



THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great start to the new term and, as ever, I am extremely proud of the way in which our students approach school. Well done to students who have sat their mock exams and public examinations.

As a school we are committed to offering an engaging school environment, and we complement our curriculum with a wide range of extra curricular opportunities, helping students to develop performance, creative, sporting, leadership, communication, life and team building skills. We offer over 50 clubs, providing opportunities for all students to join extra-curricular activities across the school, from debating groups and sports teams and competitions to drama, media, coding and art. Please do encourage your child to get involved in school these activities, it is an excellent way of developing skills and making new friends. With this in mind, I am looking forward to our production of High School Musical which, based on our previous performances, is not one to be missed!

We are only midway through January and there has already been many great achievements work going on of which you can read about over the next few pages.

As always, thank you to all parents and carers for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

Will Morgan
Headteacher

News

The Cotswold School production of Disney's High School Musical

The cast and production team look forward to welcoming you to The Cotswold School production of Disney's High School Musical! Have you got your tickets yet? There are 3 evening performances:

Wednesday 7 February

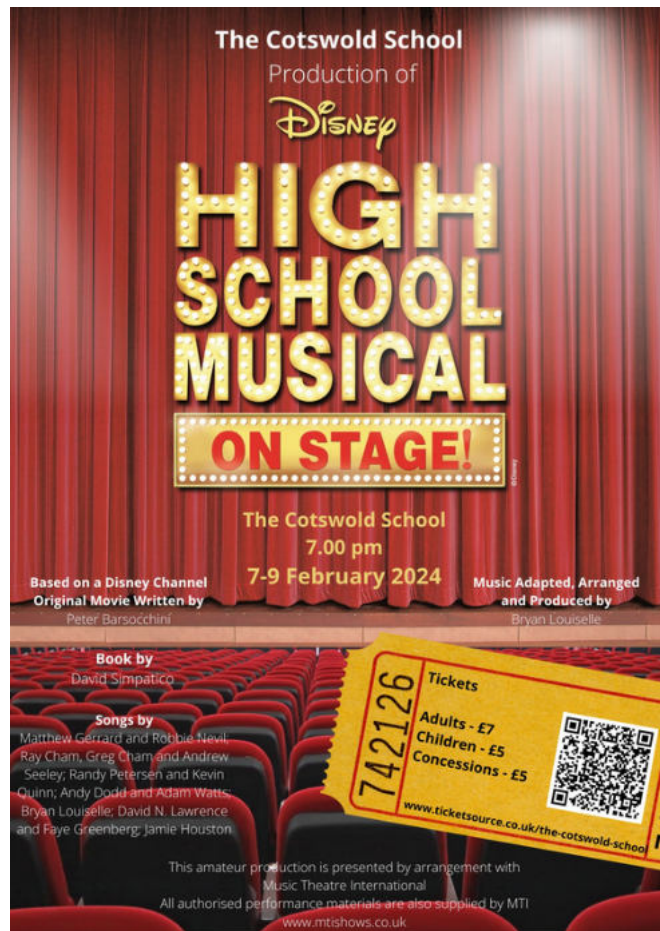
Thursday 8 February

Friday 9 February (**sold out**)

Don't miss out on your chance to see this amazing show!

Click here for more details and to book your tickets.

Our wonderful PTA will be running a bar on the evening.



Careers talks

A huge thank you to Dr Raimund Wahlen, Product Specialist - Atomic Spectroscopy at Agilent Technologies LDA UK Ltd, who came into talk to students about careers in science. The library was packed with students.

Mr Bock is looking for guest speakers that would be happy to visit the school and give a careers talk at lunchtime.

If you know someone that has a career they would be happy to share with our students, please contact mbock@thecotswoldschool.co.uk



Reuben reaches Gloucestershire Young Musician Competition 2024 final



Congratulations to Reuben (Y13) who has made it through to the final of the Gloucestershire Young Musician Competition 2024. Reuben will perform in the finals concert on 3 March, hosted by Cheltenham College at the Big Classical.

Careers & Employability Skills programme

As part of our Careers and Employability Skills programme, six students visited Hacklings last week, learning about jobs and apprenticeship opportunities. Students were also given a tour of the site to see the warehouses, the workshops, and the yard.

As always, The Cotswold School is extremely grateful for the amazing support of our local businesses and employers, who generously give their time to accommodate trips or to come into school to give talks. Thank you.



Rotary Young Writer and Young Environmentalist winners



Well done to Aimee (Y7) who won the local heat of the Rotary Young Environmentalist competition and to Joshua (Y7) and Jemima (Y11) who won the Intermediate and Senior categories of the Young Writer competition, respectively. Jemima, Joshua and Aimee were presented with their certificates by Steve Smith (President) and Diana White (Senior Vice-President) from North Cotswolds Rotary and will go through to the District round of the competitions. Congratulations and good luck!

As always, thank you to the North Cotswolds Rotary for all of their support.

Sports News

Henry wins Under 16 Boys' Singles tennis tournament

Congratulations to Henry (Y8) who recently won the Under 16 Boys' Singles tennis tournament in Cheltenham.

An amazing achievement Henry, well done!



Isla selected to compete in Inter-Counties Cross Country Championships



After taking part in the Cross Country Championships at Bath University last month, Isla (Y8) has been selected to compete for Gloucestershire in the Inter-Counties Cross Country Championships in Nottingham. Congratulations and good luck Isla!

Harry to trial for the South West U18s

Well done to Harry (Y13) and former Cotswold School students Scott and Cameron who have been invited to trial for the South West U18s. Good luck!



To view all Match Reports and Fixtures, visit our [Fixtures and Results](#) page.

Information



The Cotswold
Teacher Training
Partnership

New Year, new career? Would you like to find out more about a career in teaching? The Cotswold School offers secondary teacher training placements working in collaboration with the Gloucestershire Initial Teacher Education Programme (GITEP) and the University of Bristol.

To find out more, or to book onto a taster day, please contact Ben Edwards bedwards@thecotswoldschool.co.uk. Visit our **Teacher Training** page for more information.



spacehive

A massive thank you to everyone that has contributed towards our Astro turf fundraising so far. With your support we are close to reaching our target, with £4000 left to raise! The staff vs Sixth Form Christmas hockey match was a great way to fundraise!

The Astro turf is a hugely valuable resource to our school and wider community. In order to unlock the Cotswold Community Fund pledge, fundraising will continue until 31 March 2024. You can support our project for as little as £2 by visiting www.spacehive.com/save-our-astro

Many thanks for your ongoing support.



Information

The Skills Network

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These courses are either online or using paper-based learning materials and, with a dedicated Learning Support Advisor and Tutor, you are supported through every step of your learning journey.

If interested, please **click here** visit The Skills Network to select your course and complete the online enrolment form.

Please feel free to forward this information to any contacts you think might be interested.

What we are learning

What we are learning
The Key Stage 3 curriculum
Year 7 Term 3

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Year 8 Term 3

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Year 9 Term 3

THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL
FRIENDSHIP • KNOWLEDGE

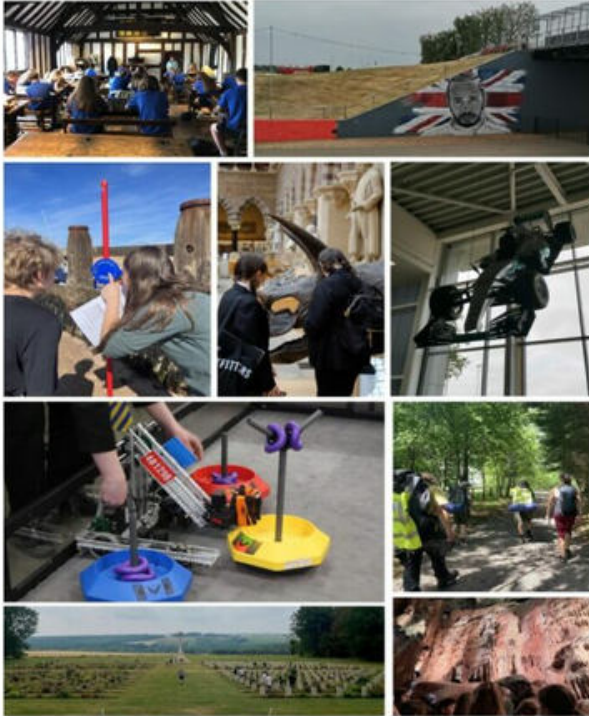
What are students in Years 7, 8 and 9 learning this term? Visit our **website** to view Term 3 'what we are learning' guides. You will also be able to find further information on how to access 'key words' lists on Quizlet.

Information

Trips



The Cotswold School Trips Overview



We are always proud of the number of trips we are able to offer as a school to destinations both near and far. Especially in the current economic climate we try hard to ensure the price of trips is as reasonable as possible whilst still offering great opportunities.

We appreciate that parents like to plan ahead for trips and would like to draw your attention to our trips overview on our website:

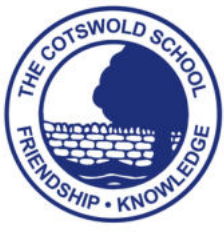
www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/trips-overview-2/

Unfortunately this overview cannot give a clear price guide on trips as currently costs are rising in various ways and we do not feel able to publish accurate estimates ahead of making confirmed bookings. Furthermore, this overview may change as time progresses with new opportunities added or, sadly, some not becoming possible in the fulness of time.

The demand for trips varies and can be hard to predict. When a trip is launched we set a date and time when payments can be made via ParentMail. We try to give plenty of notice but we also like to take advantage of special offers and early booking discounts that our tour operators offer, meaning we sometimes need deposit payments quickly. We also need to confirm we have viable numbers for all trips before plans can be confirmed, and so cannot run extended deadlines for deposit payments.

Some trips can sell out fast and we would encourage all parents keen to get a place for their children to pay a deposit as early as possible. We will always set up payment plans for the larger trips and parents can pay in instalments.

Please email admin@thecotswoldschool.co.uk if you have any questions regarding paying deposits for trips.



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Reminders

To view school terms and holidays, [click here](#).

February half term

12 - 16 February

Year 8Z Parents Evening

24 January

Second-hand uniform sale

31 January 3.45-4.45pm

Save the Date

Bingo Night 15 March