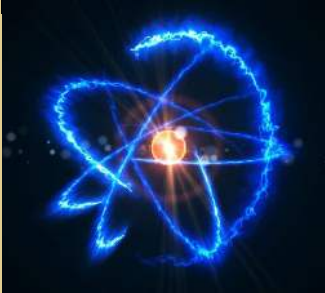




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British Junior Physics Olympiad



Fifteen of our Year 10s took part in the gruelling 2021 British Physics Olympiad, Junior Physics Challenge this term.

The Olympians had to sit two twenty-five minute, online, multiple choice papers based on an assortment from dynamics, electricity, optics, heat, units, astronomy, and waves. Some questions were answered by a process of elimination, some were based on general knowledge, and some from school curriculum. With only one stolen identity (remedied and totally innocent!) and no tears, each and every one emerged victoriously with medals of honour!

So here's a shout out to our out-of-this-world award-winning physics superstars! Archie Street, Abigail Nunneley, Charlotte Nunneley, Millie Chettleborough, Cadence James, Evan Wollerton, Thomas Adnams, Arthur Webb, Jack Loweth, Joanna Pike, Benji Lawson, Morgan Wollerton, Tom Robinson, Maisie Taylor, and Sammy Jenkins.

Mrs Eakins:
Head of Physics

Sunny Sports Day Returns!

Friday 16th July saw the return of Sports Day, albeit it looked a little different than in previous years. Students competed in tutor groups instead of houses which added an extra rivalry among friends! Each year group was allocated a period to compete in High Jump, Long Jump, Howler Throw, Shot Putt and the 800m. Period 5 then saw competitors out on the track to finish the day with 100m, 200m and the relays. Many school athletics records were broken including:

Year 7 Shot - Oliver Hyde Year 7 Howler Throw - Stan Jackman Year 7 Long Jump - Aidan Williams

Year 8 Long Jump - Thomas Chettleborough Year 8 Howler - Faye Dyer (Girls) and Sandy Motley (Boys) Year 8 Shot - Lola Korszewski (Girls) and Toby Norman (Boys)

Year 9 800m - Turner Jones

Year 10 High Jump and 800m - Archie Street

On what was one of the hottest days of the year huge credit must go to all students for their efforts.

Winners

Year 7 - 7JHM

Year 8 - 8JLT

Year 9 - 9SJB

Year 10 - 10HKS

Mr Thomas: Head of PE



A return to Sporting Competitions!



On Tuesday 15th June we saw the long awaited return of sporting fixtures for the girls. We hosted Henry Box School for rounders matches for the Year 7, 8 and 9 teams. On a lovely sunny afternoon we witnessed some fantastic games, where both schools showed incredible skills and great sportspersonship. After nearly a year without competitive sport, the smiles on the faces of the

students (and teachers!) showed just how amazing it is to be back and have these opportunities. Chipping Norton won all three matches.

On Thursday 24th June the Year 7 girls football team travelled to Carterton Community College for their first fixture. Some fantastic football was on display and the honours were shared as it ended in a

1-1 draw. The team came second at the recent Oxfordshire School Games.

The Year 7 boys' team played Henry Box in their first football match of the year and came away victorious.

On Monday 21st June the PE department was fortunate enough to receive training on how to teach Lacrosse, another sport we will

now be able to offer our students. A number of our Year 11s came along too so that they could help with primary events next year as they enter Year 12 and start their CSLA course.

We look forward to many more sporting opportunities and fixtures when we return in September.

Miss Pinfold:
PE Department



Important Dates

September

Wk 1

Wed 1 Staff INSET day

Thurs 2 1st KS3 LF testing
in Sports Hall
0830 - 1630

Fri 3 1st KS4 LF testing
in Sports Hall 0830 -
1630

Wk 2

Mon 6 2nd KS3 LF testing
in Sports Hall
0830 - 1630

Tues 7 2nd KS4 LF testing
in Sports Hall 0830 -
1630

First day of term KS3

Wed 8 First day of term KS4
and KS5

October

Wk 5

Fri 1 Staff INSET day

Wk 8

Thur 21 Staff INSET day

Fri 22 Staff INSET day
End of term

Year 7 student Wilf continues his Cyclocross success



Wilf Jones in Year 7 competes for Beeline Bicycles in Oxford. He races for their U14 team in cyclocross which consists of racing as many laps of a short course featuring pavement, wooded trails, grass, steep hills and obstacles requiring the rider to quickly dismount, carry the bike while navigating the obstruction and remount.

On 9th June he competed at Reading against many other riders senior to him. Wilf came 3rd out of 29 other competitors.

Wilf competes every Wednesday evening throughout the summer, in the past Wilf has been the Wessex (South & West England) Leader and has won every event. He hopes to do the same this season and aspires to compete at the Nationals in 2 years' time.

Mrs Tandy: PE Department

Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions: Let the adventures begin!



Over this summer term, almost 170 students completed their expeditions for the Duke of Edinburgh Award; 2-4 days out in the countryside, learning about themselves, team work and the world in which they live.

It all started with 94 students completing both a practice and assessed expedition for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. They walked for 24 hours over the course of four days, traversing the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. They reported that the best parts were enjoying each other's company and getting to know the countryside. A parent of one of the Year 9 students said it was "a real boost" to their child's confidence.

Less than two weeks later and the Year 10 Silver Award students were out and about on their own

expeditions - 39 students walking for 5 days for 45 hours in total. They reported back that "The vibes are eggcellent" (Eleanor H., Year 10 - pardon the pun - inside joke) and "We feel like the Famous Five but without the smugglers" (Millie C., Year 10). Whilst their hard work led to mild hysteria, it enabled these students to enjoy a few days in the great British outdoors.

There is more to come, with returning Year 12 and 13 students aiming to complete their Gold Award at the end of July. They will be embarking on a 7 day canoeing/ camping expedition along the River Severn from Llandrinio in Powys to Bridgnorth in Shropshire - a very challenging trip!

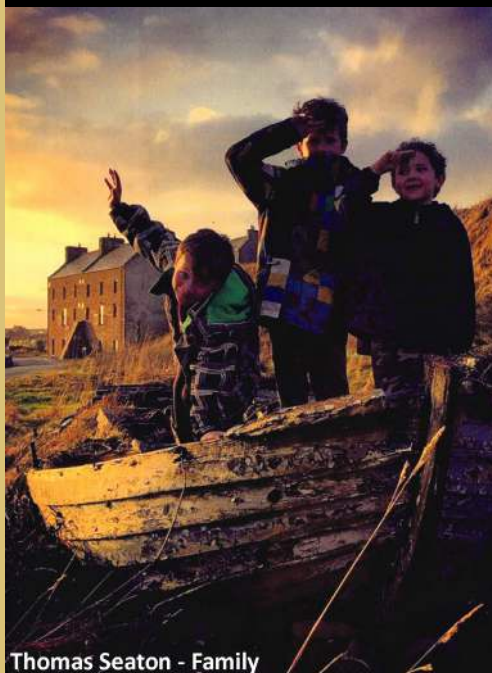
Safe to say, it has been an "enlightening" (Joe W., Year 10) and "refreshing" (Jamie R., Year 10)

experience. We can't wait to do it all again next year and we would like to thank all the staff, governors and parents who have supported our students this term.

**Miss Skill:
English Department and
D of E Volunteer**



'19 ways to capture life after lockdown' Photography competition



Thomas Seaton - Family

Last term the Art Department launched a photography competition across the school to promote wellbeing and the end of lockdown. This has been a very difficult year and we wanted to focus on some positivity. The response was fantastic and we were very impressed with the standard of the photos submitted.

We were very lucky to have local Photographer Andrew Ogilvy on the judging panel along with Georgia Mazower, Mayor of Chipping Norton.

After long deliberation the winner and runners up were chosen. We would like to say a huge congratulations to the following students: Tom Seaton (First prize), Emily Monelle (Second prize), Carys Silverthorne-Wright (Third prize), Jack Loweth (Fourth prize) and Millie Benfield (Fifth prize).

To celebrate the success of the competition and showcase the amazing photographs submitted they will now be displayed in a number of shop windows around Chipping Norton over the summer holidays.

A map outlining the photography trail showing the shops and businesses displaying the students' work can be viewed on the school facebook page. Photographs can be seen in the following local businesses: Mr Simms' Olde Sweet Shoppe, The Crown and Cushion, Cotswold Newsagents, Wild At Heart, Mighty Pie Company, Mash Lifestyle, Sue Ryder, Nash's Bakery, The Tea Set, Tickittyboo, Bippity Boo and The Fibreworks.

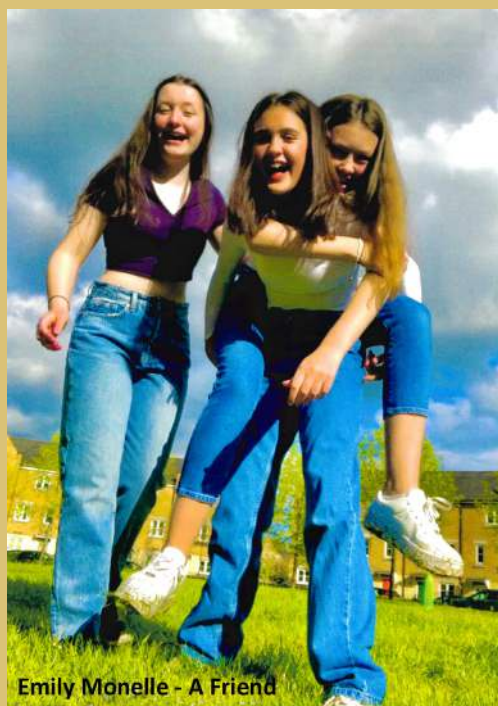
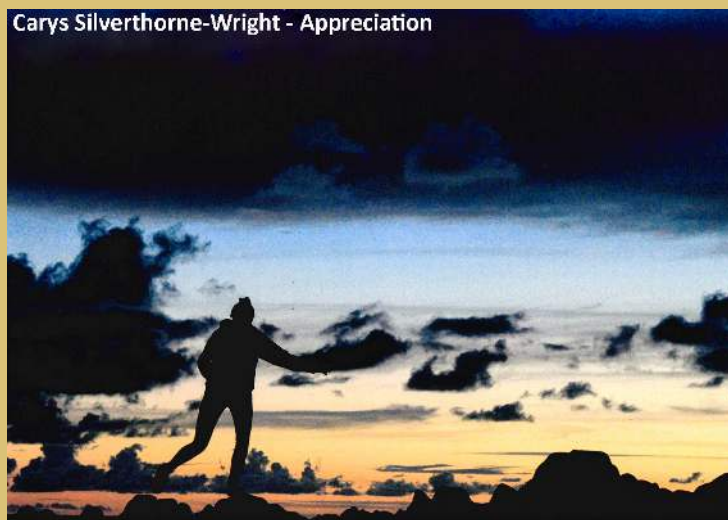
We would like to say a huge thank you to those who took part in the competition, to the shops and businesses that have agreed to display the work, to Kopyrite Printers who printed off all the photos free of charge and finally the wonderful judges.

Mrs Corley and Ms Dunn: Art Department



Millie Benfield - Happiness

Carys Silverthorne-Wright - Appreciation



Emily Monelle - A Friend



Jack Loweth - Beauty

Year 7s 'Play in a Day' workshop



Banbury's youth-focused Cherwell Theatre Company invited students at Chipping Norton School to stage a 'Play in a Day'. The play, 'The Changing Room' by Chris Bush, was rehearsed over a school day with students working in collaboration with professional theatre-makers, then performed at The Theatre, Chipping Norton.

Set in and around a swimming pool, 'The Changing Room' follows a group of teenagers full of excitement, impatience and uncertainty. They know change is coming, but not what it will look like.

This hilarious yet thought-provoking production explores transition and the onset of adolescence and was presented in partnership with The Theatre Chipping Norton and West Oxfordshire District Council.

Here is what one Year 7 student, Lauchlan felt about the experience:

"When my friends and I heard about 'Play in a Day' our immediate thought was that it might be good to have an excuse to get out of some lessons but when we read through the letter and thought about all the great experiences we could get out of it, it was like the cherry on top and since we would be doing something we loved, acting, we quickly signed up.

When we arrived at our first practice session, we all only knew maybe 1 or 2 of the other students there and were a bit pessimistic about how we were going to work together but by the end of the first session we were familiar with everyone there and had time to run through the script which was an added bonus. I think I speak for everyone when I say that Tristan and Diana from The Cherwell Theatre Company were very helpful and everyone involved in it gave it 110 percent. We all loved the experience and can't wait for the next opportunity to do something similar. I would also heavily recommend that even people who don't do much acting join because it can give you a real confidence boost as well as help you make

new friends. It also is a great way to introduce yourself to the world of acting.

When the day finally came that we were to perform on stage at The Theatre we were all pumped and ready for it; that was until the crowd appeared and then we were all rattled with nerves. However, when we appeared on stage as a group we kept perfect composure and didn't falter once which made the play run very smoothly and I am very proud to say that the entire group received great feedback after and got lots of congratulations from teachers and students alike. It was a great experience and I can't wait to appear on the stage again with, hopefully, a group as good as the one I had during the 'Play in a Day'."



"The play was really good and I enjoyed watching it immensely. The plot was interesting and everyone tried really hard. I know that one of my friends had bad stage fright however she still went and performed amazingly well. I liked how even if they messed up they carried on and did not stop trying to do their best. I liked how all of the people involved had an impact on the script and what happened in the play. They all did brilliantly and I would like to take part if they do another 'Play in a Day'."

Dolly Ogier: Year 7 Audience Member



U11 Football Festival



Term 6 kicked off with our Partnership U11 Football Tournament led by our outstanding Year 12 leaders. We ran four tournaments simultaneously and Year 5 and Year 6 pupils donned their shin pads and team shirts for a fantastic afternoon of 7-a-side Football. Our leaders were so impressed with the level of teamwork shown by our primary pupils, especially considering the year that they have had.

Enstone won both the girls' and boys' tournaments for small schools and Kingham won the girls' tournament for big schools and St. Mary's won the boys' tournament for big schools.

Well done to all pupils who receive our special 'Sporting Champion Certificates' awarded for great teamwork throughout the tournament.

AIM Workshops: Science & Maths



'Body Experiments - How your brain is a big fat liar' was the title of Dr Hagan's Able, Interested and Motivated Science workshop. It was our absolute pleasure to invite pupils from our Partnership schools, as nominated by their teachers, to attend this virtual workshop.

AIM workshops are designed to stretch and challenge pupils and encourage them to work hard and set their sights high. Dr Hagan demonstrated a series of experiments which pupils were able to recreate at home with a small list of household items. The experiments included, moving arms through the floor; making your body move in the opposite direction to the one you want it to; turning one marble into two; growing a sixth finger; seeing things that are not there; and putting a hole through your hand!

It was really special to see the absolute amazement on their faces, albeit through the screen and then just as special to see the light bulb moments when Dr Hagan explained the science behind their findings. Thank you Dr Hagan.

It was fantastic to receive such a good uptake for our Able, Interested and Motivated Maths workshop and to be able to see so many young minds with a thirst for knowledge, even after a long day at school!

Miss Kearns chose a superb topic to spark awe and wonder in all things mathematical. The title of the workshop was '**Pi and Probability**'; pupils were taken on a journey through time following the efforts of mankind to calculate pi. Along the way there were activities for them to participate in at home like scattering match sticks and calculating the probability that a match would cover a line of their grid. The journey ended with a surprising link to nature and learning about some phenomenal cave dwelling ants who use pi every day. It was fantastic to read the students' comments in the chat function 'consider my mind blown' was one of our favourites. Thank you so much to Miss Kearns.

LAMDA Examinations



On Sunday 18th July, 5 students from Year 9 - Florence Pearce, Emma Church, Nathan Coleman, Alex Jackson and Cerys Moss, accompanied by Mrs Fisher and Miss Elvin traveled to Birmingham to participate in their LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic arts) exam.

We performed an extract from 'Scary Play' by Judith Johnson, and had great fun and are hoping to receive an excellent grade!

Cerys Moss: Year 9

Orienteering Festival



What better way to become familiar with new surroundings than an Orienteering event on the school field! Our Year 12 students were really stretched with this event having not ever offered it before. They were tasked with designing learning activities to develop basic orienteering skills followed by a competition for our Year 5 primary pupils. Our leaders did exceptionally well and the orienteering festival ran very smoothly.

Our value for the festival was 'respect' and it was very powerful at the end to hear our leaders award 'Sporting Champion Certificates' to those pupils showing high levels of respect throughout the event.

Thank you to the primary school staff and pupils for visiting us again and we hope you enjoyed the opportunity. A particularly nice conversation was had between leader and primary staff member when the leader thanked the school for the pupils being so encouraging to each other even in the warm up and the staff member thanking the leader for being such a good role model. That's what it's all about!

Virtual Athletics

Primary schools have been sprinting, running, jumping and throwing to participate in our annual Virtual Athletics competition this year. Whilst the competition recognises performances in each event it also celebrates all round athletic ability and provides team results.

Well done to all primary staff for coordinating the collection of results. The winning small school was Enstone and the winning big school was St. Mary's.

Mrs Fisher: Community Learning Lead

Year 11 have a ball of a time at Heythrop!



On July 9th the Year 11's had their final farewell to compulsory school life at Chipping Norton School. It is fair to say they went out in style as they arrived at their Prom in sports cars, vintage cars, lorry cabs and the obligatory Chipping Norton tractor parade.

As a school we have felt a great need to offer a prom this year after a difficult 18 months for students due to Covid-19. We wanted them to have the opportunity to socialise with their peers and enjoy an evening they will always remember fondly for years to come.

Within the current restrictions we explained that there would have to be certain modifications in order to adhere to government guidelines. We have ensured students take regular LFT's and we have adapted risk assessments on a daily basis, while also having 119 on speed dial for assistance.

We are pleased to say that the evening was a great success. There were a number of fashion triumphs with some fantastic dresses and dapper suits on display on the Heythrop red carpet. It was a fantastic event and I was so pleased to see so many smiling, happy students.

I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Cottrell and the ladies of the Prom committee for their hard work behind the scenes in creating such an amazing event, as well as the staff who attended as chaperones for the evening and Mr Turvey who agreed to take the official photos. I would also like to thank the students for their impeccable behaviour on the evening.

I wish all the Year 11's the very best, as they move onto their next steps.

Mr Robinson: Head of Year 11



Zoom Concert with BGT Star!



On 10th June, Year 7 were treated to a Zoom concert given especially for us by Shona Beecham, one of Britain's Got Talent 2020 semi-finalists.

Shona is a violin student from Aylesbury who is in her second year at the Royal Academy of Music in London. She contacted our school with the offer of a free concert in order to give something back to the community and to motivate and inspire young people to take up a musical instrument.

Shona performed last year on BGT, leading the Chineke! Junior Orchestra from the violin. The motto of the Chineke! Orchestra is 'Championing change and celebrating diversity in classical music'.

In our concert, Shona performed works by Mozart, Khachaturian and also 'Elfentanz' by Florence Price. This last piece was of particular interest as Price (1887-1953) is noted as being the first African-American woman to be recognised as a symphonic composer, and the first to have had a composition played by a major orchestra.

Shona chatted to our students and answered questions during the concert. The Year 7s were very impressed to hear that Shona practises between four and six hours every day!

We hope that the concert inspired lots of our Year 7s to start playing a musical instrument! We are looking forward to hearing from them in the future!

Miss Johnson: Music Department

The Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators



The Queen's College (University of Oxford) Translation Exchange launched a brand new competition for schools in Autumn Term 2020. The competition is inspired by the life and work of the great translator Anthea Bell. It aims to promote language learning across the UK and to inspire creativity in the classroom.

Anthea Bell OBE was an English translator of literary works, including children's literature, from French, German and Danish. These include *The Castle* by Franz Kafka, *Austerlitz* by W. G. Sebald, the *Inkworld* trilogy by Cornelia Funke and the French *Asterix* comics along with co-translator Derek Hockridge.

Year 7s and 8s from Chipping Norton School took part in this exciting creative translation competition and we had some strong entries. Five winning entries were chosen from each year group and we had great feedback on our students' work.

The school winners were as follows:

Year 7 German: Taylor Hogan and Archie Orrock, William Stanton and Sangid Rahman, Ned Busby and Stan Jackman, Evie Blackwell, Harriet Pike and Oona Nicol.

Year 8 German: George Belcher, Oliver Hayes, James Price and Ossie Knox, Jessica Cunningham, Sandy Motley.

Year 7 French: Amelia Hergt.

Year 8 French: Jessica Benham, Chloe Bristow, Anna Castle, Mario Buga, Lottie Heath.

These winning school entries were then entered into the South East regional competition.

Well done to Jessica Benham whose entry was commended at French level 2 and a huge well done to Harriet and Oona who not only won the South East regional competition for German Level 1 but were runners up in the national competition.

Miss Richmond: MFL Department



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