

# NEWS

The Cotswold School

December 2018



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# News from the Cotswold School PTA

Another year nearly over. Christmas Day is not too far away, and it is now time to relax and unwind a little!

The PTA has been very busy this year, raising so much needed extra funds for our students. Through various initiatives and lots of hard work, we were able to provide resources to support teaching and learning for all at The Cotswold School. Our contributions went towards the School Counsellor, Activities Week, Book Week Speaker, Speech Day Prizes, Duke of Edinburgh Licence, Internet Language Subscriptions, Library Books, Geography Field Trip Equipment, Laptops for English, Social Science, PBE, DT Saws and other Equipment, GCSE Workshop, Camera for Art and more...

## HOW DID WE RAISE THE FUNDS?

This year's **QUIZ NIGHT** raised over £800. It was also a brilliant night out! We raised over £6,000 with the **SEASONAL CAR PARKING** in the School Field. Thank you, Sue Gregory, for coordinating all Charities involved and thank you to all who helped in running our allocated dates. The Cotswold School **PTA YEARLY BAKE OFF!** Over £4,000 raised from selling Tea & Coffee/Cakes at Chastleton House over the summer/autumn seasons. A great deal of time and effort went into this project. Thank all those who have generously given their time to bake and/or to help on the various days.

The **PTA BAR**. We raised over £1,000 at the recent Mary Poppins Production. Ali Grant, PTA member who volunteered to take over the 'bar duties' from Nic Yates (thanks again Nic for all your hard work), ran the bar for the first time. A wonderful job. Thanks, Ali for taking this task on.

A raffle held on the night also contributed to the final amount. Thank you to all who have helped on the night and thank you to all businesses who sponsored the prizes for the raffle: Carrick Travel, Essence Hair, Spa on The Square Moreton in Marsh, Cooperative Upper Rissington & Bourton, Tesco, Birdland, Kingham Pub & Restaurant, Bibury Farm, The Edinburgh Woollen Mill, Bourton China Shop, The Croft, The Hanger & L'Anatra. Tickets Sales from the Production generated over £2,000. Well done to Music and Drama for such a lovely performance. THANK YOU.

**A NEW INITIATIVE THIS YEAR:** The **PTA WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP** raised over £1,700.00. A great effort! Thank you to Lisa Farley and Josie Turner for gathering all the materials & for professionally leading the demonstration on the night. Thank you to Ali Grant, Ornella Sciuto, Heidi and Jane, Anita Torris for helping on the night. We would also like to thank Aldi Moreton-in-Marsh, Kilkenny Pub, Bensons Juices, and Tesco for donating Prosecco, Cinnamon Apple juice and Mince Pies for the occasion. A raffle held on the night added to the monies raised: thank you Essence, Candy Cox, Beautylicious, The Bakery on The Water, The Cotswold Brewery for making it happen.

**OUR ANNUAL PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** was a great success! Thank you all who kindly purchased our raffle tickets – over £4,300 raised. A huge thank you to Anita Torris for organising the raffle and a special thanks to **Fleet and Commercial for sponsoring the first prize of £500.**

In addition, we would also like to give a huge thank you to local artist Lucy McMillan-Scott, Raj Mahal Restaurant Moreton-in-Marsh, Fir Farm Lower Swell, Wyck Hill House, The Slaughter Manor House, Everyone Active Bourton on The Water, Essence Hair, Dean Tyre, Sheila Price School of Dance, Beautylicious, & The Bakery on The Water for sponsoring the remaining prizes.

**TESCO BAGS OF HELP SCHEME:** another great success. We successfully secured nearly £8,000 from the scheme. We wish to thank you Tesco for giving us this fantastic opportunity, everyone who voted for us and to Anita Torris for applying and taking care of the paperwork!

We will leave it up to you to do the sums to calculate the total raised!

**CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY FOR THE PTA: A MUCH NEEDED BRAND NEW FRIDGE DONATED TO US... THANK YOU. ALL BAR DUTIES WILL BE EASIER FROM NOW ON...**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019:** Upper School Production 'Our Country's Good by T. Wertebaker - The PTA will be running the bar.  
**15<sup>th</sup> of March 2019 - QUIZ NIGHT**

**If you want to help and you wish to make a donation to or sponsor some raffle prizes, please contact us via e-mail: [pta@thecotswoldschool.co.uk](mailto:pta@thecotswoldschool.co.uk) We always give those who donate a 'Shout out'.**

**A final thank you for absolutely everyone who has helped throughout the year. However, for 2019 we need to get another ten parents to join the PTA. No qualifications required; all we need is dedicated people to help and to join our team and continue to contribute to additional teaching and learning resources at The Cotswold School better.**

**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

# Welcome...

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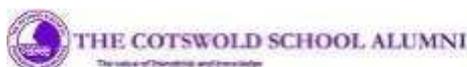
## The Cotswold School Alumni Programme

- Are you a former pupil?
- Do you know a former pupil?
- Can you assist with careers and mentoring?

In the autumn of 2018, The Cotswold School will be 30 years old and we want to reach out to as many former pupils as possible to make it a lovely celebration.

Please sign up at:

[www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/alumni/](http://www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/alumni/)



## Word from HQ



### Will Morgan, Principal

The holidays are here! What a long term, but a busy and packed one.

Unfortunately, much of my time has been diverted on working and campaigning for better and proportionally correct funding. We are one of the worst funded comprehensives in the county and Gloucestershire is one of the worst-funded local authorities in the country. What a statement to have to write. I am sure you can see from the pages that unfold that we are a busy, focused and dedicated School, with an Ofsted Outstanding accreditation.

It's a tribute to the staff, teachers, parents, pupils and Governors that we are so outstanding. Thank you for all your support. To The Cotswold School PTA, a small group, who do so much to fundraise for those teaching and learning resources, a huge thank you.

I am still concerned that there remains a shortfall in the schools block funding and that we will not receive the minimum funding pledge per pupil in 2019-20 as it should be, when the national funding formula was announced. What this means is that The Cotswold School will receive less money per pupil in 2019 than it received in 2011 – despite the obvious cost rises and increased demands that we are now facing.

There is still a long way to go before schools like ours are funded fairly and we can fully resource and support the teachers and the pupils in the manner in which they deserve.

**It really shouldn't be like this – education is too important.**

We will be in touch in the New Year with further details of our 2019 fundraising efforts and campaigns as well as the calendar of fundraising events.

Thank you for your understanding. We are committed to offering the best education, but we need your help. We will be working hard in 2019 to ensure our **outstanding** education for our students continues to flourish.

Wishing you a peaceful and well-deserved break and all the very best for 2019.

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# Cotswold Festivities



## Gloucester Cathedral



### Spirit of Christmas...

This annual event, in aid of Muscular Dystrophy at Gloucester Cathedral, is the pinnacle to the calendar and cements a longstanding relationship with the charity and the Cathedral. It's been a busy time for the Music Department, Choir and orchestra—well done, and have a good Christmas break!



Photo credit:  
<https://www.gloucestershirelive.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on-news/gallery/pictures-spirit-christmas-gloucester-cathedral-2268562>



## German Christmas Market

Frohe Weihnachten!

Year 8 German students had the opportunity to visit the Frankfurt Christmas Market in Birmingham this December. Students were encouraged to try out their German with the stallholders, sample delicious German food and soak up the unique festive atmosphere.



# Shoe Boxes

Thank you to all those pupils (and parents) who donated so kindly and generously with the Shoe Box appeal.

This annual act of giving is always such a joy and will provide many children and homes, who are less fortunate than us with some Christmas cheer.

An amazing 127 boxes have been sent!

Thank you!



# Carol Service

## At the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Northleach

The annual Carol Service as held, this year, at the wonderful Church of St Peter and St Paul in Northleach. The Cotswold School Orchestra played highlights from Harry Potter, music by John Williams, and readings by Hal Pett, Deputy Head Boy, Maite Capper Mrs Buckley and Mr Morgan. Jenny Morafkova and Kate Edgerton, both sixth formers sang a duet of 'The Gentle Swaying Wattle' by Frank Bridge and solo musicians included Loxie Chiles, Kathryn Gibbons, Lottie Denne and the Triple Time. Both the Chamber Choir and The Cotswold School Choir sang.



# Christmas Jumper Day



## Music Teachers on Radio 4



For those who are fans of Radio 4 and retro comedy, our very own Mrs Thomas (playing the piano) and our trumpet teacher Andy Farrington will be on Radio 4 extra with Episode 1 on Friday 21st December 2018, in a performance of 'I'm Sorry I'll read that Again!'

It's a stage performance/re-enactment of an anarchic radio show from the 60's (it had Tim Brooke Taylor, John Cleese, Graham Garden in it). For more information, please visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0001p3n>

Episode 2 is on Friday 28th December, Episode 3 on Friday 4th January 2019 and Episode 4 on Friday 11th January 2019.

## The Benjamin Ball



**A WHOPPING £15,500 RAISED FOR CLIC AND THE EMILY KENT UNIT, GLOUCESTER FROM AN EVENING OF DINNER, AUCTIONS & DANCING**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> November friends and family of Matt and Suzanne Smith, including teachers at The Cotswold School got together at Glenfall House in Charlton Kings, Cheltenham for an exceptional night – **The Benjamin Ball**. Matt and Suzanne, along with lifelong friends, David and Kelly Reed were hosts to a charity event to raise money for The Emily Kent Unit, Paediatric Oncology at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital and CLIC Sargent, the Children's Cancer Charity.

Both these charities are close to The Smiths' hearts as their young son Benjamin, 4, is currently receiving treatment for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia, ALL.

The evening involved a luxury tombola, a live auction, hosted by Mr Adrian Cannon of Taylor, a silent auction, a live band with 'Raise the Roof' and dancing until the early hours. Hosts Matt and Suzanne, were on hand to meet guests, who included Julie and Bernie Kent, parents of Emily Kent, (the name of the unit at the Children's Centre in Gloucester Royal), ex-pupils and Love Island Star Chris Hughes, his brother Ben, specialist nurse Kelly Prosser and CLIC Sargent Social Worker Janet Byrne-Goddard.

**Matt comments, "The evening to say the least was a huge success, with a huge £15,500 raised. That combined with the £4,200 that we, along with the team raised running the Cheltenham Half Marathon gives a total just shy of £20,000! A fantastic amount."** For further information, please e-mail [thebenjaminball@gmail.com](mailto:thebenjaminball@gmail.com).





**Senior Citizens' Christmas Party**

- Afternoon Tea -
- Entertainment -
- Raffle -

**MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER**  
**12.30 - 2.30pm**

To book your free place  
Call The Cotswold School  
on 01451 820554  
or email  
koc@cotswold-school.co.uk

Limited places available so please  
contact early to avoid disappointment.



# Senior Citizens' Christmas Party



# The PTA Christmas Wreath Making Workshop Raises over £1,700

Thank you to all those who organised and attended the recent Wreath Making Workshop—a particular thanks to Lisa Farley and Josie Turner and to Anita Torris, Ornella Sciuto, Sally Whitley and Ali Grant of The Cotswold School PTA. The PTA Wreath Making Workshop raised over £1,700.00. A great effort!

## Thank You



# Sixth Form Winter Ball



## Celebrating Outstanding Progress at GCSE

Governors, teachers and senior staff held an evening reception to recognise and celebrate those students who made exceptional progress during their GCSE studies. We are sure you will agree that this diligence and tremendous effort should be celebrated! Mr Morgan and Mr Jones (Head of Year 11) gave speeches, commending each one of them for overcoming difficulties in order to work hard, sit their examinations and achieve such outstanding progress. We hope to add further celebrations to the calendar and for each year group.



# Rotary Photographic Competition



Thank you to everyone who entered the Rotary Young Photographer of the Year Competition. The entries were absolutely superb and selecting only 15 sets of photos for the 1st round of judging was very difficult indeed. Thank you for being creative and for taking so many wonderful photographs.

The list of successful pupils selected is as follows:

## Under 11s;

Jocelyn Jeary age 10 7CHT

## Age 11 - 13;

1. Freya Pressdee age 11 7CHT
2. Toby Harris age 12 8ET
3. Blake Robinson age 11 7AJ0
4. Joanna Nicholds-Brown age 12 8ET
5. Lily Morgan age 12 7NW
6. Abigail Milsted age 11 7LP
7. Oliver Wilkins age 12 8NH
8. Henry Hunt age 11 JMI
9. Ella Gray age 12 7VM
10. Edward Craske age 13 9DHJ
11. Jessica Crossman age 12 8KMP
12. Mia Ertughrul age 13 9SP
13. Isla Mackintosh age 13 9JD
14. Nell Joynes age 13 9RH
15. Logan Bell age 11 7LP

## Age 14 - 17;

1. Jamie Lord age 16 12/13MMO
2. Alexandra Martin age 16 12/13KP
3. Harriet Adams age 16 12/13KP
4. Sophia Robinson age 14 10JDL
5. Tom Williamson age 14 10JH
6. Ellen Furner age 14 10JH
7. Thea Pett age 14 10KT
8. Amber Bell age 14 10MW
9. Charlie Kelsall age 14 10MSM
10. Tyla Morgan age 14 10SD
11. Ellie Lawrence age 14 10FB
12. Sasha Lee age 16 12/13AB
13. Milly Sargent age 14 10MW
14. Alice Triff age 16 12/13LB
15. Charlie Miles age 16 12/13CEL

## Mr Hillier, Head of Art announces:

"From a large field of entrants 31 very talented photographers had their work judged by the Rotary Club. Each entrant submitted a folio of 3 photographs on the theme of 'The Beauty of Nature'. The quality of the images was extremely high and both teachers and Rotary representatives were very impressed by the levels of thought and planning that went into the vast variety of dynamic shots on show.

### Junior Winner: Jocelyn Jeary

### Intermediate Winner: Oliver Wilkins 8NH

2nd - Toby Harris 8ET

3rd - Edward Craske 9DHJ

### Highly commended:

*Isla Mackintosh*

*Henry Hunt*

*Freyah Pressdee*

### Senior winner: Jamie Lord 12/13MMO

2nd- Tom Williamson 10JH

3rd- Thea Pett 10KT

### Highly commended;

*Ellen Furner*

*Tyla Morgan*

*Ellie Lawrence*



Many thanks to all who entered and we hope to see your photography again next year!

Happy Christmas and have a photogenic New Year!"



*Rotary Young Photographers*

## The Rotary Young Writer



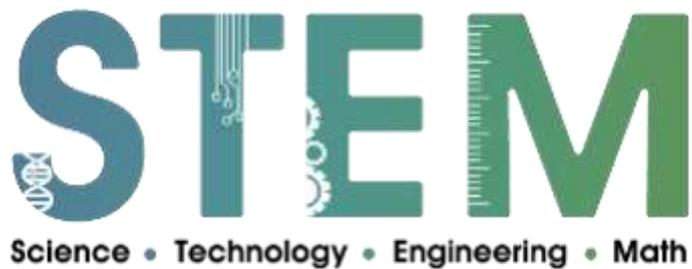
Well done to Alex Hester (Senior category) and Ollie Brosch (Intermediate category), as they both came first in their categories of the Rotary Young Writer competition. "All showed promise and imagination, and there were some powerful passages of descriptive writing which held the reader's interest." The theme was 'My Inspiration'.



*Rotary Young Writers*

# STEM Oxford

Year 9 had the chance to attend the STEM Christmas lectures at Oxford University Museum of Natural History, with two interactive lectures/presentations on 'Carrots, Spiders and Red Salt: The Biophysics of Animal Vision' and 'A Look Inside the Human Brain!'



# STEM Christmas Lectures

Year 8 also had a STEM opportunity to attend Science Lectures at the Bacon Theatre at Dean Close School. The event which is organised by The Times Cheltenham Science Festival, consisted of two interactive presentations;

- Russell Arnott with 'Sea Soup' discovering how we can conserve a microscopic menagerie of mini-beasts and plankton to live in the ocean and on land.
- Jessica Barker & FC, 'How to hack a Bank'. From lock-picking, police-chases and multi-million pound bank heists, Jessica & FC demonstrated how their work is helping organisations to improve security and protect against threats.



# Williams F1

The Cotswold School was offered 15 places to visit Williams F1 at Wantage this December. The trip was designed for pupils with an interest in engineering and that the trip will inspire them to consider pursuing STEM subjects in the future.

Students had the opportunity to speak with Williams F1 engineers about their work and were given a guided tour of the site.

The trip complemented the GCSE Science curriculum, putting some of the theory that pupils have learned into context and aimed to give students a broader view of what is involved in interdisciplinary science careers, and provide an opportunity for students to ask careers-related questions.

Thank you Williams F1!



# Food Bank

A huge thank you to all who donated food items to the Cotswold Food Bank this December, organised by Mrs Holland. Last year we donated 86kg of stuff to the foodbank in the run up to Christmas... this year we donated...

**144.26kg!!!! Good News!**



# Cotswold Car Challenge

The inaugural Cotswold Car Challenge was held on 27th November 2018 and supported by luxury car brand Aston Martin Lagonda. Thirty Year 9 Design and Technology students took part in the one-day challenge.

Pupils, in teams of no more than five, were set the challenge to race their toy figure around the tailor made track. Sounds simple! However, there were obstacles to negotiate and miniature figures to keep in the vehicle and the cars provided did not have any wheels! All had to be constructed by the students.

Thankfully, two apprentices from Aston Martin gave a helping hand, as well as two members of the training and apprenticeship team and their valued expertise was a great help to the students. They only had two hours to design and build their cars, test them for strength and stability and then prepare them for the series of races that was going to decide the overall winners. Team Egg won!

To top it off, Team Egg, Jake Clarke, Charlie Gillett, Milo Lane-Fox, Charlie Phipp, Jake Vanstone, as the winners, have been invited to have a personalised, VIP tour of the Aston Martin factory at Gaydon, which will be arranged for the new year. But they will also get to represent The Cotswold School against our Welsh counterparts at Whitchurch School with an England versus Wales Car Challenge. Watch this space.



## Art Photo Comp

Milly Sargent has won the opportunity to illustrate a book for a local author of children's books, Alison Lane. She will now create 10 drawings that will become the main illustrations of a book. She will receive an award of £500 upon completion of the drawings, as will the school!



## Peter Pan

Year 7 had the opportunity to attend the North Wall Art Centre in Oxford for the brand new adaptation of J.M Barrie's, Peter Pan. Thank you to Mr Hamilton for organising this trip.

# Sporting Successes



## **Year 9 Netball County Tournament- 12.11.2018 by Keira James**

**Final Score: Quarter Finalists      Star Player: Keira James**

Our first game was against CLC. It was a tight and close game. Our defence was strong, but CLC ended up winning.

Our next game was against Katherine Lady Berkeley, we thought they were going to be good and reliable but we kept getting the ball into their defence and scoring from their attack.

We were next up against Balcarras which we knew would be close, but in the second half we took the lead and progressed forward winning.

Our last game in the rounds was against Ribston Hall, we were unsure on how they would play, but they had a strong defence. We ended up beating them 7-3 and progressed to the Quarter Finals.

In the Quarter Finals we competed against the winners from another group, the game got called off due to hail.

## **Year 8 Netball - 5.11.2018 by Chloe Pauze**

**The Cotswold School vs  
Chipping Campden**

**Final Score: Quarter Finalists  
Star Player: Keira James**

On Monday the 5th November the Under 13 Netball team played against Chipping Campden. It was a successful match, and we won 6-0. We only played 2 quarters – 1 half because our bus was late. Helena and Savannah scored the goals.

## **Year 10 Rugby - 28.11.2018 by Mr Morgan**

**The Cotswold School vs Balcarras**

**Final Score: Balcarras won 17-7  
Star Player: Harry Marsden**

The score was 17-7 in a well-contested game. All the boys stepped up and put in a significant shift, with some outstanding tackling and strong running. Harry was at the forefront of this with one particularly memorable tackle where he completely poleaxed their fullback with a perfectly timed tackle. We look forward to another fixture with this team and with a little more discipline in terms of the off sideline, we can reverse this result.

### **Man of the Match Harry's view**

The game against Bournside at home started well with some big tackles from Fraser Lovat, Henry Morgan and Harry Marsden. We were pleased to get a grip on the match after being strongly beaten by this team previously. They did score the first try with a big forward player but failed to convert it. They had fast wingers but Joe Newton-Grain, our accurate kicker, helped keep us in the game. The boys all played well and it was a close game. The final score was 17-7 to Bournside.

## **Year 9 Hockey Match - 13.11.2018 by Hannah Rowley**

**The Cotswold School vs St Edwards**

**Final Score: Cotswold win 5-0  
Star Players: Rhian Sneath/Hannah Rowley**

We got off to a great start, dominating the pitch and scored an early goal through Fern. Our confidence grew as we scoring another near the end of the first half. Halftime was mainly positive, but we knew what to improve in terms of spacing and making the pitch stretch wider. In the second half we built up the pitch and Jemima scored our 3rd goal soon after. Unlucky for St Edward's they scored an own goal, followed by Fern's second taking us up to 5-0. A clean sheet kept throughout the whole match, a fab result, and a well-earned victory. In the Quarter Finals we competed against the winners from another group, but the game got called off due to hail.

**For full fixtures and results, please visit:**

**<https://cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/fixtures-and-results/>**

## Cross Country - 9.11.2018

### All Years at District Trials

Minor Girls (Year 7)	Minor Boys (Year 7)
Team 4th Overall	Team 1st Overall
Ella Gray 7th	Tom Pennell 7th
	Jonathan Cook 8th
	Finlay Holland-Bird 12th
Junior Girls (Year 8/9)	Junior Boys (Year 8/9)
Team 2nd Overall	Team 2nd Overall
Elsa Thwaites 8th	Joe Zamir 10th
Fern O'Brien 9th	Joe Tilley-Loughrey 13th
Maite Capper 15th	Sam Cotton 15th
	Cameron Tyler 19th
Inter Girls (Year 10/11)	Inter Boys (Year 10/11)
Team Joint 3rd Overall	Team 6th Overall
Bethan Powell 5th	Max Nicholls 6th
Charlotte Warren 13th	Archie Parker 15th
Senior Girls (Year 12/13)	Senior Boys (Year 12/13)
No Team	No Team
Amity Thwaites 4th	Toby Fernandez-Pozas 3rd

## District Trials Cross Country - 9.11.2018

### by Maite Capper

A bus full of The Cotswold School pupils took part in the cross country district trials. All years did really well, bringing home some well-deserved results:

Year 7 girls finished fourth overall and with an amazing performance from Ella Gray who finished 7th. Year 7 boys gained first place overall with great performances from Tom Pennell (7th), Jonathan Cook (8th) and Finlay Holland-Bird (12th).

Both the Year 8/9 girls and boys teams were second overall with four boys making the top twenty (Joe Zamir 10th, Joe Tilley-Loughrey 13th, Sam Cotton 15th and Cameron Tyler 19th) while the girls placed three runners in the top twenty (Elsa Thwaites 8th, Fern O'Brien 9th and Maite Capper 15th).

In the intermediate girls (yr10/11) the team came joint 3rd overall with great results for Bethan Powel who came 5th and Charlotte Warren 13th.

The intermediate boys' team came 6th overall, with Max Nicholls 6th and Archie Parker 15th.

The individual results were excellent from the senior girls and boys, with Amity Thwaites in 4th and Toby Fernandez-Pozas 3rd.

Well done to everyone who took part. Thank you to Amity for looking after us; and the teachers for their support and taking everyone to the competition.

## Year 9 Rugby Tournament - 6.12.2018 by Ben

### Alvin and Lysander Tarrant

### The Cotswold School at Cokethorpe Tournament

#### Final Score: Cotswold win the Tournament

#### Star Players: The Whole Team

On the 6th of December 2018, the Year 8 Cotswold Boys Rugby Team went to the Cokethorpe Tournament as defending Champions. Through hard work and determination, we returned as reigning champions. Our first game was against Bournside, a strong Cheltenham team. It took us a lot of effort and was tiring work, but we beat them 2-1. Next we played Shiplake College and Cokethorpe, and we beat both teams 5-0. Our last group game was our hardest against Reading Blue Coats, even if the score didn't show, as they were on our tail for a long time. We came through with a 4-1 win with great play from Scott Coombes and Henry Wheeler. We made it to the semi-final and beat the Crypt 3-0. In the final we beat Lord Williams 2-1 after a really tough match. We were provided with sandwiches, crisps and chocolate bars and water. We would also like to thank Cokethorpe referees, organisers and groundsmen for putting together this tournament.

## Year 7 Hockey Tournament - 28.11.2018

### Cotswold at Balcarras Tournament

#### Star Players: Lettice Tilley-Loughrey/Martha Williams

On Wednesday the 28th November Daisy O'Brien, Lettice Tilley-Loughrey, Darcy White, Hattie Backhouse, Lulu Lane-Fox, Flora Kenning, Lara Boston, Tabitha Bramwell, Cally Bentinck-Hinton, Lizzie Speak, Kady Beauchamp and Martha Williams played a Tournament at Balcarras School. We played three matches in total.

The first match was against Balcarras School. We only had twelve minutes for each match. We were so close to scoring lots of times, but unfortunately didn't score as their defence was quite good. Luckily they didn't score either, so it was 0-0.

Our second match was against Chosen Hill School. The first five minutes were quite easy but then it got a bit harder as they kept shooting at the goal but we came straight back when Martha scored a goal. The game ended with the score of 1-0.

The last match was against Pates School. Pates were quite challenging. It was a very fast game as we didn't have much time. One of their players scored and it was quite hard to get back. Unfortunately, the end score was 2-0 to them.

Overall we came 3rd and just 2 points from 1st. Lettice and Martha were voted Star Player of the Match.

# Year 10 Showcase

Year 10 Drama students created a fantastic Showcase, directing and organising each piece of work – taking time in break and lunch to rehearse on works reflecting on WWI. Pieces included 'Archie Dobson's War', 'The Canary Girls', 'Oh What a Lovely War', 'Turnip Winter', 'The Telegram Girl' and 'The Accrington Pals'.



# Governors' Corner

Many meetings in October were heavily focused on discussing exam results and approving the final school development plan which is always amended at this time of year post results. As ever some of our policies were reviewed – each policy has a shelf life of between 1 and 3 years and so there is a carousel of policy reviews throughout the year which keeps them up to date and legal.

The most recent meeting was the annual opportunity for governors to see the school accounts and we were pleased to welcome the school auditor who presented them to the Finance Committee and led the discussion along with Mrs Tye, our Chief Financial Officer. Governors have also been busy attending the recent staff INSET day, the Careers Fayre and various school events as well as all the regular committee meetings.

In the New Year we will be holding an election with vacancies for two parent governors. Mr Parker, our Chair, has become a co-opted governor and Mr Emsley, the Chair of Finance, has come to the end of his term. I will write to you with more details in January.

On behalf of the governors can I send you all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

## ESU Public Speaking Competition

Mrs Lamb took two public speaking teams to an ESU competition at St Edwards this month.

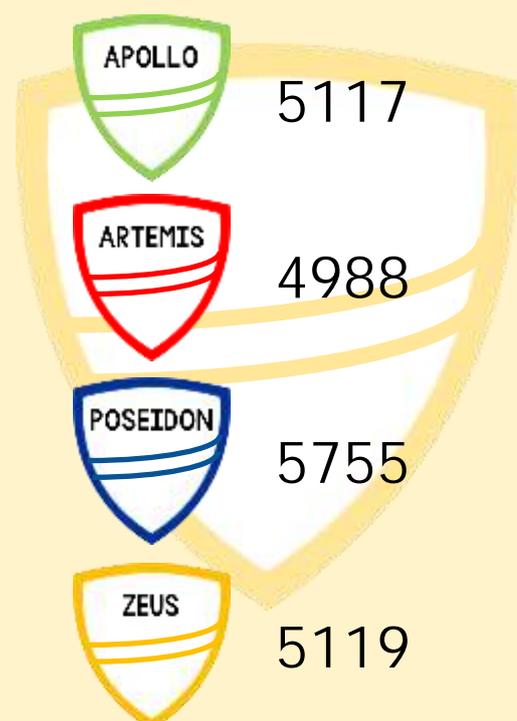
Ben Davidson (Year 11) delivered a great speech on gun laws (he was the only year 11 competing and had mocks the next day). Ciara Ladd (Year 10) won the overall prize for the best questioner. Sam Stephens and Nathan Marshall (year 10) also competed admirably.

From year 9, Lottie Denne and Lara Metayer were highly commended for their first attempts at Public Speaking, and were probably the youngest competitors at the competition.

Ciara, Lottie and Lara are all through to the next round of the competition, which will be held on Feb 5th at Cheltenham Municipal Offices.

They've all worked really hard, and we are very proud of them all!

## School House Totals



# Diary dates...

## January 2019

7	Pupils Return
17	Year 11 Trip, 'A Christmas Carol'
24	Year 9 Parents' Evening - Y Half
31	Year 9 Parents' Evening - X Half

## February

08	Year 8 FameLab
11-12	School Production 'Our Country's Good'
13	Year 13 Parents' Evening
14	Brain Lecture Day
15	Pupils Break up for February ½ Term
16-23	Ski Trip
16-22	Berlin & Krakow Trip
25	Pupils Return
26	Year 12 UCAS Evening

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