



CNSNewsletter

HEAD'S LINES

There is a great deal in this latest edition that is well worth reading.

In particular, I suggest you take a look at the stories surrounding Ronnie (Year 7) and Kitty (Year 9). Both students are stars of the future because they are already superb in their own field and in very different ways display a level of courage, resilience and talent that is inspiring for every student and adult at this school.

Behind such amazing students are always amazing parents and wider families who no doubt make willing sacrifices so that their children can excel and fulfil their dreams. Good luck to them both and any other student seeking to become the very best at what they do.

The rest of the edition is full of great stories of activities, experiences, accomplishments and charitable acts that reflects so well on this community.

Mr Doherty:
Head Teacher

Dyson Institute of Engineering & Technology Robotics Workshop



On the 23rd January CNS was lucky enough to host a robotics workshop by Dyson for some of our Maths and Physics Sixth Formers. The workshop was aimed at students who had expressed an interest in STEM subjects.

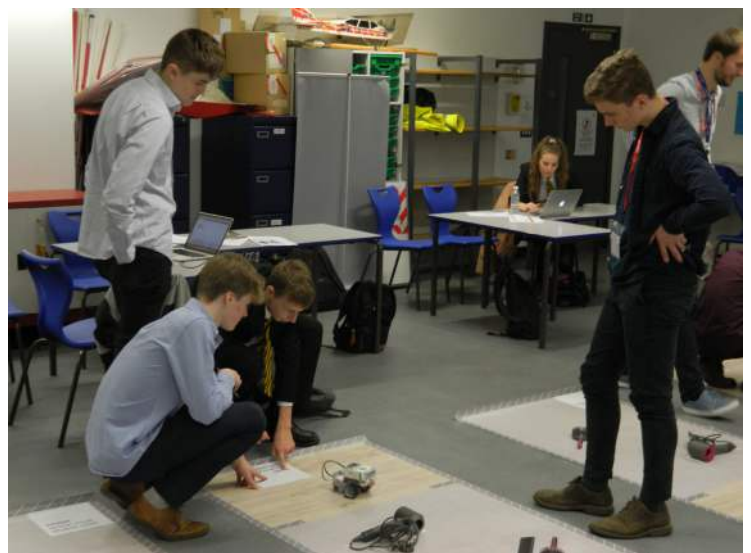
We started off with a robotic device on the floor, investigating different types of wheels and reporting our findings. It was really interesting and great to have some hands-on experience of experimenting with technology. Dyson have a highly-rated robotic vacuum for the home and this experimenting and testing is on-going in their research department.

Our visitors then went on to explain about the degree apprenticeship at the Dyson Institute in Malmesbury. It has been running for three years with the first cohort of 33 undergraduate engineers in 2017. The Dyson degree is currently awarded by The University of Warwick and is slightly different from other Engineering degrees.

As an undergraduate you spend 3 days of your week working alongside a team of Dyson Technology experts, on live Dyson projects. The rest of the week is devoted to studying. Over 4600 employees work at Dyson's Malmesbury site.

The degree itself is a four year course with the first two being a General Engineering syllabus and the last two in a speciality of your choice. First year students live on campus in the newly built modular pods. The award winning pods and more information on the Institute can be seen on their website, <https://www.dysoninstitute.com/>

Katie Blundell: I2SLH



The Human Library



This year we had 30 guests from industry supporting our Human Library event for our Year 9 students in the school hall.

The 'Human Library' concept is to put students in front of experts in their field of work from many different sectors of business. The students are able to quiz the guests about their roles, experience, employment, education/qualifications, and skills that are needed in their particular line of work.

The format for the event is a bit like speed dating where groups of students have five minutes to engage with each of the guests and learn about a whole range of careers, many of which they previously knew nothing about. Each of the employers bring along a prop to help the students work out the job being represented.

This year there was a great range of sectors that were represented including Film & Sound, Hospitality, Engineering, Accountancy, Insurance, Arts, Equine, Health, Charities, NHS, Graphic Design, Constructions, Manufacturing, Architecture, Planning, Arboriculture, Built Environment to name but a few. The feedback from students after the event has been very positive, with some students now reconsidering their GCSE options for next year.

We would like to thank all of our guests who gave up their time to act as our Human Library and who, by doing so, have informed and inspired our students for their future.

Mr Parker:
Careers and Enterprise
Lead

GCSE Art trip to The Tate Modern



iconic artists such as Roy Lichtenstein, Salvador Dali and Monet.

The viewing platform provided a great chance for everyone to see across the London skyline and take photos for their sketchbook development.

It was a fantastic experience that really allowed everyone to build upon their GCSE work. All students were a credit to themselves and to the school, showing fantastic behaviour and a true passion for their subject.

Miss Dunn: Art

The Year 11 Art students took a day trip to London to gain some inspiration for their exam topic 'Events.'

They walked along the Southbank to the Tate Modern where they saw a range of exhibitions including artwork by

Year 7 Drama trip to Chipping Norton Theatre



is used within pantomime to create comedy in situations, from milking an applause to envisaging a mystical forest.

This years performance was 'Puss in Boots' and the theatre's hilarious take on the cool cats of Albert Square fighting for

their freedom from the villainous Ratty had the students laughing and cheering along throughout - "oh, yes they were."

Mr Franklin:
Drama Department

On Friday 10th January the Drama Department took a group of Year 7 students to see Chipping Norton Theatre's annual pantomime.

As always it was an amazing experience with the students taking part in two workshops in the first part of the day. One group

used a short scripted extract from 'Cinderella' to explore creating typical pantomime characters such as the faithful servant, the evil stepsisters and Cinderella herself.

The second group looked at the technique of mime and how timing

Sports News



Football: The league and cup season is now well underway with some good performances and results to match. As I write, our Year 7, Year 10 and Senior team are all undefeated in both league and cup and look set for exciting matches ahead. Well over 20 boys have represented the Year 7 team so far and with more matches to come we look forward to seeing how far the team

can go this year.

Badminton: Eight Year 7 students represented CNS in the West Oxon badminton tournament at Henry Box school recently.

The matches included both singles and doubles and both boys and girls did brilliantly to finish 1st and 2nd respectively - well done to all!

Mr Thomas: Head of PE

Ronnie Harris : BSB Champion of the future



Ronnie at Round 2 of the Cool Fab Championship 2019.
©Team Harris Racing

I started riding 4 years ago. My grandad used to race in the 1970s and my dad was a huge fan as he was little. I complete in the Cool Fab Racing British Championship and I race all over the country. There

are eight rounds in the championship and 3 races in each round.

Last year I raced in the LC40 Elite Minimoto class and the GP50 class. In these classes I have had lots of success, with loads

Kitty Hitchens: a world of Gymnastics



I am currently training for my third English Gymnastics Championships. At the moment I train between 22 and 25 hours a week.

Training is a lot of commitment, really tough, but I have been fortunate enough to have been presented with so many amazing opportunities. This can be anything from competitions, to training at different clubs, day trips out, and even flying to different countries. In the past, I have visited Jersey for training, and Malta for a competition. However, recently, I received a once in a lifetime experience.

On the 8th January 2020, I went on a trip to America with my gymnastics club (Abingdon Gymnastics Club). We visited Boston, Massachusetts, and Atlanta, Georgia. During our time in Atlanta, we did many activities, including,

watching the University of Georgia (UGA) vs Louisiana State University (LSU) college gymnastics meet, UGA vs Florida ice hockey, a tour of UGA (including looking at scholarship opportunities for the future, as well as visiting the Georgia Bulldogs stadium), the aquarium, Coca-Cola World, and even training at Georgia Elite Gymnastics Club.

In Boston, we did daily training right up until the weekend. We trained at two different gymnastics clubs, 'Atlantic Gymnastics' for one day, and then 'Brestyan's Olympic Gymnastics' for three days.

At the weekend, we competed in the 'Brestyan's Invitational' competition. Myself, along with two other girls from my gymnastics club competed on the Saturday, whilst the other six competed on the Sunday. I received a medal for the 'floor' event at this competition. Everybody from my gym club who competed managed to bring back a medal from the USA which is a huge achievement in itself, considering there were over 800 girls competing.

Kitty Hitchens: 9JMP

of podiums including a race win and a first overall! Next season (which starts in March) I will again be racing GP50 as well as possibly entering a few rounds on a GP70 (I will fully race the GP70 in 2021).

I hope to have lots of success again this season as both my 10-year-old

brother Bill and I are training really hard over the winter in preparation for the 2020 season.

Through racing, I have made many friends on and off the track and I enjoy chasing the championship places. In the future, I hope to become a professional rider.

Ronnie Harris: 7CET

Student Council News: Speak Out, Be Heard, Make a Change!



The Student Council meets once a term and this year we have been working on a number of projects. Here is a summary:

1. Canteen Consultation

There have been a number of changes to the canteen this year and the Student Council has met with our Business Manager, Mrs Trimmer and the Catering Manager, Bret Schuurman to give their feedback. In response to that feedback, there has been an increase in vegetarian options, soup has come back onto the menu and we have introduced a new separate queue for Year 7 students. The canteen continues to be a topic of interest to the Student Council and discussions will continue this year.



2. Teaching and Learning

In November, we welcomed Mr Gent to the Student Council to talk to us about teaching and learning strategies that teachers are focussing on in lessons. These include planning tasks that help students to build their long-term memory and fluency of recall, crafting excellent explanations so that students understand the new knowledge more quickly and showing students what excellence looks like so that they know what they are aiming for. Student Council representatives were able to give their views on these strategies and how they feel they are helping them to learn.

3. Mock Election



At the time of the General Election, the Student Council helped to run the Chipping Norton School mock election with Mrs Gray.

4. Charities

The four charities that we have chosen to support this year are Thrive, Katharine House, Aspire and Helen and Douglas House. In October, Helen Mariner from Aspire came to our Student Council meeting to talk about the work they do with the homeless and people living in poverty and our Christmas Appeal for gifts for the homeless was hugely successful (see separate article).

5. Anti-Bullying policy

Miss Hancock asked the Student Council to contribute to the school's Anti-Bullying policy, in particular, to consider the definition of bullying and see if it is comprehensive enough, to consider diversity to ensure that everyone in the school community is represented and to give their views about how the school deals with bullying. Students' views will be included in the new re-drafted policy.

6. The House System

Miss Hancock is also looking at ways of revitalising the House System and wanted to hear from the Student Council about their ideas for activities and competitions. Representatives had a lot of ideas and these have now been passed to Miss Hancock for consideration.

7. Youth Have Your Say 2020

Thames Valley Police are organising a 'Young Person Have Your Say Day' and members of the Student Council will be taking part in this project in March. Teams from different schools will be asked to develop an idea to problem solve how they would improve their local area if they had £30,000 to spend. Students will be asked to think about a range of issues and to present their project idea to a selection panel, who will choose a winner. We are really looking forward to this event.

8. £50 Challenge



Three teams of Student Council representatives in Year 9 are taking part in the Aspire Enterprise challenge, alongside a number of other schools in Oxfordshire.

Students are given an investment of £50 and they have to set up an enterprise and try to make as much money as they can. Profits will be given to Aspire. The challenge finishes on 27 March and students are meeting every Wednesday during tutor time with Mr Parker to discuss their business plans. The three projects are running a raffle, a fancy dress competition in our feeder Primary schools and a cookie making kit to sell. We are delighted that Oak Investments have offered to match whatever money our students make for the charity.

Mrs Thomas

Student Council News: Christmas Box Appeal for Aspire



Mr Parker (centre) with Helen Mariner, Head of Fundraising and Communications, Paul Roberts, CEO of Aspire and our 248 Christmas boxes.

At the end of November, the Student Council launched this year's Christmas Box Appeal for Aspire. Aspire is a local charity based in Oxford and is one of four charities that we are supporting this year. They help our community's most marginalised people to overcome issues of homelessness and poverty, by helping them to build their skills, qualifications, work experience and resilience to achieve their full potential.

On 19 December, Aspire hosted a Christmas Dinner for 140 people facing homelessness and poverty. As well as a hot

meal and much-needed company, they wanted to provide everyone with a Christmas gift – and so our task was to galvanise our school community to provide the gifts. In 2018 we provided 100 Christmas Boxes and so our target of 140 seemed quite ambitious. However, we were not quite prepared for the generosity of Chipping Norton School students, families and staff – our final total of Christmas boxes was a whopping 248. Mr Parker kindly helped us load the boxes onto the minibus and delivered them to Aspire, who, he reported back,

were 'blown away' by our kindness.

Helen Mariner, Head of Fundraising and Communications sent this message from Aspire: *'On behalf of everyone at Aspire, thank you so much to everyone at Chipping Norton School who has worked so hard to put together over 200 presents for some of the most vulnerable people in our community. These gifts went directly to people who are facing homelessness and poverty, including local families who often cannot afford to buy presents. Thanks to you, over 200 people had a much brighter Christmas. Thank you.'*

Two of our Year 11 students, Lauren Hester and Madison Loose, volunteered to help at the Christmas Dinner. They served drinks and helped to distribute our Christmas gift boxes – they were a real credit to themselves, their families and the school and we are really proud of their desire to help others – they are the embodiment of our school values of compassion and courage.

Mrs Thomas

CNPS Swimming Gala



This event is always a highlight in the school calendar, and once again we were impressed and delighted with the high quality of swimmers coming through from the primary schools.

The gala is led by Year 12 Sports Leaders who collate the scores and are fantastic ambassadors for Chipping Norton School. We know that for some of our Year 12 students this can be challenging but they really 'step up', showing leadership skills and maturity.

Mrs Fisher from CNS PE Department runs the gala supported by Kim Weetman and Rachel Pearson, club swimmers and other staff from Four Shires who give up their own time, offer invaluable expertise and ensure the gala is run efficiently and safely.

This year, they were very impressed with the quality of swimming shown and invited many of the primary swimmers to go along for a trial at Four Shires.

At the end of the gala the results were as follows:

Winner Big School:
St Mary's Primary School
Winner Small School:
Enstone Primary School

It was a wonderful festival and we were proud to host such enthusiastic primary children. We are very grateful to Chipping Norton Leisure Centre for allowing us to use their facilities.

If you enjoyed the gala and would like to swim for Four Shires Club, please do get in contact with Kim or Rachel. Have a look at their website for details.



UII Netball Tournament



Congratulations to all the primary netball teams who took part in the tournament. This is led by Year 12 Leaders who umpire, score, support and coach our primary netballers. We know that all of the primary pupils take a lot of time to train and prepare for the tournament, and this really showed in the quality of their game play. As always they are supported by their enthusiastic and committed teachers who spend lots of time working with them.

The winning teams were:
Big Schools: Charlbury
Small Schools: Great Rollright.

Well done everyone, and a big thank you to all the primary staff and our hard working Year 12 Sports Leaders, once again stepping up to this big challenge. We are so proud of their commitment and know that they always do their very best, supported and mentored by Mrs Fisher.



Year 4 & 5 Extra Time Science Club



Over 5 weeks of Term 3 we have been delighted to host a Science Club for our Year 4 & 5 primary pupils. The topic of the club is all about a 'Mission to Mars'. The pupils have been thinking about:

- Possible sources of fuels on Mars
- How to make a fuel on Mars
- Drilling and producing petroleum jelly as a 'by-product' and investigating how this could be used.
- What could we make on Mars?
- Investigating making soap using ashes and materials from living organisms.
- Using plants as fuel.

- Making an oil lamp.

They have worked with the teachers from our Science Department doing experiments, using scientific equipment, and taking part in discussions. They have been encouraged to think about solutions and then go ahead and produce an outcome. The pupils are a lovely group of children, enthusiastic, polite and so excited to be able to come along and take part.

Thank you to Mrs Heath, Dr Hagan, Dr Hall, Mrs Eakins, Dr Pattison, Bea and Zoe.

Extra Time Craft and Create Club



We were delighted that some of our students who attend our Extra Time Craft and Create Club had taken time to make some pouches for joeys to send out to Australia after the awful fires. Helen Richardson our teacher became aware of a charity which supports wildlife in Australia called 'Animal Rescue Australia' and asked if we could make the pouches at the club. The students were more than happy to help out.

"We learnt how to make kangaroo pouches for injured joeys affected by the bushfires in Australia at

the club. I started coming to the club in September and over that time I have learnt how to make cushions, capes and skirts and improve my sewing techniques. I really enjoy making things, and loved having the opportunity to help the joeys."

Emma Church: 8SJB

"I love sewing club because it is fun and relaxing and Helen lets us be very creative. Since I have started I have learnt how to do zips, cushions and bags. I also have learnt how to use the sewing machine."

Cerys Moss: 8AXM

AIM Art Workshop



We welcomed 29 Year 4 & 5 pupils from our ten primary schools to our Art workshop. Miss Dunn taught the children all

about mono-printing. This is a form of printmaking that has lines or images that can only be used once. There are lots of

techniques to do this, but we chose a simple line drawing. The workshop was based on wildlife, giving the pupils a wide range of images to choose from. The pupils had to carefully transfer an image to paper which they then mounted and took home as cards.

Everyone really enjoyed the opportunity to use a roller and have a splodge of ink on their desks. It was rewarding to see heads down and faces

showing concentration as they created their images, enhancing and creating them as they wanted to.

Thank you to Miss Dunn and two Year 11 Arts Leaders who supported the pupils with the task. It was so nice to see happy and enthusiastic children, talking to each other and taking part in a really lovely art activity.

Mrs Hannis:
Community Learning/
CNPS Administrator

News from the Music Department



The Key Stage 4 and 5 performance evening was great fun and a very enjoyable night.

The audience were treated to some great performances from A level students Holly Ibrahim, Max Foster and Maddy Fisher. As well as this we heard some of the first performances of the Year 10 GCSE students including Izzy Casson, Hayden Moore, James Homer, Jess Bradford, Amelie Houghton-Bell, and Rio Coore. We also had great numbers from Grace Haldin-Catt, Rory Hlustik, Sam Taylor, Lola Burnett and Zoe Robertson. As well as this we enjoyed a very special flute performance from our very own Miss Johnston!

Our KS3 musicians performed at their own equally impressive concert a week later. The audience enjoyed performances from solo singers, pianists, flautists, drummers and trumpeters. The standard of musicianship was inspiring, especially



considering that some students were performing for the first time!

Thank you to the PTA for providing marvellous refreshments and raffles for both evenings.

**Jess Bradford:
10JXB**

Year 10 Dance Workshop



Thomas Page, an ex CNS student, now contemporary choreographer and artistic director of Thomas Page Dances, came back to school to teach Year 10 a section of repertoire from his dance, 'C-A-G-E-D' which we are currently studying in our dance classes.

This piece is an abstract contemporary dance which aims to spread awareness and spark conversations of oppression, and how individuals cope with it differently. Our class is learning the solo section of this dance, which in the original dance is performed by Bastien Charmette. In this workshop we were introduced to new movements and, during the two days the more challenging tricks became less difficult through Tom's excellent coaching.

Other than being taught how to perfect our technique on these movements, we were also shown that emotion in dance is just as important, and how to channel a specific emotion through each movement, to get the theme across to the audience. As Page said, he would "rather you be emotionally genuine, than physically accurate."

Grace Heath: 10CSB



What's on at CNS

Term 4
FEBRUARY
Wk 22

Mon 24 Term begins
Y11 Eng/Maths PiXL exams begin
Tues 25 LGB Committee meeting (18:00)
Wed 26 CNPS SH Athletics practice (14:05)
Thurs 27 Y9 Options Evening (19:00)

MARCH
Wk 23

Mon 2 Y7 Author talk by Lauren St John
Start of Y7 Tenner Challenge
Tues 3 CNPS Y4/5 AIM PE (15:30)
Wed 4 CNPS West Oxon SH Athletics (14:45-17:00)
Thurs 5 Y9 PTC (16:45)
Fri 6 Y9 Citizenship Day (STEM event)

Wk 24
Mon 9

Y12 Geography residential trip
CNPS Y4/5 AIM PE (15:30)
Tues 10 Y8 author talk with Michael Rosen
Y11 Dance Component 3 practical exam
Wed 11 CNPS Y1 Dance Festival (13:45)
Fri 13 Move It Dance trip (all years)

Wk 25
Mon 16

CNPS Y4/5 AIM Science
Tues 17 Y11 Imperial War Museum visit
Wed 18 Woman in Black trip (Oxford) Y11-13
CNPS Y1 Dance Festival (13:45)
Thurs 19 Y12/13 Biology workshop (Oxford)
LAMDA exams
Y12/13 Invitation PTC (16:45)
Fri 20 Deadline for Y9 Options

Wk 26
Tues 24

Y7 Rewards Trip (pm)
Wed 25 Y9 Chip Lit Fest author talk by Candy Gourlay
Spring Concert (19:00)
CNPS Y2/3 Multi Skills Festival (13:30)
Thurs 26 WOLP Apprenticeship Fair at Marlborough School (18:00)
Dance Showcase
Fri 27 End of Y7 Tenner Challenge
Y8 (all students) HPV1 vaccination

Wk 27
Mon 30

Y7 Celebration Assembly
Y9 HPV2 vaccination
Tue 31 Y8 Celebration Assembly

APRIL
Wed 1

Y9 Celebration Assembly
Y10 Bronze D of E training day
CNPS Y2/3 Multi Skills Festival (13:30)
Thurs 2 Y10 Celebration Assembly
Dance Showcase (19:00-20:30)
Fri 3 Y7 Tenner Challenge ends
Non-uniform Day (for Helen & Douglas House)
END OF TERM



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