



The Cotswold School

Headlines and Highlights
Summer 2021

Reasons to be cheerful

In my end-of-term assemblies, I spoke to students about how we have had to reflect, re-imagine and reset what we do and how this presents opportunities for us in the future.

Throughout the year, there has been an emphasis on kindness and looking after others. Long may this continue.

I hope you enjoy reading the stories here of our students' endeavours and achievements. You can find lots more on the 'Latest News' page of our website. They provide many reasons to feel cheerful and to see the potential in our young people to make a positive impact on the future.

For example, our current and former students are thriving on the discoveries that are being made in science and technology, with STEM club in school and stories of former students building successful careers as scientists.

I have never been prouder to be part of this school and its community than I am today. The way everyone has responded to huge challenges together has been inspiring and will make us stronger moving forward.



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Will Morgan, Headteacher

Sharing your news

Read all our latest news stories on our website throughout the year:

www.cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk

You can see what our students and school community have been up to, from alumni stories to fundraisers, hobbies, clubs, individual achievements and school development.

Visit our 'Latest News' page!



Meet The Partridge Family



Global learning in a pandemic



Trips and outings for Enrichment Week

These Warden's Way walkers helped raise over £3,000 for CALM, a local charity

Arthur, Fenton, Matthew, George and Harry from Year 7 walked an amazing 14 miles for a charity which supports children with neurological conditions. [Read more](#)

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Mr Ockleston, DofE coordinator said: “We’ve set up the Year 7 ‘Cotswold Award’ to enable children to prepare for expeditions and challenges and to develop skills that chime with the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award.”

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Cyclists across the world joined our Sharon Laws Sportive

Our virtual Sportive (3-18th July) was in honour of former pupil and cycling champion, Sharon Laws. Members of our school community, including Sharon's friends and family across the world, joined our Strava group and cycled an amazing **4,300 miles** in her name.

Are you supporting Mrs Yates, who is rowing 100 km on 30th July to raise funds for our library?

[Click here to donate!](#)





VOIZ – student voices for sustainability

Year 12 students are reviewing everyday products to hold global companies to account for their environmental sustainability. We are the first school to join a university programme run by VOIZ, adding our research and analysis to a growing group of voices calling for greater transparency. [Read more](#)

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My subjects and enthusiastic teachers have really opened my eyes to the huge problems we face and inspired me to become part of the group that will create a change - Milly

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Sam races with Ricciardo

His passion for racing means Sam is following in Lewis Hamilton's tracks!

Read more about Jocelyn and Sam on our 'Latest News' page



Jocelyn jumps clear

A great partnership and lots of determination bring Jocelyn success.



Follow our news throughout the year at

<https://cotswold.gloucs.sch.uk/latest-news/>



**Proud of something you've achieved?
Got an interest or hobby to share?
Email marketing@thecotswoldschool.co.uk**

The power of Zoom and Teams

While the pandemic and its restrictions have limited visitors and trips, we have used virtual meeting technology to bring the outside world in.

Mini EPQs presented over Teams

Click here to read more about the topics from some brilliant Year 8 students, from 'Twins' to 'How a dog sees the world' and 'How to turn £1,000 into £2,000'.

History students time-travel with US professor

Year 12 historians spoke with Professor Andrew Port from Wayne State University, USA, over Teams. The professor is an expert on post-1945 East Germany. The opportunity helped to support student coursework, which compares aspects of German history 1871-1990. Participants asked excellent questions and challenged Professor Port on some of his arguments.

Connections to inspiring sports stars

Students from across the school put their questions to England Rugby players Ellis Genge and Jonny Hill during a huge virtual Q&A organised by PE teacher, Miss Beales. We asked about their proudest career moments and the best stadiums they had played at.

Not to be outdone, Mr Way brought premiership footballers Tim Ream and Tom Cairney, both Fulham players, into an Edukit virtual skills session in the sports hall. They watched students train, took questions and passed on some great advice!





Acting for climate change at Gloucester Rooftop Festival

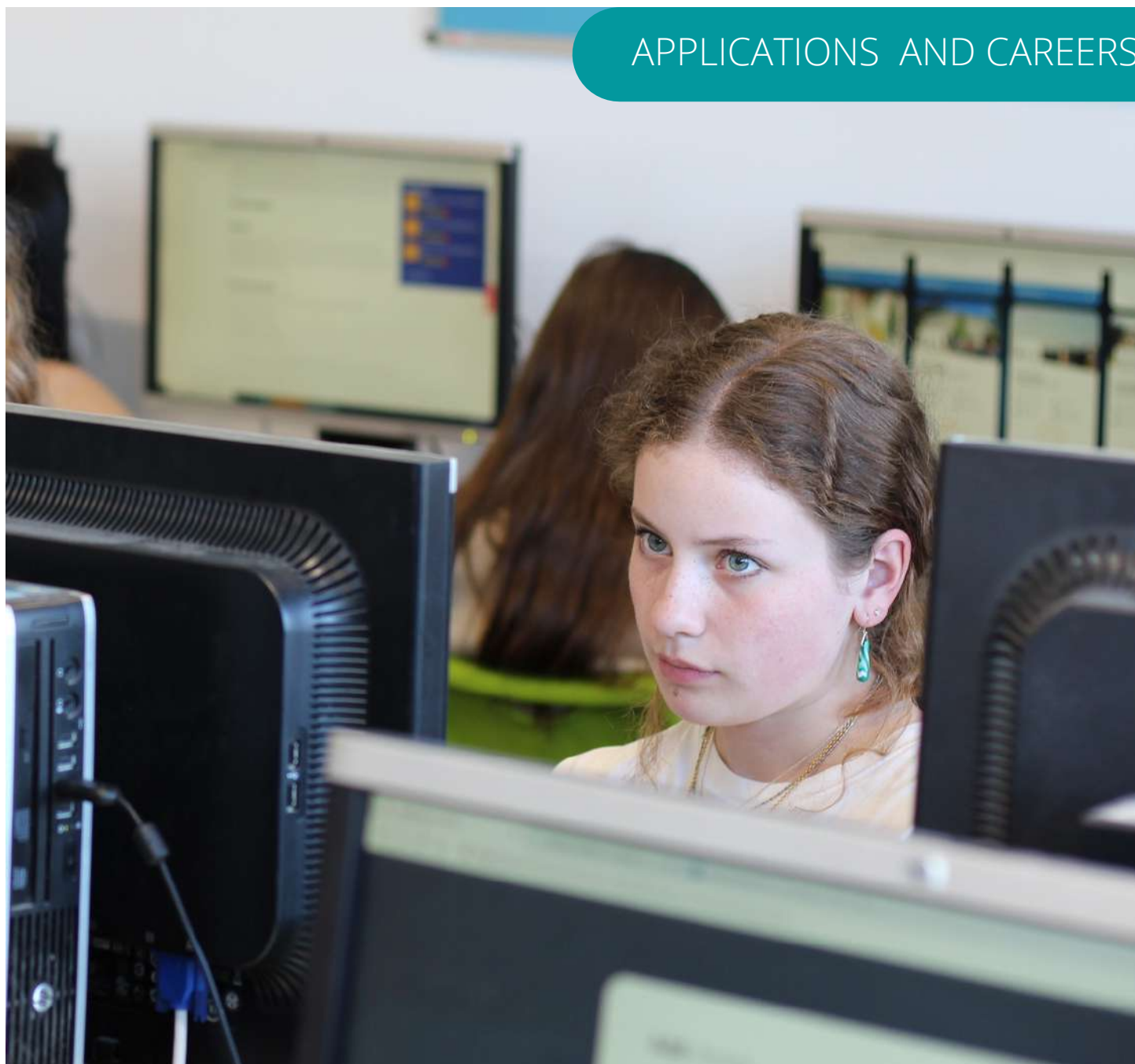
Rebecca, who performed a drama piece called 'I Stand for What I Stand On' with other climate change activists at the Cheltenham Science Festival, took the success of this show to new heights. **Read more**

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The Science Festival went really well and was an amazing opportunity. We also got to take part in a Q&A with other activists.

I was asked to speak on BBC Radio Gloucestershire about the performance and we are booking a national tour - Rebecca

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Preparing for Higher Education, apprenticeships and work

We held two dedicated days for Year 12, including CV workshops, apprenticeships discussions, UCAS research and personal statements. Year 10 made some excellent connections with their work experience days.

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Molly, who is planning to become a doctor and attending 'applying for medicine' sessions, said:

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Dr Hadley's advice on writing a personal statement has made quite a daunting process a lot easier to formulate.”

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Earning and learning on equine apprenticeship

Dan, who left The Cotswold School this summer, is doing brilliantly well on an apprenticeship at a local stables.

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Developing a role in food science

Henry graduated this year with an MSc in Natural Sciences from Cambridge and is joining a start-up company.

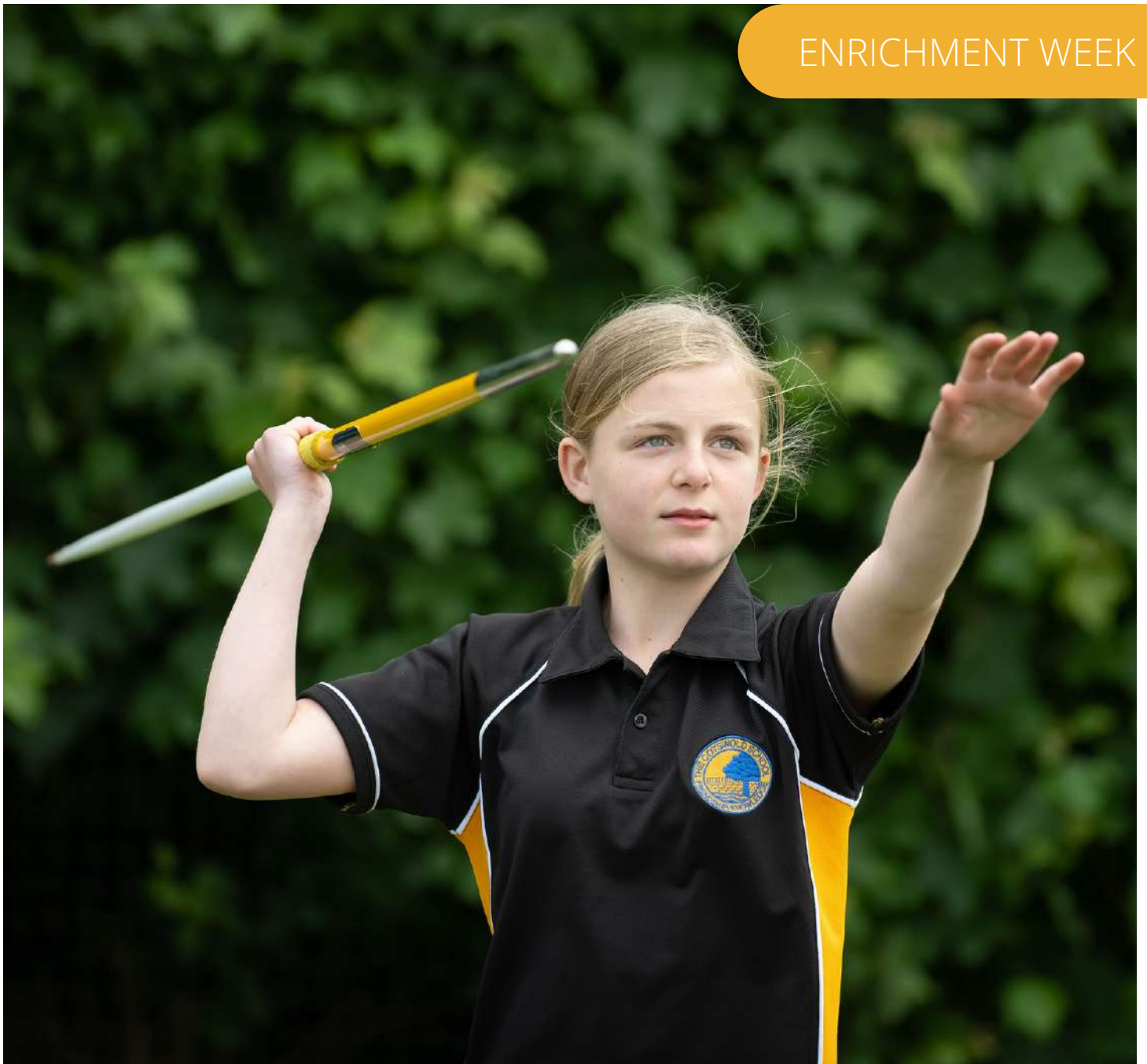
Read more



**Calling all former students from
The Cotswold School!**

Your experiences are inspiring!!

Stay in touch! Contact
marketing@thecotswoldschool.co.uk
with your stories.



Sports day, castle trips and sponsored walks for lower school students

In the final days of term, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have visited Kenilworth or Goodrich Castles, competed in sports day and completed a local walk across a beautiful estate.



ENRICHMENT WEEK - SPONSORED WALK



£600 raised in donations and sponsorship - thank you! Money goes to support student mental health

ENRICHMENT WEEK - GOODRICH AND KENILWORTH CASTLES



ENRICHMENT WEEK - SPORTS DAYS



Our new House icons

We are looking forward to plenty of activities in the coming year, which bring students from across their year groups together within their House. House activities range from fundraising to sport, debating and design competitions.

These fabulous new icons were designed by Zachary, when he was in Year 11.

Well done to Artemis, this year's winners! Apollo, Zeus and Poseidon were in 2nd, 3rd and 4th places respectively.



Join us on 8th September at 7 pm for our first meeting of the new year!

Sumptuous cakes for Chastleton House teas, summer car-parking and an online quiz are just some of the successful ways we have recently raised money to support our students. **Read more**



We want to bring people together, so they can meet fellow parents and share ideas. We look forward to meeting you!

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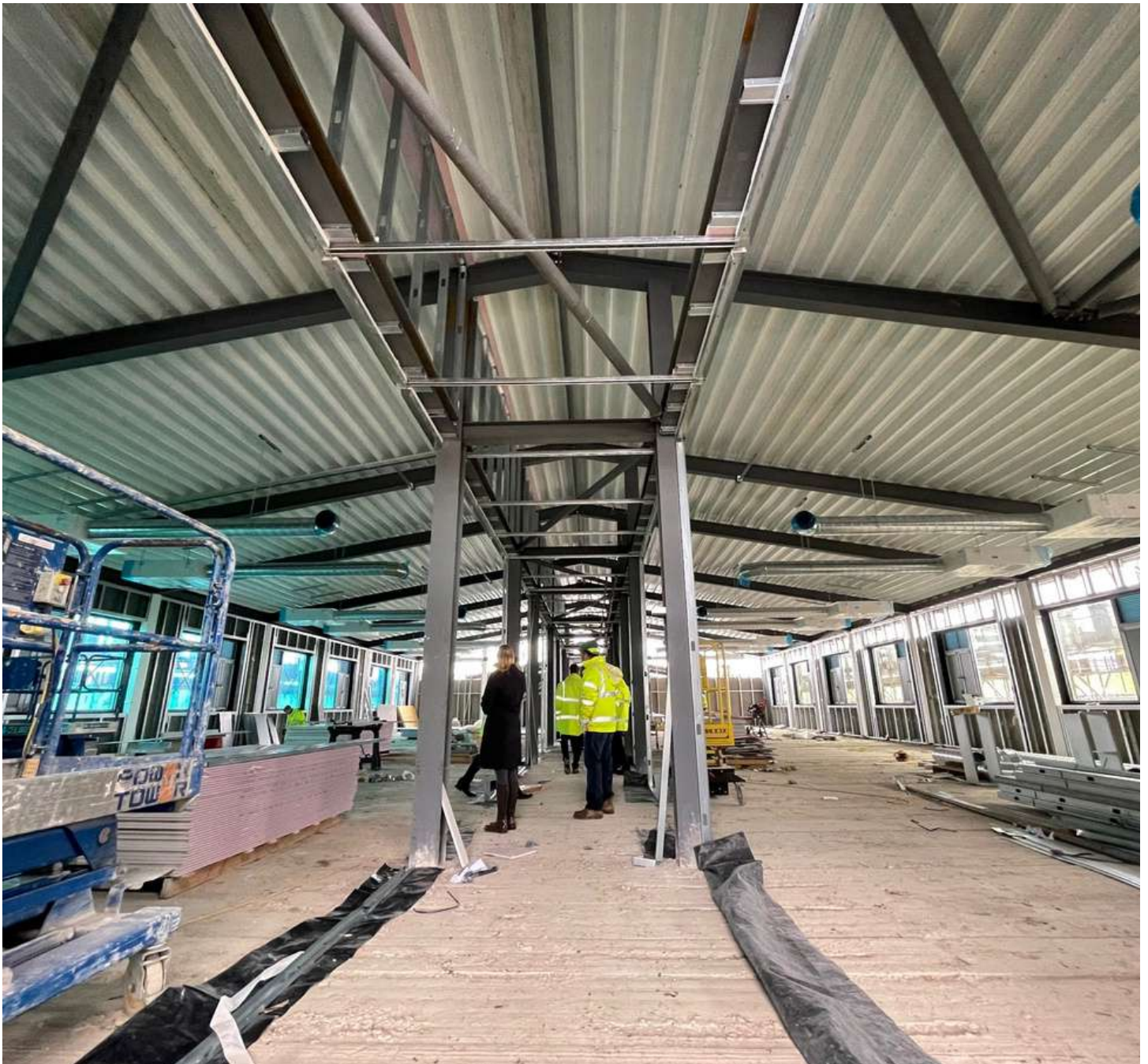
Great progress with our expansion and refurbishment

Science laboratories, a new library and a gymnasium! For the full story, [click here](#)

Watch the video! Click on the picture below

The Governors provide a termly summary of their school visits, committee work and other activities to support our school.

[Click here to read more](#)





Jazz band gets back to rehearsals

Back in Black is our school jazz band. Students from all year groups have been back in the hall rehearsing with gusto.

Read more about performances and musical workshops this term. [Click here!](#)

Got a design idea?

Back in Black needs a logo!



[Click here to find out more and enter the logo competition](#)



See you in September

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| Friday 3rd | Year 7 induction day |
| Monday 6th | Whole school returns |
| Tuesday 7th | Y12 welcome evening |
| Wednesday 8th | Y7 welcome evening & PTA committee meeting |
| Thursday 16th | The Cotswold School Awards |
| Wednesday 6th October | Open Day |



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