

Year 8 Student Edward Burman said 'It was a great experience and a good opportunity for people to learn and watch a rugby match at Twickenham. The atmosphere was great around the stadium and once we got there it was exciting and you felt overwhelmed by how big the stadium was. I hope to play there one day myself.'

Mr Thomas: Head of PE



What's on at CNS

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| Wk 16 B | |
| Sun 6 | DofE Gold First Aid Training at Henley |
| Mon 7 | Staff Training (no students in school) DofE Silver Training Day |
| Tues 8 | TERM BEGINS Rehearsal Exams begin (until 18th) |
| Fri 11 | Deadline for Sixth Form Applications Y7 Pantomime Theatre Trip |
| Wk 17 A | |
| Mon 14 | Extra time clubs start Dance workshop this week |
| Tues 15 | CNPS Science Club Starts 3:45-5:45 pm OTSA/OUDE NQT Recruitment Fair 4:30-6:30 pm |
| Thurs 17 | Y11 Art Trip to London |
| Wk 18 B | |
| Tues 22 | Y11 Progress reports home |
| Weds 23 | CNPS Swimming Gala 12:55-3:15 pm Y11 PTC 4:45-7:00 pm |
| Thurs 24 | School Council non-uniform day |
| Fri 26 | Y7,8,10,12&13 Progress Report |
| Wk 19 A | |
| Tues 29 | Y13 Geography Residential WOLP Careers Fair—Witney College |
| Weds 30 | Y12 Oxford Brookes visit |
| FEBRUARY | |
| Fri 1 | Y9 Enterprise Day Y9 Progress Report Home |
| Wk 20 B | |
| Mon 4 | Y11 internal Sixth Form interviews all week |
| Tues 5 | Y11 GCSE Music rehearsals |
| Weds 6 | Y11 GCSE Music rehearsals Sixth Form external applicants' interviews CNPS U11 Netball 3:00-4:45pm West Oxon Swimming Gala 12:00-3:00 pm Family Focus Drama 6:00-7:30 pm |
| Thurs 7 | Family Focus Astronomy 6:00-7:30 pm Y11 Music Exam Recital 7:00-9:00pm |
| Sun 10 | Family Focus Hockey at the Leisure Centre 11:00-12:00 am |
| Wk 21 A | |
| Mon 11 | Frantic Assembly Dance/Drama workshop Family Focus Art 6:00-7:00 pm |
| Tues 12 | Family Focus Cookery 6:00-7:30 pm |
| Weds 13 | Tudor Hall MFL Play CNPS Y3/4 Ball Skills Festival 2:50-4:45pm |
| Thurs 14 | Y8 PTC 4.45-7:00 pm |
| Fri 15 | Ski trip departs returning 23 February |
| END TERM | |