



THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start to the new academic year. Thank you to staff for the brilliant work they have been doing inside and outside of the classroom, organising trips, sports matches, and running extra-curricular clubs. It has been wonderful to see students working so hard and hearing about the successes that teams and individuals have achieved. Great news for our Year 11 students Joey, Ollie, Guy, Tyler, Mike, and Bertie who have been selected to play for the U16 Cheltenham District Rugby squad. Well done to the U16 and U18 Netball teams who are through to the quarter finals of the National Cup.

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 Evening guides. Sixth Form Open Evening is on 14 November, this is a great opportunity to discuss the courses students' may be interested in, and to see the range of qualifications and support that we provide to help Year 12 and Year 13 throughout their time in the Sixth Form.

Our Careers Fair took place this week and we were fortunate to welcome many fantastic exhibitors. Thank you to all the volunteers for giving up their time to encourage young people into their wonderful sectors, we could not do it without their support.

I hope you all have a good half term and look forward to welcoming students back to school on the 4th of November.

Best wishes,

Will Morgan
Headteacher

Sixth Form Open Evening

For those in Year 11 and thinking ahead to post-16 study, look out for details of our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 14 November, 6.00-8.00pm. Please arrive at 5.45pm - welcome and introduction starts at 6.00pm. 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.

Come along and find out more about what our Sixth Form has to offer, meet current students, the Sixth Form's leaders and subject teachers.



Want to study at an outstanding Sixth Form?

Join us at The Cotswold School, Thursday 14th November, 6.00 - 8.00 pm

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Welcome and introduction, starts at 6.00pm

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, 2025 entry

Visit our departments

Opportunities to meet subject teachers and discuss your options

Find out more at

www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/sixthform



Sports



Matthew wins junior squash tournament

Congratulations to Matthew (Year 10) who recently competed in the England Junior Squash Silver Open in Chichester. Matthew won the tournament, and was announced winner of the BU15 in his year group.

Fin's swimming success continues

Swimmer Fin (Year 12) was selected to attend the National County Team Championships at Ponds Forge in Sheffield.

Fin gained his first winter national time in 50m backstroke (26.93).

Amazing result Fin, well done!



Equestrian team

Well done to students who took part in the Schools Equestrian Games National Championships recently. It is a fantastic achievement to qualify for the Eventing Championships but our Cotswold Blue team went one better, winning the 80cm Championships, and the Cotswold Red team came a close second! Individual placings in the various classes were:

80cm class

1st - Aoife

2nd - Lottie

4th - Olivia

90cm class

3rd - Tilly

3rd - Hattie

This is a brilliant result for the Equestrian Team - their hard work really is really paying off!

Sports

Six Year 11s selected for the U16 Cheltenham District Rugby squad



Well done to Year 11 students Joey, Ollie, Guy, Tyler, Mike and Bertie, who have been selected to play for the U16 Cheltenham District Rugby squad. The players took part in the District tournament on Thursday 10 October at Cheltenham Newlands Rugby ground, playing matches against Gloucester, Stroud, and the Forest of Dean.

What a fantastic achievement and experience for our young players.

Relay champion!

Congratulations to Isla (Year 9) who competed in the U15 girls Midland Counties Cross Country Relays in Wolverhampton last weekend, and won!

It was Isla's first cross country relay, and the first time the team had run together.

Well done Isla.



Lauren represents GB Floorball team



Lauren (Year 12) was recently selected to represent the GB Women's Floorball Team at the Hungaria Kupa in Budapest.

Lauren was the youngest player in the squad. Congratulations, what a fantastic achievement!

Matthew selected for County Hockey squad

Well done to Matthew (Year 9) who has been selected for Gloucestershire U14 Boys County Hockey Squad for this year.

Sports

Cross Country champs!

A fantastic day out for our cross-country runners, despite the weather.

The Year 7s facing their first secondary school event did a fantastic job. A super team performance from the girls, finishing 3rd, with Grace finishing 7th place. The boys came 6th overall with Huxx finishing 8th and Zander in 19th place. The girls Years 8/9 and Years 10/11 teams both finished in a brilliant 2nd place. Highlights included Isla (4th), Beatrice (8th), Pippa (13th) and Freya (14th) in the Year 8/9s, and for the Year 10/11s, Lucy (4th), Mali (11th) and Orla (18th).

We also saw Sixth Form runner Lilly-Anna not only help us manage the younger runners but also placed 10th in her race.

Year 8/9 boys came in 3rd overall with Jake finishing 16th and Will 22nd. Year 10/11 boys finished 4th overall with Liam in an incredible 3rd place, Matthew just behind in 6th and Tom in 14th place.

Super results all round. Good luck to all our runners that earned a place in the next round.

Girls Year 7	3rd overall
Girls Years 8 and 9	2nd overall
Girls Years 10 and 11	2nd overall
Boys Year 7	6th overall
Boys Years 8 and 9	3rd overall
Boys Years 10 and 11	4th overall



News

Senior Mathematical Challenge



Well done to all of our A Level students of Mathematics for taking part in the Senior Mathematical Challenge.

Congratulations to Blake and Anya for each achieving a score of 85, a Gold award, and qualification into the next round of the competition. The Cotswold School also achieved 12 Silver and 34 Bronze awards, meaning over 60% of our students achieved certification. The Maths Challenges are one way in which we develop students' problem-solving skills in the Sixth Form.

Mr Dee's (Head of KS5 Mathematics) favourite question asked for the largest prime factor of $3^8 - 1$, which can be achieved with a succinct piece of GCSE Algebra.

Year 11 Geography

Our Year 11 Geography students recently visited Bristol, focusing on urban regeneration and applying their fieldwork skills outside the classroom.



Year 12 Geography

Year 12 Geography students visited the Jurassic Coast today to conduct fieldwork on the stunning Chesil Beach, Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove.



Rotary Young Chef Competition



At our recent Open Evening, Year 10 students Florence, Grace, Honey, Jessica, Joe and Nell took part in the first round, the Local Heat, of the Rotary Club Young Chef Competition 2024/25.

As part of the competition, each student planned and cooked a two-course meal. All students had a two hour preparation time and, working within an £18 budget, created a range of culinary delights.

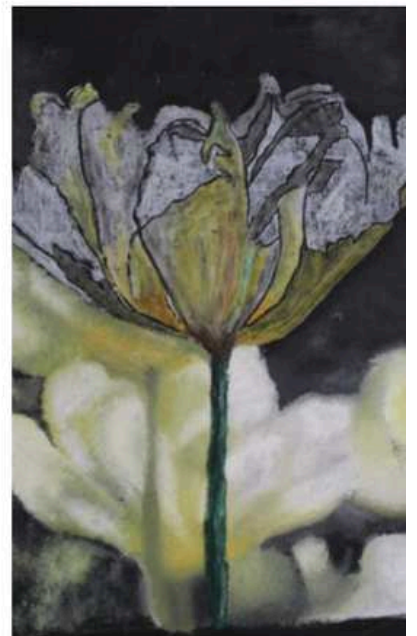
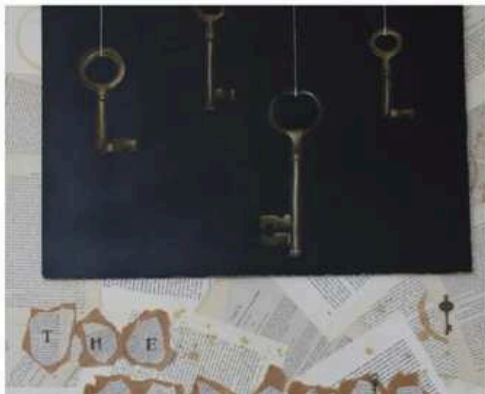
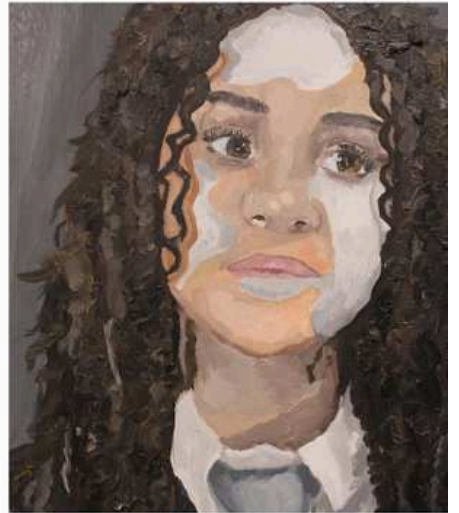
Congratulations to winner Florence who wowed the judges with her menu. Florence was presented with her prize by North Cotswolds Rotary Club President Diana White and will go onto represent the school in the District Competition in January.

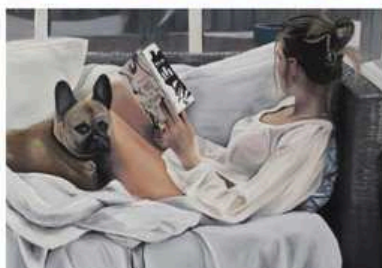
Well done to everyone who took part, and thank you to the North Cotswolds Rotary and to our judges, local chefs - renowned Michelin trained private Chef Kuba Winkowski and Terri Collett.



Art Gallery

Visit our virtual art gallery to view more fantastic new artwork from Years 11-13. **Click here** to view more.





Robotics

On Saturday 19 October, The Cotswold School hosted the UK's very first Robotics tournament of the season. The event included teams from all over the country, including four of our own. The day was full of learning and fun with some really good scores, despite it being so early in the season. The Cotswold School teams did really well, especially as it was their first ever competition - one of our teams finishing 5th. We have two more competitions coming up in November as we attempt to qualify for the National Championships in March.

Well done to all in attendance.

Mr Kelly
Head of Design and Technology
STEM co-ordinator

STEM Clubs Cake Sale

Well done to the STEM club students who baked and bought cakes for the bake sale on Tuesday, raising money for their STEM clubs.



Thank you!

Macmillan Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Cake Sale, students, staff, parents and carers, and a huge thank you to Mrs Johnstone who coordinated the event. With your support, we have raised over £1200 for Macmillan Cancer Support!



Rags 2 Riches

Thank you for all of your donations to our Rags 2 Riches appeal. We collected a massive 742.5kg!



The Cotswold School Careers Fair

Our Careers Fair was a great success again this year as we welcomed over 35 exhibitors. A big thank you to all the volunteers for giving up their time to encourage young people into their wonderful sectors!

Thank you to: Azets , Hazlewoods, Knights, Lords of the Manor, Rural Elm Ltd, Taylor Woodrow, Seasonal Soul Home , Agua-Care Ltd, E.R Electrical Services Ltd, Spirax Sarco, Campden BRI, Pulhams Coaches, Hackling, British Airways, BAE Systems Digital Intelligence, Raytheon UK, Police, Fire Service, Army, Royal Air Force (RAF), Eagle Eye Innovations Ltd, SGS College, Casa Real, Project Trust, Church of England, North Cotswolds Rotary, Marion Lindsay – Freelance Children's Book Illustrator, Gloucestershire Employment and Skills Hub, Royal Agricultural University, University of Gloucestershire, Hartpury University & Hartpury College, Cirencester College, NHS - We Want You - One Glos NHS and Care, Chipping Norton Veterinary Hospital, Dr Kathy Miller, GP - RAF Brize Norton, Oxfordshire County Council – Adult Social Care, Summit Medical Group Ltd, Greg Staniek - Equine Vet and the National Horseracing College.



Pumpkin Competition

During the run up to Halloween some keen students took part in the library's Pumpkin Protagonist competition, decorating a pumpkin with a book theme. The entries were all excellent with students utilising carving, paint and decoration techniques to make their pumpkins stand out.

Well done, fantastic designs!



World Mental Health Day



World Mental Health Day: a to come together to talk about mental health and show everyone that mental health matters.

Sixth Form students started the day with a 'wake and shake' and wore yellow to show their support for young people's mental health. **Click [here](#).**

**Friday
November
29**

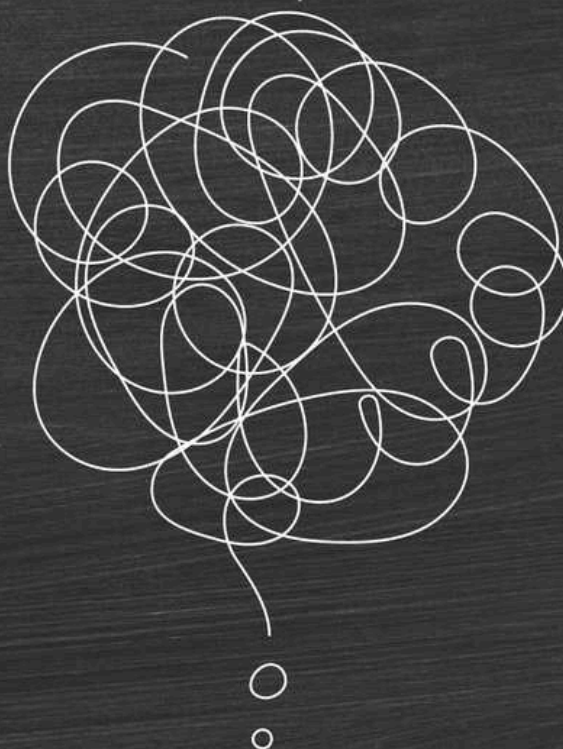
7-9 PM

Join us for a fun family evening!

The Cotswold School PTA

Quiz Night

Test your collective
knowledge on a broad range
of topics!



pit your wits against staff and
fellow friends of The Cotswold
School.

Teams of 6 max
£5 per head
Prizes for the winners

Register by emailing
thecotswoldschoolpta@gmail.com

The Cotswold School Charity Race Night

Join us at The Cotswold School Charity Race Night evening to raise money for the British Heart Foundation.

The event has been organised by the Year 12 BTEC Business students.

Click here to purchase tickets.



The Cotswold School

18+

CHARITY RACE NIGHT

RAFFLE
FOOD & BAR

£20

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

FOOD INCLUDED

5:30-9:00 PM

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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.

8 November	Race Night (Sixth Form students event)
14 November	Sixth Form Open Evening
20 November	Parents Evening (9Y & 9Z)
27 November	Parents Evening (9X)
9 December	Year 11 and Year 13 photographs



Our foodbank appeal has started! M2 is open for donations. Please visit the **North Cotswold Foodbank** website for more details. Many thanks for your support.

Gardening Club

Our brilliant Gardening Club, run by Ms Timms, would be grateful for any plants and gardening equipment donations. They are especially looking for pansies, flowering bulbs for the spring, and any vegetable plants that are ready to plant.

Mrs Timms is very happy to take an surplus items straight from your garden, and will happily find a home for any gardening items, pots, tools etc.

Many thanks in advance.



Teacher Training Placements - 2025-26



The Cotswold
Teacher Training
Partnership

Dear friend of The Cotswold School,

As you may already know, we offer teacher training placements at The Cotswold School. If you have been thinking about a career in education and would like to train locally in our school, our course could be an ideal route for you.

The course is open to those recently graduating or others keen on a career change. We work with The Gloucestershire Initial Teacher Training Programme and the University of Bristol. We are very happy to offer opportunities to visit our schools for a taster day so you can see lessons and get the chance to talk to current trainees and teachers about the course and career. If interested, please visit our website, [click here](#).

Teacher training placements at The Cotswold School offer the following advantages:

- The opportunity to train to teach in an outstanding school, named 'The Sunday Times Comprehensive School of the Year in the Southwest 2023'
- Dedicated, trained and experienced subject mentors and training managers
- The chance to work with all key stages, including Sixth Form
- The chance to work with all abilities of pupils, including the most able and those with special educational needs
- A tailored provision to meet your career and personal needs
- Support in finding a job (many of our trainees end up with jobs either at The Cotswold School or locally)
- A friendly, embracing and welcoming place to train
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We can offer placement opportunities in most subject areas or can help you to find training opportunities in our local primary schools.

If you would like to find out more, please visit our website or feel free to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

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