

Cokethorpe
SCHOOL

THE OCELLUS

From the Headmaster

'Insist upon yourself. Be original.'
(Ralph Waldo Emerson, American Poet,
Lecturer and Essayist, 1803–1882)

Originality wells up from mysterious and subconscious sources, said Charles Horton Cooley, another American thinker and we all must allow our subterranean waters accumulate. How many of us will go to bed totally stumped for a solution to some problem and wake up in the morning with an inspired answer? Putting the matter to the back of our mind triggers that marvellous part of the brain where the subconscious dwells... and this is not only whilst in deep slumber. The creative process can take place during all those times of the day when we are occupied with prosaic matters – taking a bath, mowing the lawn, walking the dog or for me it is simply staring out of the train window as it makes its way from Paddington to Didcot. Kingsley Amis spoke often of his reliance upon casual meditation while carrying out some undemanding task or other, finding the rewards are his when he reaches the typewriter and begins to write.

So we should not put off contemplating until the last minute. We should muse as we munch, weigh while we wash (but don't forget behind the ears!), ponder while we perambulate. Every pensive reflection will pay dividends.

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'Ocellus' (pronounced 'oh, sell-us') refers to the eye in the tail feathers of a peacock.



Prize Giving Awards

Year Prizes for Academic Excellence

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| Lower First | Jessica Williams Mia Biles |
| Upper First | Thomas Christensen Nancy Battersby |
| Third Form | Fraser Logue Bethany Mulloy |
| Fourth Form | Katie Buckley Ross Battersby |

Year Prizes for Academic Progress

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|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Upper First | Philip Thornton George Wood |
| Third Form | Richard Thompson Matthew Hunt |
| Fourth Form | Katherine Woolley Will Cunnington |
| Fifth Form | Brian Clarke Henry Logan |

GCSE Prizes for Academic Excellence

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|------------------|------------------------|
| Art | Lulu Revell |
| Biology | Ethan Bosse |
| Business Studies | Oliver Lloyd |
| Chemistry | Ethan Bosse |
| DT (Grap Prods) | Isabel Berger |
| DT (Res Mats) | Lewis Williams |
| Drama | George Lawson |
| English | George Lawson |
| English Lit | Alexander Shuttleworth |
| French | George Lawson |
| Geography | Alexander Shuttleworth |
| History | Ally Hutchinson |
| ICT | Charles von Hoven |
| Mathematics | Yinan Wang |
| Music | Harry Fellows |
| PE | Amy Williams |
| Philosophy | Saman Ridha |
| Physics | Ethan Bosse |
| Psychology | Lucy Grout |
| Spanish | George Lawson |
| Textiles | Amy Williams |

Lower Sixth Prizes for Academic Excellence

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|------------------|------------------|
| Art | Ryan Biscoe |
| Biology | Gabriel Gavin |
| Business Studies | Jack Bennett |
| Chemistry | Jonathan Chan |
| DT | Alexander Cade |
| Drama | William Lewis |
| English Lit/Lang | William Lewis |
| English Lit | Gabriel Gavin |
| French | Jacob Booty |
| Geography | Lucia Nettlefold |
| History | Lizzie Buckley |
| Law | Alyce McNaughton |
| Mathematics | Jonathan Chan |
| Music | Elliot Kratt |
| PE | Amy Brooker |
| Philosophy | Jack Cully |
| Photography | Sienna Barbour |
| Physics | Jonathan Chan |
| Politics | Declan Duffy |
| Psychology | Lloyd Cadman |
| Spanish | Jacob Booty |
| Textiles | Lissi Mason |

Editor's Notes

The  icon indicates that a longer write-up and/or further photographs are available on the School website.

Upper First pupils are referred to as such, despite their two week transition into the Second Form at the end of the term.

Front Page: Summer Term Gig Night

Senior School Prize Giving

Television personality and maths and science enthusiast Johnny Ball was the guest speaker at this year's Prize Giving. He presented the awards before giving an entertaining science-based talk. Head of School, Caroline Jenkins (Queen Anne), Chairman of Governors, Sir John Allison, and the Headmaster, Mr Ettinger, also gave speeches. Picnics were then enjoyed before a pupil-staff adaptation of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was performed. 



Design Technology Project

In May the Upper First visited the School Boat House to test the kayak paddles made in Design Technology. Working in teams of six the pupils tested the merit of their designs on the river. Paddles of all shapes and sizes with wild and wonderful decoration were used with varying degrees of success. The activity also proved to be a good team building exercise with the most impressive control of speed and direction achieved by those groups who communicated and cooperated well with one another. By swapping paddles the pupils reflected on the strengths and weaknesses of the designs. Despite getting wet as a result of some over enthusiastic paddling it proved to be both great fun and an excellent learning experience.



Philosophy Café

This term's Philosophy Café was presented by Jack Cully (Lower Sixth, Feilden). He argued that the internet should be censored to protect vulnerable members of society and combat extremism developing online. His case was enthusiastically cross-examined by Third Form to Upper Sixth pupils and staff. The majority agreed with the conclusion that careful and specific monitoring of the internet in different contexts would be most effective.

Business Studies Trip

At the end of the Summer Term the Fourth Form Business Studies pupils visited Aston Pottery as part of their GCSE controlled assessment project. They had an in-depth question and answer session with owner Stephen Baughan, as well as an exclusive tour of the production process behind making hand-decorated English pottery. Pupils also had the opportunity to decorate their own plates, now presumably the prized possession of many a parent's kitchen set. Many thanks to all the friendly staff at Aston Pottery for making this possible.

Fifth Form Social

'Looking their best, boys wore smart suits whilst the girls walked elegantly towards the Dining Hall in long, beautiful dresses. After several pictures we gathered for a delicious meal. This gave everyone a chance to catch up after a lengthy exam period and say goodbye to those who would be leaving Cokethorpe. Once fortified with pizza and chocolate cake we headed for The Shed where we were greeted with music, lights and a variety of balloons. All in all a fantastic way to end the school year.'

Charlotte Ferryman (Queen Anne)



Fifth Form Oxford College Trip

'On 22 June, 11 Fifth Form pupils were taken to The Queen's College by Mr Floyd. The trip offered an insightful experience for all as they found out the quirks and charms of Oxford. The day started off by meeting the tutor of admissions with a question and answer session, which provided some very useful information for the application process. We then enjoyed lunch in the recently renovated dining hall with three current third year students. We were guided around the college and had the privilege of seeing some of the architectural gems and facilities that it offered. These included the library, the chapel and the accommodation. It proved to be a resounding success, giving each and every pupil a thorough understanding of the criteria required. Now all that is left is to achieve this!'

*Ethan Bosse (Vanbrugh)
and Brian Clarke (Queen Anne)*



English Literary Recitals

Six English teachers; six different literary interests. Each year the English staff talk in the Department's cycle of lunchtime literary recitals, with three taking place during the Summer Term. Miss Ringham cracked jokes in the process of looking at the origins and execution of humour, satire and the surreal. Entitled *An Englishman, and Irishman and a Scotsman...* this lively presentation explored comedy from the Ancient Greeks through to Douglas Adams, and ended with a recitation of one of the most ironic pieces of letter writing since the Marx Brothers.

Head of Department, Miss Jackson, performed a range of modern poetry. From the silly to the sober, she explored how the concept of 'voice' can be created by authors, the comprehension of which is vital for success at IGCSE level. In June, to coincide with the Second Form London project, Mr White showed how London has been portrayed in poetry. He described what was currently going on in the poetry scene in London (of which he is creatively a part), and read from some yet-to-be published work. All the talks are available on the School website. [↗](#)



Geography Trip to Malham Tarn

'Fourth Form Geographers visited Malham Tarn in the Yorkshire Dales in May to collect data for their GCSE coursework. The trip was both fun and extremely educational. After a six hour drive, we were introduced to the field centre by the staff and found our rooms. Afterwards we had supper and an evening lesson. On Saturday we had a full day of lessons and learnt how to collect the data using different techniques. On Sunday we collected the data necessary to investigate how tourists impact on the management of Malham. We walked along the Pennine Way and stopped at eight different sites. We carried out questionnaires in Malham village and counted tourist numbers, recorded the amount of litter and carried out footpath transects and environmental quality surveys.' [↗](#)

Jake De Buriatte Moglia (Harcourt)



Prize Giving Continued

Upper Sixth Prizes for Academic Excellence

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| Art | Huw Williams |
| Biology | Philip Quadri |
| Business Studies | Rebecca Savins |
| Chemistry | Philip Quadri |
| DT | Huw Williams |
| Drama | Alexander Lawson |
| English Lit/Lang | Zoë Cantley |
| English Lit | Georgina Toumazou |
| Film Studies | Joseph Grant |
| French | Caroline Jenkins |
| Geography | Annabel Hunter |
| History | Alexander Lawson |
| Law | Joel Gascoyne |
| Mathematics | Luke Withey |
| Music | Frederick Miles |
| PE | Jacob Wilson |
| Philosophy | Georgina Toumazou |
| Photography | Sam Howse |
| Physics | Philip Quadri |
| Politics | Joel Gascoyne |
| Psychology | Blaise Dyer |
| Spanish | Caroline Jenkins |

Open Awards

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| The Cranham Prize | Amy Hewes |
| Lancia Fulvia Prize | Lucy Grout |
| Stephen Cookson Memorial Prize | Ella Ashdown |
| Theatrical Production Award | Peter Small |
| The Grove Prize | Frederick Miles |
| Sonia Tollady Memorial Prize | James Brewer |
| Kate Perritt Prize | Claire Hudson |
| Martin Browne Memorial Prize | George Miller |
| The Sparks Clark Award | Amy Turner |
| Daniel Sumpter Sportsman of the Year | Jacob Wilson |
| Boggis Rosebowl Sportswoman of the Year | Sam Howse |
| Richard Reah Prize | Justine Morris |
| Headmaster's Prize | Caroline Jenkins |

Junior Maths Challenge

Gold Award Winner and Best in School
Laurence Lodge

Gold Award Winner
Nadiya Rashid

Silver Award Winners
Thomas Christensen, Matthew Brown,
Laura Fiedorowicz, Harry Steel, Eloise
Fraser-Paterson, Alex Billing, Tom
Smith, Will Fletcher

Bronze Award Winners
Joe Whittington, Fred Herbert, James
Staples, Benjamin Foster, Joe Wilde,
Matthew Ellacott, Henry Creak, Sophie
Smith, Adam El-Megrissi, Ardan Devine,
Louis Sharpe-Ward, Angus Findlay-Wilson,
Jessica Williams, Billy Garrett, George
Smith, Samuel Menon, Sam Coles,
Henry Leonard Taylor, Nancy Battersby

Sixth Form

Sixth Form Responsibilities

The School is pleased to announce the new Sixth Form students with responsibilities for 2011–2012:

Head of School Jacob Booty

Deputy Heads of School

Alyce McNaughton
Jack Cully

Heads of Houses

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|-------------|------------------|
| Feilden | Jack Cully |
| Gascoigne | Rachel Wood |
| Harcourt | Will Bishop |
| Queen Anne | Amy Gaertner |
| Swift | Amy Turner |
| Vanbrugh | Hugo Van Dorssen |
| Lower House | Greg Muller |

Prefects

Katja Beardsell
Jack Bennett
Jack Biggs
Lizzie Buckley
Amy Brooker
Lloyd Cadman
Lily Cartwright
Jonathan Chan
Sophie Fisher
Gabriel Gavin
Lissi Mason
Archie Napper
Oliver Parsons
Grace Wigham

Business Sponsorship

The successful students for the Business Sponsorship Scheme, and the companies offering sponsorship for 2011–2012, are listed below:

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Data Plastics Ltd: | Charles von Hoven |
| Kaim Todner Solicitors Ltd: | Louis Allen and Ally Hutchinson |
| Zykco Ltd: | Yinan Wang |

Sixth Form Structure

From September, two Deputy Heads of Sixth Form and an Academic Deputy will work alongside Mrs Copeland, the Head of Sixth Form. Mr Bown is in charge of the Upper Sixth, and Mrs Howells will now be responsible for the Lower Sixth. Mrs Kenworthy has been appointed as Academic Deputy. The structure of the Academic Mentor groups will move from being determined by House membership to being based on a student's choice of academic subjects. This change will enable the Academic Mentor to provide not only pastoral support but also enhanced academic support through a greater involvement in and understanding of a student's disciplines.

Good Schools Guide

Cokethorpe has been given the 2011 Good Schools Guide A Level Award for the best point score at an English Independent School for Boys taking Law at A Level. These awards are made on the basis of underlying performance table results for the three years 2008, 2009 and 2010 combined. The popularity of each subject relative to similar schools, and the success that pupils achieve relative to the other examinations that they take, are taken into account.

General Studies

On 28 April, current Cokethorpe parent Professor Shaw visited to give his General Studies talk entitled *Why Old People Are Dangerous and Disasters in Derivatives*. He gave a fascinating guide to both the power of statistics and the financial crisis, all framed by the idea of how risk is measured and illustrated using examples of how irrational most people's conceptions of what is dangerous really are; rugby is preferable to horse riding and fighting in Afghanistan preferable to drug abuse. Professor Shaw said after his visit that it was a pleasure to speak as part of the General Studies programme and that 'getting the ideas across to a general audience without the technology of postgraduate mathematics was a challenge and gave me plenty to think about. I was very impressed with the questions I received'. ☒



Science Trip

On Wednesday 29 June the Lower Sixth Chemistry students travelled to the Chemical Research Laboratory at Oxford University. Researchers there directed the students as the modern instrumental techniques of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy, Mass Spectroscopy and Chemical Crystallography were exhibited.

Sixth Form Responsibilities

Congratulations to Jacob Booty (Swift) who has been appointed Head of School for the academic year 2011–2012, supported by two deputies, Alyce McNaughton (Gascoigne) and Jack Cully (Feilden). A new position for next year will be a prefect in charge of Lower House, which this year will be Gregory Muller (Vanbrugh). Congratulations to all the Lower Sixth students who have been appointed as Heads of Houses or prefects.

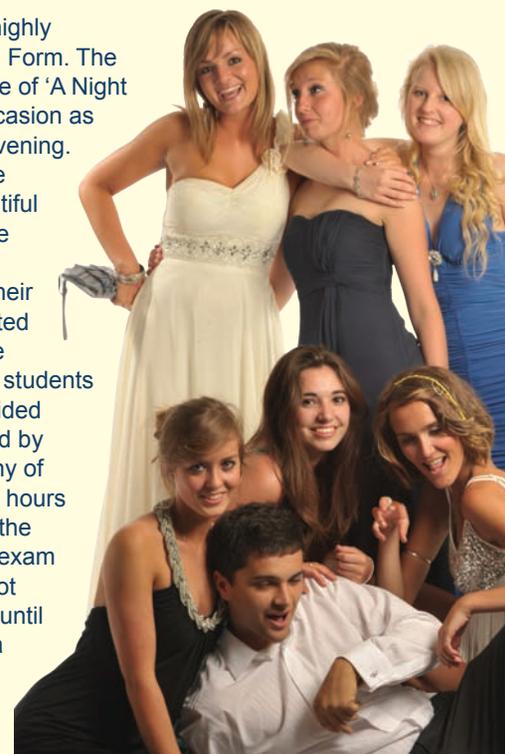


Work Experience

This term, three Lower Sixth students, Laura McKenney (Swift), Gregory Muller (Vanbrugh) and Louis Taylor (Feilden) were given the opportunity to shadow Dr Bennett, a consultant paediatrician in the Neonatal Department at the John Radcliffe Hospital. Gregory describes his day: 'The day began with a ward round checking up on the premature babies, most only slightly longer than my hand. I was introduced to a young, very nervous couple, pregnant with twins at twenty six weeks, a dangerously early stage for labour. I was privileged to be able to stand in the operating theatre corner, with my jaw dropping, and witness the births by caesarian section. It was an unreal and enlightening experience, just to think that I was one of the first people to meet these miniature human beings.' ☒

Sixth Form Ball

The School grounds provided another fitting and highly memorable end to the academic year for the Sixth Form. The students were greeted with a red carpet; the theme of 'A Night at the Oscars' being entirely appropriate to the occasion as the film star treatment continued throughout the evening. Mrs Wigham and her CPA team had decorated the marquee in fine style – the decorations were beautiful and the evening had been organised perfectly. The girls looked elegant and poised in their full length gowns and the boys more than held their own in their black tie attire. The evening got off to a sophisticated start with a Pimms reception and photographs; the dismal weather failing to dampen the spirits of the students and staff alike. A delicious three course meal provided by Mr Bradford and the catering team was followed by speeches by the students and Mrs Copeland, many of whom were emotional at the prospect of their final hours at the School. An evening of dancing ensued and the students truly let their hair down, with thoughts of exam stresses but a distant memory. Mr Mullin's band got the party going and kept the dancers on their feet until the early hours, aided by Mr Bown who provided a surprise in the form of his DJ set. ☒



Prefects' Dinner

'The Prefects' Dinner was held in May, involving both staff and students, and was a wonderful occasion. We enjoyed games of badminton, Jenga and other activities before being served a delicious three-course meal in the Dining Hall. It is moments like this when we realise how lucky we are to be at such a fantastic school, enjoying entertaining conversations with our teachers, not involving the usual topics of exams and revision. The evening finished with a quiz and speech from Nicholas Baboolal and Mr Walton, which made all of the prefects

Sixth Form Challenge

'A fuel tanker train has crashed into a passenger train...' This was the start of a disaster scenario that a team of Sixth Formers had to devise an emergency strategy for when they visited Oxford High at the end of June. Diesel leaking into drains, injuries, fatalities, tourists trapped under a bridge – how do we prioritise? What are the implications of our actions? How do we communicate this? All of the students actively participated in this intensive day of strategic planning, working with students from local schools including St Edward's, Rye St Antony and Headington. It was an excellent event with William Lewis (Feilden) being part of the winning team!



Oxbridge Workshop

'With aspirations of Oxbridge, a group of Lower Sixth students were given the opportunity to spend the day with Melissa Mehta, a Cambridge graduate and general polymath. Melissa created and runs Impetus, a company which coaches formal interaction skills including those useful for interviews. The day was relatively relaxed and very informative. Through Jedi Mind Tricks, Feedback Sandwiches and mock interviews, we were equipped with a huge range of skills to ready us for our looming future as adults. Predominantly, our self-confidence was boosted as we began to realise our growing competence and abilities. Melissa's top tips included staying in control of your line of thought, putting trust in your brain, having enough bravery to think in silence and... remembering to breathe. Who'd have thought interviewers can be impressed if you throw a question back at them? We also learnt the difference that a straight back can make to the impression you give, and how to



sad to be passing on their roles to the next year group.' ✍️

Annabel Hunter (Upper Sixth, Swift)

The Haha Magazine

The Haha, named after the feature synonymous with 17th and 18th Century country estates including Cokethorpe's Mansion House, is a student run online magazine. Developed and written by a group of Sixth Formers, they seek to tell the world exactly what they think about anything they care to write about. From sport to philosophy, or travel to music, they look to cover just about everything. The dedicated website, with the first edition, was launched in the summer of 2011 and covers topics such as 'What Music Means', 'No Pain, All Gain?' and 'Who Knew the Answer to Life was so Simple?'. Go to www.thehaha.co.uk to read the 'views, not news' of the Sixth Formers.



reword random life events to make yourself irresistible and totally indeclinable.

Having written letters to our future selves containing what we had learnt and our feelings about the day, which we shall receive in September as a reminder before we face our real interviews, it is undeniable that our day spent with Melissa was extremely valuable.' ✍️

Alice Bennett (Lower Sixth, Gascoigne)



Vichy France Poisoning

She had been sat in reception for half an hour, waiting for her appointment. She wore a dirty cloak and her skirts were ripped and wet, where she had had to walk through a puddle to get to the office. When he was finally free, she walked through the door to where he sat. Instantly she was hit by a wave of warmth, and he was hit by freezing air. He tutted and leaned over his desk to turn up the heater. Marie gaped. How could he afford to turn the heat up any more? Already she was warmer than she had been in months. He shivered and her amazement turned to incredulity as he turned the heat up even further. Oh what she wouldn't give to live in such luxury! The stories she would tell to her family by the flickering fire tonight! Marie huddled closer to the radiator, wishing that she could take the heat home somehow and give it to her family as a gift.

Jon was accustomed to gifts from the general public. The appointment had been made, and he would now get a gift, eat it in front of them to show that he liked it, and improve relations between the Germans and the Nazi's and the general public. The girl had obviously walked quite a way to get there. When she had walked in he had bitten back a reproach for leaving the door open and wearing dirty shoes on his clean carpet, but that would improve relations in no way, so he let it be.

Marie pulled a basket from behind her voluminous skirts and laid it gently on the table. 'A gift from my family, Monsieur. I hope you like the cakes.' She said in quiet French. 'Thank you!' He spoke loudly, as if he wanted to prove the status gap even more by talking over her. He pulled the cover off the basket and smacked his lips loudly, 'mmm-ing' noisily. 'They look delicious!' 'I am sure they are, Monsieur. They were baked by my mother this morning. We used up the last of the flour.' A sincere official might have thought twice about eating the last of a family's flour. But he was not sincere. He gave her a patronising smile. 'Well, I hope it will be worth it.' He bit into the sponge. 'Delicious!' he announced, before filling his mouth again. He did not notice that the look on her face was not of adoration, but of contempt. He did not notice that as he reached for the next cake, her expression turned into foul hunger.

When she had watched him eat all of the vanilla slices, Marie was satisfied. He was beginning to talk about himself idly, exaggerating his triumphs to impress her. He didn't seem to understand that the boredom in her face was directed to what he was saying, or was too wrapped up in his own achievements to care. 'I'm to be promoted in a few weeks. I won't have to deal with petty crimes or arguments. I'll be rich.' He eyed her pretty face appreciatively.

AS Level Monologues

Ella Ashdown (Vanbrugh)
'Mary' in *Low Level Panic*
By Clare McIntyre

Alfie Bradstock (Gascoigne)
'Mr Briggs' in *Our Day Out*
By Willy Russell

Ed Johnson (Harcourt)
'Joseph Garcin' in *No Exit*
By Jean-Paul Sartre

Myles Osborn-Banton (Queen Anne)
'Puck' in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
By William Shakespeare

William Lewis (Feilden)
'Alan Strang' in *Equus*
By Peter Shaffer

Stephanie Stanton (Queen Anne)
'Rebecca' in *Sorrows and Rejoicings*
By Athol Fuggard

Rachel Wood (Gascoigne)
'Faith' in *Kindertransport*
By Diane Samuels

Jessica Wulff (Harcourt)
'Mary Warren' in *The Crucible*
By Arthur Miller

Two Planks and a Passion Cast

Edward Young, *Pinner's Labourer*
Myles Osborn-Banton

Will Bluefront, *Painter's Labourer*
William Lewis

Geoffery Le Kolve, *Master of Painter's Guild*
Ed Johnson

Walter Paynter, *Apprentice Painter*
Alfie Bradstock

Father Henry Melton, *Chaplain to the Painter's Guild*
Mr T J Walwyn

Sarah Bluefront, *Servant to the Le Kolves*
Jessica Wulff

Kathryn Le Kolve, *Wife of Geoffrey*
Ella Ashdown

Richard II, *King of England*
Myles Osborn-Banton

Anne of Bohemia, *Queen of England*
Stephanie Stanton

Robert de Vere, *Earl of Oxford*
William Lewis

Alice Selby, *Mayoress* Rachel Wood

William Selby, *Mayor* Alfie Bradstock

Jolyf Absolom, *Professional Actor*
Ed Johnson

Archdeacon of Truro Mr T J Walwyn

Alice in Wonderland

The Lower First production of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass* delighted audiences during both the matinée and evening performances in June. The girls from The Manor Preparatory School enjoyed their exciting journey into Lewis Carroll's fantastical world, as did staff and parents when the Lower First gave yet another superb performance in the evening. This year group did incredibly well to entertain and enthral their audience, with wonderful acting, singing and dancing. The pupils truly succeeded in bringing Carroll's magical and surreal masterpiece to life, with all their hard work during rehearsals paying off to create a comedic, complex and compelling performance. 📖



Shipwrecked

The Upper First performed *Shipwrecked* in June, a play about the adventures of the Victorian explorer and charlatan Louis de Rougemont. This was a chance for the whole year group to demonstrate their superb skill in Physical Theatre and the effect was mesmerising. By using minimal props, many members of the group played the central character, and the rest created the physical world around him. From the streets of London to the Pacific Ocean, the perils of a tropical island to the wilds of the Australian outback, the roles and scenes constantly changed and the audience was left breathless by the vibrant talent of this cohort. Their cohesive professionalism was superb and they worked well together to create a magical and believable world. 📖



Two Planks and a Passion

Cokethorpe's AS Level Drama candidates took their Unit 2 examination on Tuesday 17 May. There were some extremely powerful monologues which took place in the Drama Studio for a small audience and in front of the Edexcel examiner, followed by the ensemble performance of Anthony Minghella's *Two Planks and a Passion* in The Shed. This interpretation took place in a Cornish town in 1392 where the local labourers prepare for their roles in the traditional Passion play. The town is thrown into chaos when King Richard, Queen Anne and the Earl of Oxford come to escape London and watch the pageants. This was a superbly comic production, which yielded some excellent performances from the cast.

Rachel Wood (Gascoigne) was hilarious as the deranged Mayoress who stalked the Queen, and Alfie Bradstock (Gascoigne) was a good match as her greedy, lecherous husband. Ella Ashdown (Vanbrugh) was extremely commanding as the vile, socially ambitious wife of the pessimistic, panic stricken Geoffrey, played brilliantly by Ed Johnson (Harcourt). William Lewis (Feilden) and Myles Osborn-Banton (Queen Anne) were professional and accomplished in their multi-roles, giving very funny and touching portrayals as both the labourers and the royals.

Jessica Wulff (Harcourt) sustained her role as the stammering servant extremely well and provided many of the laughs. Stephanie Stanton (Queen Anne) delivered a heart-rending finish as the dying Queen, with the line 'I always forget... 'tis such a cruel play' as she watched the re-enactment of the crucifixion. Lastly, it would of course be wrong to not acknowledge Mr Walwyn, who took on the roles of Archdeacon and Father Melton, which he played brilliantly. 📖



A Midsummer Night's Dream

This year's Prize Giving was rounded off with an outstanding performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* performed by pupils and staff. Set in the not too distant future of an economic meltdown in Greece, this production was hilarious from start to finish. The lovers Hermia and Lysander, played by Katie Buckley (Fourth Form, Harcourt) and Gregory Muller (Lower Sixth, Vanbrugh) were superb in their mature understanding of the lines and pitch-perfect comic delivery. Jack Revell (Lower Sixth, Swift) as Demetrius was wonderfully sardonic and Madeleine Allardice (Fifth Form, Harcourt) was excellent as the mawkish and gawky Helena.



Ella Ashdown (Lower Sixth, Vanbrugh) as Titania radiated passion and power and Louis Allen (Fifth Form, Harcourt) dominated the stage with an intense and brooding interpretation of Oberon. Puck was played by Lower First pupil Sydney Bennett-Miller (Gascoigne), who conveyed the impish playfulness of this central character and the complicated verse with equal dexterity and wonderful energy. Fourth Form pupils Lauren Bates-Brownsword (Feilden), Anna Withey (Harcourt) and Rosie Turner (Feilden) were fantastic as the elegant, yet savage, fairies Peaseblossom, Cobweb and Mustardseed. They used their graceful dancing and feral characterisation to great effect as the fierce protectors of their Fairy Queen.

The Mechanicals (or in this production, prisoners on parole) were hilarious as the bumbling and ineffectual community-theatre players. Brian Clarke (Fifth Form, Queen Anne) was authoritative as the frustrated Peter Quince and brilliant comic support was provided by Emily Thompson (Fourth Form, Queen Anne) as the optimistic Starveling and Charlotte Ferryman (Fifth Form, Queen Anne) as the food-obsessed Snout. George Lawson (Fifth Form, Gascoigne) as the deep-voiced and gangly Flute was side-splittingly funny and William Lewis (Lower Sixth, Feilden) put in a stellar performance as the ludicrously melodramatic Bottom. During the onstage deaths of these two as Pyramus and Thisbe, the play almost ground to a halt with the uproarious laughter from the audience.



The Drama Department also contributed, with Mrs Hooper playing both the severe Egea and the wonderfully meek Snug. Miss Ringham and Mr Walwyn were also unrecognisable as the materialistic Hip-Hopollyta and brutally crass T-Seus. This play demonstrated the extraordinary talent in the School and it is clear that the cast were enjoying themselves every step of the way. Their delight was the audience's gain, and praise was rightfully lavished on this very silly, very funny, highly polished production. 📺

Commedia dell'Arte

Fourth Form Drama pupils performed their devised Commedia dell'Arte pieces for the Junior School children in May. Having studied the stock characters and comic routines of Sixteenth Century European performers, they went on to create their own interpretations of this art form. Each group battled the elements to deliver their outdoor presentations, which was a test not only of their improvisation and vocal skills, but also how to manage some very enthusiastic members of the young audience. 📺



Peter Small

Peter's interest in technical theatre began in the Junior School. Despite being a fine actor, he was keen to try his hand at lighting and as the old adage goes, the rest is history. Peter designed and operated the lighting for every Cokethorpe show for the following eight years. In recognition of his outstanding contribution a Prize Giving cup has been introduced in his name. Although he will be greatly missed, he has accepted an unconditional offer to study Lighting Design at the prestigious Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA).



A Midsummer Night's Dream Cast

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|----------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Fairies</i> | |
| Titania | Ella Ashdown |
| Oberon | Louis Allen |
| Puck | Sydney Bennett-Miller |
| Peaseblossom | Lauren Bates-Brownsword |
| Cobweb | Anna Withey |
| Mustardseed | Rosie Turner |

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| <i>Athenians</i> | |
| Lysander | Gregory Muller |
| Hermia | Katie Buckley |
| Demetrius | Jack Revell |
| Helena | Madeleine Allardice |
| Egea | Mrs C L Hooper |
| T-Seus | Mr T J Walwyn |
| Hip-Hopollyta | Miss G R Ringham |

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| <i>Community Service Workers</i> | |
| Bottom | William Lewis |
| Peter Quince | Brian Clarke |
| Flute | George Lawson |
| Snout | Charlotte Ferryman |
| Starveling | Emily Thompson |
| Snug | Mrs C L Hooper |

Waterperry Drama Trip

Fourth Form GCSE Drama pupils were treated to an outdoor performance of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at Waterperry Gardens near Wheatley on Wednesday 15 June. This all-male version performed by The Lord Chamberlain's Men was traditional in its delivery and allowed the pupils an insight into the demands and style of Elizabethan theatre. As part of their written exam, the pupils must critically assess a live production and this minimalist production certainly gave them plenty to write about.

Alice in Wonderland

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland is an 1865 novel written by English author Charles Lutwidge Dodgson under the pseudonym Lewis Carroll. The sequel, *Through the Looking-Glass, and What Alice Found There* was written in 1871. 'Alice' is named after Alice Liddell, daughter of Henry Liddell (the then Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University), who he met on a trip to Oxford on 4 July 1862. During the trip Dodgson told a story that featured a bored little girl named Alice who goes looking for an adventure. Each year, Oxford celebrates 'Alice's Day' in honour of this very first telling of *Alice in Wonderland*.

Commedia dell'Arte

Commedia dell'Arte is a form of humorous theatre that began in Italy in the Fourteenth Century but peaked in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries, characterised by masked 'types', the advent of the actress and improvised performances based on sketches or scenarios. The closest translation of the name is 'comedy of craft'. Performed by professional players who travelled in troupes, they played on outside, temporary stages, and relied on various props in place of extensive scenery.

Music Examinations 2010–2011

Grade 8

| | | |
|----------------|-------------|-------|
| Edd Bird | Singing | Merit |
| William Draper | Jazz Sax | Dist |
| Freddie Miles | French Horn | Dist |

Grade 7

| | | |
|---------------------|---------|-------|
| Timothy Knight | Singing | Merit |
| Myles Osborn-Banton | Singing | Merit |
| Luke Saunders | Singing | Merit |
| Amy Williams | Flute | Merit |

Intermediate Certificate

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| Lydia Farrell | Singing |
| Daniel Page | Singing |
| Ellen Garbutt | Singing |
| Katie Jenkins | Singing |

Grade 5

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Thomas Christensen | Piano | Merit |
| Harry Creak | Clarinet | |
| Ellen Garbutt | Clarinet | Dist |
| Aidan King | Electric Guitar | Merit |
| Timothy Knight | Theory | |
| Laura McKenney | Theory | |
| Charlie Tobin | Jazz Sax | Merit |
| Katherine Woolley | Oboe | |
| Jacob Yolland | Trombone | |

Grade 4

| | | |
|-----------------|----------|-------|
| Rhona Anderson | Singing | |
| Tom Drake | Clarinet | |
| Jessie Grimwade | Flute | Dist |
| Ewan Johnson | Guitar | |
| Fraser Logue | Piano | Merit |

Grade 3

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Christie Batty | Electric Guitar | Merit |
| Toby Cole | Electric Guitar | |
| Christian Ettinger | Electric Guitar | |
| Eloise Fraser-Paterson | Oboe | Merit |
| Eloise Fraser-Paterson | Piano | Merit |
| Ellie McBride | Piano | Merit |

Grade 2

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Charlotte Bury | Singing | |
| Joe Ciampoli-Messiou | Electric Guitar | |
| William Cowley | Piano | |
| Anna De Buriatte Moglia | Singing | Merit |
| Harry Lovibond | Piano | Merit |
| Charlotte McMackin | Singing | Merit |
| Sophie Smith | Flute | Merit |
| Hetty Watts-Lay | Piano | Dist |
| Anna Withey | Piano | Merit |

Grade 1

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-------|
| Lydia McCall | Electric Guitar | |
| Archie Fellows | Drum Kit | Merit |
| Harry Steel | Piano | |

Music Achievements 2010–2011

Oxfordshire Schools' Symphony Orchestra
 Freddie Miles (Upper Sixth, Gascoigne)
 Ross McKee (Upper Sixth, Gascoigne)
 Paul Berry (Upper Sixth, Queen Anne)
 Oliver Parker (Fourth Form, Feilden)

National Youth Music Theatre
 Edd Bird (Upper Sixth, Gascoigne)

National Children's Brass Band
 Matthew Ellacott (Lower First, Feilden)

Gig Night 5

Gig Night, with the theme 'Electricity', was another huge success. There was a broad and diverse selection of musical styles and all participants performed with a great sense of occasion. There were debut performances from Bethany Mulloy (Third Form, Swift), Nancy Battersby (Upper First, Gascoigne), LuisaMae Lisi (Lower First, Harcourt), Ella Ashdown (Lower Sixth, Gascoigne) and Lissi Mason (Lower Sixth, Gascoigne). George Lawson (Fifth Form, Gascoigne) presented his own creation and Elliot Kratt (Lower Sixth, Gascoigne) and Thomas Wood (Upper Sixth, Vanbrugh) thrilled the audience with their piece for guitar and drums. Lower Sixth students Jack Cully (Feilden) and Jacob Booty (Swift) provided a hilarious ukulele duet medley and a very interesting work by Spencer Buckley gave Gig Night its first truly electronic and progressive piece. 



Choral Evensong

This term's Choral Evensong marked Pentecost, the end of the Easter season, and was led by Revd Charles Draper. The Schola Cantorum accompanied the service.

Lunchtime Music Recital

This term's music recital included stand out performances from across the year by Upper First and Third Form pupils, some of whom played pieces they had composed themselves.

May Day Madrigals

Madrigals were sung from on high by the Schola Cantorum on the first School morning of May. In a break with previous years, this time the performers sung from a balcony above the Dining Hall and the whole School gathered around the pond to listen. The performance included Thomas Morley's *Now is the Month of Maying*, John Farmer's *A Little Pretty Bonny Lass* and Thomas Greaves's *Come Away Sweet Love*.



Uniformity Dance Suite

After a brilliant debut last year, the highly anticipated dance show had a great deal to live up to, but exceeded all expectations. There was greater diversity in dance styles and music, more pupil-led choreography and the costumes were even sourced by the pupils themselves. There were more boys performing and their free-style break-dance received some gasps from the audience as they performed confident and deft back flips, head spins and balances. There was classical ballet and a fusion of ballet with other styles – jazz, rock and street dance. There was tap-dance, modern and pop; with solo, duet, small ensembles and a large group finale.

For the penultimate number, sixteen members of the teaching staff took to the stage and danced a well thought out and slickly executed *Mambo Italiano*. The finale was a brilliantly energetic setting of the chart hit, *Jai Ho!* by all the dancers. All participants were stars; they had worked with a great deal of focus and with a determined effort. The result was a brilliant show and the evening was enjoyed thoroughly by the whole audience. 📷



Summer Exhibition

Art enthusiasts enjoyed an assortment of magnificent displays at the annual Cokethorpe Art, Photography and Textile Exhibition on Thursday 30 June. The end-of-year showcase, encompassing work by Fourth Form to Upper Sixth pupils, exhibited a range of exciting pieces using a variety of materials: from a floor sculpture and textile dresses made of paper, through to the more traditional mediums of painting and drawing. Among the work on display were pieces created by Katy Bennett (Upper Sixth, Feilden), who has secured a place at top art college, Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design, where she will study for an Art Foundation course next year. 📷

Photography Trip to London

On Thursday 23 June the A Level Photography students visited the 'Figures & Fictions' exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, consisting of some very impressive large scale photographs of current concerns and reflections on South Africa. The students were asked to think about the three main influences on South African photographic heritage; Ethnography, Documentary and Portraiture, as they gathered thoughts and analysis about the images they found interesting.

The group then travelled to Somerset House to see the Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads installation by Chinese artist Ai Weiwei.

The setting was fabulous, the weather was sunny and the animal heads were striking.

It was a fantastic day, marred only by the minibus breaking down on the way home; the students proved to be very resilient to altered circumstances and spirits remained high.



Uniformity Dancers

Lower First

Sam Coles (Swift)
Charlie Fishleigh (Harcourt)
Alexander Jobling (Swift)
Clare Berry (Queen Anne)
Alyssia Lötter (Harcourt)
Laurel Mulloy (Swift)
Shannon Skeffington (Vanbrugh)
Hetty Watts-Lay (Swift)

Upper First

Sergei Kundik (Feilden)
Ben Tracey (Vanbrugh)

Third Form

Courtney Bates-Brownsword (Feilden)
Danielle Batty (Gascoigne)
Charlie Dewhurst (Feilden)
Annabelle Hulewicz (Vanbrugh)
Katie Jenkins (Queen Anne)
Katie McLachlan (Swift)
Bethany Mulloy (Swift)
Melanie Severn (Gascoigne)
Sydney Skinner (Queen Anne)

Fourth Form

Lauren Bates-Brownsword (Feilden)
Eleanor Cully (Feilden)
Holly Keylock (Feilden)
Connie Manning (Swift)
Rosie Turner (Feilden)
Anna Withey (Harcourt)

Lower Sixth

Stephanie Stanton (Queen Anne)

Performance to The Queen

Edd Bird (Upper Sixth, Gascoigne) was one of fifteen members of the National Youth Music Theatre (NYMT) to be selected to perform at a reception hosted by Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh on Monday 9 May. Held at Buckingham Palace in celebration of Young People in the Performing Arts, Edd and the NYMT singers and dancers joined *X Factor* winner Joe McEldery in performing *Something's Coming* from Bernstein's *West Side Story*. They also accompanied the singer Rumer in the finale, with Taylor Swift's *Love Story*.

Jazz Morley Gig

Following a visit from the Academy of Contemporary Music's Jazz Morley last term, Mr Heaney was invited to be headline support for Jazz at a gig in The Port Mahon, Oxford on Wednesday 8 June. Thomas Wood (Upper Sixth, Vanbrugh) opened proceedings with a short set of acoustic guitar instrumental pieces (accompanied by Mr Mullin and Mr Heaney).

Powell St John

Mr Heaney was delighted to have the chance to meet one of his idols, American singer and song writer Powell St John, when the musician visited the UK recently. Cokethorpe often perform songs by Powell and Mr Heaney sends him recordings of each performance.

Sports Representatives

Area, county (*) and national (**) representatives for 2010–2011:

Athletics

Danny Burford *
Alexandra Cross *
Freddie Curtis **
Jackson Curtis *
Redford Curtis **
George Lane *
Lois Waknell **

Clay Pigeon Shooting

Ella Ashdown **
Mattias Athwal **
Ethan Bosse **
Andrew Fiedorowicz **
Lizzie Hardie **
George Kerr **
Archie Napper **
Lucia Nettlefold **
Charles von Hoven **

Cricket

Jack Biggs *

Cross Country

Elisha Evans *
Amy Brooker *
George Miller *

Hockey

Oliver Armstrong *
Jack Biggs
Anya Duffy *
Elisha Evans *
Gabriella Evans *
Lydia Farrell *
Jenna Gordon *
Sunny Ricketts **
Beth Stanley *
Shona Stanley *
Amy Watson *
Amy Williams *
Katherine Woolley *

Kayaking

Louis Allen **
Brian Clarke *
Harry Fellows *
Laura McKenney *
Isaac Staff *
Louis Taylor *
Amy Turner **
Jamie Unwin *

Netball

Alyce McNaughton *
Louise Tyrer *

Rugby

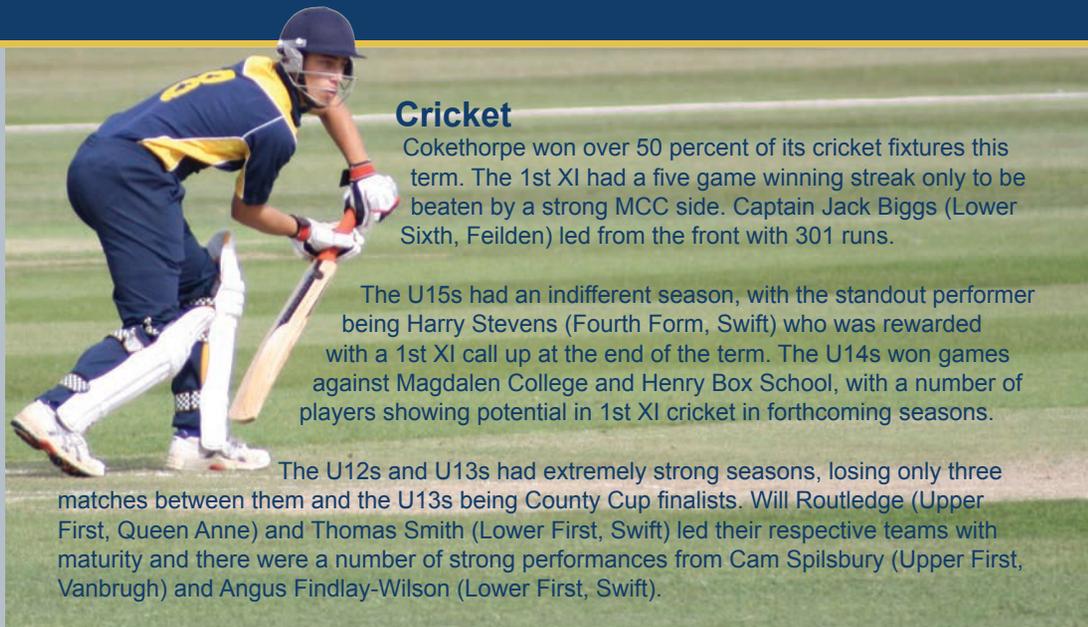
Redford Curtis *
William Bishop *
Edward Blackburn *
Danny Burford *
Jackson Burton *
Elijah Vieira-Faria *
George Lane *
Jonathan Lane *
Samuel O'Brien *
Oliver Parsons *
Joshua Poole **
Henry Purdy **
Ben Sydenham *
James Silver *
Richard Stevens *
Matthew Taylor *
Julian Watkins *
Thomas Wells *
Jacob Wilson **

Soccer

Ryan Oliver
George Stone *

Tennis

Sam Howse *



Cricket

Cokethorpe won over 50 percent of its cricket fixtures this term. The 1st XI had a five game winning streak only to be beaten by a strong MCC side. Captain Jack Biggs (Lower Sixth, Feilden) led from the front with 301 runs.

The U15s had an indifferent season, with the standout performer being Harry Stevens (Fourth Form, Swift) who was rewarded with a 1st XI call up at the end of the term. The U14s won games against Magdalen College and Henry Box School, with a number of players showing potential in 1st XI cricket in forthcoming seasons.

The U12s and U13s had extremely strong seasons, losing only three matches between them and the U13s being County Cup finalists. Will Routledge (Upper First, Queen Anne) and Thomas Smith (Lower First, Swift) led their respective teams with maturity and there were a number of strong performances from Cam Spilsbury (Upper First, Vanbrugh) and Angus Findlay-Wilson (Lower First, Swift).



World Class Cricket Coaching

On Wednesday 15 June, George Stone (Upper First, Swift) spent the day at Kent Cricket Club with 'Murali' a former Sri Lankan cricketer, known as the highest wicket-taker in both Test cricket and One-Day Internationals. George states that 'It was an amazing experience that I will never forget. The spin Murali puts on the ball is out of this world and I am proud to say I defended my wicket from his unbelievable bowling and he did not bowl me out.' George also spent time with Rob Key, the Kent captain, having batting lessons before watching the Twenty20 match between Kent and Gloucester.

GB Hockey Visitor

On Friday 27 May Sarah Thomas, captain of the Welsh hockey squad and Great Britain international, came to Cokethorpe to work with some of the School's junior hockey players. Sarah has been playing professional hockey in Holland for the past seven years and has just come back to the UK to train with Great Britain in the run up to the 2012 Olympics. Sarah shared her skills and experiences of elite sport with the girls. ☑



Devizes to Westminster Kayak Race

After months of training, some of Cokethorpe's finest kayakers took to the River Thames over the Easter weekend to participate in the DW Race 2011. This event, testing commitment, stamina, and fortitude, covers a colossal 125 miles. Following the School's victory in last year's Junior Doubles competition, expectations were high. It was an exciting and eventful competition, with pupils overcoming unforeseen obstacles and injury to achieve some laudable results.

Laura McKenney (Lower Sixth, Swift) and Harry Fellows (Fifth Form, Vanbrugh) had a very good race, finishing second in the Junior Mixed Doubles subcategory and 30th out of 75 in the Junior Doubles. Louis Allen (Fifth Form, Harcourt) and former pupil George Barnicoat (OC 2010, Harcourt) had a difficult race, suffering the effects of the intense sunshine, which resulted in Louis being unable to finish. Jamie Unwin (Fifth Form, Harcourt) and Brian Clarke (Fifth Form, Queen Anne) also faced adversity when Brian was injured by a low bridge. Despite this, the pair finished fifth in the U17 Schools subcategory and 15th in the Junior Doubles.

This year's biggest successes, however, were Isaac Staff (Fifth Form, Gascoigne) and Louis Taylor (Lower Sixth, Feilden) who took third in the Junior Doubles category and first in the U17 Schools subcategory. Go to www.cokethorpe.org.uk/go/dwblog to visit Christian Field's DW Blog. ☑



Sport Awards Dinner

On Friday 10 June over 100 Senior School pupils, together with the Headmaster and coaching staff, attended the annual Sport Awards Dinner in celebration of an outstanding year for sport at Cokethorpe. Team successes over the past twelve months have included a county title for the U19 rugby team and a national title for the clay pigeon shooting team, both for the third consecutive year. On an individual level, the School also boasts over 50 county and four international players. The evening's guest speaker, England netball player Karen Atkinson, provided inspiration for the young sports men and women with her speech about her own experiences of playing sport at an international level. Karen also presented the awards. 🏆



Clay Pigeon Shooting

Hot on the heels of winning the Southern Region Warwick Challenge at Wedglock Shooting Ground in Warwickshire, the National Schools and Young Shots Clay Pigeon Shooting Championships were held at Churchill's Ground in Buckinghamshire on Saturday 30 April, which Cokethorpe won for the third consecutive year.

The boys' team took first place beating more than 60 other teams, including Strathallan, Millfield, Bloxham and Rugby. The team consisted of Mattias Athwal, Charles von Hoven, Andrew Fiedorowicz, Ethan Bosse, George Kerr (captain) and Archie Napper. Mattias Athwal took third place in the individual rankings, out of over 400 entrants.

The girls' team, with Lucia Nettlefold, Lizzie Hardie and Ella Ashdown, came third in their competition and there was also victory in the Parent-Child competition, won by Lucia Nettlefold and her father.

Two old boys' teams also competed. The more recent leavers' team, with Jordan Gillies, James Nettlefold and Morgan Wigham (all OCs 2010), came third missing first place by only three clays. The team of older former pupils consisting of James Binning (OC 2004), Michael Staples (OC 2009) and George Millin (OC 2007), also all Shooting captains when at Cokethorpe, acquitted themselves with almost equal panache, to come seventh. 🏆

Athletics

The athletes have had the most successful season to date, not only with national and regional successes but with the overall development of the School's athletics. A team of 25 athletes were taken to the Oxfordshire Schools' Championships in May, the largest number in recent years. From this group, 20 were picked to represent North Oxfordshire at the Area Championships. Here, Cokethorpe alone produced ten champions; six of whom were chosen to attend the England Schools' Athletics Championships in July. This is the largest number to attend from one school in 20 years. All the pupils reached the finals of their respective events, with Lois Waknell, Redford Curtis (both Third Form, Harcourt) and Freddie Curtis (Fifth Form, Harcourt) winning three of the six medals won by Oxfordshire. 🏆



Tennis

This summer the School appointed Chris Hampton as Head of Tennis, who has established an excellent reputation as Head Coach of North Oxford Tennis Club. He will coach four afternoons a week throughout the winter and five afternoons a week in the Summer Term. This initiative signals a major development in sport at Cokethorpe, with Senior girls taking up tennis as their major summer sport next year.



Sport Awards Dinner

Rugby Union
 Players' Player Danny Burford
 Coach's Player Jacob Wilson
 Most Improved Huw Williams

Kayaking
 Kayaker of the Year Louis Allen
 Outstanding Commitment Brian Clarke

Clay Pigeon Shooting
 Top School Gun Andrew Fiedorowicz
 National Top Gun Mattias Athwal

Soccer
 Players' Player Alexander Cade
 Coach's Player Alexander Cade
 Most Improved Jack Wollner

Hockey
 Players' Player Sunny Ricketts
 Coach's Player Sunny Ricketts
 Most Improved Sam Howse

Netball
 Players' Player Sam Howse
 Coach's Player Alyce McNaughton
 Most Improved Shona Stanley

Cricket
 Players' Player Jack Biggs
 Coach's Player Jack Biggs
 Most Improved Jacob Booty

Director of Sport's Award
 Alex Da Silva Isidro

Sports Colours

Full Colours
 Clays George Kerr (Feilden)

Half Colours
 Clays Archie Napper (Harcourt)
 Andrew Fiedorowicz (Vanbrugh)
 Mattias Athwal (Swift)
 Ethan Bosse (Vanbrugh)
 Charles von Hoven (Vanbrugh)
 Cricket Alex Grout (Feilden)
 Jack Biggs (Feilden)

Kayaking Harry Fellows (Vanbrugh)
 Laura McKenney (Swift)
 Jamie Unwin (Harcourt)
 Brian Clarke (Queen Anne)
 Louis Taylor (Feilden)
 Isaac Staff (Gascoigne)
 Louis Allen (Harcourt)

Rounders

Senior School rounders is having a healthy run of form and demonstrates the hard work put in by the coaches in recent years. The U14s are team of the season with their unbeaten track record including wins against Bloxham, Tudor Hall and Akeley Wood. The U13s also had some excellent results against Rye St Antony and Cranford House.

International Hockey

Sunny Ricketts (Upper Sixth, Swift) has picked up eight caps for England U18 Girls, taking part in friendlies against Scotland, Wales and Germany and in the Four Nations Tournament. 🏆

Junior School

Summer Fair Stalls

Stalls from this year's fair included:

- Lucky Ducks
- Guess the Teacher
- Shoot Carnival
- Football Mix
- Guinea Fun Run
- Spell Potter
- Coconut Island Hit Down
- Sweet Stack
- Wacky Flavours
- Sweet Tree
- Hit It!
- Draw the Terminator
- Soldier Shoot Down
- Off Road Challenge
- Hand Made Earrings /Get the Style
- Best Friends
- Pick It!
- Bone Hunt
- Beat the Defender
- Guess the Name of the Chicken
- Guess the Flavour of the Sweet
- Penalty Shoot Out
- Guess the Name of the Fluffy Bunny
- Cake a Digestive
- Sweetie Sensation
- Get Across and Win
- Test Your Taste
- Down Goes the Can
- Sumo
- Shoot the Birdie
- Fancy Football
- Radarnater
- Funky Colours
- The Claw
- Picture This
- Hairspray
- Custard Dip and Weigh the Cake
- Design a Cake
- Dig For It
- Cake Stall
- Tombola
- Teddy Bears' Picnic Raffle
- Main Raffle
- Tea Trailer
- Popcorn
- DVDs, CDs and Computer Games
- Bouncy Obstacle Course
- Bouncy Castle
- Go-Karts
- Soccer Suckers
- The Stocks

Cokethorpe Land Girl

Year 4 children were pleased to welcome Mrs Godfrey back into School this term, a land girl who was based at Cokethorpe in the 1940s. During that period the Mansion House was used as a private house and had not yet been established as a school.

Mrs Godfrey used to sleep in the attic rooms on the top floor of the building, which are now Junior School classrooms. She would leave her wellies at the back door in the boot room and climb the back stairs. Her bike was kept in what is now the Round House.

As a land girl Mrs Godfrey did many jobs including muck spreading, growing vegetables, milking the cows and helping the farmer with the threshing of the corn.



Summer Fair

Junior School children used their business talents setting up and running stalls at their Summer Fair in May. An exciting array of activities were on offer, all helping to raise a total of £1,927. The money was split between two charities, The Nasio Trust and the Oxfordshire Play Bus, to whom cheques were presented during an assembly in June. Thank you to all the customers who visited the stalls and to parents for their contributions of mouth-watering cakes. ☞

Witney Carnival

The Junior School teamed up with Helen & Douglas House to take part in the Witney Carnival on Saturday 9 July. Their *Alice in Wonderland* themed float, decorated with balloons and streamers, looked fantastic, as did the Alice costumes provided by Cokethorpe's Costume Store. Before the procession began the children and their float were judged and awarded second place! The £30 prize was donated to Helen & Douglas House. ☞



Year 5 Trip to Dorset

To complement their study of coasts in Geography, Year 5 went on a residential trip to Dorset. The children's first activity was looking at the effects of weathering on the beach at Old Harry Rocks. After a geology workshop they went on a night walk where not even rain could spoil the stunning coastal views. Saturday was spent at the UNESCO heritage sites of Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove before completing mapwork and orienteering around Leeson House.



Choir Concert and Tea on the Lawn

On a blustery afternoon in May, parents enjoyed afternoon tea and cakes on the beautiful Mansion House Lawn, whilst listening to the Junior School Choir perform songs from the musical *The Pied Piper*. The role of the Mayor was played by Harry Walsingham (Year 6, Gwyn) and the Piper by Ella Mattinson (Year 4, Baker). Toby Brown (Year 5, Baker) performed the Mayor's solos with his usual accomplished aplomb. ☞



Teddy Bears' Picnic

The rain held off and the sun came out just in time for the Pre-Prep Teddy Bears' Picnic in the Summer Term. Bears and children enjoyed sharing a scrumptious feast of sandwiches, cakes and strawberries al fresco on the Mansion Lawn. 



Junior School Council

House and Vice Captains led discussions on topics that effect the Junior School this term. As a result changes have been made to play equipment, social events and ideas for fundraising.

The children also met with the Catering Manager, Mr Bradford, to present the results of a survey that they had conducted on food provision in the Junior School. As a result, snacks have changed, with dried fruit being offered on Mondays, and a selection of fresh fruit now available from Tuesdays to Thursdays. Cakes and biscuits are also now served as a Friday treat.

Young Writers Competition

Twenty gifted and talented writers have had their poems published in the Young Writers' book *Once Upon A Rhyme*. The older children wrote lyrical poems on an object that is special to them, such as a shell or watch, while the younger children wrote about the seasons or mythical creatures. Copies of the book will be kept in national libraries across the country, including the British Library. Winners were as follows:

Year 6

Mike Billing (Lockwood)
India Hurford-Jones (Gwyn)
Yukiko Nishikawa (Symonds)
Madeline Pound (Baker)
Harry Walsingham (Gwyn)

Year 5

Hannah Berry (Gwyn)
Eddie Binnie (Lockwood)
Austin Bowsher (Baker)
Tom Burns (Gwyn)
Antonia Haar (Lockwood)
Joe McBride (Lockwood)
Ruby Plumridge (Symonds)
George Williams (Symonds)

Year 4

Frankie Brown (Baker)
Hayden Camidge (Lockwood)
Tara Devine (Lockwood)
Ella Mattinson (Baker)

Year 3

Rosa Birchenough (Gwyn)
Libby Flaherty (Symonds)
Geneva Hedges (Baker)

Year 6 Mexicolore Workshop

If you want to learn about chilli-eating warriors invite Ian and Graciela round to your house, they will teach you more than a history book! You will learn how to play a tune on a tortoise shell; grind flour to make bread; how to work out the Aztec calendar and marvel at the wonders of the Sun stone. Don't be naughty though – you may find yourself standing over a smoking pan of hot chillies until your cheeks smart and your eyes stream!



Year 4 Trip to Milestone

Year 4 children were transported back in time to the 1940s as part of their History work about World War Two. The staff at the Milestones Museum explained about the important work that women did back at home whilst the men were at war, and also how to 'make do and mend' when basic supplies were in short supply. The children all got into the spirit of the trip by dressing up as evacuees and many prepared a wartime packed lunch for themselves.



Year 3 Trip to Sulgrave Manor

On Wednesday 15 June Year 3 children, dressed in Tudor costume, visited Sulgrave Manor; a superb example of a modest manor house of Shakespearean times and home to the ancestors of George Washington. They walked in the Great Hall, kitchen and bedchamber amongst the furniture and artefacts of the period, seeing the rooms as they would have looked in the time of Lawrence Washington who bought the estate from Henry VIII in 1539.



Trip to Farmer Gow's

'We went on the mini bus and when we got off the mini bus we had a snack then we fed the lambs and the kids. Then we washed our hands. Then we had a sandwich and then we went on a tractor ride. We played on the hay bales and I scared the boys in the tunnels. I had a great time at Farmer Gow's.'

Dee Biles (Reception, Baker)

'We went to Farmer Gow's. We fed the little pigs. We had lunch and then we went on the tractor. We collected 20 eggs!'

Ellis Leach (Reception, Symonds)

'We got on the bus. We fed the lambs and kids. We played on the hay bales.'

Lewie Camidge (Reception, Baker)



Rainforests

- Rainforests once covered 14% of the Earth's land surface; now they cover only 6%
- The Amazon is the largest rainforest, followed by The Congo Basin
- Tropical deforestation is the second largest cause of climate change
- Rainforests are home to an estimated 50 million indigenous forest peoples

Prize Giving Awards

Academic Prize Winners

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| Reception | Jasmine Hammond (Gwyn) |
| Year 1 | Maddie Flaherty (Lockwood) |
| Year 2 | Jossy Brown (Symonds) |
| Year 3 | Rosa Birchenough (Gwyn) |
| Year 4 | Hayden Camidge (Lockwood) |
| Year 5 | Hannah Berry (Gwyn) Austin Bowsher (Baker) |
| Year 6 | Mike Billing (Lockwood) Luke Smith (Lockwood) |

Pupils of the Year

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| Reception | Theo Langford (Gwyn) |
| Year 1 | Olivia Reece (Gwyn) |
| Year 2 | Isabella Smith (Symonds) |
| Year 3 | Amelia Leslie (Lockwood) |
| Year 4 | Frankie Brown (Baker) |
| Year 5 | Ruby Plumridge (Symonds) Louisa Flaherty (Gwyn) |
| Year 6 | India Hurford-Jones (Gwyn) Sam Biles (Gwyn) |

End of Year Awards for Effort

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|-----------|--|
| Reception | Kye Carrington (Lockwood) |
| Year 1 | Tabitha Howard (Symonds) |
| Year 2 | Edith Wannell (Gwyn) |
| Year 3 | Benjamin Shaw (Symonds) |
| Year 4 | Dennis Catrini (Baker) |
| Year 5 | Annabel Clarke (Lockwood) Sophie Wheeler (Lockwood) |
| Year 6 | Verity Smith (Gwyn) Yukiko Nishikawa (Symonds) |

Cup Winners

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|----------------------------------|--|
| Julie Stormont Art Cup: | Camilla Hulewicz (Baker) |
| Claire Hooper Drama Cup: | Sam Biles (Gwyn) |
| Louise Bridge French Cup: | Sam Bird (Symonds) |
| Improvement and Progress Shield: | Christopher Dennis (Lockwood) |
| Music Cup: | Yukiko Nishikawa (Symonds) |
| Sports Cups: | Louisa Mattinson (Lockwood) Luke Smith (Lockwood) |
| Junior School Cup: | Luke Smith (Lockwood) |



Year 1 Trip to the Steam Museum

The Year 1 trip to the Steam Museum in Swindon commenced with a discovery session when the children dressed up and learned about George Stephenson, Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the early history of The Great Western Railway. Later on they explored a range of interactive displays and exhibits. The old steam locomotives in particular were greeted with great excitement and awe.

Year 6 Disco

Year 6 children danced away the evening in The Shed at their end of year disco on Monday 4 July. Everyone dressed for the occasion – the girls in beautiful flowery dresses, tops, shorts and a very pretty array of hairbands, while many of the boys looked smart in suits and ties. Thank you to Mr O'Connor and Mrs Mace who spent time getting things ready.



Year 6 Trip to Wales

A fantastic time was had by the Year 6 children on their trip to Wales during May. A programme of exciting activities such as raft building, caving, survival classes, balance beams, the leap of faith and a giant zip wire filled the days. Many of the activities were challenging, testing both the children's and the teachers' head for heights and small spaces. ☑



Trip to The Living Rainforest

Year 2 children visited The Living Rainforest in Newbury as part of their Geography curriculum work in May. They went on an edible rainforest tour designed to teach them about the amazing foods that grow in rainforests; one of the most interesting facts they discovered was that cocoa beans grow there. They also learnt about some of the animals that reside in these tropical habitats, and they were lucky enough to get up close to a water lizard, a giant butterfly, a stingray and some marmoset monkeys. It was a fantastic, fact-filled day which left the children feeling inspired as they began their new Summer Term topic. ☑



Junior School Prize Giving

Three plays, performed by the children of the Junior School, set the scene at their Prize Giving in July. The Reception Class charmed the audience with the first part of the fairy tale, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, after which they handed the stage over to Years 1 and 2 who completed the tale. Next, Years 3 to 5 staged an interpretation of *Peter Pan*; a sprinkling of fairy dust and many delightful musical renditions making it a most memorable performance. Year 6 were last to perform, offering a mesmerising depiction of Geoff Bamber's adaptation of *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare. Following a picnic lunch the Prize Giving ceremony then got underway. The Head of Junior School, Mrs Cook, reported on the school year before the Headmaster, Mr Ettinger, presented the awards. The School was also pleased to welcome two guests of honour, Tony Baker and Martin Lockwood, two Old Cokethorpeans after whom two of the new Junior School Houses have been named. ☑





Sports Day and Mini Olympics

The Pre-Prep Mini Olympics gave children in Reception to Year 2 the opportunity to demonstrate just how much they have developed in Physical Education this year. They took part in nine activities ranging from throwing to running.

The older children competed against each other in events such as the 100m, 150m, 300m and 600m races, javelin, the standing jump, high jump and a relay. Six children in particular had a very successful day, breaking one or more School records: Alexander Wilde (Year 5, Lockwood), Amelia Leslie (Year 3, Lockwood), Tara Devine (Year 4, Lockwood), Frankie Brown (Year 4, Baker), Jack Wilde (Year 3, Gwyn) and Sam Orton (Year 6, Symonds), who was awarded The Burfitt Award for Outstanding Individual Performance for his new 300m and 600m records. On a House level Lockwood was crowned this year's overall winners. 🏆



Cricket Report

This was a transitional year for the U9s, with many of the team called-up to play for the U11s. Captain Joshua Cook (Gwyn) led by example though, in both training and matches. The U11s had a 50% success rate with two very comfortable wins over New College.

GB Archery Championships

Ryan Kendrick (Year 6, Lockwood), a keen archer, notched up a string of successes in the sport this term. Following a trip to Korea over the Easter holidays where he received instruction from six-time Olympic Gold winner Kim Tak, Ryan took part in the British Archery Championships in June. In spite of injury Ryan put in a fantastic performance to come second. His score of 1,111 meant that he only narrowly missed out on first place by a mere two points.



Rounders Report

The Juniors started the season with unprecedented enthusiasm. Years 3 and 4 focused on core skills, and Years 5 and 6 on tactical analysis and communication. There were some closely fought games against Headington and Pinewood in particular.



Inter-House Rounders

It was lovely to see so many of the skills and practices learnt throughout the term being applied to the game in the Inter-House Rounders competition. Many of the younger girls played very competitively against the more experienced Year 5 and 6 girls and there was some fierce team rivalry, though the tournament was played in the best of team spirits.

Team Captains

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| Baker | Madeline Pound |
| Lockwood | Louisa Mattinson |
| Symonds | Yukiko Nishikawa |
| Gwyn | India Hurford-Jones |

Results

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| 1st | Lockwood |
| 2nd | Symond |
| 3rd | Baker |
| 4th | Gwyn |

House Cricket

No Inter-House cricket matches took place this term.

Wasps Mascot

Adam Kendrick (Year 4, Symonds) made an appearance as one of the Wasps' Mascots this term. He walked out to a crowd of 50,000 people at Twickenham Stadium in April and Cokethorpe School even got a mention by the Twickenham commentator.

Lasting Impressions

Year 6 children reflected on their time in the Junior School this term as they prepared to move up to the Senior School in September:

'Cokethorpe is like a big happy family and it is the best school I have been to.'
Louisa Mattinson (Lockwood)

'I am very sad to be leaving the Junior School but I am ready for Lower First. My life in the Junior School has been brilliant.'
Cameron Knox (Baker)

'The Cokethorpe experience is a good one, the best years ever and it's been a fantastic journey.'
Madeline Pound (Baker)

'This is a great school and I have had lots of fun here. I've had a brilliant time but I will be sad to leave the great teachers.'
Luke Smith (Lockwood)

'I have really enjoyed Junior School and all the teachers that have taught me. I hope I have as much fun in the Senior School.'
Maisie Coolman (Baker)

'Sad to be saying goodbye to all the teachers but I am really ready to move up.'
Sam Bird (Symonds)

The Houses

Most Recommendations

Lower First: Adam El-Megrissi (Queen Anne)

Upper First: Charlie Dyde (Feilden)

Third Form: Toyah Overton (Queen Anne)

Fourth Form:

Courtney Bates-Brownsword (Feilden)

Fifth Form: Yinan Wang (Vanbrugh)

Lower Sixth: Alyce McNaughton (Gascoigne)

Upper Sixth: Annabel Hunter (Swift)

Overall Winner: Adam El-Megrissi

House Winner: Queen Anne

Lower House Heroes

First Half of Term

| | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Keely Harding | L1 Feilden |
| Lulu Allen | L1 Gascoigne |
| Alyssia Lötter | L1 Harcourt |
| Eloise Fraser-Paterson | L1 Queen Anne |
| James Wheeler | L1 Swift |
| Grace Wood | L1 Vanbrugh |
| Harry Woodard | U1 Feilden |
| George Wood | U1 Gascoigne |
| Josie Dennis | U1 Harcourt |
| Matthew Brown | U1 Queen Anne |
| Ashlin Karlake | U1 Swift |
| Laurence Lodge | U1 Vanbrugh |

Second Half of Term

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Richard Turner | L1 Feilden |
| Sydney Bennett-Miller | L1 Gascoigne |
| Charlie Fishleigh | L1 Harcourt |
| Louis Beresford | L1 Queen Anne |
| Laurel Mulloy | L1 Swift |
| Jessica Williams | L1 Vanbrugh |
| Billy Garrett | U1 Feilden |
| Jem Müldür | U1 Gascoigne |
| Megan Bird | U1 Harcourt |
| Will Routledge | U1 Queen Anne |
| Emily Hastings | U1 Swift |
| Mark Rogers | U1 Vanbrugh |

Isle of Wight Shore

I can see the waves rolling gently, hear the wind whistling quietly, feel the sand moving softly through my toes, smell the sharp pangs of vinegar in my nose, taste the warm potato like chip on my tongue, I felt all this, though I hadn't been there long.

You could see the children playing in the sand, their parents waiting in vain to be tanned, hear the white, circling seagulls, squawking in the sky, thinking about what it's like to live life that high, picking up a shell and seeing its soft pink colour, feeling in my hand its odd, rough texture, collecting the scent of the sea that wafted through the air, salty and damp, a smell quite disgusting it really was unfair, the new flavour of strawberry ice-cream cleaned up my palate, though all this food had, considerably, lightened up my wallet.

Being saddened seeing a used cigarette upon the ground, thinking that these beach polluters really must be found, happy children could be heard playing and giggling, their families tickling them kept them all wriggling, putting my hand into the cool blue sea, thinking, unfortunately, that's just another place for kids to pee, smelling tuna sandwiches from all the little shops, sniffing at the barbecue where there cooked a few chops, feeling the heavy waves of heat rolling off the sun, warming everyone so they had a lot more fun, looking round at this Isle of Wight shore, hoping that I'd get the chance to come back some more.

Nadiya Rashid (Upper First, Feilden)

Lower Sixth Feilden Social

Water-skiing, knee-boarding and flying around Hardwick Parks lake on ringos, was all part of the fun at the Lower Sixth Feilden trip in June. It was probably the wettest day of the year so far, with torrential rain and slightly cooler temperatures than one would expect in the summer. This aside, nothing was going to stop the fun! The barbecue was another obstacle to overcome, yet with some Girl Guide skills from Miss Townsend and some human bellows in the form of Jack Bennett, a number of umbrellas and cardboard boxes... the group all managed to eat. Who needs the sunshine!



Housemasters

From September, Swift and Harcourt will have new Housemasters. Mrs Cooper will replace Mr Bown as Head of Swift, as Mr Bown takes up his new position of Deputy Head of Sixth Form. Mr Lawson will replace Mr Capel as Head of Harcourt, as Mr Capel takes up his new position of Head of Geography. Parents of pupils in both Houses have had the opportunity to meet their children's new Housemasters over refreshments.

Inter-House Athletics

Tilsley Park in Abingdon again played host to this year's Inter-House Athletics Championships on the last day of June. Cokethorpe athletes, excluding six pupils who were in Gateshead competing at the England Schools' Athletics Championships, had to contend with a slight head wind. This did not impact upon their performance, however, judging by the impressive number of School records broken this year. Elisha Evans (Lower First, Swift) took two of these records, and was also awarded the Burfitt Award for an Outstanding Individual Performance.

An incredibly competitive day concluded with a spirited sequence of relays; under intense pressure and with double points on offer, competitors could certainly not be blamed for a few dropped batons here and there.



The level of effort and determination of all the athletes was as good as it has ever been, and the supportive attitude from all the spectators, pupils and parents alike, made this event one of the best Inter-House Athletics Championships to date. Congratulations to Harcourt for being the overall winners this year. 🏆



Inter-House Rounders

As always, the Senior Inter-House Rounders was a closely fought and exciting event. A number of Senior players came back after their exams to compete for their House, with notable performances from Sam Howse (Upper Sixth, Queen Anne) and Victoria O'Shea (Lower Sixth, Vanbrugh). The Lower House played triangular games, with the fielding teams combining to keep batting scores to a minimum. This saw Houses working closely alongside each other in what became a very tactical competition. LuisaMae Lisi (Lower First) performed imposingly for Harcourt while Alice Burns (Lower First) put in an impressive performance to aid Feilden. The points from both tournaments were combined to produce the final standings.



Lower House Barbecue

To conclude all the good work done by Lower House this year, a summer barbecue was planned. The majority of pupils, and their tutors, attended and despite poor weather, their spirits were in no way dampened. The Sports Hall was the perfect venue for the games Mrs Floyd organised and the food, including a huge variety of kindly donated delicious desserts, was served from under the dripping umbrellas by the Coffee Shop.

Inter-House Cricket

Congratulations to Swift House for winning the Inter-House Cricket competition in a closely fought affair in which Feilden can an extremely close second. All the Houses competed in matches spread over two afternoons, with eight players per side.



Inter-House Swimming

On Monday 16 May Cokethorpe held the annual Inter-House Swimming Gala at Carterton Leisure Centre. Teams of pupils from the Lower House, Third and Fourth Forms competed in all of the main swimming disciplines, and some genuine talent was displayed. Highlights included a superb demonstration of butterfly from Oliver Baboolal (Fourth Form, Swift) and Molly Williamson (Fourth Form, Vanbrugh), and outstanding freestyle wins by Elisha Evans (Lower First, Swift) and Edward Blackburn (Fourth Form, Harcourt). After an afternoon of spirited competition, Harcourt was crowned the winner. 🏆

Inter-House Athletics

School Records

Boys' U14 800m: 2mins 16secs
Luke Watkins (Third Form, Harcourt)

Boys' U15 800m: 2mins 17secs
Tom Binnie (Fourth Form, Harcourt)

Girls' U12 800m: 2mins 30secs
Elisha Evans (Lower First, Swift)

Girls' U12 1500m: 5mins 44secs
Elisha Evans (Lower First, Swift)

Results

1st: Harcourt
2nd: Gascoigne
3rd: Feilden
4th: Swift
5th: Queen Anne
6th: Vanbrugh

The Burfitt Award for an Outstanding Individual Performance

Elisha Evans (Lower First, Swift)

Inter-House Rounders

Lower House

1st: Swift
2nd: Harcourt
3rd: Vanbrugh
4th: Queen Anne
5th: Gascoigne
6th: Feilden

Senior Rounders

1st: Queen Anne
2nd: Vanbrugh
3rd: Feilden
4th: Gascoigne
5th: Harcourt
6th: Swift

Overall

1st: Vanbrugh
2nd: Queen Anne
=3rd: Harcourt
=3rd: Swift
=5th: Gascoigne
=5th: Feilden

Inter-House Swimming

1st: Harcourt
2nd: Swift
3rd: Feilden
4th: Queen Anne
=5th: Gascoigne
=5th: Vanbrugh

Inter-House Tennis

The winner of this term's Inter-House Tennis tournament was Harcourt.

Inter-House Clays

This year's Inter-House Clay Pigeon Shooting competition was won by Vanbrugh. The team included Andrew Fiedorowicz (Fourth Form), Lucia Nettlefold (Lower Sixth) and Ethan Bosse (Fifth Form). Ethan was also the winner of the individual High Gun.



CEW and AOB

CEW Activities

Curriculum Enrichment Week took place in the last week of the Summer Term, during which pupils in the Senior School took part in over 50 different activities on and off-site, including:

- Bag Embellishment
- Bath Bomb, Candle and Card Making
- Blenheim Palace and Gardens
- Caving in the Forest of Dean Centre Parcs
- Clay Pigeon Shooting
- Cooking
- Cotswold Falconry Centre
- Cotswold Wildlife Park
- Cowes Week
- Fly Fishing
- Glass Painting and Jewellery Making
- Gliding
- Golf Day at Wychwood
- Go Karting
- Graffiti to Jazz
- Cycling Trip
- Heritage Motor Centre
- History vs Hollywood
- Horse Riding
- Kitchen Garden
- Learn How to Sign
- London Dungeons
- Madame Tussauds
- Martial Arts Academy
- Multi Adventure Day
- Pinhole Photography
- Poker Tournament
- Pop Art Inspired Textiles Designs
- Pottery, Decoupage and Beadwork
- Recording at Challow Park
- Risk – World Conquest
- Rocket Building
- Second Form Trip to London
- Shakespeare Production Rehearsals
- Skin Beautiful
- Slimbridge Wildfowl and Wetland Centre
- Snowdome
- Stop Motion Animation
- Swimming Splashdown
- Tennis Tournament
- Thorpe Park
- Track Cycling
- Twickenham Tour and Rugby Museum
- Wales Week
- Windsurfing
- Yoga Workshop



DofE Awards 2010–2011

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award aims to inspire, guide and support young people in their self-development and recognise their achievements. Those pupils who completed their awards this academic year are:

Gold Award
Annabel Hunter

Silver Award
Alice Duffield, Jack Hammond, Claire Hudson, Alyce McNaughton

Bronze Award
Madeleine Allardice, Julian Davies, Alexandra Didcock, Alice Duffield, Jessie Grimwade, Eleanor Hieatt, Alec Jones, Dominic Lucey, Theodore Pangu, Oliver Parker, Adam Roche, Emily Thompson, Anna Withey, Laura Wood, Katherine Woolley



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Record numbers of pupils participated in and completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Award this year. As well as spending a great deal of time completing their skill, volunteering and physical activities, all participants have attended a practice and an assessed expedition. The School is incredibly fortunate to have such a large team of committed expedition leaders who have given their time to support pupils in this section. Expeditions have taken place in the Cotswold Hills, the Chiltern Hills, the Forest of Dean, Exmoor, Dartmoor and the Brecon Beacons.



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Assessment Expedition (June 2011):

'We started this expedition by belting out *Don't Stop Me Now* and finished with *We are the Champions* by Queen. To keep morale up we ate lots of chocolate (thank goodness for Smarties) and also sang along to some Disney classics. Our competitive streaks came through when we set challenging targets for ourselves and with determination beat each one in turn. The camping was all about staying warm and avoiding food poisoning from burnt pancakes. Getting up at 6.30am on a weekend was the hardest part of the whole experience. Overall, apart from getting lost, we managed to pull through because 'we are the champions' and 'took only memories and left only footprints' (in the words of Ms Rose).'



Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Assessment Expedition (July 2011):

Having met their Assessor and successfully completed their pre-expedition check the previous evening, both groups set off into the Moor bright and early on Sunday 3 July. During their 80km four day expeditions, they managed to cope with blazing heat, driving rain, blisters, falling in bogs, plagues of insects, disintegrating boots, rescuing sheep from pits and the interesting food they brought with them.

When they finally finished, the rain was still lashing down, so the Assessor debriefed them in a tent, which was very cosy! Thank you to Mr Hardie, Mrs Martindale and Mr Taylor for all the support they gave the pupils throughout their training and final expedition.



CEW Recording at Challow Park

Two years ago a small group of self-motivated pupils produced a CD of original pieces as part of a three day project during Curriculum Enrichment Week. This year a bigger group of musicians were given the same challenge, to record and produce 200 copies of a CD of their own creation. They were hugely successful and created their CD, entitled *Don't Judge a Book by its Cover*.

For many, this was the first experience of being in a recording studio and despite being almost over-whelmed by the awesome resources at their disposal nearly everything was recorded in one continuous take. No need for laborious over-dubbing and editing, these pupils were ready and keen to get their work done to the highest standards. The final disc features all the pupils working either as soloists or as part of ensembles. Some pieces were meticulously worked out beforehand whereas others were created on the spur of the moment. The engineer at the studio, who has an impressive and exemplary CV, commented on the professionalism and creative energy of everyone involved. Much was learnt by everybody and plans for future sessions at Challow Park are already being made.

Example tracks and an order form for a free CD are available from the School website. [↗](#)

Vichy France Poisoning

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'I'll need a cleaner for my house.' He paused, carefully choosing his words. 'Well paid, and they'll probably get accommodation too.' He waited for her face to light up as she understood the offer, but her face was blank. Not to worry, the peasants were too stupid to understand the events going on around them most the time. 'Perhaps, if you were looking for a job, you may want to consider my offer?' There. He could not make it plainer. Then a shadow appeared on her face.

'So sorry, Monsieur. Oui Monsieur, I will think about your offer. I'm sure my family could do with the extra money now that there are not so many jobs.' 'Now, now, my girl! You are surely not upset by the marvellous changes to the country? Germany has shown us the way forward!' 'Of course, Monsieur. I understand.' He doubted that, but it didn't trouble him. He would offer the job to a less ignorant child.

He picked up the telephone. 'Get me a glass of water.' He snapped down the line to the secretary. 'Oui Monsieur.' His throat was dry and he had a cough tickling, waiting to be released. The secretary knocked and stepped inside with the glass in one hand. Jon cleared his throat and waved her out, before downing the water. It didn't help and now he was having difficulty breathing.

Marie watched, impassive, as Jon gripped the table with white fingers. She took the flowers out of the vase and handed him the green water. 'Perhaps this will help?' Jon actually considered it. He was pink and choking now, his wheezing breaths sliced his lungs open. Marie flung the water in his face. 'You robbed the poor and gave money to the rich. You slept with poor girls who had no choice, and as you did that, dishonoured your late wife. You exploited your people.' She rattled off a list of his crimes. 'You shut down the grocery store, so Monsieur Garson had no income. You shut down the school. My little sister has had no education. You sided with the enemy when we needed your help.'

He was too weak to move. He lay slumped on the table, unable to breathe. The last thing he felt was Marie, stealing his pocket watch and his money. It would feed her whole village for a month. Saliva leaked out of his mouth. His vision, with his life, faded to nothing.

Marie brushed down her skirts and turned off the heating, before grinding her filthy shoes into the carpet and leaving the door open.

The secretary watched her go.

Emily Thompson
(Fourth Form, Queen Anne)

Cokethorpe Parents' Association

Future CPA Events

Coffee Mornings

Every Tuesday of the Michaelmas Term
8.30am – 9.15am
Coffee Shop

New and existing parents are invited to socialise over hot refreshments during the Michaelmas Term, commencing Tuesday 13 September.

AGM and Committee Meeting

Wednesday 21 September 2011
8.00pm – 9.00pm
Corinthian Room

Treasure Hunt by Car

Sunday 2 October 2011
11.00am – 3.30pm

Enjoy a fun family drive around the beautiful Cotswold countryside while following a series of clues.

Murder Mystery Evening

Saturday 15 October 2011
7.30pm – 11.00pm
The Shed

Firework and Bonfire Extravaganza

Friday 4 November 2011
7.30pm – 10.00pm

Please check the website or contact the Box Office for more details.



CPA Classic Car Show

The weather stayed dry for the CPA's Classic Car Show on Sunday 19 June, which included the Junior School Treasure Hunt and Fathers' Day Out activities of clay pigeon shooting and archery.

A variety of classic and interesting cars looked spectacular lined up in front of the Mansion House whilst children played on the bouncy castle or took part in the treasure hunt which took them to the furthest corners of the School site. Hundreds of delicious looking home-made cakes and a barbecue accompanied tea and coffee served in china cups or pints of local ale from the Ale Tent, provided by The Radnor Arms and Old Forge Brewery at Coleshill. An ice cream van was also on hand.

In the meantime, 31 fathers took part in a clay pigeon shooting and archery competition, many trying these activities for the first time.

Congratulations to Mr A Bosse who took first place in the archery, with Mr R Gill coming runner up, and to Mr C May who won the clay pigeon shooting competition, with Mr W Howard runner up. Another 60 or so children, parents and staff also took the opportunity to try their hand at archery during the course of the day.

The buzzing atmosphere made for a very enjoyable and successful afternoon, raising a fantastic £400 for the School in the process. 

New Developments

Maintenance Projects

The summer holidays are traditionally an extremely busy time for the Maintenance team. The most significant projects being undertaken are as follows:

- Heating for the ground floor of the Mansion House
- Levelling and resurfacing of the visitors' car park
- Refurbishment of the Coffee Shop
- Re-tiling of the girls' changing room roof
- Improvement in the drainage of the showers in the boys' changing rooms and continuation of ongoing refurbishment
- Decoration of the Sixth Form Common Room, corridors and stairwells
- Decoration of the classrooms in the Academic Block
- Replacement of the Sports Hall floor
- Extension of the paving around the pond to the Dining Hall

iPhone App and Twitter

Don't forget that you can keep up to date with the School whilst on the move! Download the 'Cokethorpe App', compatible with any Apple device, and read the latest articles or check the calendar. You can also follow the Headmaster on Twitter at @HMCokethorpe to get a daily dose of news.

Annual Fund Reception

The School hosted its first Annual Fund Celebratory Drinks Reception in June. A pleasing number of people from the Cokethorpe community who have contributed to the Annual Fund or supported the School through other means, including current and former parents, pupils, governors and staff, attended the reception in the Corinthian Room, giving the Headmaster the opportunity to thank them in person.

Donation of Clays

The School is extremely grateful to a former Cokethorpe parent who has anonymously donated a pallet of clays to the Clay Pigeon Shooting Club. Thank you.

The School Day

The structure of the School day has been changed so that Fridays will have an extended lunchtime for AOB activities, with the last period of that day the Headmaster's Assembly.



Cricket Nets

The new four-bay all-weather practice cricket nets, located on the exit drive near the Maintenance Barns, were completed over Easter and used to great effect during the Summer Term by all the cricket teams. The nets were funded by a valuable grant from the Robin Greaves Sports Foundation and also by a very generous donation from an anonymous donor.

Admissions Roundup

The School had many families, including friends and relations of current pupils, visit the Open Evening this term with a view to their children joining Cokethorpe. Families visiting the Junior School saw the range of lessons and activities open to those under 11 years old as well as the grounds and facilities that the whole School enjoys. Those visiting the Senior School were most appreciative of their guides and the time taken by staff answering queries.

All of the departments were open; displaying and demonstrating pupils' work and staff answering prospective families' questions. There were a great many activities to watch and take part in, and audiences also appreciated the wonderful performances in the 'busking shelter'.



Pupils joining the School in September enjoyed a series of welcome events at the end of term. These were a chance to meet tutors, housemasters and friends, and find out what a day at Cokethorpe is like. After lots of cake and tea along with their parents, new pupils left enthusiastic for their first term at Cokethorpe.



Beginners' Archery Course

On four Saturdays during the term, the School ran an archery course for beginners, with the aid of Mr Stuart and current parents Mrs Drake, Mr Kendrick, and Mr and Mrs Flory. A pleasing number of parents, pupils and friends attended, learning the basics of shooting as well as the maintenance of both bows and an archery range. All the participants passed and are now able to pursue archery as a sport in any club in the country.

Oxford United vs Seacoast

Cokethorpe was pleased to host two Oxford United U16s vs Seacoast United U16s soccer fixtures on Tuesday 14 June. The Seacoast United's U16 Boys' Academy team was touring from the USA and used the matches as a warm-up before participating in the Four Nations 'Clubs for Young People' Tournament taking place near Newcastle. Alexander Cade (Lower Sixth, Swift) also had the opportunity to represent Oxford United during these games.

Manor Preparatory Visit

The Lower Quad rang with the sound of over 80 lively and eager Year 3 and Year 4 girls from The Manor Preparatory School in June, as they embarked on a morning of exciting activities at Cokethorpe. The girls made kaleidoscopes with Cokethorpe's Head of Science, Dr Flaherty. They enjoyed making and decorating their own magical tubes of light and colour; assisted by Sixth Form students for the more fiddly parts! The highlight of the visit was watching a matinee performance by the Lower First, incorporating scenes from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Alice Through the Looking Glass*.

A short science demonstration on the wonders of liquid nitrogen followed, before the girls were treated to one of Cokethorpe's delicious School lunches. It was a pleasure to have such a well-behaved and enthusiastic group of young ladies join us for a day at Cokethorpe. [↗](#)



Archery Course

The following participants passed the beginners' archery course.

Mrs Biggs
Sam Biles (Year 6, Gwyn)
Mr Biles
Tom Burns (Year 5, Gwyn)
Mr Burns
William Cowley (Lower First, Swift)
Mr and Mrs Ferryman
Tom Flory (Year 4, Lockwood)
Abigail Freeth
Jonathon Lane (Third Form, Queen Anne)
William Matthews (Lower First, Vanbrugh)
Tom Drake (Lower First, Feilden)
Harry Walsingham (Year 6, Gwyn)

Wider Community

A wealth of groups, associations and sporting teams used Cokethorpe's facilities to host events and training days throughout the Summer Term, these have included:

Lady Taverners Cricket Club
Masonic Samaritan Fund
Oxford Downs Cricket Club
Oxfordshire Boys County Cricket
Oxfordshire Cricket Board
Oxfordshire Elite Rugby
Oxfordshire Girls County Cricket
Oxfordshire Young Farmers
Oxfordshire Smoking Advice Association
Oxfordshire Sports Partnership
Oxford United FC
Sea Scouts and Beavers
The Manor Preparatory School
Upton Rowing Club
Wychwood Hockey Club

There were also two weddings held in the School Chapel.

Young Farmers' Ball

The Young Farmers' Summer Ball took place on Saturday 9 July and again made use of the Prize Giving marquee in Cokethorpe's grounds. There were 220 guests, made up of four generations of young farmers from across Oxfordshire. They enjoyed a pig roast and danced the night away. Everyone had a great time.

Sports Coaching

Cokethorpe hosted the Sports Coaching Conference 2011 on Sunday 12 June, organised by the Oxfordshire Sports Partnership. The day began with a keynote address from Olympic gold medalist David Hemery CBE. Over ten qualified and experienced coaches presented sport-specific and more generic workshops for 100 coaches from schools and clubs, and others working in sports coaching, development and sports science. Sessions were given from representatives of the Oxfordshire Football Association (OFA), England Netball, the Rugby Football Union (RFU), UK Athletics and the English Cricket Board (ECB). There were also refresher workshops on minimum standards in both First Aid and Safeguarding and Protecting Children, amongst other topics.

From the Archives

Turning Back the Pages

Below are some selected news items from past issues of *The Bell Tower* and *The Peacock*.

10 Years Ago (2001)

The Learning Resource Centre, (now known as the Cranham Library) was opened by Lord Hurd of Setwell on 18 October 2001.

15 Years Ago (1996)

A very successful term for the girls in both hockey and netball. An increase in the number of girls at Cokethorpe has meant more teams competing in fixtures and consequently competition for places in the teams has become more competitive.

20 Years Ago (1991)

The telegraph poles carrying the lines up to the School are about to be removed by BT and the wires put underground. Many months of delicate negotiations have resulted in BT agreeing to do this free of charge as part of their development programme. They have provided all the materials, the School has just had to dig the trench for the ducting.

25 Years Ago (1986)

Dr J M Moore, Headmaster of The King's School, Worcester presented the prizes at Cokethorpe in July 1986. In his speech he said he had once asked a boy what he had learned at a particular lesson and received the reply 'More than I shall ever need to know about penguins, sir!'

30 Years Ago (1981)

Brigadier Hamilton-Bailey came to Cokethorpe and talked about his experiences as a prisoner-of-war in Colditz and other prisoner-of-war camps, and he brought with him some fascinating exhibits such as a gramophone record which had been smuggled into the camp with a map of the district inside.

35 Years Ago (1976)

The boat club season started very well with a photo-finish between the First Four and University College, Oxford, at Wallingford Regatta. The rowers lost by three feet but were all very encouraged by such a powerful effort at the beginning of the season.

40 Years Ago (1971)

During the Spring Term there were two debates, one being 'The elimination of any species of wildlife is a crime against humanity'. The floor unfortunately became pre-occupied with dinosaurs and their eating habits.

45 Years Ago (1966)

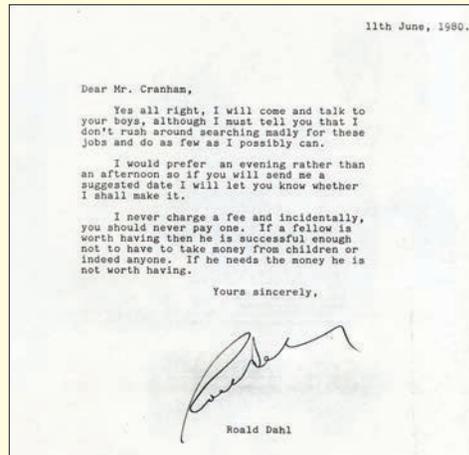
During the past year some pupils took up Campanology, or the art of bellringing. They progressed quickly from the first nervous weeks and could soon do 'Rounds', 'Queens', 'Call Changing' and a clumsy 'Plain Hunt'.

General Studies Talks

An album of correspondence relating to the series of General Studies Talks arranged by the late Mr Peter Cranham has recently been donated to the School Archive. A number of illustrious speakers entertained and informed the pupils of Cokethorpe in the 1980s. Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, that is, Harold Wilson, Prime Minister from 1964–1970 and again from 1974–1976, addressed the School on 15 May 1987. His talk was entitled 'The Lessons of History' but those who thought this may have been a series of weighty philosophical reflections were mistaken. Instead it consisted of a blend of anecdote and comment on men and events, from his early days in Churchill's wartime Cabinet Secretariat to his later meetings with Soviet Leaders. Famous for his quote 'A week is a long time in politics' he also stated that 'I am an optimist, but an optimist who carries a raincoat'.

Another renowned, if somewhat reluctant speaker was Roald Dahl who was finally persuaded to come to Cokethorpe in 1980. His letter of acceptance begins with 'Yes all right, I will come

and talk to your boys, although I must tell you that I don't rush around searching madly for these jobs and do as few as I possibly can.' His letter ends with the advice 'I never charge a fee and incidentally you should never pay one. If a fellow is worth having then he is successful enough not to have to take money from children or indeed anyone. If he needs the money he is not worth having.' His talk consisted of reminiscences of his childhood and anecdotes and impressions of writers he had known. He said that the children's books he had written had given him the greatest pleasure. He ended his talk with the words 'I like writing about nasty people but I'm not as beastly as my stories are!'



Climate Change?

The British obsession with the weather is well-known, and equally well-chronicled in *The Peacock* magazines. The Cricket Report of 1975 stated that 'There is little doubt but that 1975 will be known for decades to come as 'The Year of the Long Hot Summer'. The summer was preceded by a wet spring which meant that the pitches at Cokethorpe were waterlogged at the beginning of the season. May was colder than usual with winds sweeping south from the Arctic, in fact a county cricket match was cancelled at Derby through snow on 2 June. The heatwave arrived four days later and coupled with the resulting drought the weather once again caused problems for the cricketers. However, that year they were at least spared the damage of the previous year caused by the Headmaster's daughter walking over the Square in her high heels!

However, the sun shone on the Celebrity Cricket Match and Family Fun Day of 1986 when many stars of the cricketing and entertainment world came to Cokethorpe. Cricketer Colin Milburn, legendary commentator Brian Johnston, actor David Tomlinson, comedian Harry Worth and entertainer Roy Castle were some of the celebrities who made up the guest list.



Visitor to the Archive

The School was delighted to welcome Dominic Armistead (OC 1995, Queen Anne) back to Cokethorpe recently. He was an enthusiastic rower and rugby player during his time here and we were also able to find a photograph of him on a school trip to HMS Victory in 1992 (second from right).



Wedding Announcements

Alex Sayers (OC 2007, Swift)

Congratulations to Alex Sayers and his wife Naomi (pictured right) who got married on Friday 8 April at Scaynes Hill. Also present at the ceremony was Marius Kynaston-Pearson (OC 2007, Swift).

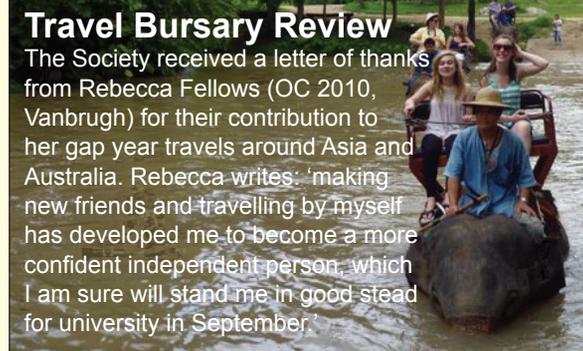
George Blyth (OC 2001, Harcourt)

The Society would also like to extend their best wishes to George Blyth and his wife Louise who got married in July. A number of Old Cokethorpeans joined George and Louise to celebrate, including Matt Rendell (OC 2001), Drew Cameron (OC 2001, Swift) and Robin Longworth (OC 2001, Harcourt).



Prize Giving

The School was delighted to include Old Cokethorpeans and former staff in their Prize Giving celebrations in July. Following the ceremony OCs joined members of the Society Committee for a glass of bubbly and strawberries.



Travel Bursary Review

The Society received a letter of thanks from Rebecca Fellows (OC 2010, Vanbrugh) for their contribution to her gap year travels around Asia and Australia. Rebecca writes: 'making new friends and travelling by myself has developed me to become a more confident independent person, which I am sure will stand me in good stead for university in September.'

Work Experience

Current pupil Henry Logan (Fifth Form, Swift) was fortunate to gain work experience with James Whittenbury (OC 1992, Harcourt) at James's opticians practice in Headington last term.

Henry says: 'James and his father were very welcoming and happy to answer my questions and explain the different types of tests he carried out on his patients and how it helped him to determine any faults with their eyesight. This experience has convinced me to pursue this as a career and I am grateful to James and the Gardiners Opticians.'

The School is always eager to hear from OCs who are able to provide current pupils with work experience placements or offer professional advice as part of Cokethorpe's careers programme.

Society Cricket and Hockey Matches

Not letting a little wind and rain dampen spirits, this year's Society hockey and Twenty20 cricket matches received a good turnout in June. With umbrellas in hand, the Old Boys took on a team of Cokethorpe staff, while the Old Girls went head-to-head against the current Cokethorpe 1st XI. The Old Girls held their own, but could ultimately not match the 1st XI in endurance, eventually being defeated 10-5. Meanwhile, in the closest Society-staff cricket match to date, the Old Boys triumphed, beating the Cokethorpe staff by 1 wicket. Thank you to all spectators, players and staff who supported the event. 📧



OC Team Lists

Cricket Team

Phil Allen (OC 2010, Gascoigne)
Elliot Bennett (OC 2008, Feilden)
Harminder Bhella (OC 2010, Queen Anne)
Tom Biggs (OC 2008, Feilden)
Alex Bramhall Kidd (OC 2009, Queen Anne)
Marc Johnson (OC 2008, Queen Anne)
Daniel Wollner (OC 2008, Harcourt)
Billy Webb (OC 2010, Gascoigne)
Robert Uren (OC 2010, Queen Anne)
Paul Tyrer (OC 2010, Gascoigne)
Andrew Stallard (2007, Vanbrugh)
Tom Shellard (OC 2008, Harcourt)

Hockey Team

Hannah Brown (OC 2008, Queen Anne)
Louise Ford (OC 2010, Swift)
Megan Hope (OC 2008, Gascoigne)
Emily Landon (OC 2008, Harcourt)
Izzy Landon (OC 2009, Harcourt)
Amy Minch (OC 2008, Vanbrugh)
Jess O'Brien (OC 2010, Feilden)
Olivia Plummer (OC 2010, Queen Anne)
Clara Young (OC 2008, Swift)

Visitors

Cokethorpe was visited by two former pupils living abroad this term. Dominic Armistead (OC 1995, Queen Anne) called into School on Wednesday 22 June, preceded by Marc Isaacs (OC 1996) and partner Natalie, on Friday 10 June, whilst on a trip from Australia.

The School also welcomed Nicole Mee, daughter of Brendan Mee (OC 1979, Queen Anne), for three weeks at the end of the Summer Term. Nicole, who lives in America, enjoyed tasting life at an English School and in particular finding out what it's like to be a Cokethorpe pupil.

New Appointment

Congratulations to former pupil Luke Ryan (OC 2006, Gascoigne) who was appointed Teacher of Boys' PE and Games at the start of the Summer Term.

Death Announcement

It is with great sadness that the Society reports the death of Yat Yeung Tin (OC 2009, Harcourt). Nemo, as he was known, died aged ten following a traffic accident in London on 23 May 2011.

Academic Achievement

Alice Jess (OC 2005, Gascoigne) has received academic acclaim for her paper 'The Effects of Age On Remembering and Knowing Misinformation'. Alice wrote the thesis while studying for her Psychology degree at Swansea University and it was later published by the *Psychology Press* journal. Alice now works for a high security prison in the Psychology Department.

Internship

After completing her A Levels, Gemma Cade (OC 2010, Swift) completed a six month internship with Helen & Douglas House; a charity with whom Cokethorpe has close links.

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L C Ryan (Physical Education)

Oxford Brookes University graduate Mr Ryan (OC 2006, Gascoigne) joins the Physical Education Department as Teacher of Boys' PE and Games. Mr Ryan already has close connections to Cokethorpe, having attended the School as pupil for nine years. Outside of work Mr Ryan plays cricket for Banbury and Oxfordshire and enjoys spending time on the golf course.



Ave Atque Valete

Ms S E Collis (Art)

'I take with me many happy memories from Cokethorpe. Thank you to the many parents for their continuous support and kind words. I've had a lifestyle change and now have three horses and spend my days training, riding and competing. I wish everyone at Cokethorpe every best wish for the future.'

M G Cooper (Junior School)

'I've had a fantastic five years at Cokethorpe and have made many good friends. I'm excited about teaching older children at Dean Close School and hope my time there will be as happy and action-packed as my time here. With a wedding and two christenings in the School Chapel, Cokethorpe really feels like a second home.'

Ms G Kruger (Music)

'I leave Cokethorpe in order to concentrate on freelance work in London. I will also continue to serve as Director of Music at All Saints' Church, Ealing and as an instructor at London College of Music. I will miss the students and staff at Cokethorpe very much.'

Mrs J A Legg (Learning Support)

'It is very hard to retire from my work with the pupils at Cokethorpe. The last thirteen years have been such a rewarding experience. I shall miss many things about the School, but I look forward to maintaining links with the Cokethorpe community.'

T J Mann (Politics)

'After an exciting and action-packed three years I am heading east to take up a new post in Hertfordshire. I will look back on my time at Cokethorpe with many fond memories and gratitude for the opportunities to know, teach and work with the students and colleagues.'

Mrs M R Martindale (Geography)

'I have enjoyed my time at Cokethorpe immensely and take fond memories of the pupils and staff. I particularly enjoyed the Geography field trips. Moving to Thailand will not only give me the opportunity to teach in an international school, but also a chance to explore South East Asia and to experience different environments and cultures.'

Mrs P J Starr (Learning Support)

'What can I say! What a wonderful school Cokethorpe is. I will miss everyone, but especially the Learning Support Department. It is a reluctant move due to family circumstances and I am sorry to go. I will miss the children immensely.'

Mrs P Timms (Headmaster's Secretary)

'When I reflect on my time here I remember a huge variety of tasks, such as the Headmaster's requests to find some peacocks and a parrot in School colours (a Macaw)! I feel proud to have been part of the School's growth and would like to thank you all for many happy memories.'

Open Morning

Saturday 8 October: 9.30am – 12 noon
Prospective parents interested in entry at any age are warmly invited to attend. All departments will be open, and there will be refreshments and activities. All welcome.

Headmaster's Addresses:

10.30am and 11.30am

For personal visits at other times, for a tour, discussion with the Registrar, Mrs L Berry, or the Head of Junior School if appropriate, and to meet the Headmaster, please contact the Admissions Secretary, Ms C Bowerman (admissions@cokethorpe.org or 01993 703921).

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