



THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have been enjoying the recent good weather - long may it continue!

I would like to start with congratulating all of our students who have finished their public exams, with final exams today. We are extremely proud of you, you have worked so hard - I hope you have a long, relaxing summer! A huge thank you to staff for the tremendous amount of work, in and out of school hours, that you have put in to support students.

We have a busy few weeks coming up with end of year exams, trips and enrichment week. Please join us at our Cadence Festival on July 14. It looks set to be a fabulous evening, with local band Dub Catalyst and Back in Black performing, plus lots more entertainment throughout the evening. As you will be aware, we are fundraising for our new Astro pitch and we hope that our festival will raise some much needed funds towards our campaign.

After 7 years we say farewell to Clerk to Governors and Music Administrator, Julie Powell, who is moving to America for 3 years. Thank you for all of your brilliant work over the past few years, we hope that you have a fantastic adventure!

Finally, good luck to our Year 10s who have their exams next week.

Best wishes,

Will Morgan
Headteacher

With our **Astro Fundraising** already underway, we have been overwhelmed with the initial response, with the purchase of 1m² Astro squares, as well as raising over £3,000 at our PTA Bingo and Quiz night!

We still have a long way to go! So how will we do this? We are asking our school, local community, and supporters to sponsor a minimum of 1m² of AstroTurf at a cost of £25. By sponsoring your very own piece of AstroTurf, you will be helping not only The Cotswold School, but also local sports clubs. Each 1m² that is bought will bring us closer to our fundraising target and we really need your help to make this happen. For more information **click here**.

We are also raising funds via our Cadence Festival on July 14, 4-10pm. We have lots of entertainment planned, with a fantastic line-up! Check out the fantastic **Dub Catalyst**. To book tickets, visit **TicketSource**.



THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL CADENCE FESTIVAL 2023

FRIDAY JULY 14 | 4-10PM

DUB CATALYST | BACK IN BLACK
ROBOTICS | FLORA FIORA | SCHOOL OF LARKS | ALBA EYRA
WORLD OF MUSIC TENT | SILENT DISCO | ALICE IN WONDERLAND
FOOD STALLS | LICENSED BAR | ORCHESTRA | LOCAL MUSICIANS
COTSWOLD YOUTH THEATRE | GYMNASTICS | CRAFTS AND PRODUCE STALLS | DANCE GROUPS
CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT | POETRY | IMMERSIVE CINEMA | CHESS TOURNAMENTS | ART
CRICKET | ROUNDERS | FACE PAINTING | ENGINEERING CAR CHALLENGE | SPORTS | CHOIR | PLUS MORE!



Entry: Adults £12, Children £6

Tickets can be purchased via TicketSource

www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-cotswold-school/t-xmyjgqy

www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk

News

Elgar Festival, Worcester Cathedral



Bo (Y7) recently played with the English Youth Symphony Orchestra at the Elgar Festival, Worcester Cathedral. With 106 children taking part in the orchestra, Bo was one of 6 harpists. Well done, what a fantastic achievement!

Fancy playing the harp?

The Cotswold School harpists are among some of the highest achieving in Gloucestershire - please visit our **Latest News** section on the website to read more about what our students Emily, Reuben and Bo have achieved this year, including a member of the National Youth Harp Orchestra of Great Britain!

Free taster lessons are available, please contact musicadmin@thecotswoldschool.co.uk to find out more and register interest.

Duke of Edinburgh



Congratulations to all of those students who have taken part in DofE expeditions over the past few weeks. Our in-house DofE students certainly had the best of the weather for their walk, followed by a downpour whilst putting up their tents!

Poetry by Heart

'Poetry by Heart' is a national poetry speaking competition for schools and colleges, open to pupils in Key Stages 2 to 5, and designed to develop confidence with poetry. There were 36,000 entries overall in the competition - Isaac, Theo and Jemimah (Y8) all entered the classic section, whilst Paul (Y8) entered the freestyle. With over 800 entries in the classic competition in Gloucestershire, Jemimah was voted best in county after she memorised and performed 'Daffodils' by William Wordsworth and 'A Short Story of Falling' by Alice Oswald. Well done all!

The Great Big Live Assembly

On Tuesday, students were involved in 'The Great Big Live Assembly', a live and interactive 20 minute virtual assembly, where students joined a live broadcast, including a live link to a World Vision child-friendly space in a refugee camp in Jordan. Connecting around 500 schools and representing 200,000 children, the assembly celebrated the ways that schools up and down the UK have welcomed new arrivals from war-torn countries around the world into their classrooms and communities.



Street Food

Last week our fantastic catering team introduced street food to staff and pupils and it looked like it went down really well!

Barcelona Trip

Year 8s had a fantastic trip to Barcelona. Thank you to all the staff who went with them - it looks like you all had great fun!



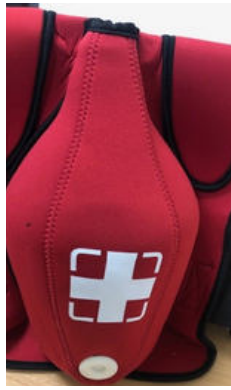
Dominic Sandbrook Visit

We were privileged to welcome local historian, author, columnist and TV presenter Dominic Sandbrook into school last week to talk to our Year 8s about his 'Adventures in Time' series.

The event was run in collaboration with Borzoi Bookshop.

PTA

Thanks to our amazing PTA, our school and pupils have benefitted hugely over the past year with the purchase of; DofE, sports, theatre and print making equipment; dress-making stands; mobile kitchen; plants and seeds; plus lots more. We really appreciate all of your hard-work!



Year 12 University, Careers and Apprenticeships (UAC) Days

Hot on the heels of our current Year 13 students who, now in the final stages of their A level and Level 3 exams, are looking forward to their futures beyond The Cotswold School, current Year 12 students have just begun their own journeys, with two days devoted to learning about, and researching, the post-18 opportunities available to them. The students gave a very warm Cotswold welcome to a wide range of presenters from a variety of institutions such as: universities; apprenticeship providers; businesses; and industry representatives who gave talks on a variety of topics. Included in these talks were former student, Hatty Wiggins, who talked inspirationally about her experience as a Maintenance Technician Apprentice at BMW, and current Year 13 student, Hannah, who enthusiastically described her own journey, this time last year.

Supported by their tutors, the Year 12 students also had time to undertake research and begin to prepare the all-important Personal Statement. Huge thanks go to our own staff members, especially those who gave time and offered valuable presentations themselves but, most of all, thanks to our Year 12 students who remained focused and motivated during the entire event. We wish you good luck as you move forward, and know that we are here to support you.

Keep up with the latest news on The Cotswold School website

Recruitment

Do you love science? We are recruiting an enthusiastic and hard-working Science Technician to join our innovative Science department. Apply by Wednesday 28 June, 9 am.

From September 2023, we are seeking to appoint a well-qualified and dynamic Piano and Voice Teacher, and a Drum Teacher to join our ambitious, creative and outstanding music department. Apply by 26 June, 9am.

Who do you know who would make an excellent addition to our teaching assistant team? We are looking to recruit enthusiastic Teaching Assistants with a flexible attitude. Apply by 26 June, 9am.

We are recruiting a part-time (term time only) School Receptionist and Administrator to join our busy school reception area. Closing date Monday 3 July, 9am.

All of these positions are to start, September 2023.

To find out more visit our [website](#).

Sport

Match Reports

To keep up to date, view our [Match Reports](#).

Year 8 Rounders Team



Congratulations to our Year 8 Rounders team who played in the District Rounders Tournament last week. Having won their first three matches, the team went on to win the final against Bournside, 10-5. A fantastic result, with exceptional play throughout, well done!

Great Britain Men's U18 Softball Squad

Congratulations to Will (Y11) who has been selected for the Great Britain Men's U18 Softball Squad, representing Great Britain in the European Championships, held in Sezimovo Usti, Czech Republic (3-8 July). What a fantastic opportunity - we look forward to hearing how Will gets on!

Reminders

Open Days and Evening for Year 7 Entry

Open Mornings: 26, 27 September , 5 October - 9-11.30am

Open Evening: 5 October - 5-7.30pm

To register, [click here](#).

Sixth Form Open Evening

Join us at our Open Evening on 9 November 2023, 6.30–8.30pm.

Library Books

We hope our exam classes are benefitting from the textbooks and revision books they have been loaned for their studies. Please remember to return books to the library. Thank you in advance.

500 Club

Don't forget to get your tickets for our June 500 Club - the draw will take place on 30 June. Good luck and thank you for supporting us.

The Cotswold School

CAR BOOT

Sunday 9th July 2023 9am

Ice Creams * Hot Dog Stand * PTA Bar * Tea & Cake

Sponsored By harrison james & hardie

BOOK YOUR PITCH for £10: Parent Mail (for parents&carers)
thecotswoldschoolpta@gmail.com

OR Pay £12 at the gate.

VISITORS PARKING £5 FOR THE DAY