



CNSNewsletter

UK Space Design Competition



On the weekend 19th-21st March, ten Year 10 students took part in the national finals of the UK Space Design Competition. The dream team of students were Jack Loweth, Evan Wollerton, Morgan Wollerton, Charlotte Nunneley, Abigail Nunneley, Cadence James, Thomas Adnams, Joanna Pike, Benji Lawson and Finn Bradbury.

Students participated in Microsoft Teams meetings with students across the country to design a base on the surface of Venus. Ordinarily the weekend would have been held at Imperial College, London, but with Covid restrictions the event was held virtually.

Sadly our team didn't win, but we held ourselves up very well against stiff competition from A-Level students. We are hoping to win next year's competition, where we get another chance to go to NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida!

Mr Turvey: Physics

COMIC RELIEF at CNS



The staff and students at CNS recognised that it is even more important to help and support others this year and threw themselves wholeheartedly into the spirit of Red Nose Day.

Members of the Student School Council sold over 400 'Send a Smile' postcards and packets of sweets to students for £1. Students wrote personalised messages or funny jokes on the postcards and the student councillors delivered the postcards to tutor rooms on Red Nose Day.

We also held a non-uniform day to raise additional funds. Each student made a contribution of at least £1 to come to school in their own clothes.

The 'Bad Dad' jokes movie created by Beth Blackwell (Year 13) featured our staff kickstarted the registration and showed students you do not always have to take yourself too seriously. Laughing at yourself and with others can be both enjoyable and cathartic...especially when the world around you is so uncertain.

Everyone was very generous with their donations and we were delighted to be able to send over £1400 to Comic Relief.

Mrs De Bruyn: Assistant Head



World Book Day and BookWeek @ CNS

Book Week is always a special highlight in the school calendar and, despite lockdown, this year was no exception. We were pleased to be able to offer an array of interesting and fun activities for students across the whole school to enjoy.

We were delighted to be able to offer our students a selection of 100 great books to celebrate World Book Day 2021. The books were tied to the railings outside of school and students were invited to come up to school and choose a new book (plus a few chocolatey treats!). Demand for the books was very high and all of the books had found new readers by lunchtime. We are very grateful to Jaffé & Neale for helping us with this special event.

Year 7, 8 and 9 enjoyed author talks by Liz Pichon, Victoria Schwab and Lisa Thompson this week as part of our Book Week celebrations.

Liz Pichon (author of the *Tom Gates* series) gave an entertaining talk about how her journey to becoming a world-famous author started from being a keen writer as a child. She also demonstrated how to draw her unique style of doodle cartoons.

Victoria Schwab spoke about how her love of spooky stories and travel helped her write her fantastic '*City of Ghosts*' series of books, and Lisa Thompson delivered a talk about how the plots to her mystery books (*Goldfish Boy*, *The Light Jar*) are driven by the characters that she creates.



The students enjoyed hearing about the authors' fantastic books and their journeys to becoming successful writers. We are grateful to Scholastic for organising and hosting these virtual live events for schools to enjoy during lockdown.

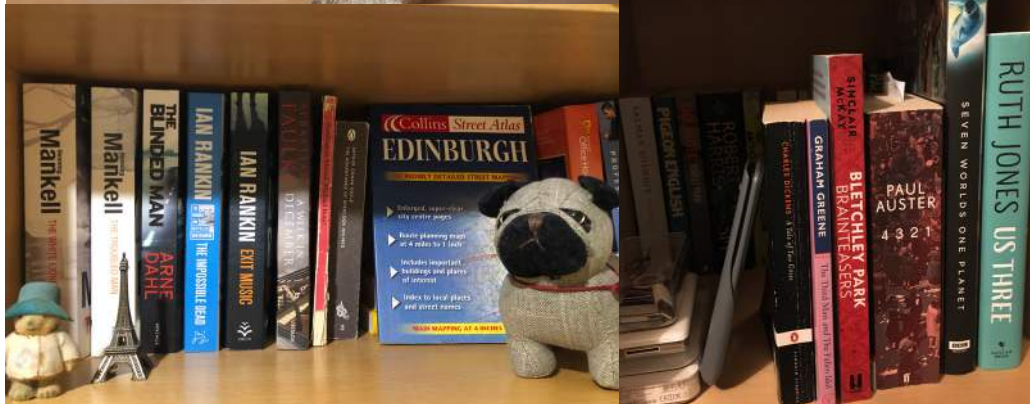
We challenged our students to identify twelve members of the teaching staff by scouring the contents of their book shelves for cryptic clues. Many students submitted correct entries (our students certainly know a lot about their teachers!) but a joint entry by Molly Smith and Rio Dumbleton (both Year 11) was picked as the winning entry. We are very grateful to all the teachers who were happy to share their 'Shelfies'.

Students were asked to transform humble potatoes into well-known book characters for World Book Day. The standard of entries was very high and we loved seeing all the photos. The judges decided to award prizes to two winners, Dolly (Katniss Everdeen) and Isabella (Three Little Pigs) in Year 7.

We are very grateful to 10 of our Senior Students in Year 13 who videorecorded themselves reading brilliant and funny picture books. The videos were sent to 10 local primary schools for staff to share with their youngest pupils on World Book Day. The Sixth Formers read with great enthusiasm and creativity and we are confident that the younger children will be encouraged to enjoy learning to read books as a result.

Thank you to Charlie, Lola, Maisie, Holly, Charlie, Katie, Olivia, Molly, Santi and Tristan.

Ms Bovington: Librarian



Extratime Clubs:

Meet our coaches

We are delighted to offer Extra-Time Clubs at Chipping Norton School. Our Extra-Time Clubs are run by teachers or external coaches for a duration of ten weeks starting in Terms 1, 3 and 5. These will start after the Easter break in the week beginning Monday 26 April. We are very excited to introduce you to our Extra-Time Coaches.

We have a wide range of clubs on offer and all of our coaches are highly skilled and committed to extending student interests and skills outside of the school day. The range of clubs is diverse, and encourages students to widen their skills, become confident, make friends and of course have lots of fun.

Signing up for a club is so easy, just follow these steps:

- A list of clubs can be found on our website (<https://chipping-norton.oxon.sch.uk/extra-curricular/extra-time/>).
- Students can sign up to these clubs by completing the online booking form and paying via ParentPay. Please note that a place will only be allocated once both the booking form has been completed and payment made.

Our club programme is being delivered in line with current Government guidelines and our school risk assessment. For this reason, each club session is open to one year group only. Please take note of this when booking.

For further information, please contact Sarah Fisher (Community Learning Lead): sfisher@chippingnortonschool.org



Carol Harvey – Art

I have been an artist since childhood, always drawing, painting and observing. I have exhibited work in the three African countries I have lived in and taught art in Zambia. I have taken many courses in art and art therapy and am a founding member of Chipping Norton Arts. I work in mixed media and am inspired by feelings and nature.'



Ben Evans - Badminton

Ex-Great Britain player Ben coaches Badminton at national level as well as local venues around Oxfordshire. He has been coaching students here at Chipping Norton School for 3 years, and is committed to encouraging young people to really enjoy Badminton, whilst extending their skills.



Ali du Crôs - Dance

Mrs du Crôs is Head of Dance and Drama and has worked at Chipping Norton School for 15 years. She loves Contemporary Dance and uses a range of other dance styles in her teaching. Mrs du Crôs also loves running trips to see live performances including musicals; her favourite musical is 'Wicked'.





Joe Jarvis - Football

Mr Jarvis has been running this popular club at Chipping Norton School for several years. The club is for both boys and girls and encourages students to develop ball skills and game play through the fast paced game of football. Mr Jarvis will take you through the skill drills and conditioned games. Everyone is welcome, beginner or more experienced.



Liz Jones - Healthy Cookery Coach

I've been leading Extra Time Healthy Cookery for about 15 years so have helped lots of students to gain confidence in the kitchen. In the past I've also taught Family Focus Cookery classes at CNS, and now teach Cookery at Charlbury Primary School and for Abingdon & Witney College.



Carol Hicks - Hockey

I am a qualified Level 2 Hockey Coach and I regularly play for Banbury Hockey Club. I coach at Banbury Hockey Club and at Enstone, Great Tew, Kingham, Great Rollright and Holy Trinity Primary schools working with Year 3 upwards. I have run Family Focus Hockey workshops at CNS; and have been the Extra Time Hockey Coach for over 10 years. It has been fantastic to coach and develop students through Years 7 - 13.



Pippa Phillips - LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art)

Pippa is on the committees for both the Chipping Norton Festival and the Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts.

Pippa now teaches LAMDA in 5 schools and 2 theatres including Theatre Studio at The Playhouse in Cheltenham and The Theatre, Chipping Norton. She auditions 'Pippins' for the annual Chipping Norton Panto, tutors pupils for drama scholarships, and auditions for National Youth Theatre and for Drama schools, all of which have extremely high success rates in the West End and TV appearances.

Pippa loves drama not only for the skills and creativity it can inspire and develop in people but for the confidence, clarity and friendships that it creates.



Yen-Yang - Origami

I was born in Hong Kong, but spent most of my adult life in England, including 25 years in Chipping Norton. My interest in origami began when I first visited Japan about 20 years ago, where it's a national hobby. I think it should also be a national hobby here, and so have been teaching this fascinating skill to others. I am delighted to share my passion with students at CNS.



Extra Time Clubs: Meet our coaches (continued...)



Janny Brocklebank – Pilates

My lovely day job is teaching French and German at CNS, but I also have been teaching pilates for a couple of years now. I love being active as well as spending time at home with my family and dog. Some students will have heard and seen a lot of Loki during our lockdown learning! He is a regular customer for my online pilates class as well.



Jason Varrie – Squash

Growing up in Zimbabwe I have been playing squash for nearly 30 years where I had the pleasure of representing my country at both junior and senior levels. The highlight of my squash career was representing my country at the 2003 All Africa Games. As well as being a full time squash coach I also compete in 3 different squash leagues in the top division and represent Oxfordshire in both squash and racketball.

I became a squash coach to help give back to a sport I have loved playing and to try to build squash back up to a thriving sport.



Eddie Rooft - Table Tennis

I am the current Gloucester County coach with a responsibility of developing junior talent and also mentoring and tutoring coaches.

I have captained South West regional teams to title wins at the National Inter Regional Championships at Junior level and I have coached and developed National Junior Champions in both singles and doubles.

I was Talent Development Coach and Head of the Community programme at the Bristol Academy of Sport and I am a Coach Tutor and Assessor for Table Tennis England.



Kate Gregory - Trampolining

I have been teaching trampolining for ten years; starting off as an assistant coach at a local club in Chipping Norton. In the last 3 years, I have been working as the Trampolining Coach at Chipping Norton School. I greatly enjoy the opportunity to work with students and watch them develop, leading them through the different levels of skill.



A selection of final artwork pieces from A Level and GCSE students

The Art Department will be collating all the beautiful artwork created by our A Level students into a special video exhibition. We look forward to sharing the video with the local community next term.

Mrs Corley: Head of Art



Ethan Bissett: Year 13



Bruce Arnold: Year 11



Maisie Frater: Year 13



Amie Cooper: Year 13

'Beyond Boundaries' Art Competition



Year 8 student Eva James' entry to the science-inspired art competition, *Beyond Boundaries*, has been included in the project's online exhibition. <https://www.oxfordsparks.ox.ac.uk/.../beyond-boundaries...>

The *Beyond Boundaries* project, originally funded by the University

of Oxford Diversity Fund, aims to increase the visibility of Oxford's Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) scientists and mathematicians, bridge the perceived divide between science and art, and further connect schools and local communities with the University. Students were challenged to create a piece of artwork inspired by research from six BAME scientists.

Eva's artwork titled 'Forcipomyia -the Mighty Midge' was inspired by Aché Atta-Boateng's research into the role these tiny insects play in pollinating the Cacao trees in Ghana.



The Baked Bean Challenge

During Lockdown 2, the Design and Technology department set a challenge to all students to create a culinary masterpiece showcasing the humble baked bean! The prize for the lucky winner was to win their height in cans of baked beans!

Over 100 students entered the competition and emailed photos of their finished creations - towers of beans in all shapes and sizes, students making and shaping their own cans from bread and making their own toast ice cream cones. Alfie's can of beans on toast made me giggle (see photo right)!

Choosing a winner was a difficult decision.



Winner of their height in beans is...

Hannah Proctor (Year 7) who won due to her amazing presentation skills. It really does look like a plate of food that you would get at a top restaurant.



Runner Up: Luke Bradford (Year 9), made his own bread and baked beans, demonstrating amazing skills.



Mr James:
Design & Technology

Thank you to Amazon Banbury

The CNS Site Team have been taking great care to ensure that every classroom and communal space in school has a continuous supply of hand sanitiser and surface wipes to help protect our students and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are very grateful to Tina Klinkova and Amazon Banbury for their free donation of hand sanitisers and disinfectant hand and surface wipes.

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