



THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone that came to watch the Drama department's production of Disney's High School Musical. From acting and singing to musicians and lighting, props, scenery design and stage management, it was a triumphant team effort! Congratulations to all of those involved.

Our next events include the ever-popular PTA Bingo and Quiz nights - please join us for what are always enjoyable evenings. As part of The Cotswold School Student Leadership programme, a group of Year 11 students will be organising and running an Afternoon Tea Party for senior citizens and carers in our local community. If you know of anyone who might be interested in attending, please do let them know.

Well done to Year 9s who sat their exams this week, we are really proud of your mature approach and preparation.

Good luck to all of our Year 11 and Year 12 students who will be sitting their mock exams in the next two weeks. Please remember to balance your revision with rest and exercise.

Best wishes,

**Will Morgan
Headteacher**

Disney's High School Musical

What a fantastic show! Our talented cast and crew put on three performances of Disney's High School Musical at the end of last term, the culmination of months of hard work and dedication.

Cast, crew, musicians, artists, stage management and production - every member of the High School Musical team excelled, with a sell-out audience at every performance.

High School Musical centres around the blossoming relationship between Troy, a high school jock, and Gabriella, the new smart girl at East High School. After singing together on holiday, and rediscovering each other at school, they make a surprise decision to audition together for the school show, 'Juliet and Romeo', encountering obstacles along their way. The acting, singing, dancing, music, scenery, props, costumes, sound and lighting brought the whole production to life, with audiences captivated throughout.

Many students worked for weeks to build and paint the fabulous set and create props. Bourton Primary School children were our first audience, followed by friends and families watching the later performances.

Thank you to everyone that came along to support.

A huge congratulations to everyone involved, you were all amazing!





News

Rotary Club Young Chef Competition 2023/24

The Cotswold School recently hosted the District Final of the Rotary Young Chef Competition 2023/24. The competition saw Jasmine (Y10), alongside three other budding chefs from visiting schools, impress judges with their culinary skills.

Calm and focused throughout, Jasmine created a winning menu and will go on to represent the school and the Rotary district in the Cluster Final in Cardiff on Saturday 23 March. Congratulations!

Thank you to the judges Kuba Winkowski and Caroline Wrightson, and to Mr Smith and the Rotary for all of their support. A huge well done to all competitors.



Celebrate Speaking Festival

Well done to Bo (Y8), Emily (Y12) and Brandon (Y12) for their entries into the **Celebrate Speaking** festival. The festival is managed on behalf of the National Consortium for Languages Education (NCLE) by the British Council, working in collaboration with the Association for Language Learning (ALL) .

Careers

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome Dr Ruth Bowness, Medical Research Council Fellow Lecturer at the University of Bath. Dr Bowness gave an engaging presentation to students on 'How can Mathematics help in the fight against Infectious Diseases'.



Sports News

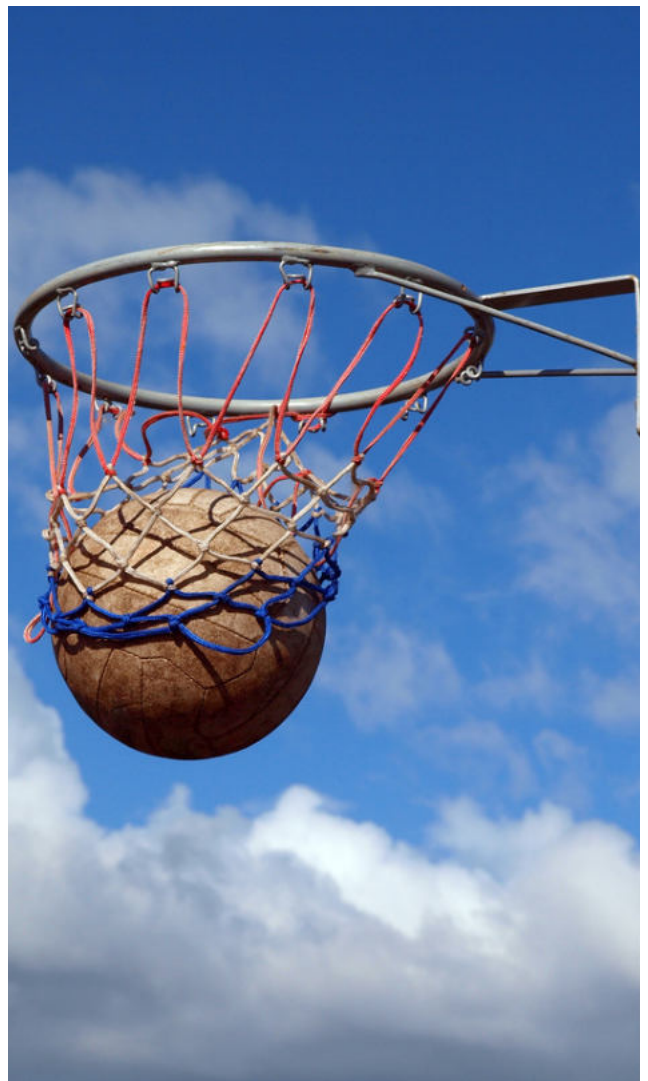
It has been wonderful to see so much energy and enthusiasm in lessons, extra-curricular sports clubs and fixtures. There have been some fantastic matches played.

Match Reports

Congratulations to our Year 9 football team who won 4-1 against Prince Henry's. A game where the team stuck to the game plan and executed it to perfection. It was an entertaining watch from start to finish with both teams showing their quality. In the end, it was The Cotswold School who prevailed.

Well done to our Year 7 girls Football team who took part in the District tournament at Tewkesbury. The girls played the overall finalists - Balcarras and Chosen Hill - in their first two matches and narrowly lost each match 1-0, conceding extremely late goals in both matches, after some heroic defending and goalkeeping from Poppy, Rose and Harley. The girls played extremely well and gained some great experience for when they return next year.

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



The Cotswold School PTA

The Cotswold School has a fantastic and welcoming PTA who play an important role in our school life. This is demonstrated by the impressive fundraising that volunteers do year upon year, funding projects that benefit our students in a variety of ways.

Did you know that the PTA contributes £25,000 to £30,000 per year to the school? These donations fund additional classroom resources, extracurricular and sporting clubs, and contribute to major school projects like the Aird Library and Astroturf replacement.

This summary shows just how effective your fundraising has been, supporting the following projects: CPR manikins, OS Maps for Geography, after school clubs including Robotics and Gardening, DofE licence, equipment and additional training resources, drama curtain, reader pens, basketball hoops and table tennis equipment, support for the Sixth Form Brain Day and creative writing speaker for the Library, printing press for Art, media equipment/camera for IT, iMac for Drama, drumming project for Music.

You can be involved too!

There are several ways to get involved. Come along to one of our PTA meetings, bake cakes, offer to help run a bar, source raffle prizes, or help with car parking for a couple of hours. Volunteering does not need to take up a huge amount of time, any time you can offer is a great help. Could you be a lead organiser, help with preparations, or help on the day of an event?

PTA Calendar 2024

Event	Date	Help required
Bingo	15 March 2024	Bar support
Quiz Night	19 April 2024	Lead volunteer/ bar support
Car Parking	Various dates March – September	Help on day – 3 hr shifts
Car Boot Sale	July	Car park volunteers/ food stall/ extra help on day
<u>Chastleton House Teas</u>	March-November (weekdays)	Baking/ help on the day
Christmas Craft Event	December	Lead volunteer/ volunteers to help organise and run the event
Christmas Raffle	November/December	Lead volunteer/ help with organising

Do you have an idea for a fundraising event? We'd love to hear it.

If you would like to get involved, please contact thecotswoldschoolpta@gmail.com

Many thanks for your support.

The Cotswold School PTA

Save Our Pitch!



The poster features a blue background with a yellow 'spacehive' logo in the top left. In the top right is the school crest for 'THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL' with the motto 'FRIENDSHIP • KNOWLEDGE'. The main text 'SAVE OUR ASTRO' is in large green letters. Below this is a green banner with white text: 'VISIT WWW.SPACEHIVE.COM/SAVE-OUR-ASTRO TO BACK OUR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN'. The bottom half of the poster shows a soccer field with a soccer ball and a cricket bat. A QR code is centered over the field. At the bottom, it says 'Many thanks for your continued support' and 'www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk'.

Can you pitch in and help?

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our 'Save Our Pitch' project.

We have until 31 March 2024 to raise the £10,000 target required to receive match funding via the Cotswold District Council Community Fund. We are calling on parents, carers and the local community to visit **Spacehive** and back our project.

If you would like any further information, please contact Mr Dean pdean@thecotswoldschool.co.uk

Many thanks for your continued support. Please share with family and friends and spread the word!

Year 10 Life Skills students fundraising

Well done and thank you to our Year 10 Life Skills students who held a sweet sale at the end of last term and raised a fabulous £150 towards our Astro fundraising project. A huge thank you to Tesco Stow-on-the-Wold for the sweet donations.



Events

Come and join us for a fun family evening. The Cotswold School PTA Bingo Night will be held on March 15. Doors open at 7pm, eyes down 8pm. Bingo and raffle tickets will be available on the night.

**THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL PTA
BINGO NIGHT**

Friday 15 March

The Cotswold School

Doors open from 7pm. Eyes down 8pm.

Come and join us for a fun family evening!

Tickets available on the night. PTA bar and refreshments.

Events

As part of The Cotswold School Student Leadership programme, a group of Year 11 students will be organising and running an Afternoon Tea Party for senior citizens and carers in our local community.

The event will take place on Friday 22 March, 12-2pm, with entertainment provided by our talented musicians. Tickets are free to all local senior citizens and carers. Please feel free to pass the information on to anyone that may be interested.

To book your free place, please contact Nicola Franks by Friday 8 March.
Email: reception@thecotswoldschool.co.uk | Phone: **01451 820554**



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Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea

Friday 22 March
12-2 pm

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Reminders

Second-hand uniform sale

20 March - 3.45 - 4.45pm

The Cotswold School PTA Bingo Night

15 March

Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea

22 March

The Cotswold School PTA Quiz Night

19 April

Recruitment

Exam Invigilators

We are seeking to recruit reliable and confident people to join our team of Examination Invigilators.
For more information **click here**.



What we are learning



What are students in Years 7, 8 and 9 learning this term?
Visit our website to view Term 3 'what we are learning' guides. **Click here** to find out more.