



The Cotswold School

Headlines and Highlights, Summer 2022

Enriching students' lives

School events and activities are 100% up and running!

After their examinations, Year 13 and Year 11 leavers enjoyed traditional prom events, accompanied by many staff. We are proud of them and wish them every success.

The range of enrichment activities in our final week is almost mind-blowing! Groups have travelled in all directions: including to the battlefields of Belgium and France; to London to see the hit show Hamilton; to Silverstone and Cheddar Gorge; to Stratford-upon-Avon, to celebrate all things Shakespeare and on The Duke of Edinburgh Award's expeditions.

Everyone is involved, there's so much sport and creativity to inspire, both in school and out. Years 10 and 12 have been on work experience - a different kind of enrichment and certainly valuable.

School life is in great shape, as you'll see on these pages, from the triumphant performances of Beauty and the Beast to extensive use of the Aird Library: it is clear that pupils love this new space.

Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you in September.



Will Morgan, Headteacher



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From student and alumni activities to fundraisers, hobbies, clubs, individual achievements and school development, there's more about the stories on these pages - and plenty of others - on our website!

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Pride sale by
LGBTQ+ and
Allies Club



Buddies help
new children
settle into
secondary
school

Bringing
more young
people 'into
DofE'

From power kites to paella, Battlefields to Shakespeare!

The final week of the summer term is traditionally for enrichment and work experience.

Packed with activities and visits that enhance skills, knowledge and experience, the range of choice is huge: indoors, outdoors, abroad; active, creative, artistic and therapeutic: every child in Year 7 to Year 9 is involved.

Students have mixed and matched to suit their interests, filling three days with activities.



Meanwhile, people in over 170 local, national and global businesses have welcomed our Year 10 and Year 12 students into their places of work.

The skills and insights our students can learn directly from people in such a variety of roles and organisations gives them essential experience for their development and future careers.

Learning about local businesses and the agricultural sector

Animal visitors included horses, sheep and rabbits and the machinery on display (and to explore) included a combine harvester, racehorse simulators and tractors. We also welcomed further education providers, Royal Agricultural University and Hartpury College.

Children from Bourton Primary School also joined us for the day!



Interactive, fun and informative

Daylesford Organics, Cotteswold Dairy, Nosehill Farm, Keighley Racing and Cotswold Farm Park were among our exhibitors.



Welcoming our new Year 7, 2022-23

Miss Lamb, Head of Year 7, led the fun activities, which included maths, science and sport sessions and an evening meeting for parents and carers. She said,

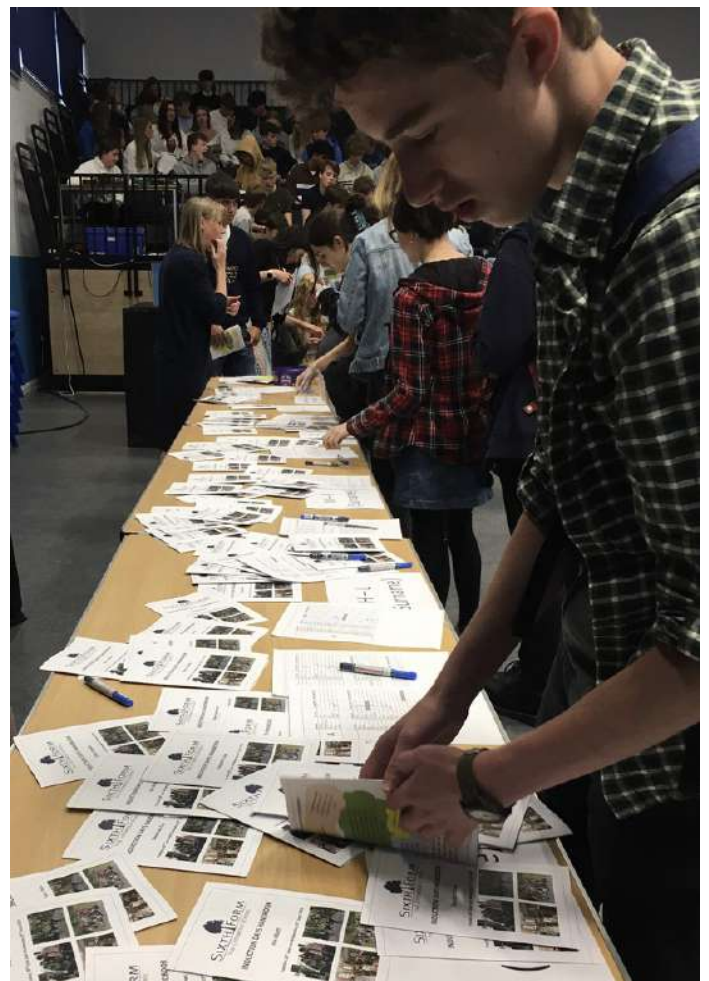
"Thank you to all the families who came to our meeting to help you and your child take the next steps into secondary. We're here to help make the journey into your new school smooth and enjoyable. See you on 6th September (our 'Year 7 only' day)."



Introducing Year 11 into our Sixth Form

The two-day induction for Year 11 students who are stepping up to Sixth Form was packed with learning and team work!

We can't wait to see what you will achieve as part of our thriving Sixth Form.



GCSE Results Day is Thursday 25th August

Mr White, Head of Sixth Form, is delighted at the number of students joining Year 12. He and other school leaders will be there to support you on 25th - we look forward to seeing you then.

Shakespeare Institute director joins our English conference

The English Department welcomed Professor Michael Dobson to a day of presentations and debate. Students presented their own projects and debated with sixth formers from North Leamington school, our guests for the day.



Universities, Apprenticeships & Careers

Two days of workshops about personal statements, apprenticeships, interview technique, creating a CV and student finance, with experts and mentors available to share their knowledge and experience.



We were grateful that former Cotswold student Tash Tustin came to talk about her life working as an apprentice for Atkins in Bristol.



Understanding identity

When Bishop Rachel of Gloucester visited us, she facilitated discussions with students about identity, social media and how you feel about your friends and yourself.

There's a podcast and a video featuring our students. [Click here for more information](#)



**Who you are
is more than
how you look**



YEAR 7 BUSHCRAFT EXPERIENCE



[Click to read more about Year 7's residential trip](#)

Team-building, screen-free time, building fires, cooking outdoors - and sleeping in the woods. What a fantastic way to end your year!

New ideas from students in the 'Aspire' programme

Presenting their researched projects in The Aird Library, students talked to visitors, including parents, teachers and Headteacher, Mr Morgan, about their findings. **Click to read more**

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We were completely entranced by the variety of topics and passion pupils brought to their work. Well done Year 8!

Mrs Newby, Stretch and Challenge co-ordinator

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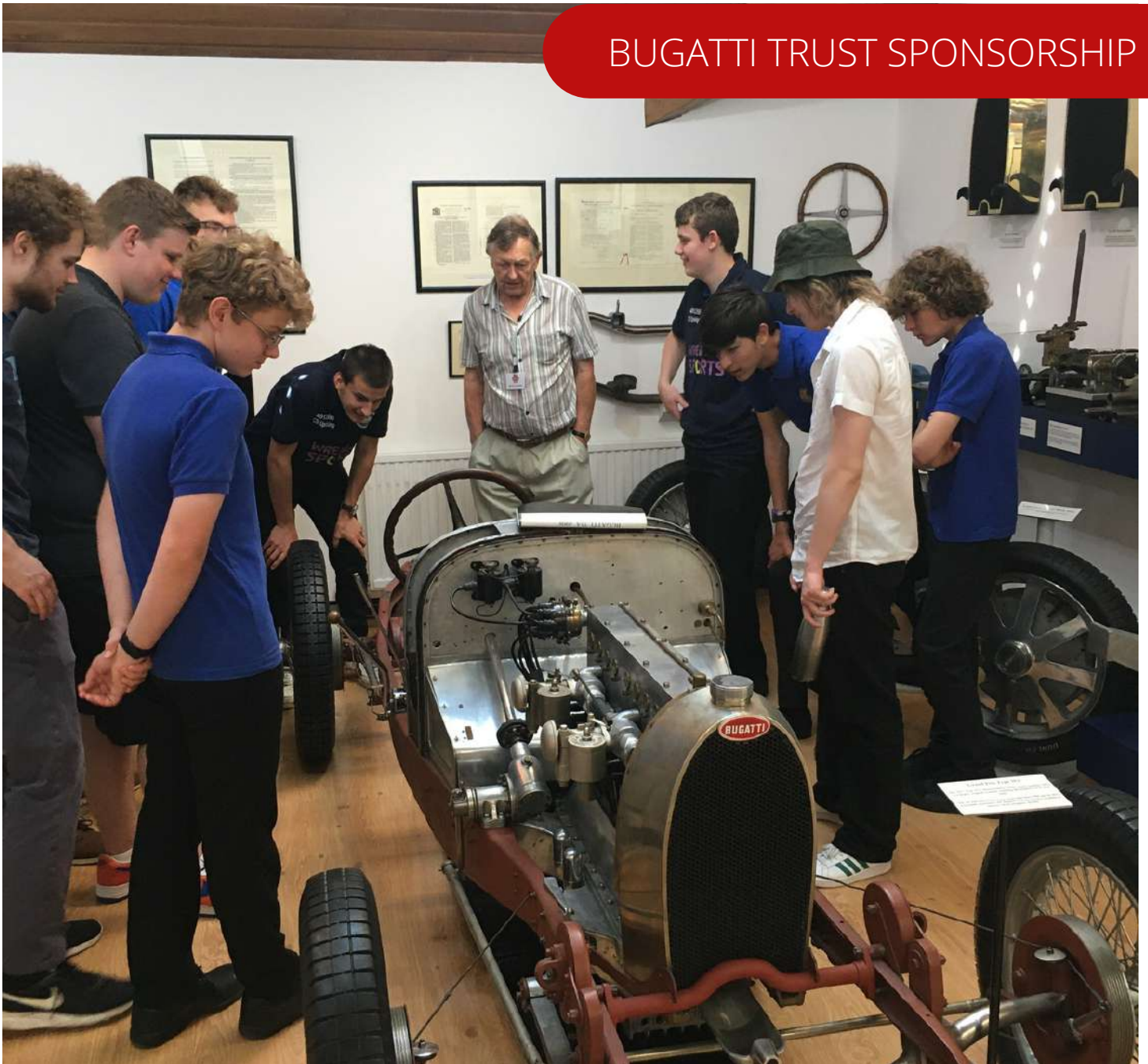


Working with nature

Year 10 students have spent eight months on a rural skills programme delivered by The Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, including in working farms around Gloucestershire. A highlight was learning to drive tractors!

Meanwhile, others have enjoyed learning many skills around horse management (and other animals) at Bourton Vale Equestrian Centre.





The Bugatti Trust is sponsoring our robotics teams!

Following our success getting to the national finals of the Vex Robotics championships, The Bugatti Trust, based in Gotherington, has offered to be our teams' sponsor!

The teams visited the museum and invited their sponsors to come and watch a Robotics session!





Growing what we eat

It happened! Families supported our bid for a Tesco community grant and we won £1,000. Since then, Gardening Club, led by Mrs Timms, has planted many herbs and vegetables.

Mrs Wrightson and the catering team cooked this enormous crop of potatoes in school lunches!





Birdland Experience Group

A group of pupils has been working with the teams at Birdland, learning about the routines and challenges of being a keeper.

They presented the Birdland staff with a £50 cheque this week for The World Parrot Trust, to thank them for the experiences!

Read more in Latest News



Library garden is popular lunchtime reading venue

Our new library space now includes a large secluded garden, where children can read and enjoy some quiet time at breaks.

The library is open 8.15am - 5.00pm every day.



Science, technology, engineering and maths

We've been to the Cheltenham Science Festival, Big Bang Fair, completed a Lego coding challenge and excelled at the Mars Rover race.

Read more about STEM experiences, including Elinor's review, on our website

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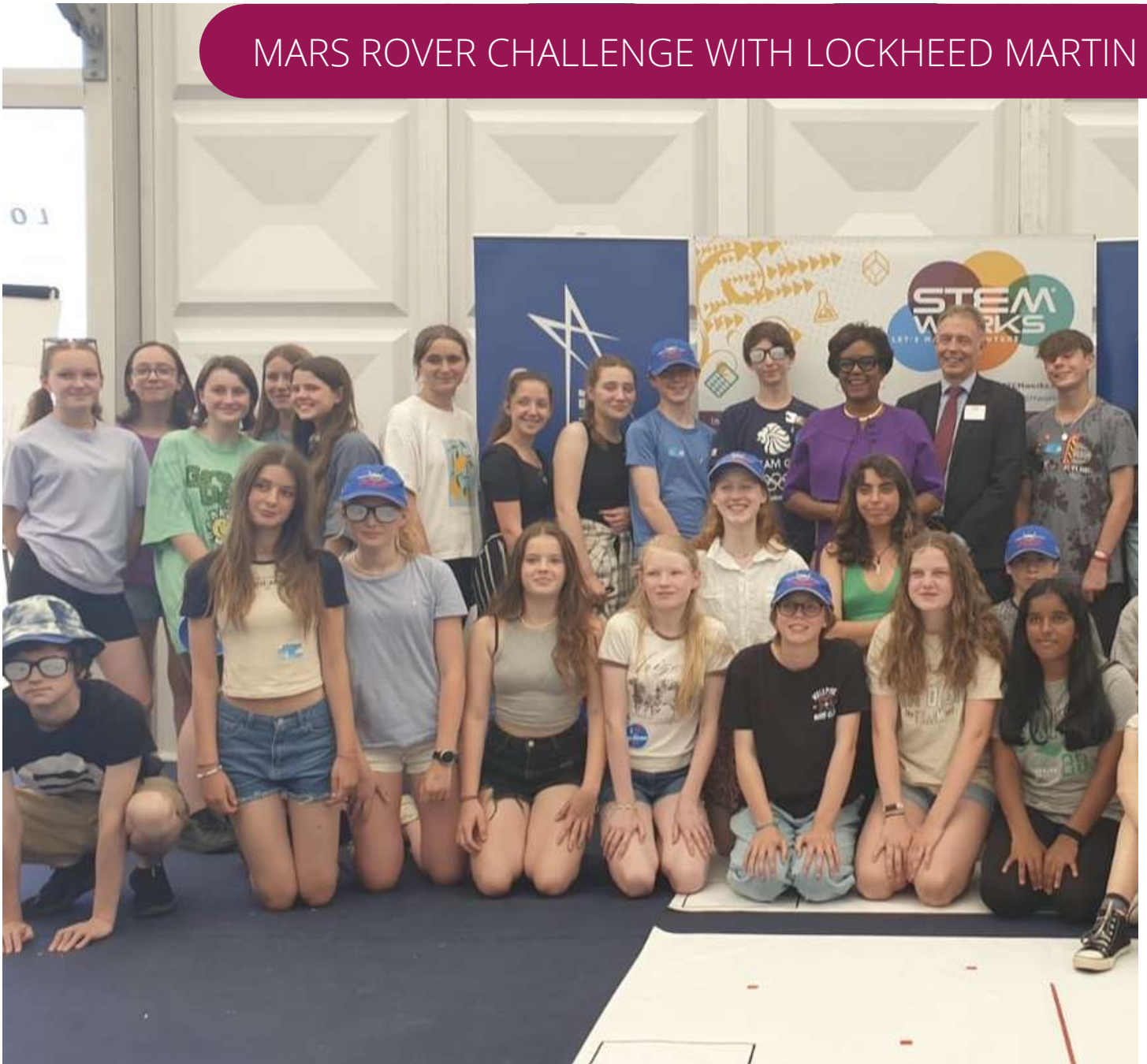
This was an exciting and eye-opening day for all of us, and I was particularly interested by the Entomological stand, which taught me some curious facts.

Elinor in 7VMO, who enjoyed her trip to the Big Bang Fair

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MARS ROVER CHALLENGE WITH LOCKHEED MARTIN



Year 9 engineers compete at the Royal International Air Tattoo!

STEMWORKS and Lockheed Martin led a day's activities in school, called the Secondary Engineering Challenge, for students to work in teams to make a Mars rover. Well done to Sienna, Ruth, Michael, Jess and Leila, who then competed at the 'RIAT on the Road' finals!



Back in Black's summer gigs

Our school jazz band is back on stage! They played at Cheltenham Jazz Festival, Condicote Jazz Evening and Stow Motor Show - which is probably why they're in a truck in the photo (see right) taken at the Stow concert!





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Between the Pages](#)

Drama club presented an amazing, funny show, celebrating books, reading and some well-known characters



Beauty and the Beast

Three nights and a matinee at the height of summer! The cast and crew of *Beauty and the Beast*, our first major production since 2019, produced an amazing show.

From acting and singing to orchestra and lighting, prop and costume design, direction, set painting, hair and make-up, it was a triumphant team effort!

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I have met loads of lovely people and it made me love shows and musicals even more!

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BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



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[Click to read more about the show and see the photos!](#)



Lord's is the theme linking two brilliant cricket matches

We played against the MCC side, and won! Well done Lottie, who was given the 'spirit' award.

And Emma Parker, former student, took the first wicket in the Cambridge vs Oxford women's game held for one and only time this summer at Lord's.

[Read more](#)



Sports Day records!

Some fabulous competitors achieved great results. There was even a staff relay race!

Well done to new record-holders:

Gabi Amador - Year 7 Long Jump and 100m

Alex McLean - Year 7 Triple Jump

Will Lorman - Year 8 Javelin

Izzy Tye - Year 9 Javelin

Sports Day House league table

1st = Artemis - 796 points

2nd = Poseidon - 786 points

3rd = Zeus - 744 points

4th = Apollo - 722 points

Well done to the 400 competitors plus supporters and helpers!



Artemis wins two years in a row!

We enjoy plenty of activities throughout the year, which bring students from across year groups together within their House; with points to be won throughout the week by all students.

Taking into account the number of students in the houses, we use average scores to show the final positions.

It was close, but at the end of Term 6, Artemis House is the winner!



49.37



47.85



47.46



46.11

Outstanding support from The Cotswold School PTA

Click here to read all about the PTA's work this year and how their fundraising is supporting learning and enrichment projects across the school.

We look forward to welcoming more people to organise and enjoy our events. Getting involved is a great way to meet other parents and everything you do benefits all students at the school.

Chris Bowen, Chair of the PTA

Email the PTA and get involved!



Wishing people happiness and success in their new roles and retirement

Thank you to all staff who are leaving us, for your service to our school and its children. A few have been with us for almost - and in some cases, over - a decade! Have fun in your new adventures!



Dr Russell, DT Technician, and Mrs Graham, English teacher, have been with us since 2005. Mrs Graham said,



*What will I miss most?
The wonderful students!*



YEAR 11 LEAVERS DINNER



A fun evening at the beautiful Doubletree Hilton to celebrate Year 11's time at The Cotswold School

Recognising excellence

History teacher Miss Morgan's work to ensure that our pupils learn with others across the world has earned reaccreditation from the British Council. The assessors said she is, "A credit to the school and the wider community."



Top review for the school

The Good Schools Guide recently visited The Cotswold School and interviewed the Head, students and parents to find out what it's really like for pupils here. One parent is quoted as saying, "You know you've struck gold with this school".



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See you in September!



Click for the online calendar

Key dates in Term 1

18 August

A level results. Second-hand uniform sale, 1-3 pm

25 August

GCSE results. Second-hand uniform sale, 1-3 pm

5 September

Inset day, staff only

6 September

Inset day, staff and Year 7 and Year 12 (new starters to The Cotswold School) only

7 September

All pupils return

8 September

Year 7 Welcome Evening

14 September

Year 12 Welcome Evening

20, 21, 22 September

The Cotswold School Awards evening, 6-8 pm

20 September

Open Mornings, Year 5 and Year 6 families

28 September

Year 10 Launch Evening

29-30 September

Open Evening, Year 5 and Year 6 families

Year 7 residential trip

6 October

Year 11 Parents Evening

11 October

Year 7 Tutor Evening

12 October

The Cotswold School Careers Fair

19 October

Year 13 Parents Evening

21 October

Inset day, staff only

24-28 October

Half term holiday

and a heads-up, **10 November**

Sixth Form Open Evening

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