

January/February 2019

NEWS

The Cotswold School

Rotary Young Photographer Competition Intermediate District Winner

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“Thank you to all who attended the recent PTA meeting on Tuesday 29th January 2019—it was lovely to see so many of you. If you were unable to attend, please don’t worry! Please contact us on our email pta@thecotswoldschool.co.uk if you have a fundraising idea or come along to our next meeting on Tuesday 21st May 2019.

In the last edition (December 2018) we reported on the monies raised from recent events and initiatives. Many of you do ask ‘Where does the money we fundraise go?’ Our aim is to raise funds for The Cotswold School that are ring fenced for additional teaching and learning resources. Please find below a breakdown of this year’s request list from the School. We can reassure you that these monies donated from the PTA to School are crucial to our success and to support the School, the staff and our children in their learning. The recent Christmas Raffle raised over £4,300. The top prize was £500 cash, donated by Fleet and Commercial Ltd. Again a huge thank you to everyone. We look forward to seeing you at the PTA Quiz on 15th March, please see poster on page six for further details.”

Sue Gregory, Chair of PTA

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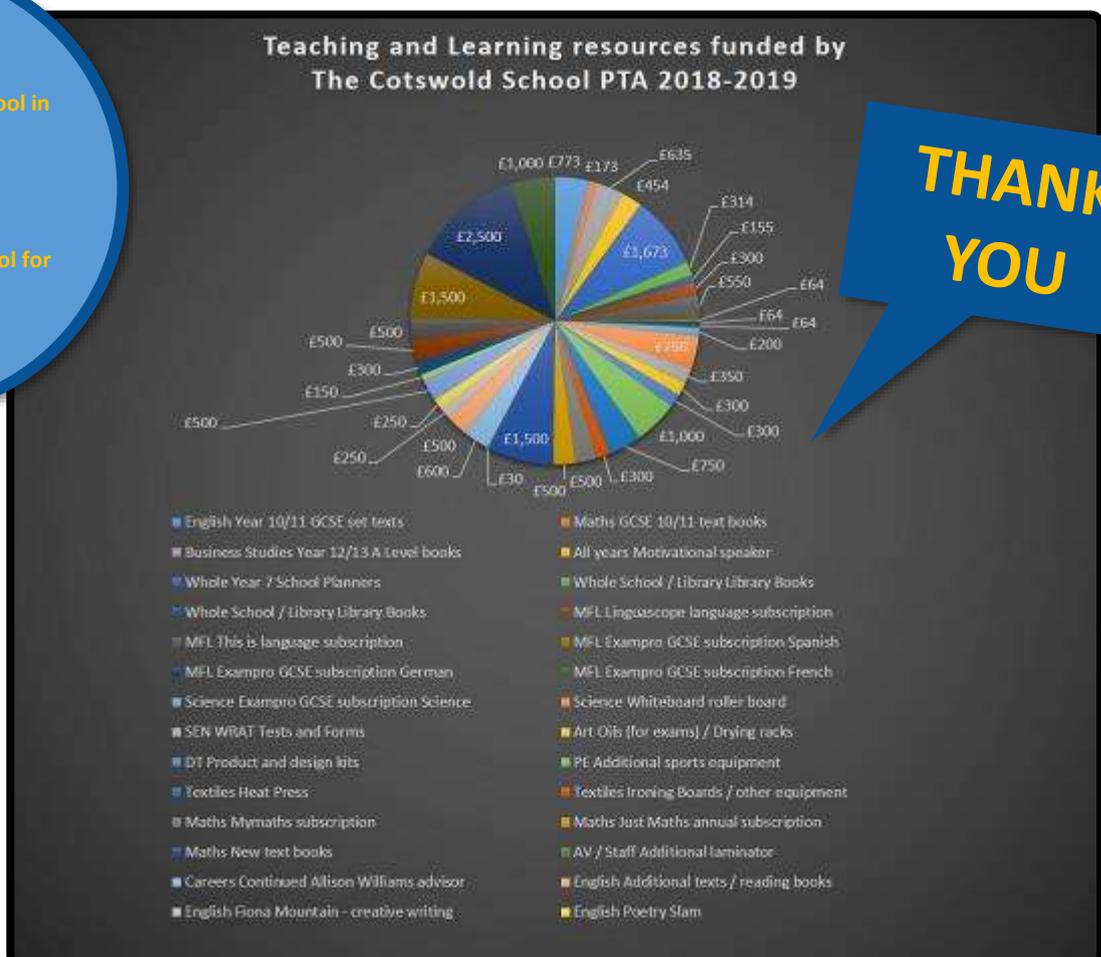
Total Raised in 2017-18: £24,925

Total Donated to the School in 2017-18: £24,191

Total raised so far in 2018-19: £10,121

Total Pledged to the school for 2018-19: £21,614

THANK YOU!



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Don't forget to use ...

Welcome...

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Front cover photo:
Oliver Wilkins,
*Rotary Young Photographer
Competition District Finals,
Intermediate Winner 2018/19*



The Cotswold School Former Pupils' Programme

- Are you a former pupil?
- Do you know a former pupil?
- Can you assist with careers and mentoring?

In the autumn of 2018, The Cotswold School will be 30 years old and we want to reach out to as many former pupils as possible to make it a lovely celebration. Please sign up at: www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/alumni/



Word from HQ

Will Morgan, Principal



What a wonderful front cover! Well done to Oliver Wilkins for winning the District Intermediate Rotary Young Photographic competition and to Jocelyn Jeary who was the runner up — what a wonderful back cover!

Thank you to you all for the support we have received following our notifications regarding the current funding issues. We have been overwhelmed with the generosity and feedback. There is much to do and we are continuing our campaign to fight for fairer funding. We are hoping to hold an information evening for you on these issues, and to give you more information after half term.

In the meantime, please do consider supporting our various fundraising events. The PTA Quiz (page 6) is on Friday 15th March and this year is set to be a fun and enjoyable evening!

Having a clear out? The Rags2Riches scheme is back. Please see page 13 for further details. We run these two or three times a year and it is such an easy way to bring in some extra funds.

The Sharon Laws Sportive Road Cycle Event is back on 6th July 2019 and entry is now open! Further details on page 12.

The Upper School Production was a challenging piece, well done to all involved, the challenge resulted in an outstanding performance.

Good luck to Megan O'Brien who won the recent FameLab and will go on to compete in the Gloucestershire final in March.

The sporting results, page 14/15, really do demonstrate not only the desire to win but the range of sports available to our pupils — to write that we have a Cheerleading Club is not something I thought I ever would! Well done, it looks great fun! On that cheery note, wishing you all a good half term break—especially Year 11, 12 and 13—the hard work continues.

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North Cotswolds Rotary Photography Competition



The District Final of the 2018/19 Young Photographer Competition took place at the end of last year. The theme was 'Beauty of Nature'. Some pictures had been "snapped" as the moment arrived, while others had been carefully considered and set up to have maximum impact. Yet others had been enhanced in the processing to produce remarkable effects and artistic skill.

Mr Hillier, Head of Art, comments, "It is interesting to hear the judges use words like 'amazing', 'technically superb', and 'Wow!'. It is a cliché to say that it is difficult to pick out a winner, but when they are all winners already, it is even more difficult to do so. Those who did not win should not be too disappointed, because their work was truly appreciated by the judges, who found selecting just one to be almost impossible .

Intermediate Competition Winner: Oliver Wilkins

Junior Competition Runner-up: Jocelyn Jeary

Oliver and Jocelyn were invited to the prize giving that took place on Saturday 9th February 2019 in Maisemore, Gloucestershire.

We hope you like the front the cover of this month's newsletter—it is one of Oliver's. Well done to Oliver, Jocelyn and all who entered—the judges really had a hard decision.



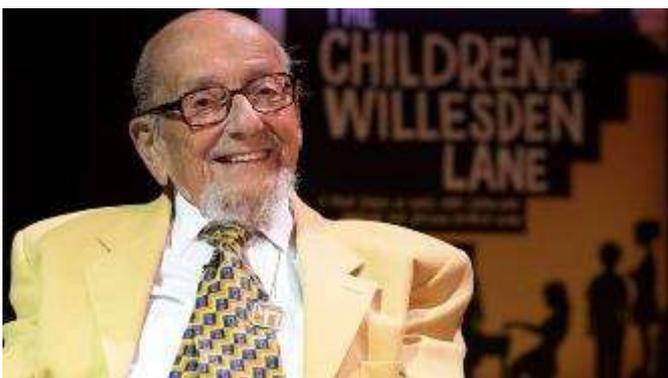
Oxbridge Students 2019



Oxbridge beckons...

The Cotswold School is proud to announce that three candidates have received Oxford/Cambridge offers.

Phil White, Head of Sixth Form and Deputy Principal comments *“We are delighted that three students from The Cotswold School have been given conditional offers to study at Oxbridge. This continues the School's excellent track -record of Oxbridge success in recent years. Emma Parker has been offered a place to study Linguistics at Christ's College, Cambridge. Isobel Kennedy has been offered a place at Churchill College, Cambridge, to study Psychological and Behavioural Sciences. Ethan Hadad has been offered a place at Pembroke College, Oxford, to study Arabic and a subsidiary language. They are, naturally, very pleased to have received these offers and are*



Harry Bibring

Harry Bibring, a Holocaust Survivor, visited the school in 2013. He sadly passed away a few days ago. His testimony was heard by our Year 10 cohort at the time. Mrs Holland, PBE Teacher, remembers that he spoke passionately about the lessons we, and future generations can learn from his experience and the discrimination of The Holocaust.

THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL PTA ANNUAL



FRIDAY 15th OF MARCH 2019 - 7.30 pm
(Doors open 7 pm)

VENUE: THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

The Avenue, Bourton on The Water, GL54 2BD

Team of up to six : £6 per person

**Licensed bar, free snacks, raffle & prizes for the
winning team**

**TO ENTER A TEAM: Contact: Anita on 07825 408551
or e-mail: pta@thecotswoldschool.co.uk**

All funds raised will go to The Cotswold School

**We would like to thank some local businesses who have sponsored some of the
Quiz Rounds: Essence Hair & Beauty, Bourton on the Water (History Round)
The Cotswold Tutor J Harris (General Knowledge Round) Robert Cox Pilates 4 U
(Picture Round) John Hacklings Transport LTD (Geography Round)**

Harry Potter Day 2019

This year's magical and literary visit to the world of Harry Potter was again hugely popular and successful.

Once the captains of the quiz teams had been 'sorted' into their Hogwarts houses, several of the Student Librarians acted a scene from The Order of the Phoenix which was greeted with well deserved applause.

Then it was time for the fiendishly challenging Hogwarts themed quiz, which tests the students' knowledge of J.K. Rowling's books. This year was the first year that the winning team was presented with a trophy. The winning house this year was Ravenclaw, captained by our very own Mr. Lord with student, Huw Parry and others demonstrating a formidable knowledge of the Harry Potter world.

The Student Librarians, and in particular Milly Loving baked some wondrous cakes which were sold to raise money for J.K. Rowling's charity, LUMOS.



Our Country's Good Upper School Production

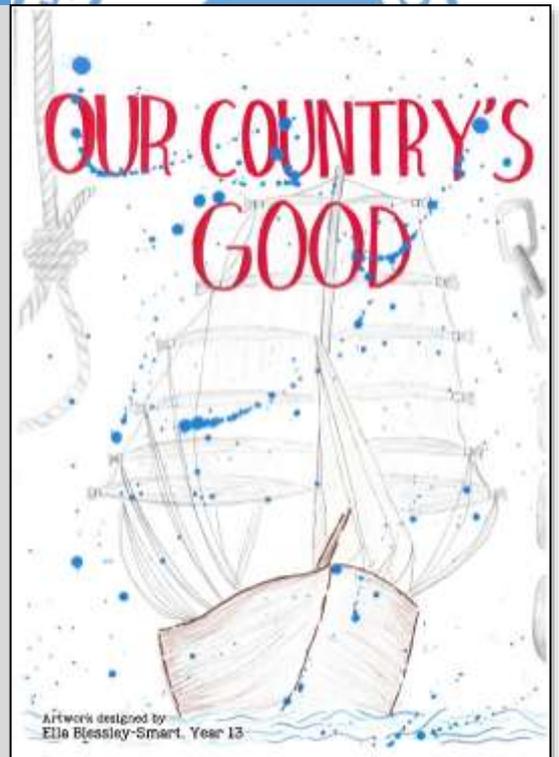
Our Country's Good by Timberlake Wertenbaker was written in 1988 for The Royal Court Theatre in London and is quickly being considered as a classic, appearing on the English Literature and Theatre Studies A level specifications and continuously being performed in countries worldwide. With a large cast of very challenging roles, it was the perfect play for our talented GCSE and A level co-hort.

The play is based upon the first convicts from London to Australia in 1787 and follows the story of one of the Officers, Ralph, as he attempts to educate and rehabilitate the convicts through directing and performing a play 'The Recruiting Officer', against much opposition.

I have worked with the students to create a performance of this play which focuses on the development of relationships and brings out the universal themes of loyalty, love and identity. We have incorporated elements of song and movement alongside the excellent text to communicate these ideas.

Design in the form of set, costume, lighting and sound, form a large part of these students' written exam in the Summer Term and so we have explored how these can be used in a more non-naturalistic way to create atmosphere and help to tell the story.

Can I finally say how impressed I have been with the cast's dedication and commitment to producing this play, alongside the challenges of their GCSE and A level courses, including recent mock exams. It has been an absolute pleasure and inspiration to work with them. **Mrs S Dowie, Drama Teacher**



Photographs by Hattie Price, Year 11





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| Archie Monk | Ralph |
| Alex Skliros | Harry |
| Sasha Lee | Philip |
| Hal Pett | Ross |
| Sam Keffury | Ketch |
| Rob Dobson | Wisehammer |
| Isaac Laughton | Sideway |
| Nadine Jones | Arcscott |
| Rosie Bowers | Collins |
| Ella Blessley-Smart | Duckling |
| Beth Bydell | Liz |
| Jess Todd | Mary |
| Grace Jacovides | Dabby |
| Eleanor Plater | Meg |
| Alfie Brisland | Cambell |
| Lucy Pomeroy | Tench |
| Daisy Hamilton Jones | Johnston |
| Flora Hamilton Jones | Dawes |
| Emily Rose | Johnson |
| Meghan Farnell | Aboriginal |
| Theo Mitchell | Aboriginal |

FameLab

We welcomed back FameLab to the School with the School Final of the FameLab Academy. The Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) event allows Year 9 students to research a topic and give a five minute presentation.

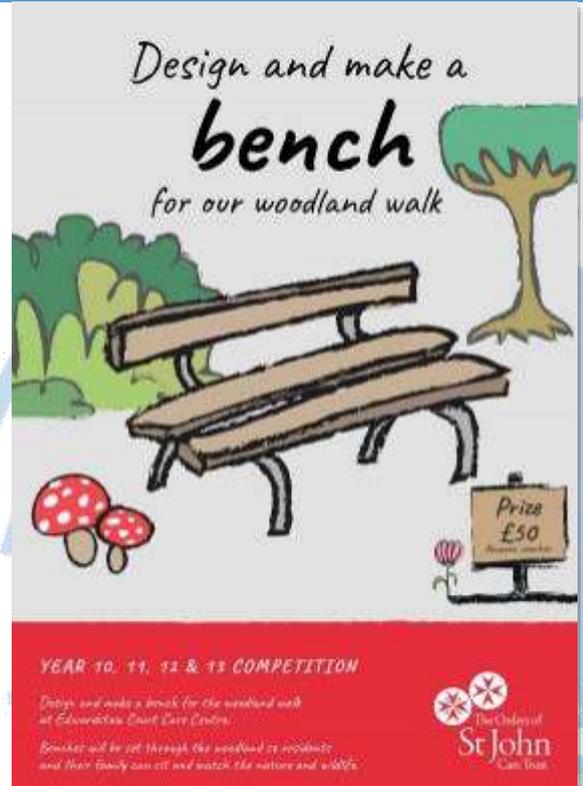
This year topics included, 'Palm Oil' and 'Sleep'.

The winner was Megan O'Brien with an amazing talk on 'Relations'. Megan will be competing in the Gloucestershire final in March 2019.

Runners-up were Luca Deveneux, '3D-Driverless Cars' and Sophia Torris, 'Nanotechnology'.



St John Care Trust lead an assembly with a D&T competition initiative!



Year 11 Interviews

All Year 11 students at The Cotswold School had a 20 minute practice interview on Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 February. Working in conjunction with gFirstLEP (Gloucestershire's local enterprise partnership) we organised for 20 professional people, from a range of different businesses/organisations, to come in to school to give our students the opportunity to develop their interview skills. In the weeks leading up to this event, students learnt about how to make a good impression and how to talk about their skills and experiences in an interview. While some of our students approached their interview with great confidence, it's fair to say that most had varying degrees of apprehension! What was particularly pleasing was that they all came out of their interview with a smile on their face, most having done far better than they thought they would. "I actually enjoyed the experience!" said one student; "I feel much more confident now" said several others. The unanimous feedback was that it was well worth the effort organising this event, which is the second year it has run at The Cotswold School. We fully intend to make this an annual event and we're grateful to the team of interviewers who were prepared to set aside the best part of two days of their undoubtedly busy professional lives to enable it to happen. This event is one part of a wide range of careers and employability skills education at The Cotswold School. If any parents/guardians would like to contribute to this programme, perhaps through giving a talk about their career/industry then please contact our Careers Leader, Mr Phil White, Deputy Principal, Head of Sixth Form. Thank you to all those who supported the day.



Sharon Laws Sportive

This will be our second year holding the Sharon Laws Sportive—a celebration of the 43 years of Sharon's amazing life and the sport she loved so much. The event will be held on 6th July 2019.

The main route is 43 miles long honouring every year of Sharon's short life. There will be a longer 76 mile route and a short 14 mile loop for our younger cyclists. At the end of the Sportive, those wanting a few extra miles can take on an additional loop (not part of the Sportive) and complete an epic 80 mile or 88 mile ride through the wonderful Cotswolds.



Sharon Laws was an ex-student at the Cotswold School and who went on to become a professional cyclist, racing for some of the biggest teams in women's cycling and riding for GB in the 2008 Olympics.

Sharon sadly passed away in December 2017 after losing her fight against cancer. Her fellow GB team cyclists described her as "one of the most beloved riders in the peloton, and her loss was felt deeply. Laws was an incredibly caring, humble and inspirational woman who lived life to the fullest."

Proceeds from the 2019 event will go to Kate's Home Nursing and a new build sports pavilion at The Cotswold School, that will be dedicated to improving the physical and mental health of young people in our community.

To sign up and register please visit the British Cycling website:

<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/191392/Sharon-Laws-Sportive-2019>

Rags2Riches Fundraising is Back!

Rags2Riches accepts new or used clothes, cuddly toys, household linen, shoes, scarves, bags...

All you have to do is:

1. Collect a Rags2Riches collection bag from Main Reception or Pupil Reception.
2. Have a clear out over Half Term.
3. Bring the collection bags to School between 13th February and 9am on 26th February 2019.
4. Spread the word!



Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes. Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories. Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

Items that CAN go in the bags	Items that CANT go in the bags
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult's clothes and children's clothes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paired shoes and footwear <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soft toys and unwanted gifts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bath and hand towels <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belts and handbags <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jewellery and accessories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bedding and household linen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCHOOL UNIFORM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CURTAINS, PILLOWS OR DUVETS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCHOOL SPORTS KIT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BRIC-A-BRAC OR BOOKS

If you are unsure what to put in the bags **STOP AND THINK WOULD YOU WEAR IT?**

Please use the clothing bag provided. You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date: **Tuesday 26th February**

Please remember - NO UNIFORM

Safer Internet Day



Year 7 were given a Safer Internet Workshop by PC Davis as part of their recent PSHE lessons.

Group tasks and discussions around staying safe, use of social media apps, identifying coercion, threats and grooming were all covered in the workshop.

There were opportunities to clarify and ask questions and there were good participation levels from students and signposting to Childline and CEOP. Thank you PC Davis.



Create & Cook

We would like to thank Judy from the MidCounties Co-operative store in Bourton-on-the-Water for coming in and cooking up some delicious locally sourced dishes with some of our budding young chefs! Beef from Todenham Manor, vegetables from Mudwalls Farm and cheese from Simon Weaver and many more. Teaching the next generation to buy local produce from local stores!



Sporting Successes



Archery—Alex Parker

Alex Parker recently attend a archery event in France. Alex was part of a group of young archers from Deer Park Archers, Cheltenham, who shot in the Junior Category at Nimes. This event is part of the World Indoor Tour and is attended by archers from all over the world. Alex was shooting against juniors up to the age of 21 and managed to finish 54th out of 61.

This is a real achievement for Alex, being so young, as he has only been shooting competitively for about three years. Ranked number two in the Under 14 age group nationally, he recently came second at The UK Indoor Junior Championships in December!



For full fixtures and results, please visit:
<https://cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/fixtures-and-results/>

Cheerleading Club

Cheerleading Club started this term, Wednesday after school, 3.30pm



Basketball

Year 8 – The Cotswold School at the County Tournament

**Final Score: Third place
Star Player: Scarlett Boyce**

“On Monday 14th January seven Year 8 girls played in a Basketball Tournament at Gloucester College. In our first match we played Wynstones and it took us a little while to get used to all the new rules! However, Helena Mackay and Maite Capper kept attempting to score to ensure the 12-10 outcome. Our next game was against Pates and we struggled, the final score being 26-8 to Pates, leaving us in third place.”

Netball

**Year 8 – The Cotswold School v Pitville School
Final Score: 19-4 (Cotswold)**

Star Player: Chloe Pauze

“On Tuesday 8th January the Year 8 girls Netball team played an away match against Pitville. We played well, but had some minor injuries. It was pretty cold but as we played we got a bit warmer. Our Goal Attack Helena Mackay scored 18 of our goals and our Goal shooter Lucy Hyland scored 1.”

Netball

Year 7 – The Cotswold School vs Pates

Cotswold won 10-9

Star Player: Hattie Backhouse

"We played in the Sports Hall as the weather was cold and there was a bitter wind! We started the match off with lovely goals from the Cotswold side making the score 2-0. The opposition was strong at attacking, but we had a great defence with Charlotte Carroll, Lulu Lane-Fox and Emily Baxter. Lily Morgan took some great centres, and there were more goals from Martha Williams and Hattie Backhouse. It was a great game and finished with Cotswold winning 10-9. Player of the match was Hattie Backhouse. Well played girls."



Football

Year 8 – The Cotswold School vs All Saints

Cotswold won 7-2

Star Player: Gethin Custard

"We travelled with high morale and expectations to our game against All Saints. We kicked off and opened the scoring early on with a superb run by Gethin. Cameron scored two beautiful volleys and we had a neat finish from Fin. Fin also hit the crossbar with an insane volley. 4-1 at half time. Another great goal by Gethin, a superb shot by Rex and a lovely cross by Cameron which was finished on the volley by Fin. An excellent win for the team and we are looking forward to the next match! "



Futsal B Team

Year 10—Cotswold at Tewkesbury School

Final Score: The Cotswold School Winners

Star Player: Patrick Kimp

"First game was against All Saints which ended 0-0, with Cotswold dominating. We created lots of chances but were unable to capitalise. After this we went straight into the next game against Pates GS and we won this 1-0 after Reece Oakey scored a goal line scramble. We managed to hold out for a 1-0 victory. "

"This took us to our last game against Tewkesbury School and with both teams on the same score, Tewkesbury had the better goal difference, so we had to win! To start off it was an end to end game with both teams close, before Louie King popped up on the back post to put us in a 1-0 lead. Then in a matter of minutes he scored again to make it 2-0. We went close to 3-0 after Dan Stroud forced the opposition keeper into a brilliant save, but it was not to be. The ref blew the whistle and that made us District Futsal champions. We then went home on the bus listening to Piotr playing some lovely music. We voted for player of tournament with Dan Stroud winning unanimously, and the coaches player of tournament went to Patrick Kimp. Mr Maudsley (our coach) was a tactical genius and we really enjoyed the experience."



Governors' Corner

Mr Campbell is the governor lead on GDPR who works with Dr Scantlebury and he presented to governors so they could see what action the school has taken to be legally compliant with the new requirements. The board was pleased to hear that the County Council support team audit indicates that we are in a good place with our actions.

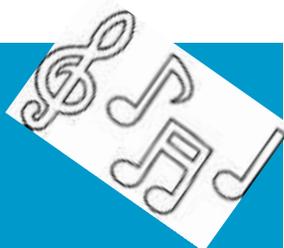
Governors also heard from Mrs Carter who presented the annual safeguarding report and from Dr Scantlebury who analysed the ASP report (the official Year 11 data from the summer exams). Mr Smith distributed the SDP for its mid-year review and explained the areas that we have completed or are still working on. As usual, the committees reported back on their meetings and policies were reviewed.

As Dr Emsley's term of office has run out and as Mr Parker, our chair, has moved to be a co-opted governor, there will be another parent election after half term with two spaces to be filled. I will be writing to you in due course but please consider if this is a way in which you could contribute to school life.

Mrs F Hudson, Clerk to Governors



Song Writing

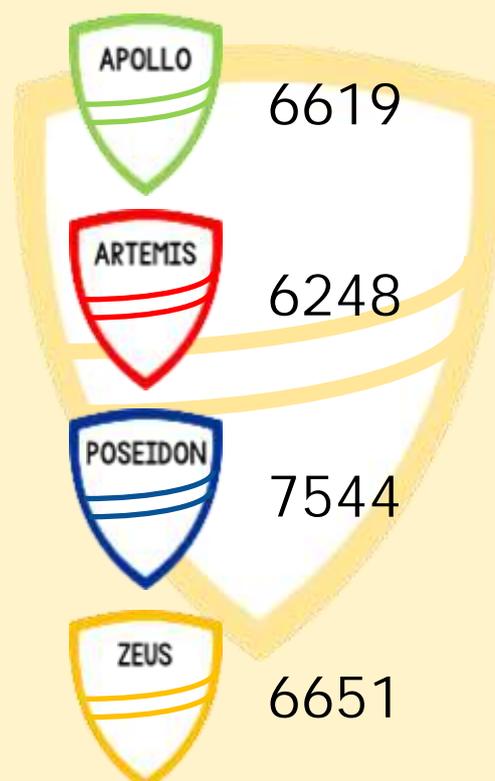


We are delighted to be able to offer pupils the opportunity to have a 30 minute lesson in 'Song Writing'. These lessons will be during the school day and will be offered in blocks of 10 lessons, the same as our Instrumental Lessons.

Pupils will have the opportunity of learning to write melody, harmony and writing in a popular music style, specific to the child's interest. Please come to the music office, if you would like more information and pricing or

contact Mrs J Powell on her email:
musicadmin@thecotswoldschool.co.uk.

School House Totals



Diary dates...

February

25 February	School Returns
25 February	Berlin and Ski Trip returns
25 February	Finance/Premises Governors' Meeting
26 February	T&L Governors' Meeting
26 February	Year 12 UCAS/Higher Education evening

March

4-8 March	Year 11 Mock Examinations
6 March	Year 10 Parents' Evening
11-12 March	Year 12 Mock Examinations
11-15 March	Year 10 Work Experience
15-18 March	Year 12 & 13 Trip to CERN
19 to 1 April	French Exchange trip to Brittany
20 March	Year 9 Options Evening

April

3 April	Year 12 Parents' Evening (invitation only)
4-5 April	Music in London
5 April	School finishes at 3.20pm
6-11 April	Madrid Trip

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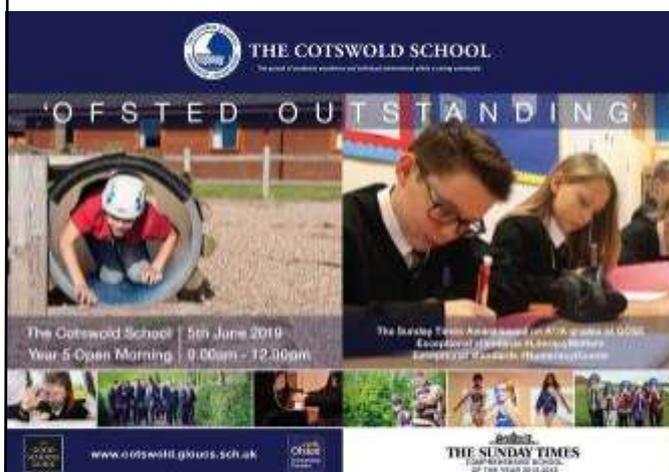
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