



On Thursday 20 June 2024, we shared a wonderful sunny evening with Year 11 at Cotswolds Hotel, celebrating the end of their exams and saying our goodbyes to the 2024 cohort.

It was a special experience to watch the students arrive in the most beautiful dresses and the smartest suits. A laugh was shared amongst some of the spectators when two students known for various uniform infringements for once were not wearing their Nike trainers! They all looked the part and many special moments were captured by our official photographer Brad Payne.

Students arrived in an array of different modes of transport and in addition to the usual trail of fancy cars we watched golf buggies, a hearse, Harley arriving on horseback, and Max and Lily arriving via tractor. As parents bid their farewells we gathered students for one last group

Year 11 Leavers Celebrate in Style



photograph before heading into the beautifully decorated ballroom (including a huge balloon arch) where students enjoyed a welcome drink and a 2 course meal. Each student was given a leavers keyring which marked their seat at the prom tables and the photo booth was available all night for students (and staff!) to enjoy and take home snapshots of the evening as mementoes.

After dinner, students continued to enjoy the beautiful sunny evening on the terrace overlooking the golf course, where we took the opportunity to gather together five of our seven sets of twins in the year group for one last photo! Others enjoyed the disco and danced the night away until the bitter end. A fabulous evening was had by all and it was heart-warming (and a bit emotional) to see how much they all valued one another's company.

To round off the events for this wonderful year group students were invited to go on a trip to Thorpe Park. 120 students and staff filled 2 coaches on what was a very hot 12 hour day. There were many weary heads on arrival back at CNS! All behaved impeccably, as you might expect and everyone was a credit to the school.

I have been personally overwhelmed by so many thoughtful gifts, cards, emails and lovely words said in person by so many students and their families. It has been such a pleasure watching them grow into such mature young people over the last 4 years. I am excited to hear of their future adventures as they embark on the next chapter and hope to see those who are planning to return to sixth form in September.



Mrs Davis-Batchelor: Senior Pastoral Leader of Year 11

Careers News: Year 10 Work Experience

We are pleased to celebrate another successful work experience programme for CNS students. This year 149 Year 10 students participated in work experience in the first week of July. 86% of students found places in Oxfordshire businesses with many going to small local companies. These businesses have been fantastic and continue to support the school year on year offering great opportunities for our students.

Again, we had some generous employers who took more than one student; for example of the ACE Centre Nursery School in Chipping Norton were very supportive and took 4 students this year. This year we had students placed as far as field as Ireland, Southsea, Chandler's Ford, London, Bristol and Towcester.

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

What some of our students said:

Evie Maunder at Mr Simms Olde Fashioned Sweet Shoppe in Chipping Norton.

"I want to own a café, but was not sure about the customer service side. Since doing the placement I have become more confident speaking to strangers and I have realised that customer service is not as terrifying as I thought it would be."

Isla Fletcher at Stowsmiths in Chipping Norton.

"At my placement there was a lady who ran a skincare small business which inspired me to look into Cosmetic Science courses, which I might want to do at University. I might also want to run a small business at some point."

Isabel Pollard at Blenheim Palace in Woodstock.

"I knew I wanted to become a Forensic Psychiatrist and still do but now I have a back up plan."

What some of the employers said:

Richard Limburn at IGLU about **Zach East**.

"It has been an absolute pleasure having Zach as part of the team for the week. He has fitted in well with everyone and I have been really impressed with his work. Zach is keen to get stuck in, eager to learn and happy to give anything a try. I can see that Zach has a promising future in IT, with his natural IT skills and willingness to learn."

Tom Yeatman at TY Cycles about **Samuel Broadhurst**.

"Samuel has been very proactive in wanting to work and help us as much as possible. He clearly enjoys being busy and is very good at practical hands-on work. If in doubt he would always ask, which is what we asked of



him on day one. The best work experience student we have had to date."

Cheryl Hooper at Two by Simon Smith about **Tillie Wyatt**.

"Tillie showed great promise for the role of hair stylist. She is creative, hardworking, confident and caring. Her confidence grew during the week and she really connected well with the clients and the team. She is proactive in tidying up and always keen to keep busy. Well done."



Vere Oldridge at Wheelers about **James Williams**.
 "Outstanding young man. Been offered an apprenticeship when he leaves school."

Again, we have had a number of companies who have already offered a job /apprenticeship to our students. What an amazing outcome! Well done Year 10!

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs Matthews for all her hard work with the administration side of the process, making sure that work experience happens so smoothly for so many of our students.

Mr Parker: Careers Lead CNS

YFD UK Competition



On Saturday 8th June Sophia Collao took part in the finals of the Young Fashion Designer UK Competition at the Royal Grammar school in Worcester. She had been selected as one of four finalists in the Year 10/11 age category from over 250 entries.

The talented finalists showcased their design work and extraordinary creativity, innovation, and sewing skills through taking part in a two hour 'upcycle' challenge, where they were tasked with creating a new garment from old clothing. They had talks about future career opportunities from fashion design industry professionals, which was very inspiring and insightful. Sophia did incredibly well coming second overall. Well done Sophia - an incredible achievement!

Mrs Drinkwater: Teacher of Technology

Performing Arts Events



Our students had a second opportunity to work with a professional choreographer in our Dance Intensive event this term. They warmed up through a series of Contemporary Dance style warm up sequences and games, and worked together to undertake creative tasks throughout the day. Students were imaginative and cooperative in their approach, leading to an excellent performance piece at the end of the day. Students enjoyed the input from the choreographer and benefitted from a real world experience as part of a dance company.

In June we took 60 students from Year 7, 8 and 9 to Chipping Norton Theatre to participate in a set of three Drama workshops. On arrival we sat in the auditorium where students got to see the stage and get themselves in the right headspace for the day. We then split into three groups to start workshops in mime, character development and mask work. Each workshop introduced the techniques with fun games and allowed students to explore the techniques using creative tasks and mini performance opportunities. The workshop leaders were very encouraging and helped students to feel comfortable in the space, supporting them in making the most of the opportunities the day presented.

All students had the chance to take part in the mime workshop on the stage which started completely in silence and showed how effective mime doesn't need any speech to be completely understood. It was brilliant to see students enjoying being on stage and feeling the buzz of the theatre. In the mask workshop each student was able to choose a mask which allowed them to embody a different persona, resulting in funny scenes influenced by the character each mask suggested. During the characterisation workshop students were given scenarios to participate in which fuelled their understanding of what it takes to develop a believable and effective character based on the situation. Students reflected on the day when we arrived back at school, everyone was inspired by the experiences of the day and were all very excited to hear about upcoming auditions for our next school production. A great day out for everyone involved!

Mrs Du Cr s: Head of Dance and Drama

Harwell Open Week



On Wednesday, June 26th, eleven Year 9s joined Mrs Craig and Mrs Eakins on a trip to Rutherford Appleton Laboratory for Harwell Open Week.

Making good time, we were able to start our day with the "Meteorite Man" who allowed us to handle a piece of Martian volcano! Keeping the theme of space alive, we listened to an enthralling talk on the creation of a supernova, right here in Oxfordshire, through the use of a petawatt laser focused on to a perfectly fabricated target. A petawatt is 10^{15} joules of energy per second. This can be envisioned as all the power from the Sun being focused to the point of a pin!

Next, we were able to explore how sensors are used in home automation during a hands-on workshop. In the "Marquee of Wonders" we experienced augmented reality, viewed beautiful fossils and learned the gruesome truth about the fate of our bodies in outer space. We then met up near the solar telescopes and were able to get an up-close perspective of the source of those scorching heat beams. So, it wasn't surprising that the greatest screams of delight came when we were shown the picnic tables in the shade!

Our day wrapped up with a tour of the world class rapid prototyping facilities that can perfectly emulate a banana and a Metrology lab that can machine to micrometre (10^{-6} m) precision; that's smaller than 1/100 of a strand of hair!

Overall, it was a fantastic opportunity for our future scientist to be inspired by the scientist of today.

Mrs Eakins: Head of Physics

Normandy 2024



Our annual trip to Normandy took place the weekend of the D Day 80 anniversary celebrations. The students were able to visit the American WWII cemetery at Omaha as well as the local town's market and Mont St Michel.

On the first day, the students visited the buzzing market at Avranches where they could practise their French as well as sample some delicious food. We had a picnic at the beautiful park on the outskirts of the town before setting off to Mont St Michel where students had time to see the lovely monastery as well as do some shopping and get ice creams.

Sunday was an active day where students worked in groups. They took part in archery, basketball trampoline and climbing. The instructions were all in French so plenty of learning was done.

Before heading back to the ferry, we headed to Omaha Beach. This was a very poignant trip this year as it was 80 years since D-day.

Letters will shortly go out for next year's Normandy trip so speak to your history or French teacher if you would like to go.

Girls Mean Business: SIX

The Girls mean Business Project came to a close with a trip to see the fantastic musical 'SIX'; a modern retelling of the story of the six wives of Henry VIII.

Our yearly project is now in its third year so this trip was open to Year 9-11 girls who have taken part of this course in Year 9 as part of their Character Education programme. Throughout the year we have met to discuss gender roles and perception as well as aspirations and self image. We have also had the chance to meet a great variety of inspiring female role models at our careers event.

Next year will see another group of Year 9 girls invited to be a part of this addition to the curriculum

Mrs Brocklebank: Head of MFL

German Exchange 2024



Last month, thirty-one students travelled to beautiful Bavaria to spend a week in Nördlingen with their German exchange partners. In addition to attending school, the students visited Allianz Arena in Munich, Legoland and Augsburg.

It was great to see the Allianz Arena in the light of the Euros and all of the football fans were really impressed. We spent the afternoon shopping in Augsburg and had a lovely time in spite of the weather.

For our day in Legoland, the sun was shining and even though Miss Johnston's favourite ride was shut, we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

We also had two days discovering the local town. Nördlingen is located in Bavaria, Germany. Its old town is encircled by well-preserved medieval walls with towers and covered parapet paths. The city centre is anchored by the massive Gothic St. George's Church. We all climbed over 200 steps up its Daniel tower to take in the spectacular views and see a stork's nest from on high.

We also visited the Rieskratermuseum, where the students discovered how the local landscape was shaped millions of years ago when a meteorite crashed into that part of Bavaria, creating a crater which can still be seen today.

Our students spent the weekend with their German host families, and there was even an opportunity for one of our students to participate in the annual Stadtlaufer (town run). Very well done, Jude!

We are now looking forward to welcoming our new group of German students in September and planning next year's trip back to this picturesque region.

Mrs Brocklebank: Head of MFL

Throughout this academic year we had a total of 3,684 attendances at our various events planned by the Community Learning Team at CNS. The partnership primary schools have been invited to 17 sports events including tournaments and festivals, and 20 enrichment events including AIM workshops, Family Focus workshops, after school clubs and other one off activities. These events give the primary school children an opportunity to mix with other schools, and to become familiar with CNS before they come here for secondary school.

CNPS Sports Events



The Chipping Norton Partnership primary schools have been invited to many sports events run at CNS during the Summer Term. The first of the term was a new event on our calendar, a tennis festival run together with Excel Tennis Academy to which we invited the Year 3s. They had a great time doing all sorts of ball and racket activities assisted by sports leaders from PE GCSE and students from the ExtraTime tennis club.

The next event was the U10s Rugby tournament held at the Chipping Norton Rugby club who also provided the referees and set up the tournament together with our CNS sports leaders. Despite the road closures due to the resurfacing all schools found their way there for a full, fun afternoon. Kingham were victorious in the big schools competition and Great Rollright in the small schools competition. The same two schools were also the overall winners in the Athletics Championship held the week later. For the first time this was held inside due to awful weather conditions, but it was still a fantastic event even though it was a squeeze to fit everyone in!

The last sports event of the year was the Cricket tournament. All ten primary schools attended and the small schools competition was won by Great Tew with Kingham taking the award for the big schools.

CNPS Enrichment Events

Ms Skill and Mr Long held a three week after-school Creative Writing club for two groups of Year 4s and 5s. The pupils explored some interesting vocabulary to

use in their writing, and produced some poetry, descriptive and narrative writing in groups and individually. The pupils were all very sad when the three sessions came to an end but were excited to go back to their schools to share their writing.



Many congratulations to those who were nominated by their schools to attend Able, Interested and Motivated workshops in Science. Pupils explored the relationship between electricity and magnetism, and Maths, where they explored various mathematical games.



Our ExtraTime cookery tutor held a workshop for some students from Year 5 from our primaries. This was a great opportunity for these pupils to get to know some children from other schools and spend some time at CNS. They enjoyed making pizza and then sat down to eat all together.





In May we ran three Family Focus workshops in Music, Tennis and English for pupils and parents to learn together. Many thanks to Mr Brown for the music, Mr Long for the English workshop and the Excel Tennis Academy. All three workshops were well attended and enjoyed by all those who took part.

Extratime



We have once again run a full and varied programme of ExtraTime after school clubs during the summer with between two and four clubs running each night and some with multiple sessions.

There have been great smells coming from the cookery club, beautiful sights made in the pottery and origami clubs and sounds of fun and drama from the LAMDA club. Lots of hard work has gone into making zines in the Young Writers club and items of clothing in the Fashion club and lots of energy has been used in the wide variety of sports clubs including tennis, table-tennis, squash, badminton, trampolining, dance, hockey, and karate and self-protection.

The booking is available on the CNS website for the Autumn clubs now, please take a look to see what you would like to try.

Mrs Bissett: Community Learning Co-ordinator

Sporting Super Stars



At the end of May, Chris and Johnny Taylor (Year 11) triumphed at this year's 7k Fun Run at Blenheim Palace. Chris finished 1st and Johnny finished 2nd out of more than a thousand participants. Both boys were over 30 seconds ahead of all the other competitors.

Chris and Johnny, along with fellow Year 11 student Cayden Wyatt, also showcased their sporting talents at an amateur boxing event at the Spice Ball Leisure Centre earlier this summer.

Congratulations to Lily Elson (Year 8) who has achieved great success in the sport of Hovercraft Racing this year. Lily, who has been competitively racing for only two years, won the UK National Colts Championship last year and is currently joint 2nd in the National Junior Championship.



SPORTS NEWS: A Summer of Success



West Oxfordshire Athletics

On Thursday 13th June our Years 7-10 won the West Oxfordshire athletics held at Horspath athletics ground in Oxford for the third year in a row! Nearly 70 students ran, jumped and threw brilliantly and a particular highlight was our Year 8 boys setting a new 4 x 100m relay record of 52 secs which is great considering the record had stood since 2007!

Quadkids Athletics

Both our Year 7 and Year 8 boys and girls won the recent West Oxon competition and were excited to take part in the County Finals in Abingdon on Friday 12th July. This involved 4 students in each year group taking part in the 100m, 800m, long jump and vortex throw. The students ran, jumped and threw brilliantly with the Year 7s coming 3rd and the Year 8s coming 5th in the county.

Rounders

Year 9 girls won the West Oxfordshire tournament recently at Marlborough School beating Bartholomew, Henry Box and Burford Schools.

Cricket

After excellent seasons for the Year 7 and 8 boys cricket teams, both teams won their semi final matches and are now finalists in the County Cup. Year 8 have a County Cup final against Wheatley Park in the last week of term and Year 7 will face either Lord Williams or Burford in September.

Lacrosse

We had 10 teams participating in our first ever Lacrosse festival for Year 9 and 10 girls. The afternoon was a chance to introduce schools to the game of lacrosse

with a coaching session and competition run by a national coach for the beginners, while slightly more experienced players went straight into a tournament.

Over 70 girls were involved on the day. Students who had never picked up a stick before enjoyed a great afternoon of learning a new skill and meeting new people and went home buzzing about their new experience.

The Chipping Norton first team girls can be very proud of themselves as they clinched a last minute winner against the Cheltenham Ladies' College first team to win 6-5. This was very impressive as they had a number of regional level players in their team. The South West coach was in attendance and has now asked for a number of our Chipping Norton's girls to attend the regional trials on the back of this performance.

Girls Coaching Academy

Six of our wonderful students have been changemakers in the world of girls in sport through their participation in a Girls Coaching Academy programme led by Olympic medallist Jenna Downing. The programme included several virtual workshops where the students considered the barriers to girls' participation in sport and what can be done to affect change. They then delivered several weeks of extra-curricular activities with Year 7 girls which was really well received. The programme culminated in a leadership day where the leaders gave a presentation to others, led a practical activity and completed a first aid qualification.

Well done Olivia, Poppy, Anna, Annie, Olivia and Megan. They all did brilliantly and we can't wait to see what they will choose to do next for girls in sport!

Mr Thomas: Head of PE

Mr Robinson

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