



# CNSNewsletter

## Sponsor a tree: School Council supports the Woodland Trust

The Woodland Trust is the largest woodland charity in the United Kingdom concerned with the creation, protection, and restoration of native woodland heritage. The charity has planted over 43 million trees since 1972. They focus on planting trees and trying to re-build woodlands areas. They have offered our school a great opportunity to help the environment by donating 420 trees to Chipping Norton School, for us to plant.



Our aim is to invite students and families to sponsor a tree. Money raised will be divided; half will be given back to The Woodland Trust and the other half will be invested into future green projects at Chipping Norton School. The benefit of this project is improved air quality - trees breathe in carbon dioxide and then convert it into oxygen which gives the air better quality. 42,000,000 trees are cut down per day, we want to counter this and start restoring our trees and fast. The school council launched the project across all year groups. There is a competition to see which year group can sponsor the most trees and which year group can raise the most money, so watch this space for future news on this project.

Remember if you haven't signed up to sponsor a tree, you can ask your son/daughter to get a letter from their tutor and or contact Mr Parker ([sparker@chippingnortonschool.org](mailto:sparker@chippingnortonschool.org)).

Thank you for supporting the Chipping Norton School Council and The Woodland Trust.

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**Grace Mariner (7MXJ)  
and Dolly Ogier (7KN)**

# Chipping Norton School welcomes our new staff members



**Mrs Armistead:**  
**Assistant Headteacher/  
Psychology**

I am absolutely delighted to join everyone here at Chipping Norton School. I have received such a warm and friendly welcome from all staff and students alike which has made my transition to a new school so much easier.

I have been a teacher for over 25 years and began my career North of the Border in Edinburgh. Whilst teaching has taken me across the globe (working in Singapore for a short while), the majority of my experience has been gained at The Marlborough School in Woodstock.

As well as joining the senior leadership team here at CNS, I am a very passionate teacher of Psychology. It's a truly fantastic subject and such a privilege to teach, but of course I am incredibly biased!

When I'm not teaching I love spending time with my family especially my pug Fred! I enjoy running and have been recently indulging in box sets and looking forward to reading the next installment of the *Strike* series.



**Mrs George: Science  
Teacher**

I am delighted to be teaching Science each Monday and Tuesday at Chipping Norton School this term. Prior to this I taught at The Hospital School, Carterton Community College and taught for several years in Bradford where I also studied Biomedical Science at University.

I live in Witney with my husband and three children. We love living in West Oxfordshire and enjoy the wonderful opportunities it presents as well as its beautiful countryside that we all like exploring. Lockdown afforded us the opportunity to complete the 36 mile Wychwood Way route.

In my spare time I really enjoy reading. My favourite genres of books are historical fiction and books that enlighten me about countries and cultures that are unfamiliar to me. I recently read '*10 minutes 38 seconds*', which I found fascinating. I also enjoy keeping fit, when I find time and spending time with friends and family.



**Mr Case: Cover  
Supervisor**

Once upon a time I was a student here myself, before getting my Philosophy degree at University of Leeds, and completing my PGCE at Leeds Trinity University this year. I am a big fan of cooking and baking, video games, quiz shows (especially *The Chase*), rugby and going to the gym regularly, so I can maintain my see-food diet - I see food, I eat it. My favourite books are anything to do with French existentialism, especially by the author Albert Camus. However I'm currently enjoying reading *Sapiens* by Yuval Noah Harari. I've been to a few amazing countries, including Thailand, India and on a rugby tour to South Africa!

Here is a picture of myself with one of my cats, Tilly. I am very much a cat person. I'll keep this brief so I don't take up the whole page, and leave you with a favourite quote of mine from the stoic Marcus Aurelius, the last great Emperor of Rome, in his *Meditations*: "Here is a rule to remember in future, when anything tempts you to feel bitter: think not "This is misfortune," but "To bear this worthily is good fortune".



**Mrs Maybank: English  
teacher**

I grew up near Cheltenham and was frequently told on long car journeys to "Stop reading and look at the sheep!" This was not a particularly compelling instruction for a girl from the countryside, and the reading won! I studied English Language and Literature in Oxford, trained as a teacher in Manchester and has since taught English in day and boarding schools in London, Berkshire and Oxfordshire.

I love singing, church, listening to 'The Allusionist' podcast, and (of course!) curling up with a novel and some lapsang souchong tea. Favourite books include '*The Knife of Never Letting Go*' by Patrick Ness, Patience Agbabi's '*Telling Tales*' and anything written by Alison Croggon, Lindsey Davis, CJ Sansom, McEwan, Atwood, or Terry Pratchett.

I make a mean baked vanilla cheesecake and also relishes storytime with my two toddlers, as well as playing the piano and writing pantomime poems. I wouldn't recommend attempting to perform those activities simultaneously!



## New staff (contd....)



**Ms Graham: English Teacher**

I am an NQT in the English department, which I am really enjoying. Previously I taught English as a foreign language particularly to Japanese pupils. I found this interesting as it enabled me to learn about other cultures and languages.

I really enjoy reading and am also an avid theatre lover. I particularly enjoy books which reflect the social and historical context of the country, and teach a moral lesson. One of my favourites is *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. Another passion of mine is sport. I run, swim and cycle with an athletics club and enjoy taking part in 10km races. I hope to do a triathlon in the near future.

## Extra Time Clubs at Chipping Norton School



As we all know it has been a challenging year so far; but coming back to school has been such a positive experience for us all. Our club programme at Chipping Norton School is comprehensive and inclusive and we are so pleased that we have been able to continue to offer the clubs.

Clubs are an extremely important part of a student's school life, it extends their skills, it extends knowledge and forges friendships and lifelong hobbies. We have worked incredibly hard to continue to provide clubs to our students this year, and have wonderful sport coaches and teachers who have worked with us for many years. We usually offer mixed year groups the opportunity to attend all the clubs, but to adhere to our school risk assessments we have kept to year group bubbles. This does not seem to have been a barrier, and the uptake has been overwhelming; the students are keen to take part and in many cases keen to take up where they left off last year. Some students have attended a club for their whole school life. Our new Year 7 cohort have embraced the club programme; and really love the opportunity to try new things. It is so lovely to see so many enthusiastic students.

The Extra Time Programme is now on the School Website - Signing up is so easy!

We are also pleased to announce that we have updated how our school families can sign up for clubs. The Extra Time Club Booking Form is now on our school website. Parents have responded positively to this change and it has made life so much easier for our students. We are always trying to use less paper and be more environmentally friendly so this is a step forward. As always, you pay for the clubs via ParentPay. Do take the time to have a look.

**Mrs Hannis:**  
**Community Learning/  
CNPS Administrator**

## Sports Leaders Programme: developing skills for life

Chipping Norton School is recognised as being an outstanding centre for the development of Sports Leaders. Our students follow a programme of sports leadership throughout the key stages often supporting their peers in lessons and hosting regular sports events for our local primary schools.

I have recently recommended 70 Yr13 students for certification in the nationally recognised Community Sports Leadership Award from last year and we have had 70 current Yr12 students sign up to participate this year. They organise and officiate at a range of 12 primary festivals held at Chipping Norton School, including Dance, Hockey, Football, Netball, Athletics, Swimming and Multi-skills. Due to COVID their course will look a little different this year but this will not dampen their enthusiasm to develop the vital skills that will support them through to the next stages of their lives and into employment.

**Mrs Fisher:**  
**Community Learning Lead/PE Department**





## CNS welcomes our new Year 7s



Our new Year 7 students have made a fantastic start to their school careers at CNS and have been enjoying new academic challenges, participating in lots of extra-curricular activities and having the opportunity to form new friendship groups. They are already proving to be a

resourceful, hardworking and highly-motivated group of students who we are confident will excel over the next few years.

The Year 7s were asked to write a letter to their respective primary schools to let their former teachers and schoolmates know about their

experience at Chipping Norton School so far. It is pleasing to see that the students are enjoying their time at school and have many positive things to say about new subjects they are encountering for the first time, clubs they have joined, and new friends that they have made.

Lauchlan wrote, "So far I have been very excited about being in secondary school. It's been so much fun and I've met so many new people and made lots of new friends. It's just a blast and there are so many challenges to face. We also get access to lots of new equipment."

## Library News



The school library is fast becoming a favourite place for the Year 7s to enjoy during breaktimes and fortnightly Accelerated Reader lessons. Students are enjoying having a friendly place to relax and read, play board games, or tackle their all important homework.

The students are enjoying the freedom of having so many wonderful books to borrow and are managing to pass many book quizzes as part of their Accelerated Reader lessons. Congratulations are due to Oona Nicol and Harriet Pike who have already become 'Word Millionaires'.

The library staff have been overwhelmed by the number of students volunteering to train to become student library helpers and the 20 students that regularly come along to the weekly Friday lunchtime reading club.

**Ms Bovington: Librarian**

## What's on at CNS

### TERM 2 NOVEMBER

#### Wk 9

Mon 2 Term begins  
Autumn season 2020 GCSEs begin  
Y4/5 AIM D & T Virtual Workshops begin

Y5/6 Cross Country Running at CNS (various dates this term)  
Tues 3 University entrance exams

#### Wk 10

Mon 9 Y13 rehearsal exams begin  
Tues 10 Y5/6 Street Dance (Kingham/Charlbury) all day

Wed 11 Y5/6 Street Dance (Chadlington, Middle Barton, CNS) all day

Thur 12 Y5/6 Street Dance (St Marys, Holy Trinity, Great Tew, Hook Norton) all day

#### Wk 13

### DECEMBER

Tues 1 Scholastic Book Fair (at school for 1 week)

Thur 3 Y5/6 CNPS Lit Quiz (Virtual 15:30-17:00)

#### Wk 14

Thur 10 Virtual Sixth Form Open Evening

#### Wk 15

Mon 14 Celebration Assemblies all week  
Fri 18 Non-school uniform day for Aspire  
END OF TERM

### JANUARY

Mon 4 INSET DAY

Tues 5 INSET DAY

Wed 6 TERM BEGINS



## CHIPPING NORTON SCHOOL Extratime

Could you join our team of Extra-Curricular tutors and coaches?

We are extremely proud of our Extra-Time provision at Chipping Norton School offering sports, cookery and drama clubs after school. We are currently looking to extend the range of activities we offer and would be really keen to speak with you if you have expertise or hobbies which you could share with young people in our school. Also, if you know of a person in our community who would be well suited to running an after school club please pass this information on to them.

All of our tutors and coaches are subject to the necessary statutory checks; we offer a good hourly rate and a supportive induction. Clubs run after school and during term time only.

If you would like further details, please contact Sharon Hannis  
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