



David Jones, Midland Felt Roofing about Roman Jones

"It was a pleasure to have Roman here for the week. He was on time every day, he turned up with a smile on his face and was eager to please (which he did). He put maximum effort into all that he did and asked very good questions. He showed real initiative when going through and undertaking tasks, solving problems and using things he learnt earlier in the week...we would have him back at the drop of a hat."

Clare O'Hara, The Theatre Chipping Norton about Lilly Jakeman

"We had a fantastic time having Lilly here at the Theatre and she was absolutely brilliant. I filled out her work experience diary but just wanted to take a minute to say what an incredible addition she was to the team for the week – completing every task with thoughtfulness and creativity, and treating every task with the same care from clearing out the cupboard to preparing an activity for a young people's workshop."



Year 10 Work Experience

We are pleased to celebrate another successful work experience programme for CNS students. This year 152 Year 10 students participated in work experience from the 3 – 7 July.

86% of students found places in Oxfordshire businesses with many going to small local businesses. These businesses have been fantastic and continue to support the school, year on year offering great opportunities for students.

We had some generous employers who took more than one student, an example of this was the Alpine F1 team in Enstone who were very supportive and took 3 students, rotating them around different departments.

This year we had students placed as far afield as Cheltenham, Coventry, Ingoldmells (near Skegness), London, Surrey and Brighton.

We would like to thank all those employers who gave their precious time and kindly offered work placements for our students. It gives our students an invaluable insight into the world of work and we really appreciate their support.



What some of our students said:

Oliver Henderson who went to Arcadis UK (Holdings) Ltd in London.

"My work experience placement has helped me to firm up my career plans by showing me that I am less interested in Civil Engineering and Construction but I was more inspired by the Software Engineering team."

Niamh Hewitt-Gray who went to the Oxford Playhouse.

"I still want a career in acting and the theatre, but now I am considering taking a Joint Honours Degree in Drama and Modern Languages."

Henry Clements who went to Oxford United Football Club.

"I now realise how much dedication and hard work I will need to get the role I want. I want an apprenticeship as soon as I leave school as I have noticed how good working in an enjoyable environment is."

We have had a number of companies who have already offered apprenticeships to our students. What an amazing outcome!

Well done Year 10!

Mr Parker: Careers Lead CNS

A Final Farewell to Year 11s

What a day we had after the last full cohort exam on Wednesday, 14 July! After a gruelling Maths exam, the Year 11s were treated to a pizza and chips buffet in the KS4 canteen. We started the day with commemorative shirt signing where messages of 'good luck' were written by friends and staff on students' school shirts. After a hearty lunch, the Leaver's Assembly took place in a packed Lecture Theatre. Photos from the past and present were submitted by students and put to music for a moving and memorable presentation. Recorded farewell messages from teachers were met with laughs and applause by the Year 11s as they really appreciated the time the staff took to prepare their goodbyes. Finally, last heartfelt words from form tutors and the Headteacher gave the year group a sense of just how special and talented they are and how their futures are so bright.

It was now time for the highly anticipated and hugely competitive football match between the Year 11 boys. Two teams squared off for an epic battle of skill and determination, refereed by Mr Doherty. The teams were evenly matched, but it ended in a 2-1 victory for the team in black shirts. The ice cream truck rounded off the afternoon with cool treats for everyone.

A night of Hollywood Glamour at the Cotswold Hotel and Spa was truly special. Students arrived in style: on bicycles, in garbage bins, in BMWs & Bentleys and riding high on tractors.

Once inside the ballroom, students were treated to a red-carpet evening with a Selfie Pod to capture the evening in photos, a sumptuous three-course meal and a DJ to dance the night away. Students participated in an awards ceremony, voting for their friends in a variety of both silly and serious categories. There were cheers and laughs galore for the nominees and winners! The evening was 'capped off' by a head shaving event benefitting cancer research. Such an altruistic group!

Our final event to celebrate the end of the year with our Year 11 students was a day at Thorpe Park. There were screams, thrills and soaking wet fun for those adventurers. It was a fun day spent with friends, roaming the grounds and enjoying the exciting rides. It was bittersweet as we all said our farewells after a long day and fabulous year.

We wish our Year 11s all the best for an exciting future filled with opportunity. Enjoy the summer and we hope to see you all on Results Day!

Mrs Lee: Assistant Head of Year 11



SPORTS NEWS



Athletics

Archie and Oscar Street and Aidan Williams represented Oxfordshire at the ESAA Regional Multi-Events Athletics competition. Archie and Aidan both qualified for the National Finals in September.

Over 60 CNS students travelled to Oxford to compete at the annual Athletics competition between the 7 schools in West Oxfordshire. (Burford, Bartholomew, Wood Green, Henry Box, Marlborough, Carterton and Chipping Norton School).

Students in Years 7-10 competed in all the throwing, jumping and running events finishing with the 4 x 100m relays.

Further to this a few of our students broke records; a great achievement considering the competition goes back to 2007!

Year 7 boys 800m: Robson Nutt 2:33

Year 7 boys relay team

Year 8 boys relay team

Year 7 girls 100m: Ella Tinkham 13.87

All our students represented CNS brilliantly but we would like to particularly mention those students who displayed the value of courage by competing in the gruelling 1500m race; Isla Hayes, Sam McCabe, Amaya Evans and Tilly Thorpe.

West Oxfordshire Rounders Tournaments

Year 7: Runners Up

Year 8: Winners!

Cricket

Year 7 have had a fantastic season reaching the semi-final of the Oxfordshire league where they narrowly lost to Oxford Spirees.

Year 9 have also done remarkably well winning 3 of their league games to reach the semi-finals against Burford. After an excellent batting display where Matt Sykes, Will Harvey and Dylan Sparvell all scored more than 20 runs each, CNS finished on 137-9. Some terrific bowling and excellent catching in the field meant that

Oxfordshire Artweek



We were really excited that artwork produced by last year's GCSE and A Level students was exhibited at Wise Investments' offices at Chalford Park Barns as part of Oxfordshire Artweek.

The Artwork on display had been collected from last year's Year 11 students taking GCSE Art and Year 13 students taking A Level Art. The visitors to the exhibition were very impressed with the talent on display.

One of our talented artists, Luke Sampson (12RPL) commented "I was very grateful to have my artwork on display at Oxfordshire Artweeks. It was a proud moment to see my piece up among other pieces of amazing art. I really enjoy producing artwork, but to have it on display and have someone actually buy my GCSE piece was incredible!"

Burford were restricted to 77 runs resulting in CNS reaching the final against Lord Williams School on Wednesday 18th July.

The highlight of the sporting year is without doubt the annual Sports Day. The students competed in a variety of field and track events throughout the day. Not only were many records broken but the spirit of the day was fantastic, with the whole school supporting and encouraging each other to do their best. The overall winner of this year's competition was Stour, with Evenlode coming in second. Glyme were third and Windrush were placed fourth. Well done to all the competitors.

Mr Thomas: Head of PE

Alumni News: A Tale of Two Tailbys!



As someone who enjoyed school and education in general, it was clear that university was the next logical step for me. Oxbridge was out of the question, and it didn't matter to me whether I applied for a normal university compared to a more prestigious Russell Group institution. I wanted to find a

university that felt right for me so I could enjoy myself as much as I could and ultimately, feel at home. I realised that I would much rather enjoy spending three years at a lower ranked university than spend time in a place that wasn't for me, ending up with the same degree result.

After a few open days all over the country I settled on Bangor in North Wales. Growing up in Chippy meant that the prospect of living in a large city wasn't desirable, so I stuck to my roots by moving to a small place in a rural area. The university appeared very supportive (and they were, they offered every student a place regardless of A-level grades during the first Covid lockdown and gave every student some money during the second lockdown), the lecturers were engaging and the proximity to the sea and Snowdonia was an appealing prospect too.

Moving away from home and going to university may sound like a scary prospect, and there's no doubt it is a big jump to make. This may be a cliché, but everyone is in the same position. There are endless ways to meet people, regardless of your hobbies, interests, and personality. I found that spending three years with like-minded individuals is a unique and thoroughly enjoyable experience, both on the learning and social side.

I recently graduated with a first-class Psychology BSc from Bangor University and will be continuing my studies by doing a postgraduate course in Applied Psychology and Economic Behaviour at the University of Bath next academic year. Those who are studying Psychology at A-level will know it is a constantly evolving science which covers a huge range of topics. Therefore, like A-levels, an undergraduate degree gives an overview of a multitude of areas. By doing a postgraduate year, I hope to develop a deeper understanding of one part of psychological research: human decision-making.

University may not be the right path for everyone, and promoting alternative career routes is extremely beneficial. However, university gave me countless great memories and invaluable life skills; I'm so glad I made the decision to go. The main message of this is that if you do decide to attend university, consider the area and city you will be moving to, not just the university. You will be living there, not just learning there.

Sam Tailby

I left CNS in 2019, after seven years at the school and sixth form, heading to study Maths at university. I had always been confident that this would be the next step beyond school for me; I always enjoyed the subject in school and once UCAS opened, I was one of the first to send in my applications.



Despite a clear next step, getting that far hadn't always been easy. Throughout my GCSE years I struggled with poor mental health, and at times it wasn't clear whether finishing school this way would be achievable at all. Thankfully, due to support and adjustments both outside and inside the school I was able to continue, with conditions gradually but surely improving, so I was able to complete my exams. I secured a place at my second choice university, the University of Bath, and started in late 2019.

Almost as soon as I had settled in at Bath, picked up some new hobbies and solidified friendships, the COVID-19 pandemic unfortunately hit. Like most people I spent an unexpected extra six months back home, during which I started to think about career options. While I was confident in going to university I was much less certain on what came next, and after talking to PhD students and academics I decided staying in academia wasn't for me. Eventually I chose to join the Industrial Placement scheme at Bath, which many of my friends were also on and is strongly encouraged by the university. Through this I secured a year's contract at the Sainsbury's head office in London, as a Data Scientist working on predictive statistical tools for marketing. I had a really positive experience, met some lovely people and developed my confidence significantly. Returning to Bath to finish my final year of study in the 'post-pandemic' world, I was sure I wanted to return to something similar so applied to other industries I was most interested in over the course of the year.

Now, a couple of months after graduating with a first, I live in a little flat with my girlfriend near the centre of Bath. I've just started a new job at Nationwide Building Society in Data and AI, working on some really interesting (to me, anyway...) statistical models on credit management and economic crime detection.

Through my time at university I developed great friendships and relationships, as well as gaining a longer term career plan. The opportunities that started at CNS and developed from there have led me much further than I thought I would be able to come aged 16.

Oli Tailby

Sixth Form News: We wave goodbye to our amazing Year 13s



At the end of May, Mr Ward (Head of Sixth Form) led a moving and celebratory final assembly with our Year 13s.

After their exams had finished they enjoyed a wonderful Leavers' Ball at the Oxford Boathouse - one final opportunity for them to enjoy one another's company as an entire group.

The students were well-prepared to fulfil their potential and enthusiastic to move onto their next adventures.

Luke and Charlie Sampson entered the international 'Minds Underground' essay competition. Over 2000 students from across the globe demonstrated their writing skills

and ability to construct effective arguments about subjects beyond the school curriculum. Luke was a runner up in the Senior Mathematics category. The title of his essay was 'What is a number?...No, but what is it really?'. Luke explored the philosophical side of mathematics by learning about some influential mathematicians from the past. Charlie's essay 'Why do we move forwards in time?' was highly commended in the Physics category. Both students enjoyed competing in this challenge and felt that they benefitted from the advanced research that they had to undertake. Well done to both students.

Mrs Davis: Assistant Head of Sixth Form

Library News: A Summer of Book Fun for Chippy Chapters



The Chippy Chapters Reading Club have enjoyed shadowing The Yoto Carnegie Book Awards this year. Students were challenged to read and review the seven books shortlisted for this important international book award. During Reading Club we discussed the themes (including post apocalyptic UK, The Cold War, mental health, Greek myths, and racism) and merits of all the books.

On Carnegie Day itself, the group travelled to Burford School and enjoyed a wonderful day working alongside the Burford students to create imaginative, informative and entertaining presentations on each of the shortlisted books. The librarians were delighted with how well the students worked together and impressed by the quality of the presentations.



Thank you to Mrs Howard for inviting us to Burford School library. We look forward to further collaborations next year.

The Year 7 members of Reading Club were invited by Magdalen College School to watch a performance of a brand new musical adaptations of 'The Hobbit' at The Oxford Playhouse.

The play was a huge hit with the packed audience of school children. The acting and singing was fantastic and the staging was magical.

After the play had finished, we took the opportunity to visit Waterstones Book Shop. The students enjoyed browsing through their beautiful children's book department and came up with a long wishlist of books for me to purchase for the school library next year.

Ms Bovington: Librarian

Workshops in Drama, Science and Maths



During the Drama workshop, led by Mr Franklin (Head of Drama), the pupils undertook exercises and activities to encourage them to use their bodies as a prop. The pupils worked well as a group, used their creativity and met some new friends. The Science Department led a workshop for our budding scientists who looked at 'Microorganisms and Disease'. They grew bacteria from swabs taken from around the room and looked at microbes under the microscope. Many thanks to Dr Hagan and Mr Turvey who led this fascinating workshop.

The Maths department challenged pupils to work in teams to solve mathematical problems and tasks to find an overall winning team. This workshop involved all the Maths team and many of our Year 12 A Level students, to whom we are extremely grateful.

Kids in the Kitchen



A group of Year 5s came to the CNS kitchens to work with Mr James. They chopped, cooked and stirred; creating a tasty dish of vegetable noodles which they were able to sit and eat with their new friends at the end.

They were also very involved in the valuable lesson of clearing up after themselves and we were very impressed at how spotless they left the kitchen! Many thanks to Chippy Larder who provided the Stir-Fry sauce, thus halving the cost and reducing food waste.

CNSP Sports Events



At the end of May we held the Athletics tournament for Years 4-6. All of the partnership primary schools took part and were ably assisted by helpers from Year 7. It was great to see pupils from both primary and secondary working together so well. Well done to everyone who took part, and especially our winners this year who were Kingham (Big Schools) and Great Tew (Small Schools).

The final CNPS sporting event was the U11 cricket tournament. It was lovely to welcome teams from all of the ten partnership primary schools and we really appreciate how hard the schools work to involve their students in these opportunities. After a slightly rainy start it turned into a lovely afternoon and we extend congratulations to Hook Norton who won the Big Schools and Chadlington who won the Small Schools competitions. Thank you to all the sports leaders from Years 7 to 12 who helped at the event.

We also have the results from the Jo Phillips Virtual Marathon. All pupils in the Primary Schools run a mile in their own school, then the 26 best times are submitted. The winning big and small schools are Hook Norton, who have beaten the team record, and Middle Barton.

Family Focus Week



Over the course of a week in June we were able to offer a wide variety of workshops for pupils in Years 4-6 together with their parent/carer.

We offered music, tennis, creative writing, maths and the very popular pottery. The workshops were well attended and very well received. The families who attended were extremely complimentary about the workshops that we were able to offer.

ExtraTime Clubs at CNS



The results came in for the LAMDA club students who took their exams just before Easter and we couldn't be prouder - all groups achieved a distinction. Thank you so much to Pippa Phillips and Miss Elvin who guided the students to this amazing result. Next year we are pleased to be able to offer sessions to all year groups up to Year 11; our current Year 10s are so enthusiastic that we just couldn't say no!

Students involved in Digital Music Production have again made some fantastic music this term. Ben, our coach, has also enabled two of our older students, Will Abrey and Luke Bradford, to increase their performing confidence and take on a few gigs this summer. This even included a paid gig at the popular local venue, Amphitheatre (Berrybank Park).

We are very pleased that the new ExtraTime tennis club offered by Excel Tennis has been well received, and expect this to continue growing as our partnership continues.

The new Karate & Self Protection session aimed at girls has made a great start, with all the girls who have taken part really enjoying the sessions. We hope that this class, that teaches such a valuable life skill, will entice even more girls next term. Don't worry, the boys won't get left out, there is also a session for them!

We are sorry to say goodbye to Megan Watkins who has coached the Street Dance club this term and wish her all the best with her return to university.

Dance will continue though as we welcome Miss Maddy Fisher, who will be starting a Dance Crew group which will experiment with lots of different styles of dance. Also making a welcome return in September is Mustafa Raee who will restart the very popular Badminton club on Thursdays.

Booking for the ExtraTime clubs can be made on the school website, and payment made through ParentPay. Booking is available now for September!

Mrs Bissett: Community Learning Coordinator

Year 8, 9 and 10 Trip to Normandy



This year's Normandy trip was a great success. We left school quite leisurely to take the 14.15 ferry from Portsmouth to Caen. After a late arrival at the Activity Centre, it was a quick hot chocolate and straight to bed ready for the busy weekend ahead.

On Saturday we visited a local market and students had free time to practice their French, sampling and buying food from the market. The rainy weather did not dampen our spirits! We headed for Mont St Michel for a guided tour around the edges of the monument. The views were spectacular. Students had more free time here to explore the souvenir shops and buy ice cream!

Once dinner was done, the students were in the assembly hall for quiz games, playing football on the grounds or enjoying a game of darts.

Sunday was activities day. A busy and sunny day was ahead of us. Listening was essential as all instructions were given in French only. Archery, basketball, trampoline and climbing were on the menu. In the evening the students were ready for a sports tournament. Mrs Brocklebank did her best to referee the very animated dodgeball games whilst the instructor, Antoine, played for one of the teams. Every student joined in with smiles all around!

On departure day, it was time for the history element of the trip. Mrs Walker gave a short and informative account of why the town of Arromanches holds such significance for WW2 history. We watched a very poignant clip in the 360° cinema about the D-Day landings on the beaches and the battles that ensued throughout Normandy and other regions towards liberating Paris.

The ferry was waiting and took us back to England in style. Students were entertained by the disco and 'singalong' on the ferry.

Although the trip ended in a very late arrival home to Chipping Norton, it was well worth it.

Mrs Brocklebank: Head of Modern Foreign Languages

Oxfordshire High Sheriff Award 2023 for Engineering Excellence



The annual High Sheriff Young Engineer Awards took place on June 26 at Abingdon & Witney College to recognise students who show great promise in the fields of

engineering, resistant materials and design technology.

I was really happy to receive an invitation to the 2023 High Sheriff Awards for a piece of work I completed in DT. Mr Parker entered my work into the competition and I was shortlisted to receive a prize at the event.

My project was a desk lamp which involved various skills including design, woodworking, measuring, cutting and decoration. The awards ceremony was held at Abingdon & Witney College where I received the runners up prize of a £200 Amazon voucher and award certificate.

I really enjoyed the awards and got to see other projects from students across Oxfordshire. It has inspired me to hopefully go one stage further at next years' awards and win the top prize!

Thank you Mr Parker for nominating me.

Olivia Taylor: 9LSD



Careers News: Alpine F1



On the 16th of June, a small group of Year 9 and 10 girls (studying Resistant Materials GCSE) attended a Women in Engineering day at Alpine F1 in Enstone. The purpose of the visit was to encourage more girls to consider a career in STEM, and we spoke to a few of the female employees working as engineers and designers who inspired us to follow in their footsteps.

We also participated in activities, such as learning to put together a steering wheel, and were taken on a tour of the factory. The tour included seeing the 3D printers, car models and wind tunnel used to test how aerodynamic the car is.

In the hall where we were based, there was an F1 driving simulator which we all had a lot of fun trying out. I'm sure it made a few people think about becoming a racing driver!

It was a great experience and I hope they continue to offer this opportunity in future years.

Daisy Petre: 9JES

The Translation Exchange

The Translation Exchange launched this competition for schools in 2020, in partnership with the Stephen Spender Trust. 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.

This year's entries resulted in two commendations for Chipping Norton School:

Y7 French: Anushka Pednekar and Izzy Pritchard (7HKS)
Y 9 German: Elodie Jones (9PRB) and Molly Jenkins (9JHM)



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