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The Cotswold School

November 2018



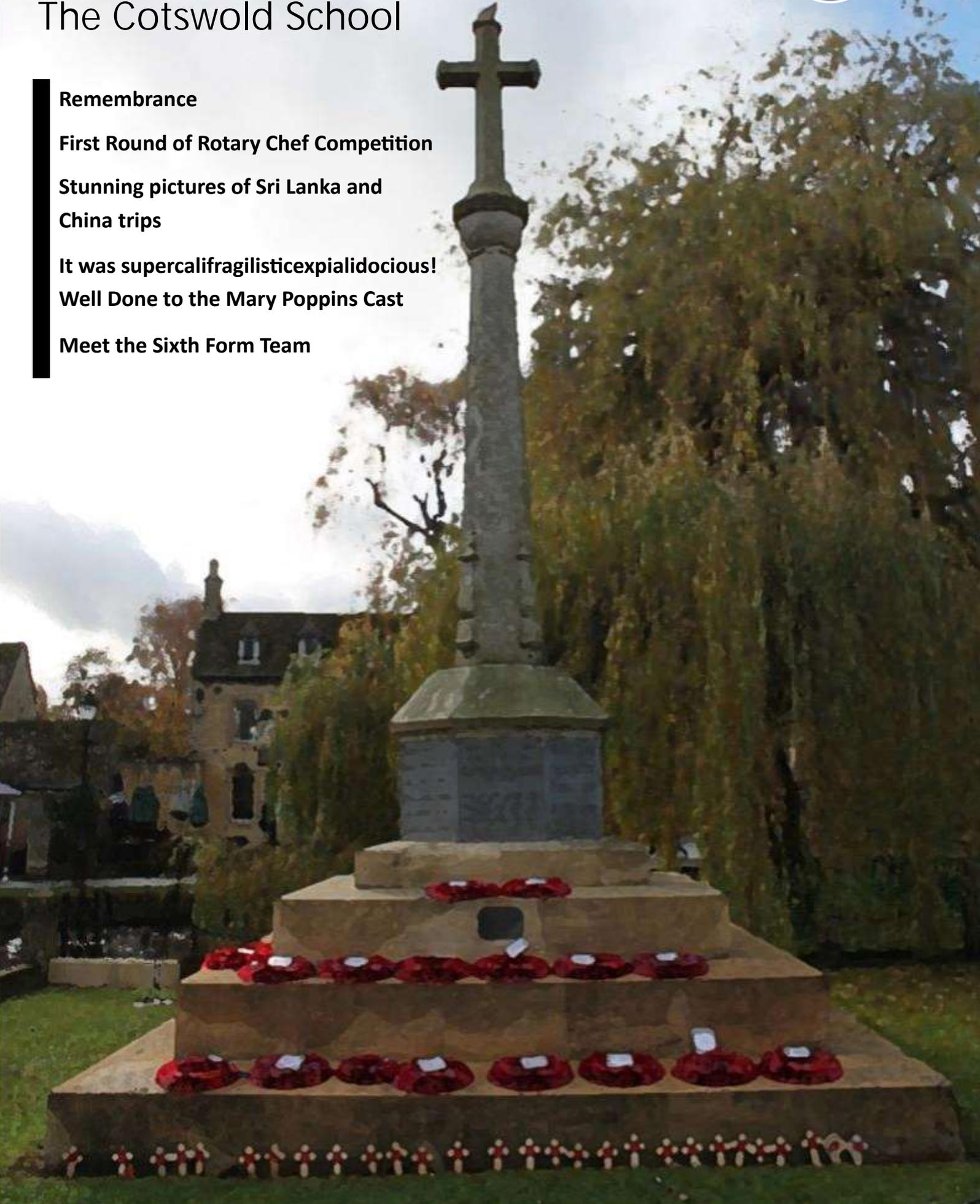
Remembrance

First Round of Rotary Chef Competition

**Stunning pictures of Sri Lanka and
China trips**

**It was supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!
Well Done to the Mary Poppins Cast**

Meet the Sixth Form Team





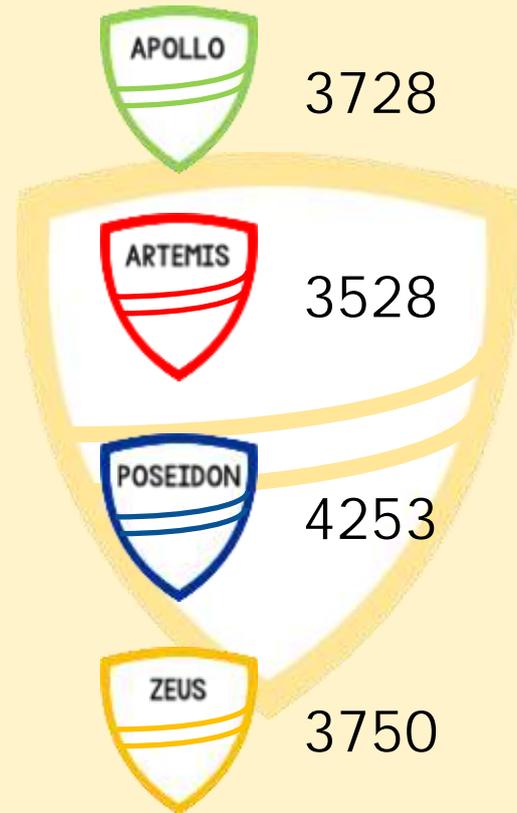
Thank you for all your donations to this month's Rags2Riches scheme. We raised £122.05. These monies will be divided between charity and the fundraising for the school pavilion. The next collection is on 28 February 2019.

Children in Need

Thank you to Gill Squires of the Exam Office who arranged a table top sale in aid of Children in Need and The Cotswold School. A lovely assortment of gifts, cakes and treats were on offer. Over £250.00 was raised. Well done!



School House Totals



Fundraising!

NEWS FROM THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL PTA—THANK YOU!

- The Cotswold School PTA continue their tremendous efforts with over £4,000 raised from teas at Chastleton House.
- The PTA also raised over £700 at the recent Mary Poppins interval bar – Thank you and thank you to Mr Lanham for donating a fridge to keep the drinks cool!
- Hot off the press, the PTA have won £2,000 from the recent Tesco Bags of Help scheme—thank you to everyone who contributed!
- Ticket sales for the PTA Wreath Making Workshop, taking place on Monday 3rd December, have raised over £1,500 – with the bar on the evening still to go!! A great effort!
- The PTA are currently running their annual Christmas raffle – Great Prizes are on offer, including a first prize of £500 cash, sponsored by Fleet & Commercial Ltd, Carterton. Please be generous, your donation is valuable. Please see page 12 for further details.
- **REGISTER** with AmazonSmile. It's so easy to register, via your Amazon account and with Christmas coming...all those purchases plus doing good for the School! We do urge you to support this secure, online initiative. <https://org.amazon.co.uk/npo/search?q=The%20Cotswold%20School%20PTA&p=1>
- **SIGN-UP** to Easy Fundraising! Easy Fundraising is currently offering a 'Refer a friend and receive a £5 bonus donation for The Cotswold School PTA, Cheltenham' initiative. Please do register and use this link as the more friends the more £5 bonus donations! http://m.e.easyfundraising.org.uk/nl/jsp/m.jsp?c=40TtCsNxqHBsTZ1H8oUUkdLHsTjE3utt5V0VtLnHneEYs3D&utm_source=adobecampaign&utm_medium=email&m_campaign=referral-2018&utm_content=referral-cause_20180930&origin=R1843
- **RECYCLE** The Cotswold School, on behalf of the PTA, has registered with Recycle4Charity.co.uk as The Cotswold School. Please visit the website and request printer cartridge bags to send back cartridges for recycle. Please note, we will NOT be collecting at School. Please send direct to the Charity.

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The Cotswold School Alumni Programme

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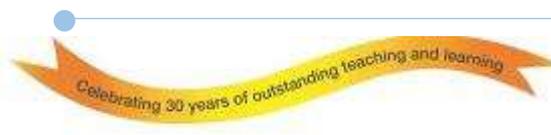
In the autumn of 2018, The Cotswold School will be 30 years old and we want to reach out to as many former pupils as possible to make it a lovely celebration. Please sign up at: www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/alumni/



THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL ALUMNI
The value of thinking and knowledge

Word from HQ

Will Morgan, Principal



Everything was supercalifragilisticexpialidocious! It was three evenings of excellent singing, costumes and acting! Well done to all of the cast and staff of this year's Mary Poppins, who put on a fantastic show and to the PTA who organised the bar and the raffle.

The unveiling of the plaque in memory and commemoration of Lieutenant Colonel Dudley G. Johnson VC DSO MC who fought in WWI and was the only Cotswold resident to be awarded the VC, took place on Saturday 10th November in Bourton-on-the-Water. Well done to Niamh and Finlay, Head Girl and Head Boy, who spoke at this event. The weekend of events concluded with the lighting of the beacon on Sunday evening and Tilly Bonner, Year 7, was the bugle player with only three days' notice. She played wonderfully and a proud moment.

Well done to Chelsey Dyson, Year 11, who won the 'Young Volunteer of the Year' award at the recent inaugural Cotswold Champions award ceremony—a well-deserved accolade.

Over half-term students visited China – a trip that takes place every two years - this is now the fourth visit. Students from across the years spend time in Beijing and Shanghai and Suzhou with our partner school. The pictures on page five do sum up what a fantastic experience it is for our students. Then, of course, we had our first-ever Sports trip to Sri Lanka that was hailed a success with teams in Rugby, Netball, Football, Hockey and Cricket travelling to this island. Again, the images sum up what a colourful, vibrant and beneficial trip.

It's now December! These last few weeks of the winter term are always so busy and filled with cheer and good tidings! The annual Carol Concert is on Thursday 13th December to be held this year at the Church of St Peter and St Paul in Northleach. We hope to see as many of you there. Wishing you all the best to the run-up to the festive time.

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Remembrance 2018

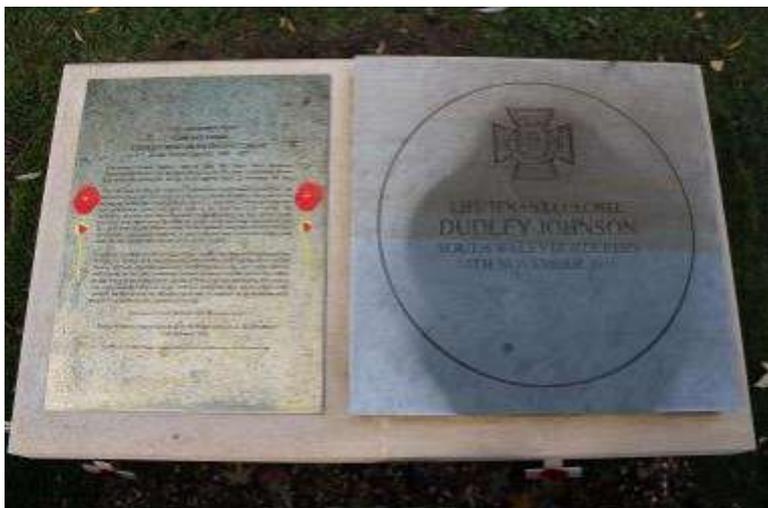


Bourton-on-the-Water honours Lieutenant Colonel Dudley G. Johnson VC DSO MC

On Saturday 10th November, our Head Boy and Girl took part in the commemorations to honour Lieutenant Colonel Dudley G. Johnson VC DSO MC, who was born in Bourton-on-the-Water on 13th February 1884. He served with the 2nd Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment during WWI. A plaque was unveiled as part of the 100 year commemorations and our Head Boy, Finlay and Head Girl, Niamh both spoke at this event. He was the last Royal Sussex VC of the Great War. Please see the below citation explaining his endeavours:

'for most conspicuous bravery and leadership during the forcing of the Sambre Canal on November 4th, 1918. The 2nd Infantry Brigade, of which, 2nd Battalion Royal Sussex formed part, was ordered to cross the lock south of Catellon. The position was strong and before the bridge could be thrown, a steep bank leading up to the lock and waterway about 100 yards short of the canal had to be crossed. The assaulting platoons and bridging parties Royal Engineers, on their arrival at the waterway were thrown into confusion by a heavy barrage and machine gun fire and heavy casualties were caused. At this moment Lieutenant-Colonel Johnson arrived and realising the situation at once collected men to man the bridges and assist the Royal Engineers and personally led the assault. In spite of his efforts heavy fire again broke up the assaulting and bridging parties. Without any hesitation he again organised the platoons and bridging parties and led them at the lock, this time succeeding in effecting a crossing after which all went well. During all this time Lieutenant-Colonel Johnson was under heavy fire, which, though it nearly decimated the assaulting columns, left him untouched. His conduct was a fine example of great valour, coolness and intrepidity, which, added to his splendid leadership and offensive spirit that he had inspired in his Battalion, were entirely responsible for the successful crossing.'

Citation from the London Gazette, January 6, 1919





Commemoration & Honour

Tilly Bonner of Year 7 was asked, at the last minute, to play her coronet at both The Guiting Power Remembrance service on Sunday 11th November and then at the 'Lighting of the Beacon' service at Bourton-on-the-Water at 7 pm later that day. To all accounts, she stepped up to the honour—well done Tilly.



Dear Will

Just a line to inform you of the fantastic job that one of your Cotswold School Pupils, did over the weekend. I was organising the combined villages Remembrance Service at The War Memorial in Guiting Power on Sunday. We had been promised a Bugler from The Rifles, but a Ministry of Defence blunder meant that he was allocated elsewhere.

With 3 days to go we had no one, I contacted Mrs Powell in your School Music Department, she was most helpful and found us an 11 year old girl, named Tilley Bonner.

I can say that this little 11 year old girl at 3 days notice, learnt the music and stood up alone in front of about 250 people and delivered a virtuoso performance. We were all flabbergasted, and at the end of the service she had a resounding round of applause, which i have never seen before at a Remembrance Service.

You are definitely doing great things down there at Cotswold School, this was an example, we were all so impressed. Please thank Tilly, Mrs Powell and your Music Department.

Best Wishes

Mike Edwards (Churchwarden & Chelt RFC)

Dear Will

Tilly did the Village and The Cotswold School very proud tonight, she played the trumpet without fault and with great confidence.

Many thanks for putting Tilly forward.

Bob Hadley



Lest we forget

Textile students from across all years, and incorporating those made by some Year 5 and Year 6 pupils from the recent Open Day, created poppies to commemorate the centenary of the First World War.



Rotary Young Chef

Nine students took part in the first round of the Rotary Young Chef Competition for 2018/19. This is the ninth year that North Cotswolds Rotary Club has organised this competition at The Cotswold School. The task facing these budding young chefs was to prepare and serve up a meal for two persons in two hours, with ingredients costing no more than £20. Marks were awarded for planning, costing, healthy choice of dishes, range of skills used, hygiene and neatness of working, table presentation, and meals served at the correct temperature, but most marks were allocated for the taste and presentation of the starter, main course, and dessert.

The judges were led by Rotarian Peter Boxall, whose whole career has been in the hotel and catering trade. In 1989 Peter bought The Dial House Hotel in Bourton-on-the-Water. Initially Peter did all the cooking, but as the hotel grew too busy, he eventually employed three chefs and achieved 2AA Rosettes for the restaurant. Assisting Peter were Teri Collett who runs her own catering business, and Hattie Price, a Year 11 student at The Cotswold School and a National Finalist in the Rotary Young Chef Competition 2017/18.

The range and ambition of the dishes chosen this year was exceptional, and all the students – Celia Dawent, Izzy Dewar, Isla Mackintosh, Harry Marsden, Lottie Oliver, Millie Phipp, Katy Smee, Elsa Thwaites and Sophia Torris – deserve the highest praise for their delicious meals. The judges had the pleasurable task of tasting and marking a total of 27 dishes, but picking a winner was certainly a challenge. After a lengthy deliberation they chose Katy Smee as the winner, with Izzy Dewar as runner up, and Harry Marsden was Highly Commended. All contestants were deservedly singled out for praise by the judges for one or more of their dishes. Katy's winning menu consisted of Dippy Eggs with Asparagus Soldiers as her starter, followed by Gressingham Duck with Creamed Potatoes, Carrots and Crispy Kale, and for dessert she served a delicious Disassembled Apple and Blackberry Crumble. Izzy's menu was also adventurous and colourful, consisting of Loch Fyne Smoked Salmon served with a beetroot and horseradish crème fraiche sauce sprinkled with herbs, followed by Gamekeepers Fillet of Venison served with pearl barley risotto, bramble gravy and rainbow carrots, and her dessert was a Marmalade and Whiskey Bread and Butter pudding.

"This year the standards have been amazingly high," said Bob Hadley who organised the competition on behalf of North Cotswolds Rotary Club. He congratulated all the students, and thanked the judges and teacher Cath Lamb and The Cotswold School for their time and effort in making the competition such a success. He wished Katy Smee the best of luck in the next round of the competition, the District semi-final, which will take place early in the New Year.



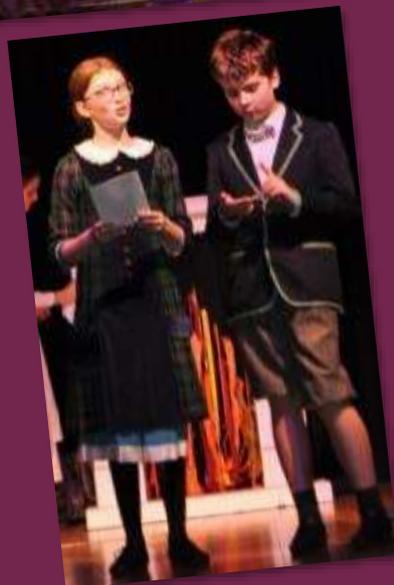
China 2018



DISNEY and CAMERON MACKINTOSH'S

MARY POPPINS JR.

Mary Poppins:	Bethany Allen and Heidi Mundiano
Bert:	Louis Mutsaars
Mrs Banks:	Kate Jacovides
Mr Banks:	Theo Mitchell
Jane Banks:	Katie Smeed
Michael Banks:	Theo Harding
Katie Nanna:	Ciara Ladd
Mrs Brill (Housekeeper):	Thea Pett
Neleus:	Amelie Meaden / Sophie Thompson
Bird Woman:	Orla Macmahon
Miss Smythe:	Sophie Cunningham
Bank Chairman:	Molly Jones
Von Hussler:	Tom Price
John Northbrook:	Jamie Mather
Mrs Corry:	Rhian Sneath
Miss Andrew:	Izzy Nevins





Primary School Music Workshop



Sri Lanka 2018

My Sri Lankan experience by Nick Emsley, Year 11

My Sri Lankan experience began with an uncomfortable start as we stepped off the plane and into the hot and sticky air that was Sri Lanka. The welcome that we received at the airport from Island Leisure was an eye opener as it demonstrated how reserved we are in the UK towards guests in our country. It was such a warm welcome!

The travel up to the first hotel in Kandy was sublime. We travelled up winding mountain paths with the forest coming right up to the edge of the road. The driving was also an experience that I wouldn't have missed, but I don't exactly miss it! Our first hotel was the Hotel Suisse in Kandy. This was one of my favourite places while on tour. The city is steeped in history, constantly alive, and the bats and the monkeys that lived within the hotel grounds gave us our first insight into Sri Lankan wildlife.

One of my favourite experiences was walking out onto a former international ground in Kandy for the first of our cricket games. This was not something that we valued that much while playing, but looking back it was something extremely special and a once in a lifetime opportunity for most of us. Another particular poignant moment of the tour was the time we were able to spend with some children from the orphanage. We all agreed afterwards that it was one of the most enlightening moments of our lives. The happiness that radiated from the children was an inspiration to us all. This was a real turning point in the tour, where most of the party opened their eyes to where they were and sat up and noticed all that was around them. We all enjoyed the outing to the elephant orphanage; however, it wasn't as rewarding as meeting up with the children from the orphanage.

In our first cricket game we were overwhelmed by a far superior team who had players much better than our own level. It was disappointing for us to lose in such a way. However it taught us many lessons about fighting to the end which we have forgotten in our western society where everything is given to us. Although the second game also ended in defeat, it was a major improvement for the team who played some great shots against some good spinners whose level we had not experienced to date in England.

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Some of the boys dived with chilli eating competitions which only ended in discomfort but was a great way to immerse ourselves in the culture of the country!

The hotels were all clean and very nice with some of the friendliest staff who genuinely cared about you. They took a great interest in everything that we were doing and would often come up to us and ask us how the games had gone and tell us their stories about sport and their families.

The football wasn't quite in the same league as the cricket, and so we were able to win a tight game against FC Barcelona Academy 1-0 and won quite comfortably against a team of enthusiastic players who were younger than ourselves. The pitch for this second game was not what we were used to, it was bare with reddish grit, and some medium-sized rocks in the middle of it. This was an experience I would not have missed, and it showed us how much kit and apparatus we had, playing kids who only had high vis vests as the kit.

Despite the 4th ODI at Pallekelle turning out to be a washout the girls eventually got into the spirit of the day, even if cricket isn't their favorite thing. It turned out to be a great day, with brass bands playing all day long and dancing in the spectator stands. It was a real change from Lords.

The last hotel was on Jetwing beach in Negombo just north of the capital Colombo, from where we had glorious yellow sandy beaches that stretched for miles and to the pungent fish market with carpets of dried fish. It was something special but not a smell I want to experience again anytime soon!

The boys took leave of their dress senses while out in Hikkadwua, buying shirts that were more vibrant than the local people. It created quite a scene at dinner and brought the team together.

We have to thank our amazing guides and drivers from Island Leisure as well as the staff from Street Action Lanka and the PE staff who put up with us out in Sri Lanka and especially Mr Maudsley who organized the whole tour with Gulliver's.



THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2018

The Cotswold School PTA Christmas Raffle is back!

The Christmas Raffle is a big fundraiser for us. Last year we raised £3,700 for our children and hopefully we can do even better this year. Please support us and help us to make it a huge success, raising as much as possible for our school.

We have amazing prizes this year, including a very generous 1st prize of £500 cash, so make sure you get your raffle tickets.

Please sell tickets to family and friends, return the money/cheque (payable to the Cotswold School PTA) and stubs to Pupil Reception before the 12/12/2018. ALL unused raffle tickets must also be returned to the school by this date.

The draw will take place in the school on the 14th of December 2018.

Best of luck to everyone!

1st prize: £500 CASH!!!! Sponsored by Fleet and Commercial Ltd, Carterton

2nd prize: An Artwork by local artist Lucy McMillan-Scott

3rd prize: Dinner x 4 including a drink at Raj Mahal Restaurant, Moreton in Marsh

4th prize: A box of beef worth £110, sponsored by Fir Farm, Lower Swell.

5th prize: Dinner x 2 including a bottle of wine, compliments of Wyck Hill House Hotel&Spa

6th prize: Champagne Afternoon Tea x 2 offered by The Slaughter Manor House

7th prize: 3 months free membership, courtesy of Everyone Active Bourton on The Water

8th prize: Cut & Finish by Essence Hair, Bourton on The Water

9th prize: MOT, courtesy of Dean Tyre & Exhaust Services Ltd, Bourton on The Water

10th prize: Free term of Modern or Contemporary Dance Classes by S. Price School of Dance

11th prize: Back & Shoulder Massage, offered by Beautylicious, Bourton on The Water

12th prize: Christmas 'goodies' voucher, offered by The Bakery, Bourton on The Water



For more tickets, please e-mail the
Cotswold School PTA:
pta@thecotswoldschool.co.uk.

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO
YOU ALL FROM THE COTSWOLD
SCHOOL PTA



Geography department

Chesil Beach by Geography Ambassador
Miles Taylor, Year 12



Part of the Geography A-Level course with our Year 12s is to study coastal formations.

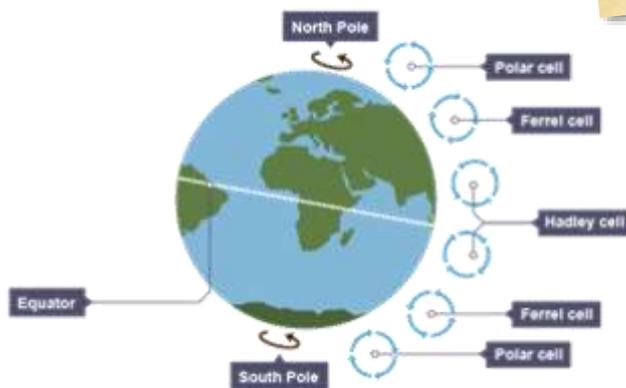
"Our trip to Dorset last Wednesday was our opportunity to collect primary data about our case study; the Dorset Coastline. Having studied Chesil Beach, Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove in the classroom, all geography students met at 6:30 am to tackle the elements down on the South Coast. We were met by expert geographers to enhance our experience and help us conduct a range of practical research tasks. We were equipped with ranging poles and callipers and our research included measuring sediment size and calculating the elevation of Chesil Beach. Our next stops gave us first-hand experiences of the studied locations and helped us to understand the theory of lessons. Despite the weather, it was a fantastic trip and extremely helpful in consolidating our learning and knowledge."



Balloon Tricellular Models

Year 11 put their knowledge to the test making Tricellular Models on balloons!

A tricellular model is made up of three different air masses, these control atmospheric movements and the redistribution of heat energy. The three air masses, starting from the equator, are called the Hadley cell, Ferrel cell and the Polar Cell. (source: geography-revision.co.uk)



Meet the Sixth Form Team



The new Sixth Form Centre has been **open a year.....**

“Our Sixth Form continues to flourish, with 270 students enjoying exceptional teaching across 28 subject areas, offering a broad, engaging and challenging curriculum. The Sixth Form is known for its highly successful higher education and careers preparation. Year on year our students set their sights on and win places at the country’s top universities—including Oxford, Cambridge and other Russell Group Universities. Our students also progress to competitive Apprenticeship Programmes. The spacious new Sixth Form Centre is proving to be a success in providing excellent learning facilities for the students—as one comments, ‘It’s like a university setting!’ There is a fully networked Study Room with 60 PCs and a large Common Room with space to work, socialise and eat. This environment has been created to be positive, supportive and friendly.” **Phil White, Deputy Principal, Head of Sixth Form, Careers Leader and Teacher of Geography.**



With two new members joining the team, we thought it would be a good idea to meet the team -

Ms Angela Rodrigues, Deputy Head of Sixth Form, Head of Year 13, Teacher of English: A teacher and leader at the School since 1999, Ms Rodrigues says that one of her greatest pleasures is being a member of the school’s exceptional Sixth Form community. With a wealth of experience in all aspects of Sixth Form leadership, Ms Rodrigues currently takes a leading role in our Higher Education and Careers programme and oversee the Extended Project Qualification. She supports students in the crucial final year of their Sixth Form studies and has been instrumental in ensuring that all students achieve excellent examination results and graduate from the school having developed a broad range of personal and academic skills.



Miss Julie Franklin, Deputy Head of Sixth Form, Head of Year 12, Teacher of Design and Technology: Miss Franklin is the new Head of Year 12. She has been a teacher at the School since 2010, and is an experienced Head of Year, having previously led Years 10 and 11. She plays a key role in ensuring that all students have a smooth transition to their Sixth Form life and make excellent progress in the first year of their new A Level subjects. The Sixth Form is a welcoming place and she is looking forward to working with a team that cares so much about the students’ wellbeing and pastoral care as well as their progress.



Miss Rosie Moser, Sixth Form Administrator: New to the Sixth Form Team in September 2018, Rosie is the first port of call for parents and students on all matters relating to the Sixth Form. Rosie joined the School in 2016, having working in hospitality for many years. From the wealth of this experience, Rosie is friendly, approachable and is more than used to a lively and professional buzz—she feels right at home in the Sixth Form! Always happy to help, Rose provides administrative support to staff and students alike and is a mine of information. She is integral to the smooth running of the Sixth Form.



Chemistry Week



ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY



Chemistry Week 2018 2nd Lunch, Science Dept!



Monday – Making baths bombs

Tuesday - Screaming Jelly baby, chromatography of sweets



Wednesday - Bouncing custard



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
Reception@thecotswoldschool.co.uk

Limited places available so please contact early to avoid disappointment.

UKAEA Trip

A trip to the UK Atomic Energy Authority at Culham for Year 12 and Year 13 physicists was held in November. The students had a talk about all of the facilities at Culham and about the science of the Joint European Torus (JET), the world's largest and most powerful tokamak (fusion reactor). They then had a tour of the site from people who work at Culham which was a great opportunity for them to see the skills-diversity of the workforce (materials engineers, robotics engineers, physicists, chemists, etc). They learned about future work at Culham, where they are researching fusion reactions with a view gaining enough knowledge to enable fusion to become a viable future energy source. Hopefully some of the students are inspired to pursue research in the future!



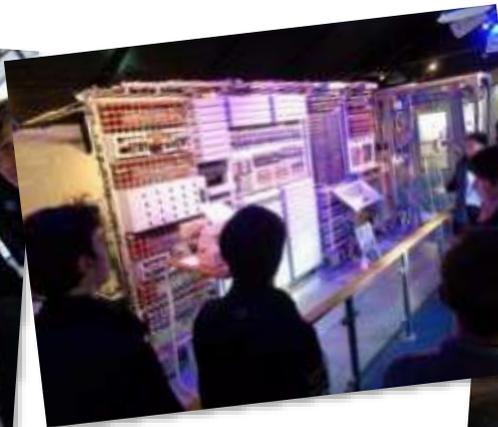
Sixth Form Mud Run

The annual Sixth Form Mud Run was held in November where the students took part in a circular obstacle route around the school grounds. From tyre jumping, clambering under nets and running through muddy water, it was a fantastic afternoon!



Bletchley Park

Year 10 to 13 Computer Scientists visited The National Museum of Computing on the historic site of Bletchley Park in Milton Keynes this month. This is home of the Colossus, the first electric computer!



Gruesome Victorians

Back in the summer, on one of the hottest days of the year, 80 year 10 GCSE students went to London to visit the Globe Theatre and The Old Operating Theatre.

First stop was The Globe where students toured the theatre with a guide (some getting a sneak preview of an Othello rehearsal) before having a well-deserved lunch in the shade of the Southbank. Every year students are required to study a new historical site for their GCSE examination. Last year it was Hardwick Hall but this year they will need to answer a full essay question on The Globe which was why the trip was so important in bringing the subject to life.

Pupils then went to The Old Operating Theatre to understand some of the more gruesome aspects of Victorian surgery. Despite the actual operating theatre being rather small and very hot, no casualties were recorded!

Pupils got a valuable insight into the horrors and tragic consequences of many 19th century operations which should complement their study of 'Health and the People' through time.

Cheltenham Literature Festival

Year 7 and Year 8 were treated to a trip to the Cheltenham Literature Festival in October. Year 7s saw the award winning author Michael Horowitz and Year 8s saw the Carnegie medal award winner Sarah Crossan and author Brian Conaghan.

The authors talked about their latest books, writing and getting published, it was a truly inspirational trip for all concerned.

Mrs Baxter (English) and Mrs Williams (Librarian)

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Library



SECRET SANTA BOOK EVENT

Instructions on how to take part:

Students (from all years) who wish to take part:

- Pick up form from library
- Decide who they wish to give a book to (but keep that a secret from recipient)!
- Fill in form
- Choose book from the library for recipient

Hand book along with completed form to the library/librarian

Adults wishing to take part: as above, but if they wish to provide their own/bought book that's fine too.

Student librarians/librarian will wrap book and label.

Display books in library until the last week of term when list of recipients will go to tutors to enable students to pick up their book.

All books will be due back for first day of new term (January 7th)

Teatime Concert

The Tea Time concert took place on Tuesday 19 November to showcase the music talents of the pupils, and allow them to perform in front of an audience.



OCR Marketing at The Cotswold School



FEATURE | CAMBRIDGE NATIONALS

CAMBRIDGE NATIONAL IN ENTERPRISE & MARKETING: TRIED AND TESTED

From popular YouTube stars to TV's *The Apprentice* and *Dragons' Den*, young people have never been so exposed to the world of entrepreneurs. It's no surprise therefore that OCR's new practical and accessible qualification on creating a successful business with a focus on enterprise and marketing is proving popular among 14 to 16 year olds.

Our Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Enterprise and Marketing has been developed in collaboration with teachers, employers and entrepreneurs to give the growing numbers of young people wanting to start their own business the skills required, such as being able to work collaboratively and creatively, solve problems and have awareness of business and customers.

Teachers and students are attracted by the real world practical element of the course, with 50% of the qualification based on them using their own resources and ideas to create a product, make a business case and deliver and pitch their own business proposal. Introduced for first teaching in September 2017, the course appeals to students looking for a more practical alternative to GCSE Business that allows them to get to grips with all aspects of running a small business with particular focus on enterprise and marketing.

CASE STUDY

Students have really taken to the course at one Gloucestershire school, which has introduced the course in addition to GCSE Business. "Both staff and students are currently enjoying the course, both the content and the delivery," said Business Studies teacher Stuart Langworthy of The Cotswold School in Bourton on the Water, near Cheltenham.

Stuart explained ahead of taking the Queen's Award for Enterprise Promotion and it is also the subject lead for enterprise with the EBEA (Economics and Business Education Association). The practical element of the course has gone down particularly well. He continued: "The students have responded well to this approach with the majority enjoying the challenge of having to present to others. This is all aimed at improving their confidence and helps them to develop their enterprise and employability skills."

It has also put the possibility of one day starting their own business into the minds of students: "It certainly raises the profile of small and self-employed businesses. I do not think this will necessarily be in the minds of students when they choose life as an option, but by the end of the course, there may well be more people who would consider self-employment."

The course has given the school the opportunity to use a different teaching approach. Two teachers deliver the course, one concentrating on the examined unit and one on the assignment.

"The delivery of the examined unit has been more formal with the use of case studies and exam style questions, whereas the assignment unit lends itself to more open-ended and longer student-led tasks," said Stuart. "We have spent time preparing the students for the pitch, including some practice pitches and presentations."



FEATURE | CAMBRIDGE NATIONALS

As with other Cambridge Nationals, the Cambridge National in Enterprise and Marketing is designed to fit into the curriculum as an equivalent to a GCSE and will form a key part of any student's Progress Band Attainment Report for approved subjects under the Technical Award category.

While some students will go on to start their own business, the course has also been developed to offer students long term transferable skills for the world of higher education and work, including interview and communication skills. This is something that has made it particularly appealing to The Cotswold School. "We've general business knowledge has been developed and alongside this, they have developed wider enterprise and employability skills," said Stuart. He continued: "Many of this group will not progress to traditional A level courses, some may well progress to more vocational courses in school or at local colleges, and some may be interested in apprenticeships." His school also started teaching the Level 1 Cambridge Technicals in September 2018, to give students a vocational progression route.

Progression to Cambridge Technicals

"Our students are really enjoying the Cambridge Technicals. I came – they like the mix of exams and coursework. The Unit 2 content is really interesting in terms of preparing students for a career in business. We believe we have now got the pathway for all our students – those studying the L2 now have a vocational course to progress to and those who have not studied Business before, but who prefer a more practical approach either than 100% exams, have an interesting vocational course to study. We have 15 students in our first group and they seem to be really enjoying the course so far!"

Stuart Langworthy

Whatever these Cambridge Nationals students decide to do, this post-Millennium generation will be hitting the workplace full of entrepreneurial spirit, whether they be the next big YouTube star, or whoever follows on from that, in a social enterprise, or really great employees.

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Chelsey Dyson

Early in November, Chelsey Dyson of Year 11 won the 'Young Volunteer of the Year Award at the inaugural Cotswold Champions Community Awards in Cirencester. The ceremony and celebration took place at the Royal Agricultural University.

She won 'for her comprehensive fundraising work for dementia and cancer charities'. Well Done!

Chelsey held a number of fundraising events from a tombola, raffle, BBQ to taking part in a mud run and a memory walk in memory of her Grandfather. She has raised over £1,000 for dementia and cancer charities.

Chelsey comments, "I'm gobsmacked! It's great to be recognised for these fundraising efforts."

The Cotswold District Council had asked people to nominate residents and teams in the District to be chosen as Champions. Short-listed candidates were invited to the awards ceremony with the winners each receiving a prize of £1,000 from award sponsors.



Diary dates...

December

- 6 **Year 12 Parents' Evening**
- 12 School Christmas Lunch
- 12 Year 12 & Year 13 Photographs
- 13 Year 11 Photographs
- 13 Carol Service at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Northleach
- 17 **Year 11 Senior Citizens' Christmas Party**
- 20 Sixth Form Winter Ball
- 21 Christmas Holidays, School closes at 2.10 pm

January 2019

- 7 School Returns
- 24 **Year 8 Parents' Evening**—Y Half
- 31 **Year 9 Parents' Evening**—X Half

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