



THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

What a fantastic start to the new academic year. As well as settling all students into their new timetables and routines, we've also held some well-attended events, including Awards evening, Open Days and Open Evening.

It was a delight to welcome the Rt Revd Rachel Treweek to our Awards evening, a celebration for the 2022-23 academic year. It was a wonderful occasion, as we marked the successes of members of the whole school.

It was also wonderful to see so many Year 5 and 6 families on our Open Days. I am immensely proud of how the students have represented the school at these events, and extremely grateful for their time that they have given as Open Day and Open Evening guides.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Cake Sale; students, parents and carers, staff, and a huge thank you to Mrs Johnstone who coordinated the event. It was also an opportunity to remember Jenny Illingworth, who sadly passed away last year. Jenny's dedication in supporting the SEND department, and the difference she made, lives on in the fantastic work the department is doing to support our students.

Best wishes,

Will Morgan
Headteacher

Sports News

Under 16 Cheltenham District Rugby Squad



Congratulations! Following trials at Pates Grammar School this week, Year 11 rugby players Sam, Jesse, Ben, Acer, Arthur, George, Archie G, Archie F and Joe have been selected for the Under 16 Cheltenham District Rugby squad. They are off to the U16 Gloucestershire District Rugby Festival at Cheltenham Rugby Club on Thursday 12 October – good luck!

Well done to everyone that took part.

Year 9 Rugby Match Report - 35-0 win against King Alfreds

An excellent performance for the boys first attempt at 15s rugby. There were some star performances throughout, with Arthur R showing his leadership qualities from the outset, Aaron W and Evan W with some blistering pace, and Tom and Harry S with 2 excellent debuts. With only 14 players during the last 20 mins due to injury, the team thoroughly deserved the win. Well done, onto the next round!

Year 11 Netball County Tournament Match Report - 5th out of 16

The girls played fantastic netball against some very good teams in the first round of the Netball County Tournament, winning two games against St Peters and Bournside, and drawing to Westonbirt. They narrowly missed out on a spot in the 1st to 4th place round on a 1 point goal difference. They then went on to beat Pittville, Cleeve and Thomas Keble to take 5th place! Hattie P produced some lovely goals, supported by Bella G and Abi L. Centre court transferred the ball through court seamlessly, and tight defence by Laura M, Lani R and Izzy T created many turn over opportunities!

A great start to the Autumn term, well done to all of our sporting individuals and teams.

To view the Match Reports, [click here](#).

For future Sports Fixtures, [click here](#).

Chloe (Y8) and Pippa (Y7) success at Sunshine Tour, Hickstead



Huge congratulations to Chloe (Y8) and Pippa (Y7) who recently competed in the Sunshine Tour, Hickstead. Chloe came 3rd in the 70cm show jumping, taking her through to the Supreme Championship class where she achieved a fantastic second place. Pippa (Y7) also had a fantastic day, achieving an impressive 2nd and 4th in the dressage Prelim Championship classes.



Lyla (Y7) wins Eventer Challenge at the Moreton Show

Congratulations to Lyla (Y7) who recently won the Eventer Challenge at the Moreton Show.

Having ridden since she was 2 years old, Lyla discovered her passion for showjumping at the age of 6 and joined the British Showjumping Association at the age of 7. This was Lyla's first attempt at a Eventer Challenge, and she is aiming to qualify for Horse of the Year Show in the future! Good luck Lyla!



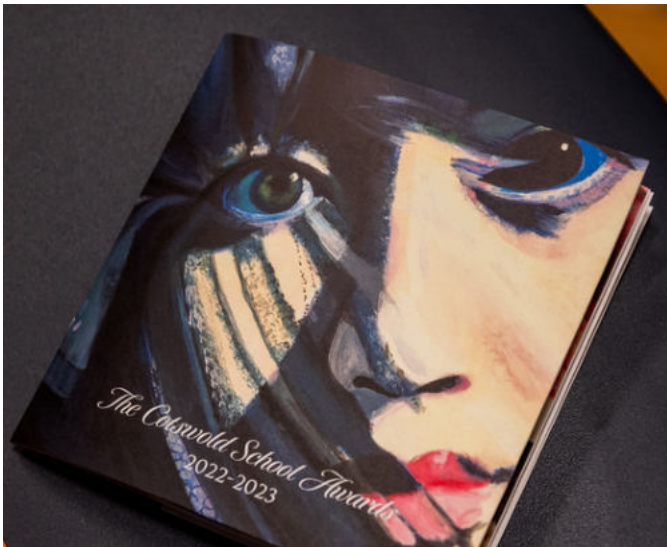
Sporting Success!

Congratulations to Sam (Y11) who has been chosen to play for the U16/U17 Gloucestershire County Hockey squad.

News

Last week we were delighted to be joined by the Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester, as our inspiring guest speaker at The Cotswold School Awards Evening.

Well done to every student who won an award for their progress, effort and achievement in personal development, academic success, creativity and citizenship.



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Combined Cadet Force

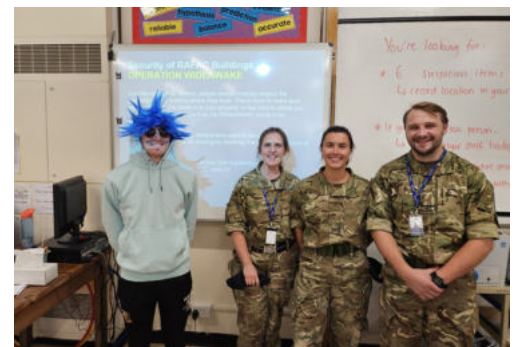
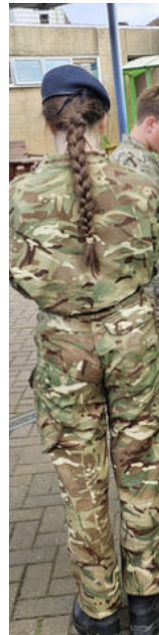


Great news! Last week Mrs Lewis, Mr Ind and Miss Trott issued out the 'greens' (MTP) kit to cadets. As kit is not normally supplied, we have been very fortunate that kit and boots have been donated by other schools, for which we are extremely grateful. The RAF 'blues' uniform is on order and should hopefully be with us soon.

Cadets have had a lesson in beret moulding and also learnt some static drill commands and the all-important salute!

On Wednesday, they learnt about security. After a briefing on Op Wideawake and Op Roundup, cadets had to search the school's external site for 'suspicious' bags and people. Staff (plus a Sixth Former!) were challenged to show ID and reports were then sent back to base classroom if a suspicious blue person was spotted.

Thank you to Mr Ackroyd for helping the CCF team.



We are on the lookout for donations of MTP kit, cadet boots and plastic tubs we could use to store kit. Please email CCF@thecotswoldschool.co.uk if you have anything that may be suitable. Thank you in advance.

European Day of Languages

To mark European Day of Languages, GCHQ hosted a special webinar-style Teams Live event. With a range of speakers informing our Year 10 and 11 students about their careers, they also answered questions relating to their journeys and life experiences.



Blenheim Woods

Last week, students in Year 7 went on a two-day trip to Blenheim Woods in Oxfordshire. Enjoying lots of challenging activities, including bushcraft skills and team building tasks, the students had a fantastic time.

Mrs Hubbard, Head of Year 7, said, "It was wonderful to see our new Year 7s having fun and learning new skills in the outdoors. The idea behind the trip was for students to build friendships and to learn how to work as a team, as well as providing a great opportunity for staff to get to know students, enabling us to support them during their first year at The Cotswold School."

A big thank you to all of the staff who accompanied them!



Cotswolds National Landscape

Check out the wonderful work being done within the Cotswolds National Landscape (CNL), in their **Annual Review 22-23**, featuring students from The Cotswold School who took part in a fantastic rural skills outreach programme, learning newfound skills. To learn more **click here**.

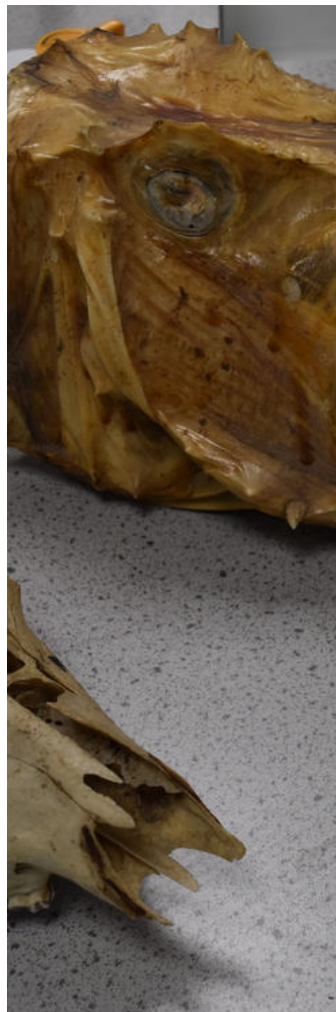
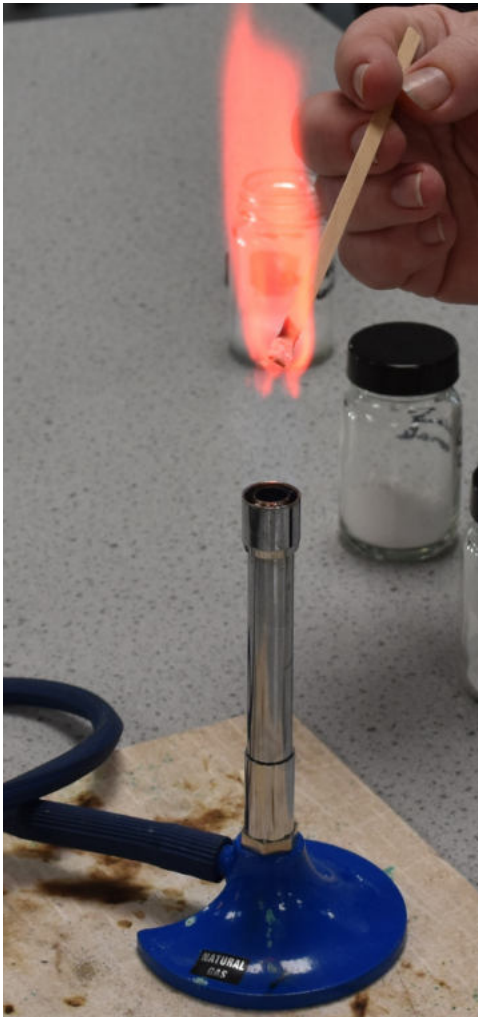
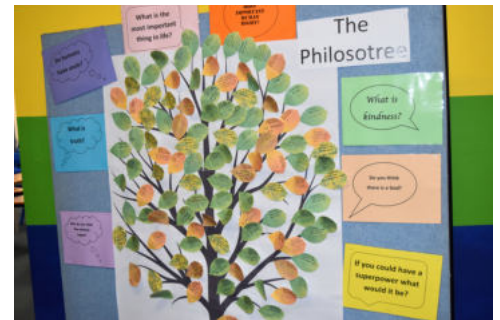
Language Hub School

We are delighted to share the news that we have been selected as a Language Hubs joint lead with Pates Grammar School. to support high quality language education in England. To find out more, [click here](#).



Open Days

It was wonderful to see so many Year 5 and 6 students and their families at our Open Days. If you, or someone you know, were unable to come along to one of our Open Days but would like more information, or to arrange a visit, please email admin@thecotswoldschool.co.uk



Parent Governor Elections



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Following on from recent Parent Governor nominations, elections will be held starting on Friday 6 October, 9am until Friday 13 October, 9am. Candidates statements are on the **website**. The result will be communicated to candidates on Friday 13 October and will be on the website later that day.

Please see ParentMail for further details.

Careers Advice Database

Thank you so much to everyone that has registered their details with us on our Careers Advice database - we will be in touch shortly.

Extra Curricular Clubs



Thank you to staff and students that put on a wonderful Freshers' Fair, showcasing the huge variety of lunchtime and after-school activities. The response from our students has been brilliant, with many signing up for clubs. If students would like to sign up, visit our **website** to see the wide ranging clubs that are on offer.



Events

On 16 November, 6.30pm, we will be holding The Cotswold School Fashion Show, showcasing 13 fabulous collections, created and modelled by our talented students and judged by fashion gurus George and Melanie Davies. To book tickets [click here](#).

We look forward to seeing you there.

Macmillan Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Cake Sale today, students, parents and carers, staff, and a huge thank you to Mrs Johnstone who coordinated the event.



Thank you to Dr Anna Chiles for delivering a wonderful and informative 'Understanding your Perimenopausal and Menopausal Journey' talk last week. We would also like to say a big thank you to Rebecca Ross for facilitating the event and to the PTA for providing refreshments during the evening.



Save our Pitch!

The logo for Spacehive, featuring the word "spacehive" in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font. The text is black and is set against a bright yellow rectangular background that has a slight perspective effect, appearing to be a tilted surface.

A huge thank you to everyone that has bought an Astro Square, volunteered to help the PTA or supported a PTA fundraising event. We are delighted to share with you the news that we are close to reaching our replacement Astro fundraising goal of £165,000, having raised a fantastic £146,000 so far.

Spacehive - we are pleased to announce that, having pitched to the Cotswold District Council community fund, we have won their support for £10,000 match funding towards the Astro. To secure this match funding, we need the local community to support our project via crowdfunding website Spacehive.

With 49 backers so far, every donation, however small, will count, as the match funding depends on the number of backers that support our project as well as the amount raised.

Our project is being assessed at the end of October. Please back our campaign or donate before 25 October by visiting **Spacehive**.

Please share with family and friends and spread the word.

For more information visit our **website**.

Many thanks for your continued support in helping us to secure another 20 years of all-weather sport for our 1,400 students and local community clubs.



Reminders

Parents Evenings

Year 7 Virtual Tutor Evening

10 October, 4-6 pm

Year 11 Parents Evening

12 October, 4-7 pm

Year 13 Parents Evening

19 October, 4-7 pm

Inset Days

26/27 October

Half Term

30 October-3 November

Sixth Form Open Evening

9 November, 6.15-8.00pm



The poster features the school logo at the top, which includes a tree icon and the text 'SIXTH FORM THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL'. Below the logo is a collage of four images: two students in high-visibility vests on a field, a group of students on a stage, two students talking, and a student playing a piano. The text on the poster is as follows:

Want to study at an outstanding Sixth Form?
Join us at The Cotswold School, Thursday 9th November, 6.15 - 8.00 pm

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Welcome and introduction, starts at 6.30 pm
Mr Phil White, Head of Sixth Form

The students' perspective
Insights from current Sixth Form students

What do we offer?
Collect your Sixth Form Course Guide, 2024 entry

Visit our departments
Opportunities to meet subject teachers and discuss your options

Find out more at
www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/sixthform



Recruitment

With immediate effect, we're recruiting an enthusiastic and motivated Teaching Assistant (Part Time) to join our outstanding school. Closing date 19 October.

We are also seeking to appoint reliable and confident people to join our team of Examination Invigilators.

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