



**Cokethorpe**  
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## From the Headmaster

As I prepare these few thoughts, we are counting down to the closing ceremony of the first Olympic Games in England since 1948 and the most successful for Team GB in over a century. Those post-war games were often referred to as the 'austerity Olympics'. With the economic downturn of the past few years similar thoughts of austerity caused us to wonder about the huge cost of hosting these Games in 2012. Some encouraged us to feel anxious about terrorist opportunism, to be resentful of 'Games Lanes' and be perplexed by dubiously appropriate sponsorship. It is often said that in this country we don't know how to enjoy ourselves or how to celebrate success. It looks as though Cromwell's Puritan ethic may well have taken root in our genetic make-up. As the games proceeded, though, we put those doubts aside, and talk of the 'People's Games' began. One after another, successful Team GB athletes confirmed that this spirit was palpable and inspirational and a major reason why we have been so successful at these Games. Bing Crosby used to sing of the need to 'accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, latch on to the affirmative'. Schools need to be imbued with that same spirit. Rather like the Olympic Games, there are myriad opportunities for everyone to shine – in the classroom, on the games field, on the stage, in the creative arts, in clubs and societies. It is a theme I touched on at Prize Giving this year, and it is a spirit I hope we can carry into the new academic year.

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## Prize Giving Awards

### Year Prizes for Academic Excellence

Lower First	Samara Clark
Upper First	Jessica Williams
Third Form	Thomas Christensen
	Nancy Battersby

### Year Prizes for Academic Progress

Upper First	Benjamin Foster
Third Form	Heidi Lawson

### Fourth Form Prizes

Art	Toyah Overton
Biology	Bethany Mulloy
Business Studies	Mike Davis
Chemistry	Nicholas Caddy
Design Technology	Harry Hastings
Drama	Ellen Garbutt
English	Bethany Mulloy
French	Fraser Logue
Geography	Bethany Mulloy
History	Katie Jenkins
ICT	Nicholas Caddy
Mathematics	Ellen Garbutt
Music	Fraser Logue
Philosophy	Fraser Logue
Physical Education	Toby Watts-Lay
Physics	Harry Lovibond
Psychology	Harry Lovibond
Spanish	Thomas Amor

### GCSE Prizes

Art	Will Cunnington
Biology	Daisy Wilcox
Business Studies	Connie Gascoyne
Chemistry	Oliver Armstrong
DT (Graphic Prods)	Anna Withey
DT (Res Mats)	Freddie Jewson
Drama	Katie Buckley
English	Molly Williamson
English Literature	Katie Buckley
French	Molly Williamson
Geography	Katherine Woolley
History	Saul Garrett
ICT	Ross Battersby
Mathematics	Daisy Wilcox
Additional Maths	Saul Garrett
Music	Katherine Woolley
Philosophy	Harry Bryson
Physical Education	Connie Gascoyne
Physics	Joshua McKenney
Psychology	Molly Williamson
Spanish	Matteo Catrini
Textiles	Shannen Forry-Purvis

### AS Level Prizes

Art	George Lawson
Biology	Isaac Staff
Business Studies	Oliver Lloyd
Chemistry	Ethan Bosse
DT (Product Design)	Lewis Williams
Drama	Zoë Mace
Economics	Joe Biscoe
English Lang/Lit	George Lawson
English Literature	Christie Batty
French	George Lawson
Geography	Hannah Alden
Politics	Louis Allen
History	Jack Cole
Law	Oliver Lloyd
Mathematics	Ethan Bosse
Music	Zoë Mace
Philosophy	Ally Hutchinson
Photography	Amy Williams
Physical Education	Matthew Taylor
Physics	Yinan Wang
Psychology	Joe Bernard
Textiles	Amy Williams

## Examination Results

Cokethorpe celebrated its best A Level and GCSE results to date in August. The percentage of A\*s at A Level has doubled, from 7% in 2011 to 15%, and the A\* to C percentage from 80% to 94%. At GCSE, the percentage of A\*s increased from 9% to 10% and those gaining A\* to Cs from 93% to 95%. A full breakdown of results by subject, and the Upper Sixth leavers' destinations, are available on the School website. [↗](#)



## Senior School Prize Giving

The academic year concluded with Professor A C Grayling as guest speaker at Prize Giving. Following a performance from the Schola Cantorum and a welcome from Reverend Canon Humphreys, the Head of School, Jacob Booty (Swift), and Vice-Chairman of Governors, Stephen Dexter, gave their speeches. The Second Form pupils shook the hand of Mrs Pratley, Housemistress of Lower House, and the Lower House Prefect Gregory Muller (Vanbrugh) before collecting ties from their respective Senior Housemasters. The Chairman of the Cokethorpe Society, Tony Baker, presented Travel Bursary awards to Upper Sixth leavers Alice Bennett (Gascoigne), Lizzie Buckley (Harcourt) and Charlotte Swan (Queen Anne). The Headmaster presented an award to Jason Cardy (Fourth Form, Feilden) for a remarkable eight years of school without a day off, and also congratulated Fraser Logue (Fourth Form, Vanbrugh) for achieving five years without absence. Philosopher Professor Grayling presented the prizes to pupils before addressing the audience. The Headmaster rounded up the day, acknowledging the hard work from the staff and saying goodbye to those leaving, before shaking the hand of all Upper Sixth leavers. Families and staff enjoyed a picnic lunch before watching the fantastic performance of *Twelfth Night*. [↗](#)

## Business Studies Trip

In June Fourth Form Business Studies pupils conducted a mock assessment using two local businesses, Aston Pottery and Burford Garden Company. They collected information relating to each and were fortunate to have the owner of Aston Pottery give them a talk about how his business remains competitive. Pupils will now spend the summer researching their own choice of business ahead of their controlled assessment in September.



## Team Mathematics Challenge

Third Formers Thomas Christensen (Swift) and Roy Luo (Harcourt), with Benjamin Foster (Vanbrugh) and Eloise Fraser-Paterson (Queen Anne) from Upper First took part in the National Finals of the UKMT Team Mathematics Challenge in London in June. This included a poster competition and team and pair challenges. Although not making the top ten, the team did remarkably well and much fun was had by all.







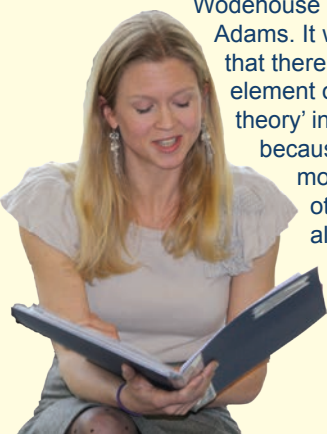
## The Merchant of Venice

Early May saw The Shed transformed into a bustling marketplace in Renaissance Venice by an enthusiastic Third Form. Pupils were working on their set Shakespeare text *The Merchant of Venice* alongside actors from Creation Theatre. The day involved some warm-up exercises, followed by a workshop where two groups devised, directed and rehearsed a series of scenes from the play. Led by the professional visitors the pupils finished the day by performing almost the entire play, just a few hours after they had started working on it for the first time. The visiting actors said that they were stunned by the highly confident performances from a large number of pupils, describing the pupils as 'thoughtful, creative and engaging – a superb group of actors'. The day was part of a continued expansion of the links between Cokethorpe and professional theatre companies.

## English Literary Recitals

On Wednesday 2 May, Miss Ringham treated a lively and engaged audience to her insights into what makes things funny. Her recital, titled *So you think it's funny, do you?*, challenged the listeners to define the reasoning behind their laughter. She explored the development of comedy characters in fiction, using humorous extracts from literary giants such as Joseph Heller, P G

Wodehouse and Douglas Adams. It was decided that there is an important element of 'superiority theory' in comedy; we laugh because we want to feel more intelligent than others. This recital also challenged the audience to consider what happens when the laughter stops!



## Fifth Form Social

The Fifth Form Social on Wednesday 27 June was a huge success, attended by a large number of pupils and staff. It was delightful to see how much effort the girls and boys had been put into looking smart and polished for the occasion.

A great deal of preparation and organisation by Holly Keylock and Eleanor Cully (both Fifth Form, Feilden) ensured the evening went with a bang, and the theme of 'Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory' was enjoyed by all those who attended.

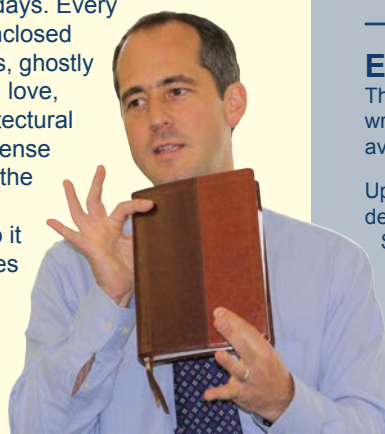
The decorations, table dressings and photographs projected onto the Dining Hall wall all made the formal meal an excellent start to the evening. This was followed by musical entertainment in The Shed, which had been transformed for the occasion, creating a great atmosphere for all to enjoy. ☑

## Geography Trip

Fifty-two Fourth Form GCSE Geography pupils travelled to Hengistbury Head and Mudeford Spit on the beautiful Jurassic Coast in Dorset in May. There was hardly a cloud in the sky over the whole weekend which enabled plenty of excellent fieldwork. The pupils assessed the impact and management of tourism on the coastline and the School looks forward to seeing the results of all this hard work in 2013.



It is the best-selling book in the world, and has sold six billion copies so far. It has nearly 1200 chapters, was written by 40 authors over 1600 years, is set on three continents and was written in four or more languages. It has had more influence on you than you think, and you quote bits of it every day, yet you may never have read *The Bible* all the way through. Last year, Mr Elkin-Jones did, and it took him 365 days. Every act of humanity is enclosed within its pages: wars, ghostly visitations, forbidden love, torture, acts of architectural triumph, acts of immense courage. The talk in the Cranham could not begin to do justice to it all, but Mr Elkin-Jones did speak of how and why he came to read it.



## Prize Giving Continued

### A Level Prizes

Art	Katie Finlayson
Biology	Lucia Nettlefold
Business Studies	Victoria O'Shea
Chemistry	Jonathan Chan
DT (Product Design)	Alexander Cade
Drama	William Lewis
English Lang/Lit	Lizzie Buckley
English Literature	Gabriel Gavin
French	Jacob Booty
Geography	Hugo Van Dorssen
Politics	Declan Duffy
History	Jack Revell
Law	Alyce McNaughton
Mathematics	Alexander Bryson
Mathematics	Jonathan Chan
Music	Spencer Buckley
Philosophy	Jack Cully
Photography	Amy Gaertner
Physical Education	William Bishop
Physics	Charles Zhang
Psychology	Declan Duffy
Spanish	Jacob Booty
Textiles	Lissi Mason

### Open Awards

Cranham Prize	Grace Wigham
Lancia Fulvia Prize	Myles Osborn-Banton
Stephen Cookson Memorial Prize	George Lawson
Peter Small Award	Zac Bamford
Grove Music Prize	James Ellacott
Sonia Tollady Memorial Prize	Scott Cade
Kate Perritt Prize	Lucy Willett
Martin Browne Memorial Prize	Elliot Kratt
Sparks Clark Award	Louis Allen
Gordon Dennis Memorial Prize	Jack Revell
Daniel Sumpter Sportsman of the Year	Jack Biggs
Boggis Rosebowl Sportswoman of the Year	Lydia Farrell
Richard Reah Prize	Jack Cully
Special Prize for Continued All Round Excellence	Gregory Muller
The Headmaster's Prize	Jacob Booty

## Did You Know?

Despite some years being wet under foot, it has only rained once on Prize Giving over the last ten years (in July 2011).

## 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: Gregory Muller and Victoria O'Shea (both Vanbrugh) collecting their A Level Results.



# Sixth Form

## Sixth Form Prefects

Sixth Form students with responsibilities for 2012–2013 are as follows:

**Head of School** Harry Fellows  
**Deputy Heads of School**

Louis Allen  
Ally Hutchinson  
Zoë Mace

### Heads of Houses

Feilden	Zac Bamford
Gascoigne	Joshua Poole
Harcourt	Christian Field
Queen Anne	Charlotte Ferryman
Swift	Isabel Berger
Vanbrugh	Ethan Bosse
Lower House	James Ellacott

**Prefects**

Matthew Barkham
Fleur Carter
Brian Clarke
Jack Cole
Nathalie Dixon-Young
Gabriella Evans
Lucy Grout
Tilly Johnson
George Lawson
Henry Logan
Saman Ridha
Isaac Staff
Alfie Turner
Charles von Hoven
Yinan Wang
Lewis Williams

## Scholarships and Awards

The following pupils have been given scholarships and awards for 2012–2013:

### Lower First

**Clarke Scholarship:** Louisa Flaherty  
**Academic Scholarships:** Hannah Berry, Austin Bowsher, Hollie Kenworthy, Anna Wallace  
**Art and Design:** Harry Brown  
**Sport:** Annabel Clarke, Hannah Craig, Jack Hobbs, Emily Kent, Georgie Vallance, Sophie Wheeler, George Williams  
**Sports Academy:** Max Beresford, Georgina Bibby, George King, Jack Smith

### Third Form

**Allen Scholarship:** Jessica Williams  
**Trevis Scholarship:** Clare Berry  
**Academic Scholarships:** Alexander Billing, Benjamin Foster, Eloise Fraser-Paterson  
**All Round Scholarships:** Anika Patel  
**Cantwell Award:** Matthew Ellacott  
**Crawford Award:** Elisha Evans  
**Art and Design:** Clare Berry, Andrew Marples, Eloise Maxa, Laurel Mulloy  
**Music:** Jamie Langford  
**Sport:** Alastair Grime, Ben Munday, Freya Rowe, Thomas Smith, Max Smith, Sam Sweet, Jack Tomes, James Wheeler, Joe Whittington, Joseph Wilde

### Lower Sixth

**Strickland Scholarship:** Saul Garrett  
**Academic Scholarships:** Harry Bryson, Jon De Vos, Samuel Farrant, Chris Hutchinson, Ewan Johnson, Alexander Owen  
**All Round Scholarships:** Katie Buckley, Harry Stevens, Rosie Turner, Katherine Woolley, Jacob Yolland  
**Art and Design Awards:** Will Cunningham, Adina Utepergenova, Tilly Rand-Bell, Jacob Yolland  
**Drama Award:** Katie Buckley  
**Music Award:** Oliver Parker  
**Sport Awards:** Harry Stevens, Charlotte Mobbs



## Prefects' Dinner

'On Thursday 10 May, the Prefects invited 22 members of staff to join them for their Prefects' Dinner. The meal enabled the Prefects to celebrate their efforts this academic year, in a formal yet relaxed setting. Following the meal, we commenced the after-dinner speeches, conducted by Mr Walton, myself, and Jacob Booty (Head of School, Swift). Last on the bill was the Prefects' Quiz, which was highly contested. Both Prefects and staff had a fantastic evening in tremendous company, and it was enjoyed by all.'

Jack Cully (Deputy Head of School, Feilden).



## Sixth Form Responsibilities

The Headmaster is delighted to announce the appointment of Harry Fellows (Vanbrugh) as Head of School from September 2012. Ally Hutchinson (Queen Anne), Zoë Mace (Harcourt) and Louis Allen (Harcourt) have accepted the positions of Deputy Heads and James Ellacott (Feilden) will be Head Prefect of Lower House. They will be supported by the Heads of Houses and sixteen other Prefects.

## Philosophy Café

Inspired by Nietzsche's *Untimely Meditation*, 'On the Advantages and Disadvantages of History for Life', this half term's Philosophy Café posed the question: 'Is History useful?'. Mr Schofield introduced the question with some musings on whether the past can really offer any guidance for society in the future.

In the discussion that followed, both pupils and teachers of History argued the importance of their discipline. The Café took a break for the examination period, but will open again for more lively debate in the Michaelmas Term.

## Business Studies Trip

In June Lower Sixth Business Studies students created marketing proposals for an expansion to the Bicester Village Shopping Centre. They spent a morning at Bicester Village where they attended a presentation by the Marketing Director, with the opportunity to ask questions. They then spent two weeks devising a feasible marketing plan for the expansion, which was presented in the Corinthian Room with the Headmaster in attendance. Congratulations to Matthew Barkham (Feilden) and Charlotte Ferryman (Queen Anne) for having the best marketing plan and presentation.





## Sixth Form Challenge

Eight students took part in this year's Sixth Form Challenge for Oxford Schools, sponsored by the law firm Blake Lapthorn, held at Headington School on Wednesday 27 June. The Sixth Formers, working with students from St Edward's, Rye St Antony, Oxford High and Headington, took up the role of disaster recovery teams to find out what was involved in dealing with the public and the media should unexpected incidents occur in the city. The disaster was an aircraft crashing at Kidlington Airport. The teams were judged by a panel chaired by Richard Gosling, Emergency Planning Officer at Oxfordshire County Council, on their ability to respond to the various aspects of the challenge and work together to find solutions. The winners were the most organised team, presenting logical and well thought-out conclusions, and were given the opportunity to nominate a charity to receive a donation of £250. It was an excellent day with Charlotte Ferryman (Lower Sixth, Queen Anne) being part of the winning team.



## Sixth Form Ball

The Midsummer Ball was a fabulous end to an outstanding year for the Sixth Form. Everyone looked beautiful and dashing and the marquee was transformed into a magical forest with mist (dry ice) floating in the air. The speeches were full of humour and emotion. DJ Tom and band The Galaxies soon had everyone up on their feet. The evening ended with spectacular fireworks, with 'Class of 2012' lit up in red, white and blue. 📸

## Oxbridge Trip

'On Monday 30 April, a group of Fifth Form pupils travelled to Oxford University for an insight into Oxbridge life. To begin, we met with Charlie Louth, Tutor for German and Admissions at The Queen's College. He answered questions and gave an indication of the standard expected at such a prestigious university. Following this a first year student gave us a guided tour around the college, including the exquisite chapel situated in the middle of the grounds. We also managed to explore some of the other colleges and see Oxford at its best. Over lunch we discussed student life with undergraduates, and what it was that had led them to choose Oxford. What I found most interesting was that none had seen themselves as Oxbridge material prior to their acceptance, but now couldn't imagine studying anywhere else. Principally the trip offered perfect motivation at a key time – two weeks before the start of our GCSE exams – and presented a now seemingly achievable target for the future.'

*Molly Williamson (Fifth Form, Vanbrugh)*



## General Studies

In May the Sixth Form welcomed futurologist Richard Watson to deliver the final General Studies lecture of the academic year. Covering an awe-inspiring range of topics, from global economies to the future of death, Mr Watson explained his belief that China will crash within our lifetime and that mobile phones will soon be making payments, monitoring people's health and generally talking to each other. Judging by the sophistication of future household fittings, dropping a phone down the toilet might only result in having it handed politely back. Insane? Well there are already toilets which use technology to analyse urine in Asia. Perhaps the most insightful piece of advice he gave to anyone looking for a job, was to apply for something machines are bad at or anything requiring an understanding of human beings. 📸

## Lasting Impressions

'Leaving a school is, almost always, an emotional event. It is a credit to Cokethorpe that for this year's leavers, the inevitable sadness and nostalgia is overcome by the feeling of being prepared for change. Since arriving in my first week as a heavily-fringed thirteen-year-old, change has been a large part of my education here. Whether hiking in India or playing a match with the rugby 1st XV, Cokethorpe has allowed me to experience new things that I, and others, never thought I would. As a result, my interests, views and abilities have changed immensely, and I am grateful to the School, to its staff and its pupils for being a central part of that transition. As I and those around me have developed, so has the School; the new Dining Hall and Sixth Form Centre are examples of just how positive the process of change has been, and will no doubt continue to be. Behind all of this is the ethos of a school that builds on potential, developing itself and its pupils greatly over only a small number of years. As a result, I could not be happier to be a new Cokethorpe alumnus and will forever have fond memories of a community that includes inspirational teaching staff and a fantastic student body that could bring out the best in just about anyone.'

*Gabriel Gavin (Upper Sixth, Queen Anne)*

## Wind and Solar Farm

On Thursday 21 June, Lower Sixth students visited Westmill Wind Farm at Shrivenham. First they toured the wind turbines, which were surprisingly quiet considering the stormy conditions, and the new solar farm. Tobi Kellner, a prominent scientist from the Centre for Alternative Technology, gave a talk about the challenge of 'Keeping the Lights on in a Zero Carbon Britain'. The students then took part in a game called 'Powerplay' where they tried to solve the problem themselves.

## Sixth Form Ball

Some of the magic of the evening was captured by Martin Kelly and photos can be viewed and purchased from his website, [www.capturemyevent.co.uk](http://www.capturemyevent.co.uk), using the login details on the Client Albums section of the Galleries page:

Username: Harcourt  
Password: Swift

## Chemistry Trip

On Wednesday 27 June, the Lower Sixth Chemistry students were given a rare tour around the Chemical Research Laboratory at Oxford University, under the supervision of Dr Searls. There they listened to seminars on Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy, Mass Spectroscopy and Chemical Crystallography, given by experts in the field. Access to these facilities is a very rare treat, and the students were pleased to be given such an exclusive insight into the industry. 📸



## Twelfth Night Cast List

Viola	Katie Buckley (Fifth Form, Harcourt)
Sebastian	Miles Beirouti (Fifth Form, Queen Anne)
Olivia	Rachel Wood (Upper Sixth, Gascoigne)
Duke Orsino	Louis Allen (Lower Sixth, Harcourt)
Malvolio	George Lawson (Lower Sixth, Gascoigne)
Feste	Zoë Mace (Lower Sixth, Harcourt)
Sir Toby Belch	William Lewis (Upper Sixth, Feilden)
Sir Andrew Aquecheek	Zac Bamford (Lower Sixth, Feilden)
Maria	Charlotte Ferryman (Lower Sixth, Queen Anne)
Fabian	Christian Field (Lower Sixth, Harcourt)
Antonia	Ella Ashdown (Upper Sixth, Vanbrugh)
Valentine	Ellen Garbutt (Fourth Form, Feilden)
Curio	Emily Thompson (Fifth Form, Queen Anne)
Sea Captain/Priest	Sebastian Fisher (Fourth Form, Feilden)
Travelling Minstrels	Harry Fellows (Lower Sixth, Vanbrugh)
	Miss G Ringham Mr T Walwyn Mrs C Hooper

## Trip to War Horse

'On Tuesday 8 May, a group of Fourth Form Drama pupils travelled to the dazzling West End to watch the ground-breaking show *War Horse* in the New London Theatre on Drury Lane. The purpose of this trip was to provide pupils with material for their written coursework, which consists of a 2,000-word response to the performance. The production provided us with a great deal of inspiration, as there were so many different elements of drama demonstrated by this stunning performance. The clarity of the show and the production company's innovative ideas were truly brilliant, especially for the horse puppets. *War Horse* was a fantastic treat and will certainly make our coursework task more enjoyable!' 📖

Ellen Garbutt (Fourth Form, Feilden)

## LAMDA

LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) is a leading drama school in West London. As well as preparing actors, directors, designers, stage managers and technicians for careers in the industry, it also helps candidates develop their communication and performance skills through LAMDA Examinations, the UK's leading statutory awarding body for speech and drama. These are recognised by Ofqual, the regulator in England and LAMDA accredited examinations at Level 3 are recognised by the University and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) points system.

## Twelfth Night

This year's Senior School Prize Giving concluded with yet another brilliant Summer Shakespeare performance by Cokethorpe's talented Drama pupils. The modern trappings of last year's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* gave way to a more traditional setting for *Twelfth Night*, with the assistance of stunningly authentic Renaissance costumes by Mrs Mace. This riotous comedy has a complex plot and relies heavily on layered language and subtle interplay; it is a testament to the brilliant cast that they were able to bring it to life with such energy and understanding.



In the play, Viola, played by the indomitable Katie Buckley (Fifth Form, Harcourt), harbours an unrequited love for the Duke Orsino, who was expertly played by Louis Allen (Lower Sixth, Harcourt). The Duke is hopelessly in love with the grieving Countess Olivia, who was brought to life by the marvellous Rachel Wood (Upper Sixth, Gascoigne). This entanglement was further confused by the appearance of Miles Beirouti (Fifth Form, Queen Anne), who jumped into the role of Sebastian with his trademark enthusiasm and charm. He was ably pursued by the versatile Ella Ashdown (Upper Sixth, Vanbrugh), whose zealous Antonia was a powerhouse of volume and vigour. These central lovers were also expertly supported by the strong performances of Ellen Garbutt (Fourth Form, Feilden), Emily Thompson (Fifth Form, Queen Anne) and Sebastian Fisher (Fourth Form, Feilden) as Valentine, Curio and the Sea Captain respectively.

The subplot for which *Twelfth Night* is most famous concerns the humiliation of the steward Malvolio, a role which George Lawson (Lower Sixth, Gascoigne) conveyed with superb venom, condescension and an endearing sense of vulnerability. Malvolio's tormentors were all superb in their mix of malicious and bawdy humour; Charlotte Ferryman (Lower Sixth, Queen Anne) was especially funny as the brash housemaid Maria and Christian Field (Lower Sixth, Harcourt) created a comically abusive Fabian. William Lewis (Upper Sixth, Feilden) lent his extraordinary character acting skills to the drunk Sir Toby Belch and Zac Bamford (Lower Sixth, Feilden) was full of energy as the ridiculous and pathetic Sir Andrew Aquecheek.

The performance was punctuated by the multi-talented Zoë Mace (Lower Sixth, Harcourt), whose hyperactive and mischievous Feste moved in and out of the audience. Perhaps the most moving sequence however was the closing scene, in which she sang a beautiful rendition of *The Rain It Raineth Every Day*, expertly supported by the newly-appointed Head of School, Harry Fellows (Lower Sixth, Vanbrugh), as a wandering minstrel. Thankfully for both the guests and performers, and despite forecasts, the rain did not raineth that afternoon and everyone was free to enjoy this terrific production in the dry. This was an exceptional performance, and there can be no finer way to start the summer holidays than watching a rambunctious comedy in the glorious grounds of Cokethorpe. 📖





## Grimms' Fairy Tales

On Tuesday 3 July, the entire Second Form took part in a performance of selected fairy tales by the Brothers Grimm, displaying their prodigious skill in Physical Theatre. Each class was responsible for the direction of a different tale, including *Snow White*, *Ashputtall*, *Hansel and Gretel* and *Iron Hans*. It was a dark and atmospheric production and each ensemble created their fantastic world by using a plethora of difficult techniques. The Second Form must be commended for tackling a serious art form with such maturity, and for creating such believable and enjoyable performances with minimal use of props and costumes. 🏆



## Bugsy Malone

Lower First's fast-paced and colourful production of *Bugsy Malone* on Monday 2 July was a great success. The audience enjoyed a selection of choreographed songs and plenty of lively action from the cast of seventy pupils. As Dandy Dan's and Fat Sam's gangs fought for power, there was plenty of splurging (silly string) from the gangsters and custard pies (shaving foam) a-plenty. This fun-filled production saw the emergence of a great deal of talent, which will no doubt be nurtured by the Drama Department next year. Lower First must be commended on their excellent behaviour and camaraderie which helped create a thoroughly enjoyable experience for both the audience and cast. 🏆



## The Birthday Party

On Tuesday 15 May the Lower Sixth Drama students performed for a live audience and a visiting Edexcel examiner as part of their AS Level Drama and Theatre Studies examination.

The audience was treated to a disturbing but fascinating interpretation of Harold Pinter's *The Birthday Party*. The audience saw the lives of landlady Meg Boles, played by Charlotte Ferryman (Queen Anne), and her lodger Stanley Webber, played by George Lawson (Gascoigne) begin to unravel. Georgie Ellison (Queen Anne) played Lulu, the alcoholic divorcee from next door who is Meg and Stanley's only visitor. But when two mysterious strangers named Goldberg and McCann, played by Zoë Mace (Harcourt) and Christian Field (Harcourt) respectively, arrive unannounced on their doorstep, everyone's lives are transformed.

The set design, the work of Zac Bamford (Feilden), created the fittingly squalid location for the troubling events. This interpretation was pitch-perfect and provided a delicious concoction of tension, suspense, humour and horror. 🏆

## LAMDA Awards 2011–2012

The following pupils have received London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art awards:

### Group Exams

#### Grade 6 Group Devising Drama

Lauren Bates-Brownsword	Distinction
Katie Buckley	Distinction
Aimee Epelle	Distinction
Emily Thompson	Distinction
Rosie Turner	Distinction
Anna Withey	Distinction

#### Grade 5 Group Devising Drama

Mia Biles	Distinction
Ellie McBride	Distinction
Jess Steel	Distinction

#### Grade 4 Group Acting

Katie Foster	Merit
Kate Hooper	Merit
India Hurford-Jones	Merit
Louisa Mattinson	Merit
Lydia Wannell	Merit

#### Grade 3 Group Acting

Sam Biles	Merit
Alice Burns	Merit
Samara Clark	Merit
Mark Rogers	Merit

#### Grade 3 Group Acting and Devising Drama

Alexander Cooper	Merit
Anna De Buriatte Moglia	Merit
Alexander Reid	Merit
Harry Steel	Merit

#### Grade 3 Group Devising Drama

Katie Foster	Merit
Kate Hooper	Merit
India Hurford-Jones	Merit
Ellie McBride	Merit
Verity Smith	Merit
Cam Spilsbury	Merit
Jess Steel	Merit
Lydia Wannell	Merit

### Solo and Duologue Exams

#### Level 3 Speaking Verse and Prose

Aimee Epelle	Grade 6 Bronze Medal
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#### Level 3 Acting Solo

Katie Buckley	Grade 6 Bronze Medal	Distinction
Saskia Kovandzich	Grade 6 Bronze Medal	Merit
Emily Thompson	Grade 7 Silver Medal	
Anna Withey	Grade 6 Bronze Medal	Merit

#### Level 2 Acting Duologue

Cam Spilsbury	Grade 4	Merit
Harry Steel	Grade 4	Merit

#### Level 2 Acting Solo

Sydney Bennett-Miller	Grade 5	Merit
Marion Bird	Grade 4	Merit

#### Level 1 Acting Duologue

Ellie McBride	Grade 3	Merit
Jess Steel	Grade 3	Distinction

The LAMDA awards for the Junior School are on page 15.

## Music Awards 2011–2012

### Grade 8

Ellen Garbutt	Music Theatre	Dist
Myles Osborn-Banton	Singing	Dist
Lydia Farrell	Singing	Merit
Timothy Knight	Singing	Merit

### Grade 7

Ellen Garbutt	Singing	Dist
Katherine Woolley	Flute	Merit

### Grade 6

Katherine Woolley	Flute	Merit
Katherine Woolley	Oboe	
Ellen Garbutt	Clarinet	

### Intermediate Certificate

Fraser Logue	Singing	Dist
Melanie Severn	Singing	Dist

### Grade 5

Connie Manning	Clarinet	Merit
Connie Manning	Singing	Merit
Jessie Grimwade	Flute	
Timothy Knight	Theory	
Fraser Logue	Piano	
Fraser Logue	Theory	
Laura McKenney	Theory	
Oliver Parker	Theory	

### Grade 4

Sergei Kundik	Jazz Sax	Dist
Jamie Langford	Drum Kit	Merit
Jessica Williams	Clarinet	Merit
Toby Cole	Guitar	
Eloise Fraser-Paterson	Oboe	
Eloise Fraser-Paterson	Piano	

### Grade 3

William Cowley	Piano	Merit
Anna De Buriatte Moglia	Singing	Merit
Pip Sayers	Piano	Merit
Luke Garbutt	Trumpet	
Harry Lovibond	Piano	

### Grade 2

George Hudson	Guitar	Dist
Ryan Kendrick	Drum Kit	Dist
William Cowley	Guitar	Merit
Maisie Coolman	Singing	Merit
Emily Hastings	Drum Kit	Merit
Kate Hooper	Singing	Merit
George Hudson	Drum Kit	Merit
Laurel Mulloy	Drum Kit	Merit
Alexander Wallace	Guitar	
Evie Garbutt	Guitar	
Evie Garbutt	Singing	

### Grade 1

India Hurford-Jones	Piano	Dist
Luke Garbutt	Drum Kit	Dist
Sophie Smith	Piano	Dist
Sam Bird	Guitar	Merit
Erika Davies	Piano	
Caleb Fleming	Drum Kit	
William Matthews	B Flat Cornet	
Sam Mumford	Guitar	

The music examination awards for the Junior School are on page 16.

## May Day Madrigals

Recordings of the two pieces sung by the Schola Cantorum during the May Day Madrigals are available on the School website.

## Gig Night

Gig Night 8 was another successful evening of music, with performers from Year 4 to Upper Sixth covering many genres and styles of music. As always, there were some excellent vocal performances, and many pupils had formed groups to demonstrate their range of instrumental talents.

There were individual outstanding performances from two of the School's Upper Sixth leavers, Ella Ashdown (Vanbrugh) and Myles Osborn-Banton (Queen Anne), and the Arts Academy pupils did an excellent set, including a blues mash-up in which Harry Lovibond (Fourth Form, Queen Anne) played the organ in the School Band for the first time. At the end of the show even Mr Mullin and Mr Heaney joined in, rapping to the Chic song *Good Times*. 🎵

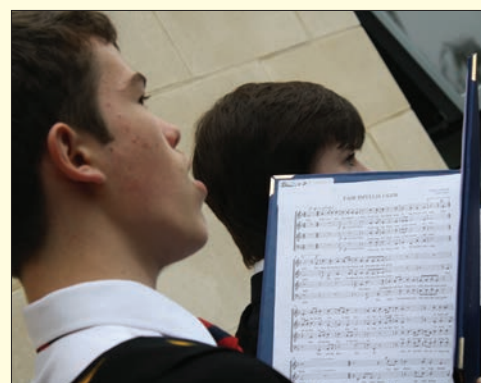
## May Day Madrigals

On Tuesday 1 May, the whole School gathered around the pond outside the Dining Hall to listen to the Schola Cantorum sing two traditional pieces in celebration of May Day. They sang a beautiful work by Orlando Gibbons called *The Silver Swan* and the very well-known work by John Farmer, *Fair Phyllis I Saw*. This performance demonstrated a notable increase in the confidence of the male voices and an increased sensitivity throughout the whole ensemble. 🎵

## Lunchtime Music Recitals

On Thursday 17 May, pupils from across the Senior School were invited to perform at the penultimate Lunchtime Music Recital of the year. The programme consisted of an eclectic selection of original pieces, composed and performed by pupils from Upper First to Fifth Form. Notable performances included Matthew Ellacott's (Upper First, Feilden) vocal debut, two wonderful songs by Daniel Pye (Fourth Form, Vanbrugh), who is developing his song writing skills and stage presence at a great pace, and a heart-breaking song by Tom Binnie (Fifth Form, Harcourt) with Saskia Kovandzich (Fifth Form, Harcourt) singing a harmony with him. Finally, the Soul Singers gave an uplifting and exhilarating performance of two of their favourite songs by Mr Heaney.

The final Lunchtime Music Recital of the year took place on Monday 28 May, and despite being unscheduled, the standard of



the performances was very high. In particular, this recital showcased some of the youngest Cokethorpe musicians, with Tabitha Howard (Year 2, Symonds) the youngest pupil to take the platform. Benjamin Shaw (Year 4, Symonds) gave an admirable performance of a Baroque Prelude, India Thomas (Year 6, Baker) confidently performed *Gavotte* by Benjamin Carr, and Libby Flaherty (Year 4, Symonds) performed a pentatonic piece of her own composition.

After the Junior School children, the recital continued with excellent performances by Sophie Smith (Third Form, Queen Anne) and Nancy Battersby (Third Form, Gascoigne). Eloise Fraser-Paterson (Upper First, Queen Anne) gave an excellent performance of the *Glasgow Love Theme* from the film *Love Actually* and Fraser Logue (Fourth Form, Vanbrugh) gave a moving performance of the Chopin *Prelude in E Minor*. 🎵





## Uniformity Dance Suite

Another hugely successful Arts Week brought the Summer Term to a close.

On Thursday 5 July, Uniformity Dance Suite began with four slick breakdancers and finished with a disco extravaganza from members of the staff, which goes to show how many different dance styles the audience was treated to on the night. Highlights included a new trio called Nameless, made up of Lower First pupils Sam Bird (Harcourt), Josh Tracey (Vanbrugh) and Arthur Alden (Harcourt), Flyin' Aces dancers Sergei Kundick (Third Form, Feilden), Ben Tracey (Third Form, Vanbrugh) and Sam Coles (Upper First, Swift), and the Cowgirl Collective, five Lower House girls who gave a fabulous rendition of *Cotton Eye Joe*.

The lighting throughout was manned by Alexander Jobling (Upper First, Swift) who made sure that Jess Steel (Lower First,



Swift) and Louisa Mattinson's (Lower First, Harcourt) beautiful ballet was bathed in blue and purple light.

Three impressive solos from Connie Manning (Fifth Form, Swift), Jacob Yolland (Fifth Form, Gascoigne) and Laurel Mulloy (Upper First, Swift) provided a deft contrast to

an energetic duet from Annabelle Hulewicz (Fourth Form, Vanbrugh) and Charlie Dewhurst (Fourth Form, Feilden). It is hoped that Cokethorpe's considerable dancing talent is showcased more regularly in the coming academic year. ↗



## Jazz Band Performance

On Sunday 13 May the Cokethorpe School Jazz Band played a fantastic set at Mariotts Walk in Witney. Two of the songs performed were original pieces composed by Isaac Staff (Lower Sixth, Gascoigne) and Harry Fellows (Lower Sixth, Vanbrugh), which were very well received by the audience, with Isaac, Harry and Matthew Ellacott (Upper First, Feilden) playing some excellent solos. Hanna Young (Lower Sixth, Swift) sang *Mercy Mercy Mercy* by Joe Zawanol and *Summertime* by George Gershwin, which was a show stopper. The audience was treated to an incredible drum solo by Elliot Kratt (Upper Sixth, Gascoigne) and the rest of the rhythm section of Wilf Cartwright (Lower First, Queen Anne) on electric double bass and Jamie Langford (Upper First, Vanbrugh) on percussion kept the music lively and easy to listen to.

## Jazz Recording Session

On Saturday 9 June the Cokethorpe School Jazz Band members were treated to a four-hour recording session at the SAE Institute Oxford as part of their prize for winning the JazzFactor Youth Competition in March. It was an excellent experience for the band, many of whom had never recorded in a studio before, let alone at state-of-the-art facilities such as the ones at SAE. Hanna Young (Lower Sixth, Swift), Isaac Staff (Lower Sixth, Gascoigne), Harry Fellows (Lower Sixth, Vanbrugh), Matthew Ellacott (Upper First, Feilden), Jamie Langford (Upper First, Vanbrugh) and Wilf Cartwright (Lower First, Queen Anne) had a productive session recording a number of Jazz Band originals, as well as a few songs they had put together before arriving at the studio. All in all, it was a brilliant opportunity for the band and a well-deserved prize.

## Jazz Band Jubilee

On Monday 4 June the Cokethorpe School Jazz Band performed at the Lord Mayor's Jubilee Celebration in Gloucester Green, Oxford and once again did themselves and Cokethorpe School proud. It was wonderful to hear the compliments from people who were extremely impressed by the standard of performance from such young musicians. The biggest compliment came from Rachel Capell, the City Events and International Links Officer, who said 'I cannot remember who gave me the information to get in touch with the School, but I am glad I did'. Special thanks go to Jamie Langford (Upper First, Vanbrugh) for filling in the drum seat most professionally and to the parents of the pupils in the Jazz Band for all their support.

## Eton Choral Course

Fifth Form pupil Katherine Woolley had the rare opportunity to take part in a choral course at Eton College in July. 'The course is a packed week of singing, designed to develop young singers to perform choral music to a high standard and to give coaching and advice to prospective choral scholars. I went to develop my singing and to complete the Residential section of the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. I was in a group of enthusiastic young singers, all of whom had no objection to rehearsing from 9.00am to 10.00pm every day. Each person was assigned into a small consort group in which we were able to develop our close harmony skills. As the course was held at Eton College, the final recital was given in the magnificent College Chapel. It was a great experience and my singing has developed immensely. I had a fantastic time, and have made some good friends. I could not pick out my favourite part of the course as there was never a dull moment; it was definitely a once-in-a-lifetime experience!'

Katherine Woolley (Fifth Form, Queen Anne) 9

## Choral Evensong

The Summer Term Evensong was a beautiful evening and attended well. The music for the celebration of the Feast of the Visitation was performed by the Schola Cantorum; the *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis*, composed by Sir Thomas Armstrong, was one of the most difficult pieces faced by the choir and they rose admirably to the challenge. This was particularly important to the Choir as the composer's daughter, Helen Armstrong, was present in the congregation. The choir also performed *Pilgrimage*, a setting of John Bunyan's poem by Armstrong, and gave the first performance of Mr Heaney's setting of *The Lord's Prayer*. ↗





## Gallery Photos

The following pupils' work is featured in the Design and Technology gallery on the School website:

### GCSE Resistant Materials Coursework

Samuel Farrant (Vanbrugh)  
Ross Battersby (Gascoigne)  
Julian Davies (Queen Anne)  
Will Cunnington (Gascoigne)  
Jake De Buriatte Moglia (Harcourt)  
Scott Cade (Swift)  
Francis Plummer (Queen Anne)  
Tom Le Maitre (Vanbrugh)  
Andrew Fiedorowicz (Vanbrugh)  
Freddie Jewson (Swift)

### GCSE Graphic Products Coursework

Anna Withey (Harcourt)  
JJ Macleod (Gascoigne)  
Jake Bisley (Gascoigne)

### AS Level Product Design Coursework

Isabel Berger (Swift)  
Daniel Rock (Queen Anne)  
George Taylor (Gascoigne)  
Lewis Williams (Vanbrugh)

## Art, Textiles and Photography Exhibition

To mark the end of the Summer Term, the Art Department held an Art, Textiles and Photography Exhibition in order to showcase the final projects of talented pupils on Thursday 5 July. The exhibition featured work by pupils from Fourth Form to Upper Sixth, encompassing a range of media and materials.

Family and friends turned out in force, showing their support in recognition of the terrific amount of work which went into the creative final projects.


The Art Department also sold copies of an A5 full colour book of Photography students' AS and A2 Level projects as mementos of the students' time at the School and a reminder of the blood, sweat and tears shed during the projects.

## Sports Day Medals

Third Form pupils Thomas Christensen and Harry Steel of Swift House added a touch of 'Do It Yourself' to the Senior School Sports Day on Thursday 5 July, by producing the medals for the events. The medals were awarded to the First, Second and Third placed pupils and teams in each event by the Headmaster.



## Design and Technology Gallery

The Design and Technology Department has added a gallery of photographs to the School website, which showcases the creative and innovative work of pupils taking Design and Technology for GCSE and A Level this year. Pupils taking GCSE Resistant Materials designed and manufactured working radios inspired by styles from the last century, while GCSE Graphic Products pupils produced 'Race and Chase' board games. Lower Sixth students following the Product Design A Level course have designed and made stools which have been influenced by the style of well-known designers. The project was completed during the Lent Term as part of their AS Level coursework. 



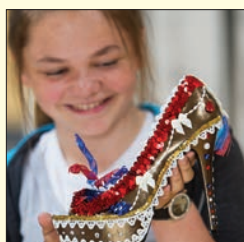
## Lower Sixth Photography Trip

Lower Sixth students visited London as part of their AS Level Photography course in June. The visit began with the Truman Brewery in London, a stark concrete building covered with a vast array of photographic work from various colleges from around the country. After lunch, the students headed to Sloane Square to visit the Saatchi gallery, and see the huge photography show 'Out of Focus', where they gained inspiration from speaking to the artists.

## Scholars' Trip to the Tate

'A combination of Art and Academic Scholars from Lower First to Fourth Form went to the Tate Britain Gallery on Wednesday 30 May. We looked at some of the famous Pre-Raphaelite paintings such as *The Lady of Shalott* by John William Waterhouse and *Ellen Terry as Lady Macbeth* by John Singer Sargent, before observing pieces of our choice; some people even recreated their favourites using their bodies! After lunch we all went to the Picasso exhibition where we saw famous pieces such as *Weeping Woman* and *The Three Dancers*. Overall, it was a fantastic day which was definitely worthwhile.'

Toyah Overton (Fourth Form, Queen Anne)



## Art's Kool Prize

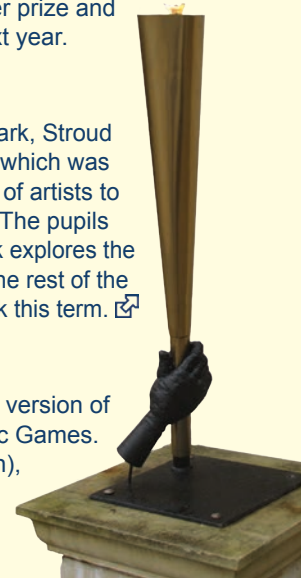
Congratulations to Laurel Mulloy (Upper First, Swift) who won a prize at the Art's Kool Youth Arts Festival on Saturday 23 June. Laurel, who is an Art Scholar, entered the category 'Shoes Fit for Royalty' which asked for a pair of shoes to be decorated fit for a Queen. She decorated her shoes with a strong Jubilee theme comprising sequins, pearls and lace. Laurel was awarded £50 as her prize and is already looking forward to entering again next year.

## Fourth Form Textiles Trip

In May, Fourth Form pupils studying Textiles visited the Museum in the Park, Stroud to see 'Pairings Two: Conversations and Collaborations'. This exhibition, which was part of the Stroud International Textiles Exhibition, brought together pairs of artists to produce exciting new projects combining their expertise and techniques. The pupils were particularly interested in the textile artist Shelly Goldsmith whose work explores the story, emotions and memories of reclaimed clothing. Her work, along with the rest of the exhibition, inspired lots of new samples and ideas for the pupils' coursework this term. 

## Cokethorpe Plinth

The latest piece of artwork on the Cokethorpe Plinth is the School's own version of the Olympic Torch, inspired by the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The piece was designed by Third Form pupils Charles Hadley (Vanbrugh), Harry Steel (Swift) and Freddie Turner (Swift).





## Senior School Sports Day

The School's Olympic celebrations began on Thursday 5 July with the arrival of the Senior School Sports Day. The competition was preceded by a torch relay, in which Sam Sweet (Upper First, Queen Anne), Freya Rowe (Upper First, Harcourt) and Louis Allen (Lower Sixth, Harcourt) took part before handing over to Mr Van Zyl, who ran all the way from the School to Tilsley Park in Abingdon where the day's events took place. The relay set the scene for the impressively high standards of competition, with an amazing nine records broken across the day. 🏆



## Inter-House Design Technology

Monday 14 May to Wednesday 16 May saw the six House teams building a land yacht that was capable of racing down a ten metre track across the Sports Hall, as well as being able to cope with a change of wind direction provided by a large 24" fan. The competition consisted of a race between the land yachts, and a separate prize was awarded for the most aesthetically pleasing. Harcourt came out on top, winning the cup and beating the other teams decisively. Vanbrugh came second and Queen Anne came third. Swift produced the best-looking yacht, and as a result, won the much sought-after chocolate bars! 🍫



## Lower House Swimming Gala

This year saw the annual Cokethorpe Swimming Gala contested by teams from both the Lower and Upper First. It was a magical afternoon, with swimmers sporting their House colours and cheering on their teammates. There were some excellent individual performances, but this year's Victrix Ludorum was awarded to Olivia Messenger (Lower First, Queen Anne) for some outstanding swimming. Having won the Gala in 2010 and 2011, a strong team from Harcourt was pushed into second place by the impressive performance of the Queen Anne swimmers, who were the eventual winners. Well done to all who competed! 🏆

## Lower House Barbecue

The sunshine appeared for the first time in days for the annual Lower House Barbecue on Thursday 21 June. James Ellacott (Lower Sixth, Feilden) treated the pupils to an enthralling magic show, which left them all amazed at his expertise, before everyone gathered around the barbecue to eat. The evening also involved games of football, volleyball and rounders. All in all, it was a delightful evening made all the more enjoyable by the weather and the wonderful camaraderie of the pupils and staff of Lower House. 🍖



## House Jubilee Celebrations

Mrs Townsend and Upper Sixth Feilden hosted a tea party as part of the School's Jubilee Celebrations on Friday 1 June.

## Inter-House Rounders

This year saw a highly competitive Inter-House Rounders event with many older pupils taking part. Thoughtful and inventive tactics were used from each House but Queen Anne proved to be unbeatable. Charlotte Mobbs (Fifth Form) lead the team by gaining an impressive number of rounders, with the other team members adopting a variety of fielding strategies to prevent other Houses from scoring.



## Lower House Heroes

Lower House Heroes are nominated by tutors for a range of reasons such as working particularly hard or for general positive attitudes and commitment.

### First Half of Term

Evie Garbutt	L1 Feilden
Alexander Cooper	L1 Gascoigne
Arthur Alden	L1 Harcourt
Luke Smith	L1 Queen Anne
Matthew Jobling	L1 Swift
Millie Hulewicz	L1 Vanbrugh
Michael Hook	U1 Feilden
Will Fletcher	U1 Gascoigne
Luke Unwin	U1 Harcourt
Ardan Devine	U1 Queen Anne
Sean Paton	U1 Swift
James Jeffs	U1 Vanbrugh

### Second Half of Term

Maddie Garrett	L1 Feilden
Daniel Bailey	L1 Gascoigne
Sam Topley	L1 Harcourt
Florian Goette	L1 Queen Anne
Sam Orton	L1 Swift
Rebecca Algar	L1 Vanbrugh
Tom Drake	U1 Feilden
Arthur Blake	U1 Gascoigne
Freya Rowe	U1 Harcourt
Charlie Hodges	U1 Queen Anne
William Cowley	U1 Swift
Laura Fiedorowicz	U1 Vanbrugh

## Lower House Assembly

The Lower House competition for Best House Assembly, judged by Miss Ringham and Mrs Pratley, was extremely close this year. After each tutor group had led an assembly the judges were unable to separate the efforts of Lower First Harcourt and Upper First Gascoigne and a draw was declared.

## Ashes Cup Winners

The Ashes Cup is presented on a fortnightly basis to the Lower House tutor group that wins the most points for the number of recommendations (+2 points) and referrals (-1 point) they receive.

Lower First Gascoigne	(26 March)
Upper First Gascoigne	(28 April)
Upper First Vanbrugh	(14 May)
Lower First Swift	(28 May)
Lower First Feilden	(18 June)

Lower First Gascoigne won the cup the most during 2011–2012 with four wins.

## Feilden Sixth Form Social

'With the end of the year set firmly in their sights, the Feilden Sixth Formers took to Hardwick Water Parks for ringoing and a barbecue. It's safe to say the weather was better this year than last, with reports that the water was 'pleasantly chilly'. Mr Warner was the master of the barbecue and a massive thanks go to all the tutors and of course Mrs Townsend.'

Jack Bennett (Upper Sixth)

## Inter-House Sport

The Inter-House Cricket and Tennis competitions were unable to take place or be completed this term due to the poor weather experienced.



## Sports Representatives

Area, county (\*) and national (\*\*) representatives for 2011–2012:

### Archery

Ryan Kendrick\*\*

### Athletics (All England)

Alexandra Cross\*

Redford Curtis\*

Lois Waknell\*

### Clay Pigeon Shooting

Mattias Athwal\*\*

Ethan Bosse\*\*

Andrew Fiedorowicz\*\*

Katie Finlayson\*\*

Lizzie Hardie\*\*

Edward Mordue\*\*

Ali Napper\*\*

Lucia Nettlefold\*\*

### Cricket

Jason Cardy\*

Harvey Eltham\*

Angus Findlay-Wilson\*

Will Routledge\*

Thomas Smith\*

### Cross Country

Amy Brooker\*

Elisha Evans\*

Luke Watkins\*

### Equestrian

Olivia Abdolrazaghi\*\*

Joe Hill\*\*

### Hockey

Oliver Armstrong\*

Daniel Bailey\*

Jack Biggs\*

Josie Dennis\*

Anya Duffy\*

Elisha Evans\*

Billy Garrett\*

Beth Stanley\*

Amy Williams\*

### Kayaking

Louis Allen\*\*

Kieran Husband

Sam Glover

Amy Turner\*\*

### Netball

Alyce McNaughton\*

Evie Phillips\*

### Rugby

William Bishop\*

Jackson Burton\*\*

Redford Curtis\*

Declan Duffy\*

Charlie Dyde\*

Billy Garrett\*

Will Millett\*

George Murrin\*

Samuel O'Brien\*

Oliver Parsons\*

Henry Purdy\*\*

Joshua Poole\*

Will Routledge\*

Elijah Vieira-Faria\*

### Sailing

Joe DeBanks\*

### Soccer

Will Fletcher\*

Ben Munday

Ryan Oliver

Joe Whittington\*

Luke Watkins

Joseph Wilde

### Squash

Sam Boughton\*

Freddie Turner\*

### Swimming

Olivia Messenger\*

### Tae Kwon Do

James Ellacott\*\*

### Tennis

Evie Phillips\*

Caleb Dyer\*



## Rounders

Many of the fixtures were cancelled due to poor weather conditions. The U12s narrowly lost to some tough opposition but improved with Louisa Mattinson (Harcourt) and Harriet Stone (Swift) showing the greatest progress. The U13s adopted sophisticated tactics with Anya Duffy (Queen Anne) and Keely Harding (Feilden) as an unstoppable bowler and backstop partnership. The U14s won the majority of their matches and team of the season was the undefeated U15s, with captain Izzy Smith (Harcourt) player of the term. 📧



## Athletics

After a hugely successful appearance at the Stowe School annual athletics meet, Cokethorpe's athletics team began its county competitions with the Athletics County Championships on Sunday 13 May at Tilsley Park in Abingdon, with the team keen to make a good impression from the outset. This was followed by the first round of the English Schools' Athletic Association (ESAA) Championships at Horspath Athletics Track on Tuesday 29 May, with a record number of Cokethorpe athletes subsequently taken forward to represent North Oxfordshire at Tilsley Park in June. As a result, Alexandra Cross (Third Form, Gascoigne), Redford Curtis (Fourth Form, Harcourt) and Lois Waknell (Fourth Form, Harcourt) were selected to compete at the ESAA Championships at Gateshead in July. 📧

## Cricket

This year's cricket season never really got started, with teams playing only 45% of the fixtures organised after the UK was hit by the worst April to June rainfall since records began. The teams managed to win half their matches, with the U12As being the most successful. The team won four out of the five matches they played, with Mike Billing (Lower First, Vanbrugh) performing excellently in his role as captain and making a number of notable contributions.

## Sports Awards Dinner

Over 90 pupils and staff came together to celebrate another impressive year for Senior School sports at Cokethorpe on Friday 15 June. The evening was attended by guest speaker Sarah Thomas, who represented Great Britain in the London 2012 Olympic Games in women's hockey. Sarah spoke passionately on sport and just how much sacrifice goes into being an Olympian, but explaining that the rewards make it all worthwhile. Sarah also presented awards to the individual winners. 📧



## Tennis

This has been a significant year for tennis at Cokethorpe, as the introduction of a new development academy makes it the major summer sport for girls. A special mention must go to Evie Phillips (Lower First, Swift), who despite only being in Lower First competed at both U13 and U15 level and has been selected to represent Oxfordshire. The teams rounded off the year with a trip to Wimbledon, which proved to be an exciting and memorable experience.



## International Kayakers

In March, Louis Allen (Lower Sixth, Harcourt) and his K2 partner George Barnicoat (OC 2010, Harcourt) represented Great Britain in a Junior K1 Marathon in Belgium, with Louis taking silver and George winning bronze. The pair then won a national assessment K2 race in May, which led to their selection for the Marathon World Cup in Copenhagen in June, where they secured gold. They are now training for the National Marathon Championships at the end of August. 📧



## Clay Pigeon Shooting

Two Cokethorpe teams entered the annual National Schools Championships in Buckinghamshire on Saturday 28 April. Over 400 guns entered, with 60 teams from all round the UK participating. The girls' team, made up of captain Lucia Nettlefold (Upper Sixth, Vanbrugh), Lizzie Hardie (Upper Sixth, Queen Anne) and Katie Finlayson (Upper Sixth, Queen Anne), came second overall, as did the boys' team. On an individual level Lizzie Hardie took third High Gun and Andrew Fiedorowicz (Fifth Form, Vanbrugh) took top High Gun, making him the best U19 clubs and schools shot in the UK. On Wednesday 23 May, a team of eight beat Stowe School comfortably with a score of 172 clays to 154. Edward Mordue (Fourth Form, Queen Anne) took High Gun on the day. 📧



## Sports Tours

In addition to the girls' hockey and netball tour to Malta, there have been three other sports tours since Easter. 42 boys from Lower House flew to Toulouse for a five-day rugby tour in France at the end of April, and 14 Upper First and Third Form boys started the summer half term by flying to Guernsey for a cricket tour. Finally, 39 boys from Fourth Form to Upper Sixth took part in a rugby tour of the USA and Canada at the end of July. Please see the School website to read their daily blogs. 📧



## Blenheim Triathlon

The Cokethorpe Triathlon Squad competed at the Blenheim Triathlon in June. Fourteen Sixth Formers and staff represented the School by swimming 750m in a lake, cycling 20km around the park and running 5km. Most participants were novice triathletes and had been training for months to perform well. Fair weather helped make the experience all the more enjoyable, and the team appreciated the support of parents, pupils and colleagues as they raced around the World Heritage site. 📧



## Sports Awards Dinner

### Director of Sport's Award

Excellence in Rugby Union: Henry Purdy  
Inspiration in Hockey: Lloyd Cadman

### Clay Pigeon Shooting

Male Excellence: Andrew Fiedorowicz  
Female Excellence: Lizzie Hardie

### Cricket

Most Improved: Harry Stevens  
Coach's Player: Jack Biggs  
Players' Player: Alex Lord

### Boys' Hockey

Coach's Player: Edward Blackburn  
Players' Player: William Bennett

### Girls' Hockey

Most Improved: Amy Williams  
Coach's Player: Lydia Farrell  
Players' Player: Ellie Norton

### Kayaking

Excellence in Kayaking: Louis Allen

### Netball

Most Improved: Lily Cartwright  
Coach's Player: Charlotte Mobbs  
Players' Player: Alyce McNaughton

### Soccer

Most Improved: Scott Cade  
Coach's Player: Alexander Cade  
Players' Player: Edward Parker

### Rugby Union

Most Improved: Ryan Biscoe  
Coach's Player: Will Millett  
Players' Player: Hugo Van Dorssen

## Investec Hockey Cup

On Thursday 7 June, a group of 30 Cokethorpe hockey players travelled to London to watch the Great Britain hockey squad in action against Germany. Pupils were also lucky enough to watch the Netherlands play Ireland. Great Britain had a number of key players resting due to injury, and despite heavy pressure in the second half they were unable to put the ball in the back of the goal, finishing the game 2-1 down. Despite the score, the rain held off and a brilliant time was had by all.

## Trip to Wimbledon

'We arrived at Wimbledon after a two hour drive, and as soon as we got off the minibus we saw Maria Sharapova on the practice courts. We entered Wimbledon's grounds right behind Henman Hill and the atmosphere was amazing. Mrs Lamb and Ms Hamon gave us our court tickets and we went off to look around. We watched Azarenka on Court 2 and then walked around the outside courts and watched some doubles matches. Our final match was Tsonga vs Lacko on Court 1 and we went wild. At the end of the day, we watched the start of Murray's match before heading home. What a great day!'

William Ward-Naranjo  
(Fourth Form, Queen Anne)

## Hockey and Netball Tour to Malta

A team of girls travelled to the island of Malta in April to take part in a number of hockey and netball fixtures. As well as some excellent matches against both Maltese and British schools, the girls had ample opportunity to explore the island, do some sight-seeing and enjoy a boat tour around Malta and Gozo. A brilliant time was had by all. 📧





## Prize Giving Awards

### Academic Prize Winners

Reception	Monty Bolton (Lockwood)
Year 1	Jasmine Hammond (Gwyn)
Year 2	Maddie Flaherty (Lockwood)
Year 3	Josy Brown (Symonds)
Year 4	Rosa Birchenough (Gwyn)
	Freddie Quartley (Lockwood)
Year 5	Tara Devine (Lockwood)
	Neve Macken (Lockwood)
Year 6	Toby Brown (Baker)
	Austin Bowsher (Baker)

### Pupil of the Year

Reception	William Macleod (Gwyn)
Year 1	Dee Biles (Baker)
Year 2	Conor Thomas (Symonds)
Year 3	Tilly Hurford-Jones (Baker)
Year 4	George Langford (Baker)
	Libby Flaherty (Symonds)
Year 5	Dennis Catrini (Baker)
	Barney Bolton (Symonds)
Year 6	Jack Smith (Gwyn)
	Hannah Berry (Gwyn)

### End of Year Awards for Effort

Reception	Fraser Barnas (Gwyn)
Year 1	Lewie Camidge (Baker)
Year 2	Isabella Clarke (Lockwood)
Year 3	David Haar (Symonds)
Year 4	Sam Elek (Gwyn)
	Annabel Page (Baker)
Year 5	Rowan Paton (Lockwood)
	Ella Mattinson (Baker)
Year 6	Lottie Fellows (Baker)
	George Williams (Symonds)

### Cup Winners

Julie Stormont Art Cup:	Harry Brown (Lockwood)
Claire Hooper Drama Cup:	Toby Brown (Baker)
Louise Bridge French Cup:	Michaela Logue (Lockwood)
Improvement and Progress Shield:	Ben Newport (Baker)
Music Cup:	Hollie Kenworthy (Gwyn)
Sports Cups:	Annabel Clarke (Lockwood)
	Alexander Wilde (Lockwood)
Junior School Cup:	Ruby Plumridge (Symonds)

## Scholarships and Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have been given a Scholarship or Award as they enter the Senior School:

### Clarke Scholarship:

Louisa Flaherty (Gwyn)

### Academic Scholarships

Hannah Berry (Gwyn)  
Austin Bowsher (Baker)  
Hollie Kenworthy (Gwyn)

### Art and Design Award

Harry Brown (Lockwood)


### Sport Awards

Annabel Clarke (Lockwood)  
Sophie Wheeler (Lockwood)  
George Williams (Symonds)

### Sports Academy

Max Beresford (Gwyn)  
Jack Smith (Gwyn)

## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations


On Thursday 31 May, the Junior School celebrated The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in style, with hat-making, a vintage 1950s picnic, traditional games and a dance class on how to jive. Thankfully, the weather held off for most of the activities and the children 'Kept Calm and Carried on Singing', despite the rain beginning to fall on the Jubilee Concert. They also sang along to some 1950s songs and, of course, the *National Anthem*. 



## Junior School Prize Giving

Despite the poor forecasts, fine weather graced the Junior School Prize Giving in the marquee this year. After a welcome in Chinese by Henry Birchenough (Year 2, Baker), the day began with three Drama performances; Reception to Year 3 performed *The Dragon and the Phoenix*, a magical tale which charmed the audience aided by percussion provided by Year 1. Years 4 and 5 then performed *Hoodwinked*, an adaptation of the story of Robin Hood. This highly amusing performance went down very well with the audience, and the calibre of talent on show was obvious to all. Following the interval on the Mansion lawns, Year 6 gave a magical rendition of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The standard of acting was once again high, with the choreography particularly effective during this final performance.

After a picnic lunch and a beautiful performance by members of the Senior School Schola Cantorum, the prizes were then awarded to the children by the Headmaster. Children who won Academic Prizes, Pupil of the Year or End of Year Awards for Effort were given books chosen specifically according to their interests, and it was fascinating to see the vast scope of topics these books spanned.


The day was concluded with a reading of a traditional Irish blessing by Reverend Canon Humphreys, before the entire marquee sang the School hymn. It was an emotional and heart-warming event and the School would like to thank all those who attended, as well as the many people working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure a smooth and successful Prize Giving. 



## Year 6 Mexicolore Visit

The Corinthian Room was recently filled with a wealth of Aztec artefacts by the excellent 'Mexicolore' workshop, which really brought the ancient civilization to life. Year 6 children spent time learning how the Aztecs lived and were keen to take part in the interactive role play, whilst also using a replica of the ancient sunstone to work out how the Aztec calendar worked. The children also heard about the grisly details of human sacrifice but nevertheless realised what an amazingly forward thinking civilisation the Aztecs really were.

## Year 6 Leavers' Barbecue

Saturday 30 June saw the current Year 6 pupils and their parents enjoy an afternoon of rounders and a barbecue. Parents and children joined together in teams to play rounders, but unfortunately rain stopped play after only one innings. The weather did not dampen spirits however, and following the consumption of burgers and sausages there was great excitement when the ice cream van arrived. The School would like to thank Mrs Priestley-Smith and Mrs Plumridge for organising a memorable end to Year 6. 







## Year 5 Trip to Dorset

On Friday 27 April, Year 5 left for Leeson House Field Studies Centre in Dorset. After spending the afternoon making headland models on the beach near the centre, the next day started at Old Harry Rocks, which shows all the changes in a headland, ranging from a cave to an arch, then to a stack, a needle and finally a stump. Later, geology work in the indoor classroom saw different examples of fossils and rocks examined, and a combination of clay and water was used to show how water changes the coastal landscape. The trip to the World Heritage site Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove showed the impact of different currents on two adjoining coves, and how different stone shapes are created by tides. Everyone agreed that the trip had been informative, enjoyable and hands-on, and many wished that it had lasted longer.

## Choir Performance

On Wednesday 4 July, the Junior School Choir put on a fantastic performance of the Cantata *Tam Lin*, a musical based on the Celtic folk legend. Parents were treated to an exciting and energetic performance in the Corinthian Room consisting of 13 songs by the composer Lynn Marsh. The songs told the story of the mysterious Tam Lin and the beautiful Janet.

The Junior School Choir worked hard on these songs throughout the Summer Term, and the music proved to be quite challenging for all. Technically difficult, the Cantata had several changes of rhythm and dynamics as well as a wide vocal range stretching even the most able of singers. Year 6 did an excellent job, with two group ensembles representing both Tam Lin and Janet. The musicians also added to the overall excitement and atmosphere. 🎵



## Year 1 Steam Museum Trip

On Wednesday 23 May the Year 1 children visited the Steam Museum in Swindon. The children were extremely excited to be able to walk underneath *Caerphilly Castle*, one of the express trains built at the Swindon Works in 1923. They also enjoyed the dressing-up session whilst learning about engineers such as George and Robert Stephenson, and Isambard Kingdom Brunel whose vision led to the building of the Great Western Railway. There were plenty of interactive activities for the children to explore, but for many the highlight was 'the footplate experience' when they had the opportunity to imagine that they were actually driving a steam train. The visit greatly enhanced the children's understanding of this bygone age. 🚂

## Reception Farm Trip

On Monday 14 May, the Reception children visited Farmer Gow's Activity Farm in Faringdon for a day of fun and learning. Activities included bottle-feeding lambs and kids, collecting eggs, trailer rides and treasure hunts in the hay bales. Despite the drizzly conditions, all the children had a great time meeting the animals and playing on the farm. 🐑

## Life Education Workshop

The Life Education Bus spent a week at the Junior School in May to give workshops on Healthy Living, Friendships and Feelings. Children from Reception up to Year 6 were given the opportunity to learn about and discuss how to look after themselves and others. Harold the Giraffe taught the children how to make sure nobody was left out of games and how to ensure that everyone is always kind and considerate. 🦒



## The Nasio Trust

As part of the Jubilee Celebrations by the Junior School, all of the children made a donation to wear red, white and blue, in order to show support for Her Majesty the Queen. The total amount of £140.80 was raised and was subsequently donated to one of the School's charities, The Nasio Trust.

The Nasio Trust has used the money raised from the Jubilee Celebrations to purchase toothbrushes for children at its two day care centres in Kenya.

## LAMDA Awards 2011–2012

### Grade 1 Group Devising Drama

Ben Phillipson	Merit
Athis Knox	Merit
Harry Hanson	Merit
Grace Ettinger	Merit
Jack Harding	Merit
Freddie Quartley	Merit
Chisengo Lukama	Merit
Ella Mattinson	Merit
Tara Devine	Merit
Libby Flaherty	Merit
Annabel Page	Merit
Gabriel Emerson	Merit
Neve Macken	Merit
Nyha Edwards	Merit
Frankie Brown	Merit
Eloise Shirburne Davies	Merit
Ezme Pickford	Merit
Lily Sweet	Merit

### Grade 2 Group Devising Drama

Katie Husband	Distinction
Louisa Flaherty	Distinction
Hannah Berry	Distinction

### Grade 2 Group Acting

Sophie Drake	Distinction
India Thomas	Distinction
Charlotte Jeffs	Distinction
Lottie Fellows	Distinction
Hollie Kenworthy	Merit
Sophie Wheeler	Merit
Annabel Clarke	Merit
May Manning	Merit
Michaela Logue	Merit
Darcie Wilkes	Merit
Ruby Plumridge	Merit

### Grade 3 Group Acting

Sophie Wheeler	Merit
Lottie Fellows	Merit
Michaela Logue	Merit
Annabel Clarke	Merit
Ruby Plumridge	Merit
May Manning	Merit
Darcie Wilkes	Merit
Katie Husband	Merit
Louisa Flaherty	Merit
Hannah Berry	Merit
Toby Brown	Merit

### Grade 3 Group Devising Drama

Hollie Kenworthy	Merit
India Thomas	Merit
Sophie Drake	Merit
Charlotte Jeffs	Merit

### Level 1 Acting Solo

Jack Harding	Grade 1	Merit
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# Junior School

## Music Awards 2011–2012

### Grade 4

Hollie Kenworthy	Violin	Dist
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### Grade 3

Billy Morrison	Singing	Dist
Sophie Drake	Flute	Merit
Hollie Kenworthy	Theory	Merit
George Williams	Trumpet	

### Grade 2

Hannah Berry	Piano	Dist
Joe McBride	Drum Kit	Dist
Benjamin Shaw	Piano	Merit
Isabelle Carnell	Piano	Merit
Athis Knox	Singing	Merit
Sophie Wheeler	Singing	Merit
Louisa Flaherty	Piano	
Rosa Birchenough	Violin	
Harry Brown	Guitar	

### Grade 1

Frankie Brown	Piano	Dist
Max Lötter	Drum Kit	Dist
Hannah Berry	Clarinet	Dist
Benjamin Shaw	Theory	Dist
Joshua Cook	Piano	Merit
Hayden Camidge	Violin	Merit
Freddie Gray	B Flat Cornet	
Libby Flaherty	Piano	
Michaela Logue	Piano	
India Thomas	Piano	
Joe Spilsbury	Guitar	

### Debut

Finley Whiteman	Drum Kit
Ruby Plumridge	Piano

## Jubilee Portraits

The following children's portraits of the Queen have been selected to go to the next stage of *The Children's Queen: A Jubilee Portrait Competition for Schools*, run by The Good Schools Guide:

Olivia Reece (Year 2, Gwyn)  
 Ella-Mae Leach (Year 2, Baker)  
 Libby Flaherty (Year 4, Symonds)  
 Gabriel Emerson (Year 4, Lockwood)  
 Eloise Shirburne Davies (Year 5, Gwyn)  
 Darcie Wilkes (Year 6, Gwyn)

The judges will be choosing winners in a number of categories from over 1600 entries and the winners are expected to be announced in September.



'Banksy Queen'  
by Harry Brown (Year 6, Lockwood)



## Year 4 Visit to Milestones Museum

On a sunny day in May, the Year 4 children visited the Milestones Museum for a 1940s experience, which included dressing up as evacuees and climbing aboard a bus to be evacuated. The children explored the old sweet shop and toy shop, a gramophone shop and a bicycle shop. They also took cover in an Anderson shelter and examined kitchen objects from this period in time. The experience was enhanced by 'Maggie', a character in role from 1940, who explained to the children how life had changed for people during World War Two. ☑

## Year 2 Living Rainforest Trip

The Year 2 class went to visit the Rainforest Experience in Newbury to find out about the different types of food that grow in the rainforests. The children have been learning all about the animals and plants that live and grow there and were also lucky enough to take part in the 'Edible Forest' tour. Inside the two hot and steamy greenhouses, created to emulate the real rainforest, they discovered that many wonderful and tasty things grow in the tropics, such as vanilla, avocado and of course, cocoa beans. ☑



## Year 6 Lego Workshop

Year 6 children took part in an electric Lego building workshop in May. The purpose of the afternoon was to develop team-building skills and to use electrical circuits within their design. All six groups developed a complete exhibition of various Lego structures and items, including railways, swimming pools, airports, bridges and small towns. The teamwork and enthusiasm shown by the children was commendable and indeed it proved impossible to select a winning group over the three-hour project. ☑



## Year 3 Trip to Sulgrave Manor

In June, Year 3 visited Sulgrave Manor, a superb example of a modest manor house of Shakespeare's time. The children dressed in Tudor clothing and took an authentic packed lunch. They walked amongst the furniture and artefacts of the period and saw the rooms as they would have looked in the time of Lawrence Washington, who bought the estate from Henry VIII in 1539. Tudor pastimes, song and dance were enjoyed by all. ☑



## Year 6 Trip to Wales

On Sunday 20 May, Year 6 children departed for a week-long trip to Wales. The School received regular updates about the exciting activities and adventures the children took part in, which included a giant zipwire, bouldering, aeroball and raft-building. The pupils also took part in team activities such as Jacob's Ladder, Balance Beams, Jungle Vines and the eagerly anticipated 'Leap of Faith', which the children enjoyed far more than the teachers did. ☑





## Junior School Sports Day and Mini Olympics

A multitude of events took place at the Junior School Sports Day, with the children keen to demonstrate their level of learning and progress throughout the year. The day began with the keenly contested 100m sprint race on the main track for the Reception to Year 2 children. Years 3 to 6 then represented their Houses in a variety of events inspired by this summer's Olympic Games in London. These included the javelin throw, standing jump, high jump, cricket ball throw and rounders ball throw, with the running events taking place on the track.

All the children performed well and should be pleased with their efforts. There were some outstanding individual performances, particularly from Sophie Wheeler (Year 6, Lockwood) and Alexander Wilde (Year 6, Lockwood) who both won the Burfitt Award for Best Performance. Lockwood House capped a successful day by being crowned overall winners. 🏆



## Inter-House Rounders

The Junior House Rounders saw all girls from Years 3 to 6 competing to claim the Rounders Cup. Despite blustery conditions play went on and there was an impressive display of skill from the children. The matches were closely contested and the final scores went to the wire with Lockwood and Gwyn drawing the competition. However, once all the rounders were counted, Gwyn was proclaimed House Champion for 2012.

## The Olympic Torch

Victoria Cowley (Year 4, Symonds) was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to hold the Olympic Torch at the end of May when Terry Parker of Cheltenham, who undertakes voluntary work teaching disabled and disadvantaged children to play tennis, ran with the torch through Cirencester.

The relay was a fitting prelude to the Games of the 30th Olympiad, which saw Great Britain finish third in the medals table with a total of 65 medals, of which 29 were Gold, behind only the USA and China.



## Teddy Bears' Picnic

Despite the rather inclement weather, the children in Pre-Prep enjoyed bringing their favourite soft toys to school for a Teddy Bears' Picnic on Thursday 21 June. They had a wonderful time and shared their sandwiches, strawberries, squash and chocolate cake with the likes of Taz, Binky, Claude and Rio.



## Cricket Report

Unfortunately, only two competitive cricket fixtures were played this term due to the wet weather.

The U11s beat St Edward's School, Cheltenham by an impressive 8 wickets, whilst the U9s lost to St Hugh's Preparatory School by just 30 runs.

## Inter-House Cricket

Due to the inclement weather, no Inter-House cricket matches took place this term.

## Lasting Impressions

Some of the lasting impressions given by Cokethorpe Junior School Year 6 children.

'I have been at Cokethorpe since Year 1 and I know this is a happy school. I will always cherish being made Captain for the IAPS Hockey Tournament and winning the County Tournament.'

*Annabel Clarke (Lockwood)*

'It has been an amazing time! The teachers are very kind and I have enjoyed every minute. There have been so many opportunities to shine.'

*May Manning (Symonds)*

'I have enjoyed my time in the Junior School but am ready to move on now. Next year will be a big step but I think I can handle it.'

*Lottie Fellows (Baker)*

'I remember when we first drove up the drive, my brother and I were so excited but then both went very quiet. I couldn't bring myself to get out of the car. Then my mum gave me some words of wisdom. I wish I didn't have to leave Junior School but I will remember how nice people have been to me.'

*India Thomas (Baker)*

'In Year 2 I started to cry when my mummy left me and I didn't know anyone. Now I've made lots of friends. We went on the Wales trip and it was so much fun. I did every activity.'

*Alexander Wilde (Lockwood)*

'Cokethorpe is just one big family. I thought it was a lie at first, just so I would feel more confident, but it is actually true. All the teachers and children are so friendly and stay together like one family.'

*Hollie Kenworthy (Gwyn)*

'I loved wicket keeping for the A team, even being battered by George's bowling!'

*Jack Smith (Gwyn)*

'I have matured and developed my skills. The teachers have been fantastic and the Junior School a great journey. I am ready to move on and am excited about the journey ahead.'

*Sophie Wheeler (Lockwood)*



# New Developments

## Maintenance Projects

The most significant maintenance projects undertaken over the summer holidays were:

- Creation of a new science classroom
- Renovation of two science classrooms
- Re-brand of the Coffee Shop
- Refurbishment of the Sixth Form Common Room
- Refurbishment of the Staff Common Room
- Conversion of the Round House (old School Shop) to a meeting room
- Restoration work to the ceiling in the Corinthian Room
- Restoration work to the Bell Tower
- Resurfacing of the hard tennis courts
- Creation of a new Higher Education Area
- Upgrade of the Music ICT Suite to iMacs
- New ICT Suite in Design Technology
- Upgrade of the main ICT Suite
- Installation of Interactive Boards in Junior Classrooms

## Good Schools' Guide

The Headmaster welcomed an editor from the *Good Schools' Guide* in May, who toured the School and observed lessons. Cokethorpe's entry on the website and in the latest printed edition has now been updated.

## Fancy a Cuppa?

The Coffee Shop has had a makeover to welcome the start of the new academic year. 'Cuppa' serves a bespoke blend of coffee, refreshing leaf teas and homemade cakes. Cokethorpe is the first outlet of its kind to host the 'Cuppa' brand.



## Tornado Hits Cokethorpe

Cokethorpe experienced freak weather conditions as a tornado swept across the School grounds at about 4.00pm on the May Bank Holiday Monday. Despite the heavy winds causing some damage to trees in the grounds, the School was lucky not to have been worse hit. Meteorologists have identified the unusual weather conditions as a 'supercell' storm, more commonly seen in the US than the UK. ☞

## New Staff Roles

The Headmaster has made the following appointments for the new academic year: Mrs Copeland is Senior Mistress, responsible for the provision for girls. Mr Sheer is Head of Sixth Form and will join the Senior Management Team. Mr Bostwick is Assistant Director of Studies, to work with Mr Fenton who was made Director of Studies in April. Mrs Semenzato is Housemistress of Gascoigne and Mr Gale is Housemaster of Queen Anne. Mr Hughes is Master of Scholars and Mr Uglow is Teaching and Learning Coordinator. Mr O'Connor is Deputy Head of Junior School. Mr Stuart is Head of Activities and Mrs Holmes is Head of University Admissions and Careers.



# AOB

## Summer AOB

The AOB activities that took place during the Summer Term included:

- Archery Club
- Art Club
- Bird Watching
- Board Games
- Clay Pigeon Shooting
- Costume Design
- Creating Mosaics
- Crickets Club
- Critical Thinking
- Croquet
- Dance Society
- Girls' Football
- Green Power Electric Car
- IT Club
- Jazz Club
- Jewellery Making
- Kitchen Garden
- Meditation Club
- Needle Craft
- Online Magazine
- Orchestra
- Poetry Club
- Power Walking
- Public Speaking
- Salsa Dancing
- Softball
- Sports Academy
- Tennis
- Textiles Club
- Triathlon Club
- Trust Fund
- Volleyball

## Second Form Trip

The Second Form trip to the Lake District involved some 'firsts' for many; first visit to the area, first time gorge walking and, for a few, first time away from home. The hostels were welcoming and the Windermere scenery spectacular. The day and a half of activities included canoeing, climbing and gorge walking. Time was then spent in Ambleside painting watercolours and completing diaries. Paddles made in DT lessons were evaluated and judged, with James Jeffs (Vanbrugh) and Michael Hook (Feilden) being crowned the winners. The trip concluded with drama performances by The Old Laundry Theatre and poetry recited in the local Cumbrian dialect. The winning project was by Clare Berry (Queen Anne), with Keely Harding (Feilden) and Lucy

Didcock (Queen Anne) close runners-up. Charlie Hodges (Queen Anne) was the 'man of the match' for his unending enthusiasm, helpfulness and infectious positivity throughout. Overall, the trip was a resounding success and rounded off the pupils' time in Lower House very well. They now look forward to entering Third Form and their senior Houses. ☞



## Giant Chess Set

A large chess set has arrived in School and has proved to be fun for all ages during lunchtimes. Boys in the Lower House have provided instructions on how to play and hope to set up a 'ladder' in the near future. As the end of lunch time approaches, the rush to finish games has resulted in some interesting moves; even Mr Walton has been seen making some significant blunders! ☞



# Curriculum Enrichment Week

## CEW Activities

This year's CEW activities included:

- Calshot Activity Centre
- Caving
- Centre Parcs
- Cooking
- Coral Reef Water Park
- Cotswold Falconry Centre
- Cotswold Wildlife Park
- Cycling
- Fly Fishing
- Game of Life
- Gliding
- Graffiti to Jazz
- Hardwick Water Park
- Heritage Motor Museum
- High Ropes
- Horse Riding
- July Fourth Celebrations
- Katakanu
- Kitchen Garden
- Madame Tussauds
- Oxford Recording Studio
- Pop Art Textiles
- Professional Make-up Artist
- RAF Museum
- Sealife Centre
- Survival Day
- SS Great Britain
- The British Museum
- Trip to Wales
- Upper First Trip to the Lake District

## Centre Parcs

CEW saw 23 pupils head to Centre Parcs at Longleat for a week of activity and adventure. The weather was a little unkind but did not dent the spirits of everybody who managed to partake in a full range of activities. Walking through the tree tops was a scary yet exhilarating experience and ended with a descent by zip wire. The staff proved difficult to beat in both ten pin bowling and table tennis but a laser quest proved to be a real insight into the leadership qualities of some pupils. The whole week highlighted the need to practise cycling techniques as there were a number of near misses and minor collisions. Swimming was at the heart of the week and a lot of time was spent riding the rapids and enjoying the water rides.

## Gliding

Amazingly, two rain-free days occurred just in time to allow 21 pupils to experience gliding with the Banbury Gliding Club at Hinton-in-the-Hedges airfield, Northamptonshire. Not only were pupils able to take control of the aircraft (at about 2,000 feet), but on their second flight many experienced the thrill of multiple loops.

## Cooking

Pudding Pie Cookery School at Middleton Cheney in Northamptonshire was the destination for 19 lucky participants during CEW. The groups cooked an array of amazing foods and professional cutting techniques and knife safety was discussed and demonstrated, along with learning how to knead dough.



# Cokethorpe Parents' Association

## Summer Fête Thanks

Thank you to all the individuals and organisations who kindly donated raffle prizes for the CPA Fête, including:

- The Fleece (Witney)
- The Four Pillars Hotel (Witney)
- Snakes and Ladders (Abingdon)
- Funtime (Carterton)
- The Cotswold Wildlife Park
- Millets Farm Centre
- Mr and Mrs Knox for two nights at their B&B (Edinburgh)
- Janet Curry for a make-up lesson
- Paul Thomas Flowers (Mayfair)
- Wendlebury Gate Stables
- The Hollybush (Witney)

Thanks also to:

- Bakers Butchers for the hog roast
- The Oxford Wine Company for sponsoring the Pimm's Tent
- Guy Browning for the loan of the pantomime horses
- Cokethorpe Jazz Band
- Maintenance Team
- The rugby tour squad for helping and being such good sports in the tug-of-war and pantomime horse race
- The Oxfordshire Fire Service team for bringing a fire engine and participating in the tug-of-war competition
- To everyone else who helped: baking, growing plants, providing bunting, flower decorations, running stalls, holding tents down, organising children's races, barbecuing and serving Pimm's



## CPA Right Royal Olympic-Sized Centre Court Summer Fête

The CPA's Right Royal Olympic-Sized Centre Court Fête proved to be just that on Sunday 24 June, with stalls, Pimm's, teas, a pig roast, birds of prey, tug-of-war, a fire engine and pantomime horses. After a somewhat blustery and wet start to the event, the skies cleared and the sun shone. The day began with a fancy dress parade, with all the children looking magnificent. There were also children's races and a tug-of-war competition in which the Oxfordshire Fire Service, parents, the rugby 1st XV and children all entered. The rugby boys provided excellent entertainment with their pantomime horse race and the Cokethorpe Jazz Band provided lively background music throughout the afternoon. ↗

## Coffee Mornings and Events

The popularity of the CPA Coffee Mornings on Tuesdays (8.30am – 9.15am) meant that they took place throughout all three terms this year. The final one of the Summer Term was enjoyed with croissants and jam! Please check the School website for details of the 2012–2013 CPA events, including the AGM and Committee Meetings, Murder Mystery Evening and Christmas Fayre taking place during the Michaelmas Term. ↗



# Fundraising for Charity

## Bedding Plants Sale

Bedding plants grown by pupils in the Kitchen Garden were sold during the Summer Term with the proceeds of £64 donated to Helen & Douglas House.

## Book Sale

Staff had the opportunity to purchase new novels during the Summer Term at 75% off the marked price. £11 was donated to Helen & Douglas House.

## Non-Uniform Day

Senior School pupils were given the opportunity to come to School in home clothes on Friday 1 June if they made a £1 donation. Despite a number of pupils being on study leave, £327 was raised to give to Helen & Douglas House.

## Charity Bike Ride

Senior School Secretary, Mrs Palm, and her husband took part in a charity bike ride in May. The event was the Classic Oxfordshire Ride in aid of Against Breast Cancer and they raised £185. The distance was 30 miles, and they completed it in just over three hours. It was their first such event and whilst it was hard work they thoroughly enjoyed it.

## Harry's Plants

'Having decided to take part in the World Challenge, and instead of pressurising all my parent's friends for multiple sponsorship, I thought I would set up a horticultural business to raise funds, as it is something that I have always been very interested in.

With help from my parents, we built a polytunnel and a trade stand and decided to trade as 'harrysplants'. Our aim is to produce top quality perennial plants at very competitive prices, as well as supply advice on complementary planting, care and positioning. This first year has been very successful considering the poor spring and summer, and I have raised over 40% of the funds which I require in order to go on World Challenge. I will be continuing with

this enterprise to raise the remainder of the funds and indeed I intend to carry this on after the trip as I can see a considerable gap in the quality end of the market without paying extortionate prices.


I am in the process of setting up a website to allow users see stock and prices ([www.harrysplants.com](http://www.harrysplants.com)). This will only run for five months a year (January to the end of May) as this is a seasonal business supplying perennial plants for the spring market. Anybody wishing to be added to my contact list for notification of when the website is up and running, please email [harryhastings97@gmail.com](mailto:harryhastings97@gmail.com). My perennial plants give you the opportunity for a sensational garden at a sensible price.'

*Harry Hastings (Fourth Form, Swift)*





## Summer Activity Weeks

Over 140 current pupils, siblings and pupils due to start at Cokethorpe in September attended the Summer Activity Weeks. There was an excellent mixture of land-based and water-based activities, particularly as this is run as a non-profit enterprise. Assisting the fully qualified instructors were Sunny Ricketts (OC 2011, Swift), Henry Daniels (OC 2011, Gascoigne) and Simon Jess (OC 2003, Swift), current pupils Alice Bird (Fifth Form, Gascoigne) and Christian Ettinger (Fourth Form, Harcourt) and a number of Junior and Senior School staff. Over 50 children participated in water-ski lessons, many for the first time, all progressing from bar, to short, to long rope skiing. In addition, all of the shooting pupils eventually hit clay pigeons. 

## Transfer Day

The rain held off for the Lower First Transfer Day on Tuesday 26 June. New pupils and the Year 6 Junior School children had the chance to meet their new tutor and had fun finding their way to the classrooms they will use in September. The children enjoyed a selection of lessons and finished their day with the now traditional tug-of-war, and tea and cake with parents.

## Manor Preparatory Visit

The Lower First production of *Bugsy Malone* was previewed to 90 girls from The Manor Preparatory School on Monday 2 July, who all greatly enjoyed seeing the rival gangs' antics and were impressed with the slick scene changes. Prior to this, the Manor girls, from Years 3 and 4, warmed up with a singing session with Mr Heaney.



## Ducklington Football Club

Ducklington Football Club U13s has recently had a number of matches here at Cokethorpe. The team, now U14s, will be using the School pitches next season.



## School Chapel

On Saturday 7 July, Cokethorpe sports coach Ms Perrin used the School Chapel and grounds for a wedding blessing to Simon Cox and also daughter Poppy's Christening.



## Operation Dragnet

Fourth Formers Harry Lovibond (Queen Anne) and Thomas Deabill (Swift) won the Dragnet Challenge 2012 with their Explorer Scouts in July. They navigated their way across 35 miles of the Cumbrian Lake District over two days and avoided 'capture' to reach the defined base camp ahead of 56 other teams.



## National Hockey Festival

Cokethorpe once again hosted this national hockey tournament in April, in which over 700 children took part from 80 teams entered across eight age groups.



## Summer Activity Weeks

On land, activities included tennis, air-rifle shooting, clay pigeon shooting, art, archery, soccer, dodgeball, badminton and other Sports Hall games. Former staff member Mr Cooper also arranged an Olympic-themed day, where the children were encouraged to tick off as many sports as they could on a pre-prepared Olympic card.

In the afternoons, the children also had the opportunity to enjoy boarding, kayaking, ringoing, water-skiing and wakeboarding at Hardwick all under the watchful eye of a safety boat.

## Oxford Downs

Again Cokethorpe hosted its local cricket club The Oxford Downs who are playing in the league, but poor weather and a sodden pitch meant they played less than half of their matches. The 3rd XI captain, Nick Rivett, is always keen to compliment Head Groundsman Simon Hole on the excellent pitch preparation for them and so many of their team and their rivals are always delighted with such a perfect venue.

## Oxford District Cricket

Fortunately, despite some lapses in the weather, a good number of the Oxford District Cricket Festival fixtures took place at Cokethorpe.

## Oxfordshire County Cricket

The School hosted Oxfordshire Boys' and Girls' U12 and U13 county cricket this term. Mr Daniels comments that 'it is always so lovely to come up during the holidays and see all three pitches decorated in white.'

## Standlake Beavers

Standlake Beavers continue to use the School's facilities. In addition to their usual favourites of the Sports Hall, Corinthian Room and Junior School Adventure Playground, this term they extended their educational experiences at Cokethorpe by earning badges in scientific technique, under the watchful eye of the Head of Science, Dr Flaherty. They also used the grounds for their annual camp from 17 to 19 August.

## County Sports Coaching

The Oxfordshire Sports Partnership held its second annual sports conference at Cokethorpe in June. Over 120 coaches attended a range of practical workshops and seminars in football, rugby and netball and covered related sports topics ranging from talent identification to developing the whole athlete.

The day was blessed with good weather and the sessions proved valuable in developing coaching standards in Oxfordshire.



# From the Archives

## Turning Back the Pages

Below are extracts from past issues of *The Bell Tower* and *The Peacock*.

### 10 Years Ago (2002)

Now that the new LRC is in full use we wonder how we ever managed without it. The new land on our southern boundary has all been drained, levelled and seeded and the new pitches will be ready for light use in September.

### 15 Years Ago (1997)

On Sunday 10 May a team of six guns travelled to Shugborough Shooting School near Rugby in Staffordshire. After an unscheduled delay picking up a second reserve we pushed it right to the limit arriving just before the last entry. Had it not been for Mr Daniels' expert driving we would not have made it.

### 20 Years Ago (1992)

The 'Poultry Club' is a new activity this term for those interested in keeping and breeding pure breeds of fowl. A small group of boys have begun to tidy the pond area and have also been taught about methods of keeping and housing chickens and something of the many breeds and varieties which exist.

### 25 Years Ago (1987)

Prize Giving took place on Tuesday 30 June, and after what must have been the rainiest June of the century, we were blessed with an exceptionally fine afternoon for it.

### 30 Years Ago (1982)

The Senior Cullen Debate was fought on the motion that 'This House believes that Argentina should have sovereignty over the Falkland Islands but that there should be a continuing period of British administration'. The motion was defeated by 71 votes (89–18).

### 35 Years Ago (1977)

'We began the year in a drought, as I write I wonder if we shall see the sun again!'

### 40 Years Ago (1972)

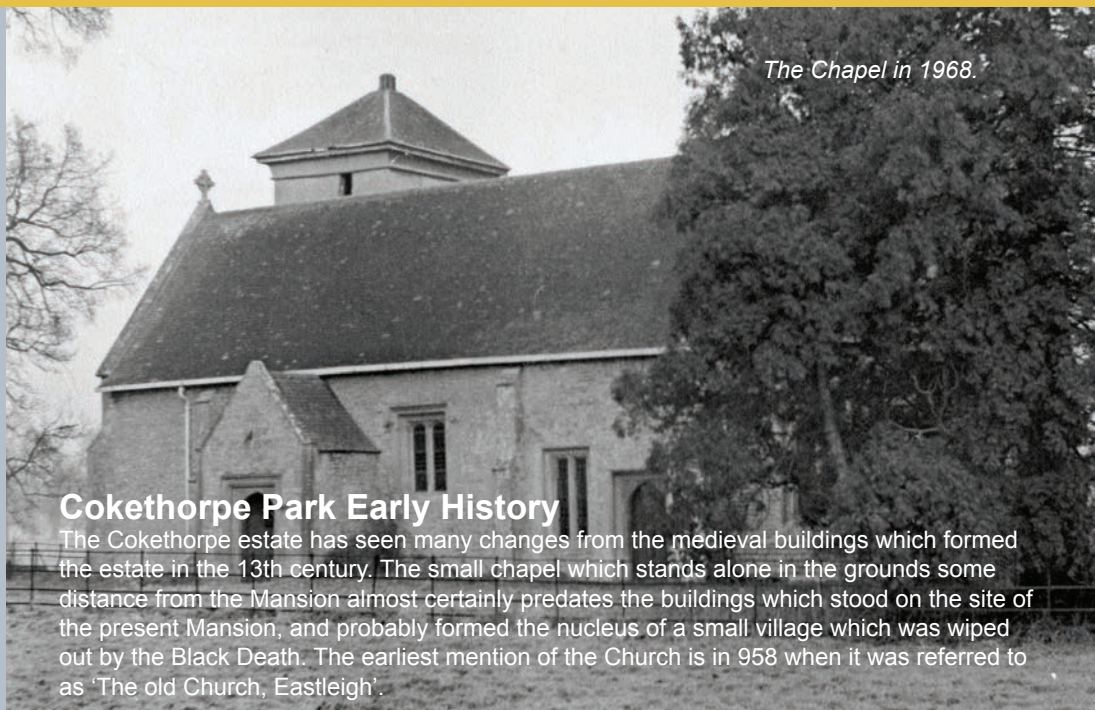
The Boat Club had an exciting time by the river. An elaborate timing and control system was set up, involving the transmission of a starting pistol's report over a walkie/talkie network. The official starter and his assistant had a remarkable escape when the pistol blew up but luckily the sets were switched off at the time and the resulting verbal drama was not broadcast.

### 45 Years Ago (1967)

Every Thursday Cokethorpe hears strange noises echoing across the school. They come from the Gym where mat-slapping, grunts, dull thuds of falling bodies and occasional tortured groans fill the air. These noises simply mean that the boys are practising Judo.

### 50 Years Ago (1962)

The School library found a new home early last year in the old Visual Aids room. The entrance hall where it had been before was too much of a thoroughfare for the peace and quietness, essential to any library, to be found.



*The Chapel in 1968.*

## Cokethorpe Park Early History

The Cokethorpe estate has seen many changes from the medieval buildings which formed the estate in the 13th century. The small chapel which stands alone in the grounds some distance from the Mansion almost certainly predates the buildings which stood on the site of the present Mansion, and probably formed the nucleus of a small village which was wiped out by the Black Death. The earliest mention of the Church is in 958 when it was referred to as 'The old Church, Eastleigh'.

The current Mansion House certainly includes some parts which are very old, and it is thought that the ha-ha to the south of the main lawn may well have been a Saxon ditch built as a fortification before it was turned into an ornamental structure.



*The Mansion House in 1958.*

The basic layout of the medieval courtyard is still evident. The Round House is reputed to date from the 14th century and is variously referred to as an old granary, an ice house, and a game larder.

The courtyard has changed from a place for horses and ostlers to something approaching a college quadrangle. The old buildings however, remain much the same as they were when the celebrated English novelist, diarist and playwright, Fanny Burney, visited Cokethorpe in 1773. 'Her mud-spattered carriage clattered in on a dark October night in 1773. The house was shuttered, dark and very melancholy and appeared deserted'. Finally an old shepherd was roused who informed them that the Master and Mistress were away and Fanny returned to Witney through mud 'three feet deep' to spend the night.



*The inner courtyard before the Round House was converted.*

The estate passed through many owners, some of whom met unpleasant ends. The Lovell family owned the estate in medieval times, Lord Francis Lovell escaped from Bosworth Field in 1485 but his body was found walled up at Minster Lovell some years later. Sir Thomas Moore, Lord Chancellor and Keeper of the Great Seal, was beheaded in 1535; on his execution the title and estate reverted to the Crown. The lands were then granted to Henry Norreys who also lost his head after allegedly having an affair with Anne Boleyn. It wasn't until the estate passed to Simon Harcourt, Chancellor to Queen Anne, in 1709 that there was any significant change to the buildings and the mansion was largely rebuilt. The house played host to many famous literary and political figures of the day including Pope, Gay, Prior and Swift. Queen Anne herself visited in 1713 and gave the impressive panelling in the Corinthian Room.



# The Cokethorpe Society

## Keigo Harada

Cokethorpe was delighted to welcome Keigo Harada (OC 1999, Queen Anne) to visit at the end of April. He recently entered a Porsche 911 design competition and not only was he shortlisted to be a finalist from 428 entries but received the 'People's Choice Award' by getting the most votes. ☑



## Peter Siu

Peter Siu (OC 1970, Harcourt), visited with his son Laughlin and partner Verionquie whilst on their travels to the UK from Australia at the end of June. Peter was 'impressed to see all the progress made'.



## Mark Girling

Mark Girling (OC 1977, Harcourt) completed the London Nightrider in June, immediately followed by his tenth marathon ride round Lake Vattern in Sweden. He raised £540 for the Mayhew Animal Charity.



## Thailand Team Up

Former Cokethorpe staff Melanie and Andy Martindale welcomed Julian Watkins (OC 2011, Swift) to their new home in Pattaya in Thailand in June whilst on his travels before he starts university in September.

## New Arrivals

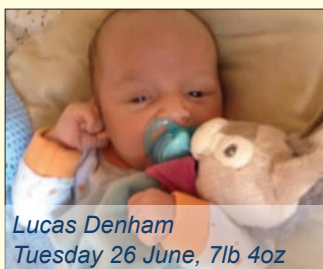
Congratulations to **Paul Derow** (OC 1996, Queen Anne) and his wife Michelle on the birth of Lois. Paul says 'Mother and baby are doing great, father and baby's big sister Millie are also very happy!'.

Congratulations also to **Nick Denham** (OC 2001, Harcourt) and his fiancée Kelly on the birth of Lucas, a little brother to Kayla (aged three).

**Jim Swift** (OC 1999, Vanbrugh) has also welcomed a new arrival, Finn. Jim remarks 'It's been a crazy four years for us ending on a high with Finn's arrival. In 2008 I embarked upon a distance learning law degree at Nottingham Law School and graduated in July with a 2:1 (Hons) LL.B, two weeks before Finn's birth. During this time I've continued to work as a Detective for the City of London Police, run the London Marathon twice and got married to Louise. Finn is the icing on the cake to what has been a fantastic period of our lives and we are loving learning all about parenthood – even the sleepless nights.'



Lois Audrey Nona Derow  
Tuesday 14 August, 7lb 6oz



Lucas Denham  
Tuesday 26 June, 7lb 4oz



Finn Swift  
Wednesday 1 August, 6lb 6oz



## Marriages

**Claire-Marie Belton** (née King, OC 2002, Swift) was married to Alan in the Cokethorpe Chapel on Saturday 6 May 2012 (pictured).

**Henry Lamb** (OC 2003, Vanbrugh) was also married in the Cokethorpe Chapel, to Jenny on Saturday 28 July 2012.

**Robin Longworth** (OC 2001, Harcourt) married Helen on Saturday 21 July 2012. Peers George Blyth (Harcourt) was best man and Matt Rendell (Swift) an usher, with Drew Cameron (Swift) also attending.

**Jules Sedgewick** (OC 1996, Vanbrugh) married Priscilla, on Monday 26 March 2012 in Singapore and then celebrated with friends and family in Bali on Saturday 31 March 2012.

## Obituaries

**Jim E Fretwell**, former Master of Chemistry and Mathematics (1957–1963) died on 14 May 2012. Housemaster of Queen Anne, his love of coaching rowing is illustrated in several *Peacock* magazines.

**Daniel Harris** (OC 2007, Queen Anne) died on 21 June 2012 following a tragic accident in Sydney, Australia where he was living. His funeral took place in Oxford and was attended by a number of his contemporaries.

**Richard Allardyce** (OC 1961, Swift) died at home on 17 May 2012 following a five year battle with cancer. His friend, Andy Trotman (OC 1963, Queen Anne) remembers him as 'a brave front-row forward, a brilliant actor, and the soundest friend. Above all, he was a loving husband and father.'

## Fleet Street Beckons

Misa Klimes (OC 2005, Vanbrugh) has begun work as an assistant correspondent for the Japanese news agency, Jiji Press, after impressing them with his voluntary work for *Rose Hill News*. ☑

## East India Club

16 Old Cokethorpeans have signed up to the J7 Scheme since the School became a member of HMC. For more information about membership to the East India Club, or the parallel scheme for ladies at The University Women's Club, please visit the School website. ☑

## Charity Collection

Flik Denham (OC 2006, Vanbrugh) is collecting items for care packages to send to troops fighting abroad, through the charity Support Our Soldiers. She would be grateful for any donations (to be dropped at the Hook and Eye Tattoo and Body Piercing Studio in Witney). Please visit [www.supportoursoldiers.co.uk](http://www.supportoursoldiers.co.uk) for details.

## Events

The Society **Annual General Meeting** took place on Wednesday 25 April and we are pleased to welcome James Dillon-Godfray (OC 1982, Queen Anne) and Jacob Booty (Upper Sixth, Swift) to the committee. Unfortunately the **Society Cricket** match, planned for Friday 22 June, was cancelled because of poor weather. The **Society Annual Dinner**, due to take place on Saturday 19 May, was cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

## Travel Bursaries

The following OCs from the Class of 2012 have been awarded Travel Bursaries:

Alice Bennett (Gascoigne)  
Lizzie Buckley (Harcourt)  
Charlotte Swan (Queen Anne)

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## Ave Atque Valet

### Mrs L M Boulton (Learning Support)

'It will not be easy to leave Cokethorpe after twelve very happy years. It has been wonderful to witness the School going from strength to strength and I will take away many fond memories of pupils and colleagues. The Learning Support Department is such a rewarding, dynamic and, at times, entertaining environment and I will miss it greatly.'

### Miss F M M Hamon (French)

'After nine rewarding years at Cokethorpe, it is with both sadness and gratitude that I leave the School and Queen Anne House. I have enjoyed the unique community spirit at Cokethorpe and will take with me, the skills I have learnt and values of the School as I continue my career in New Zealand.'

### Ms A S Rose (Psychology)

'Although sad to be leaving, I am looking forward to joining the Mulberry Bush School. I am very grateful to have participated in many activities whilst at Cokethorpe that are of personal interest including walking, camping, sailing and meditating. My son remains in the Junior School which he adores so I am sure I shall see many of you in the years to come.'

### Mr M J Schofield (Philosophy)

'I'm leaving Cokethorpe after a very busy five years. As Head of Philosophy my main role has been to establish the subject within the School, but I've also spent many enjoyable hours teaching Politics and mentoring Sixth Formers. I am moving to St Helen and St Katharine, Abingdon to become Head of Politics and Sixth Form tutor.'

### Dr T E Searls (Chemistry)

'Thank you to the pupils of Cokethorpe who have inspired me with their wit, their curiosity and their can-do attitude. I will miss Cokethorpe greatly and look forward to visiting again the first time that circumstances permit.'

### Ms S J Skipwith (Drama)

'I have very much enjoyed my brief time at Cokethorpe. Particular highlights include the incredible talent and determination of pupils; working towards the House Drama competition; and the positive and highly creative atmosphere of the Arts Academy. I will miss the excitement and energy of the Drama Department but my new job will allow me to spend more time with my two boys.'

### R M Taylor (Biology)

Three years of teaching Biology, coaching rugby, D of E expeditions and field trips – pretty good by all accounts. My particular thanks go to Mr Daniels for his guidance and his humour, to the Biology Department for their support, Bob Hardie for all his help with D of E, to those in the library and to my Upper Sixth tutor group.'

Cokethorpe has also said goodbye to Classroom Assistant, Mrs J Glew, Director of Studies and Politics teacher, Mr P Floyd and Marketing Assistant, Miss L Williams

## New Arrivals

Congratulations to Mr White, Mr Bown and Mr Forsey who have all welcomed new additions to their families recently.



Ophelia Luna Imani White  
Thursday 12 April, 6lb 8oz



Olivia Grace Forsey  
Monday 9 July, 9lb 4oz



Noah George Bown  
Sunday 22 July, 7lb 11oz

## Open Morning

**Saturday 6 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](mailto:admissions@cokethorpe.org) or 01993 703921).

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