

THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I hope you have all had a good summer. It has been wonderful to see everyone back in school, as well as welcoming our new Year 7 and Year 12 students, and those joining us in other years.

I wanted to start by celebrating the brilliant achievements of our Year 11 and Year 13 students, who received their GCSE and A level results in August. I am delighted with the results that our students have achieved, reflecting the maturity and commitment students have shown towards their learning, revision and exams. Congratulations to our students on their achievements, and thank you to our teaching and support staff for their unwavering dedication, and to our families for their continued support.

Below are a few headlines of our students achievements:

Over a third of all grades at A level were either an A* or A, with well over 60% of all grades either A*, A or B. 86% were awarded A* to C, with an overall pass rate of 99.8%. Many of our students will now move on to universities including Oxford, Cambridge, Bath, Exeter, St Andrews, Leeds, Imperial College London, University College London, Manchester, Newcastle and Camberwell College of Arts.

Highlights within our 2023 GCSE results include:

- 88% of grades in all subjects are 9-4
- Over 83% of students achieved the benchmark of five or more 9-4 grades, including Mathematics and English
- 75% of grades achieved are at 9-5
- 37% of grades achieved are at 9-7

Our results were widely covered in the local press. **Click here** to read the full stories, with photographs.

I look forward to a great year at The Cotswold School.

Will Morgan
Headteacher

Reminders

To help you make the best start to the new academic year, please check the notices below.

Timings and Calendar

The school day is 8.50 am – 3.30 pm.

12 September	Year 12 Sixth Form Welcome Evening
13 September	Year 10 Launch Evening
26-27 September	Open Mornings, Year 5 and 6 families
28-29 September	Year 7 Residential
5 October	Open Morning and Evening, Year 5 and 6 families
10 October	Year 7 virtual tutor evening
12 October	Year 11 Parents Evening
19 October	Year 13 Parents Evening
26/27 October	Inset days, staff only
30-3 November	Half term holiday

Click here to view the calendar for the 2023-24 academic year on our website, which includes dates for parents' evenings and many other events.

Timetable

All students will have received their timetable this week. We started our fortnightly timetable with Week A and will alternate between weeks A and B throughout the year. The canteen menu is also on a fortnightly rotation, in sync with the timetable. **Click here** to find out what is on the menu this term.

Uniform and dress code expectations

The full uniform and kit list is on our website, **click here**.

What we are learning

What are students in Years 7, 8 and 9 learning this term? Visit our website to view Term 1 'what we are learning' guides. **Click here** to view 'What we are learning' guides.



Clubs

All students are encouraged to take part in a wide range of activities within and beyond the normal school day, to follow their interests and to try something new. From Philosophy groups and Art Club to sports teams and competitions, Cotswold School students develop their knowledge and friendship thanks to the many opportunities provided by our staff, student leaders (including Sixth Formers) and wider community. **Click here** to view what clubs and activities are on offer. More clubs will be added over the coming weeks.

News

At the end of last term, The Cotswold School was a hive of activity with enrichment week and trips. A huge thank you to our fantastic staff who accompanied these trips, enabling our students to have these valuable life and learning experiences.

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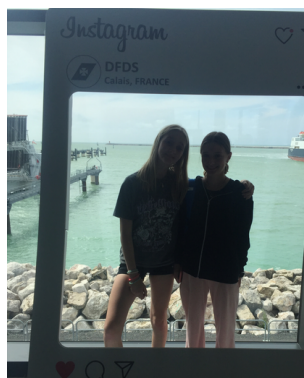


Sankt Goar, Cochem, Rudesheim, Klotti theme, schnitzel, cake and ice cream - Year 8s have had a fabulous trip to Rhineland.



Paris

Years 8-10 went to Paris at the end of last term, visiting Parc Asterix, markets and the Arc de Triomphe, as well as enjoying a trip down the Seine.



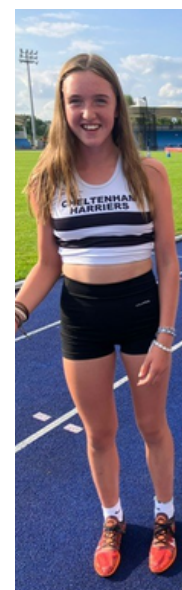
[Click here](#) to view our Trips Overview.

News

Youth Development League (YDL) final

On Saturday 2 September Orla (Y9), Conrad (Y10) - under 15s - and Abigail (Y8) - under 13s - were selected to compete for Cheltenham Harriers in the Youth Development League (YDL) final in Manchester Regional Arena. 166 teams throughout the UK entered and, after a gruelling summer of competitions, Orla, Conrad and Abigail confirmed their places in the final. Running the 300m, discuss and relay, Orla came 4th in the 300m and discuss, gaining new PBs. Conrad ran the 100m and 4 x 100m relay, finishing 5th place in a very fast competitive race, and winning bronze in the relay with a fantastic time of 48.38 seconds. Abigail won silver in the shot put, with a new PB. It was hot, busy and tiring day but, as always, our students did us proud!

Well done to you all.



Keep up with the **Latest News** on The Cotswold School website.

Recruitment

We are seeking to appoint reliable and confident people to join our team of Examination Invigilators. A number of Invigilators are required to support each exam and we are looking to increase our bank of available staff. Full online training will be provided.

To find out more visit our **website**.

Open Days and Evening for Year 7 Entry

Come and see what makes us outstanding, see our school in action, try out practical subjects and meet our staff and students. If your child is moving up to secondary school in 2024 or 2025, or you know of someone who is, come along to one of our Open Mornings on 26/27 September/ 5 October and to our Open Evening 5 October. Please visit our **website** to find out more and to register your **attendance**. We look forward to seeing you.

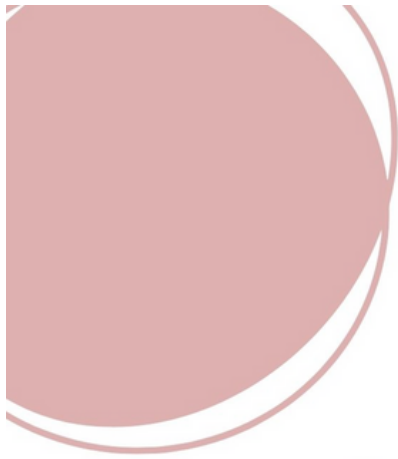


Sixth Form Open Evening

For those in Year 11 and thinking ahead to post-16 study, our Sixth Form Open Evening is on Thursday 9 November from 6.30pm. We are incredibly proud of the many roles and destinations that our students pursue and, each year, many Year 13 students head to prestigious universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, to study subjects such as medicine, languages, art, law, geography, history and criminology. An increasing number also opt for degree apprenticeships and apprenticeship qualifications, such as in engineering. Come along and find out more about what our Sixth Form has to offer, meet current students, the Sixth Form leaders and subject teachers.



Events



Understanding your Perimenopausal and Menopausal Journey



Thursday 28 September, 7.30pm
The Cotswold School Theatre



- Do you want to know more about the Perimenopause and Menopause?
- Are you wondering if you are Perimenopausal or Menopausal?
- Would you like to know more about HRT and other treatments to help your symptoms and improve your long-term health?

Join Dr Anna Chiles, Dr Carolyn Hall and Dr Jo Sewell, specialist menopause GPs. Using their joint expertise on menopause, they will share how to navigate the menopausal journey using the latest evidence-based research.

Tickets £10 www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-cotswold-school

Limited seats available, so please book your ticket in advance. All proceeds from ticket sales to go to The Cotswold School.

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