



Cokethorpe
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From the Headmaster

The early summer of 1914 was, by all accounts rather like this year, warm and languid. But there were portents of a conflict which would accelerate into an unprecedented cataclysm in just a matter of months. An aspect of World War I we might particularly recall is the very large number of idealistic young men from schools just like this one, commissioned as junior officers, who lost their lives in that conflict. Many Headmasters in 1914 may even have seen their task as that of turning out patriotic and courageous teenagers to take the lead in the great adventure. Of course, many of those high ideals died with them in the mud and barbed wire.

Young people now live in a world that is morally far more ambiguous than it was a century ago, and that highlights our responsibility in 2014. Few will be called upon to sacrifice their lives. But what will they make of the portentous issues of today? What sense can be made of the endless conflicts in the Middle East? Can there be any ethical foundation for religious fundamentalism? Should people near death be allowed to make a quicker end? Are open borders an opportunity for greater tolerance and understanding, or a threat to jobs and to national identity? They will still need courage to face these questions, and perhaps a balanced patriotism too. But they also need more subtle skills: perceptiveness, the ability to deal with moral ambiguity, tolerance and the willingness to be constant learners.

I think perhaps it is a harder task than the one faced by my counterparts in 1914, but it is also a more agreeable one!

Editor's Notes

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

Lower House pupils will be referred to as First Form and Second Form to reflect the change at the beginning of the new School year.

Front Page Photo: The Maintenance Team installing the Book Exchange Telephone Box.



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

Junior Maths Challenge

Gold Award Winner, Best in School and Best in Second Form:
Nick Meyer

Gold Award Winner:
Austin Bowsher, Louisa Flaherty, Jacob Short

Gold Award Winner and Best in First Form:
Katie Procter

Silver Award Winners:
Felix Checksfield, Luke Jackson, Dila Mldr, Leo Kobayashi, Max Beresford, Thomas Jackson, Hayden Camidge, Hollie Jackson

Bronze Award Winners:
Charlie Clarke, Hannah Berry, Adam Kendrick, Rhianna Gibson, James Shaw, Jack Smith, Emma Foster, Paige Rowe, Jamie Snowdon, Luke Storey, George King, Dulcie Gibbons, Henry Kerton, Jack Gamble, Alex Bellenie, Jessica Foster, Emily Kent, Francesca Brown, Connor Kirby, Dennis Catrini, Ruby Plumridge

Scholars' Presentations

Katie Procter	First Form
<i>How to Make an Origami Box</i>	
Hayden Camidge	First Form
<i>Why the Sky is Blue</i>	
Austin Bowsher	Second Form
<i>Russian Phrases</i>	
Grace Henstone	Third Form
<i>Anaesthesia</i>	
Florian Goette	Third Form
<i>History of the Automobile</i>	
Benjamin Foster	Fourth Form
<i>Life as a Fourth Form Scholar</i>	
Thomas Christensen	Fifth Form
<i>Creative Process in GCSE Music</i>	
Elijah Vieira-Faria	Lower Sixth
<i>Why Did the Western Roman Empire Fall and the Eastern Roman Empire Survive</i>	
Jacob Yolland	Upper Sixth
<i>Music with Mr Heaney</i>	
Brian Clarke	Upper Sixth
<i>Geography with Mr Capel</i>	
Katie Buckley	Upper Sixth
<i>Drama with Mrs Hooper</i>	

Third Form Creation Theatre

The Merchant of Venice is no typical Jacobean drama, so the study of the play demanded a fresh approach. Third Form pupils were fortunate enough to be visited by Creation Theatre for a four hour workshop which culminated in performances of scenes from the play in Cokethorpe's chapel. This Oxford based theatre company used physical theatre to help students explore the play's characters, themes and language; ultimately giving pupils a greater appreciation of Shakespeare.



Fourth Form Creation Theatre

Creation Theatre group also joined the Fourth Form for the afternoon to assist with the study of their set iGCSE Literature text, *A View from the Bridge*. The afternoon began with the whole year group in The Shed focussing their physical skills, before breaking into workshop groups to develop a scene using extracts of text and physical theatre. The groups then presented their scenes together to create a performance of the play as a whole.



English Literary Recitals

Mrs Howells called upon the expertise of the linguists among the teaching body for her literary recital entitled *Found in Translation: the World in Words*. After an introduction exploring the notion of language diversity, language identity and the importance of loan words from other languages in English, Mrs Howells went on to urge both younger pupils and Sixth Form students to open themselves up to every opportunity to travel and to come into contact with different experiences of the world. All linguists extolled the virtues of their chosen writers and gave inspiring performances to a receptive audience.

On Thursday 9 May, Mrs Riman gave her Literary Recital entitled *Truth*. Pupils and staff explored the origins of the novel form and examined the way in which the search for 'truth' in literature has led to experimental writing from writers such as Émile Zola, Virginia Woolf and Gabriel García Márquez. The search for truth was found to be uncomfortable, disturbing and at times outrageous.



French Theatre Production

On Tuesday 29 April, Third and Fourth Form pupils of French were treated to a performance of *Mon Père Ne Me Comprend Pas* by the excellent Onatti Theatre Company. The play told the story of Helène who is fed up with her father treating her like a little girl. The play was performed entirely in French, but the French actors spoke clearly using language that had been covered in class. There was action, humour and lots of repetition, so pupils had no problem understanding the story and lots of them laughed at the jokes!





Fourth Form Work Experience and Career Visits

In the week that followed the end of year school examinations, the Fourth Form completed a work experience programme. For two days pupils spent their time in a wide range of different businesses, on placements they had organised for themselves. This proved to be a fascinating experience and inspired many to give further thought as to how A Levels and university courses could help them to achieve their future goals. On the third day of the programme the issue of careers was looked at from different perspectives. The whole year was divided up into groups and pupils embarked on one of five separate visits. Destinations included; Airbus, The Royal Courts of Justice, Bath University Sports Village, Jaguar Land Rover and The Royal College of Art. This gave pupils an insight into possible future pathways, some of which they may not have considered previously.



Tak Nga School Visit

On Wednesday 25 June, 20 students from Tak Nga School, Hong Kong, came to visit Cokethorpe. Following a short tour of the grounds the girls went to Mrs Cooper's classroom to dissect fish in a Biology lesson, followed by a Maths lesson from Mrs Scaysbrook and Mr Purdie. After lunch in the Dining Hall, the girls went to watch the Staff v Sixth Form football match and had their final lesson of the day with Mrs Floyd where they learnt to play rounders.

Carnegie Shadowing Group

On Tuesday 13 May, pupils from across the Senior School were invited to the Cranham Library to attend Cokethorpe's inaugural Carnegie Shadowing Group meeting. The Carnegie Medal is awarded annually to the writer of an outstanding book for children. In the first of these weekly meetings the pupils were introduced to the eight shortlisted books. The task was to read as many of these books as possible and meet each week in the Library to discuss and debate the relative merits of each book.



Academic Awards 2013–2014

First Form Prizes:

Francesca Brown
Rhianna Gibson
Neve Macken
Katie Procter

Second Form Prizes:

Hannah Berry
Austin Bowsher
Amy Didcock
Louisa Flaherty

Third Form Prizes:

Michael Billing
Kate Foster
Sasha Hargreaves
Grace Henstone
Alexander Swancott

Fourth Form Subject Prizes for Academic Excellence

Art	Lily Taylor
Biology	Charlie Hodges
Business Studies	William Fletcher
Chemistry	Benjamin Foster
Design Technology (Resistant Materials)	Luke Unwin
Design Technology (Graphic Products)	Charles Fishleigh
Drama	Mia Biles
English Language	Mia Biles
English Literature	Isabella Robertson
Geography	Elle Simons
History	Alexander Billing
Latin	Arthur Blake
Mathematics	Benjamin Foster
Modern Foreign Languages (French)	Hetty Watts-Lay
Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish)	Claire Berry
Music	Jamie Langford
Philosophy	Louis Sharpe-Ward
Physical Education	Thomas Smith
Physics	Hetty Watts-Lay
Psychology	Hetty Watts-Lay
Textiles	Laura Fiedorowicz

GCSE Subject Prizes

Art	Nancy Battersby
Biology	Nancy Battersby
Business Studies	James Staples
Chemistry	Heidi Lawson
Design Technology (Resistant Materials)	Charles Hadley
Design Technology (Graphic Products)	Cate de Buriatte Moglia
Drama	Heidi Lawson
English	Marco Leone
English Literature	Nancy Battersby
Geography	George Wood
Geography	Nancy Battersby
History	Heidi Lawson
Information and Communication Technology	Ian Ratliff
Mathematics	Thomas Christensen
Modern Foreign Languages (French)	Heidi Lawson
Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish)	Thomas Christensen
Music	Thomas Christensen
Physical Education	Ross Tanner
Physics	Thomas Christensen
Psychology	Josie Dennis
Textiles	Eilish Malliagh

Lower Sixth Subject Prizes for Academic Excellence

Art	Joseph Bulman
Biology	Bethany Mulloy
Business Studies	Matthew Clark
Chemistry	Justin Foster
Classical Civilisation	Elijah Vieira-Faria
Design Technology (Product Design)	Rebecca Witchell
Drama and Theatre Studies	Thomas Amor
Economics	Andrew Berry
English Language	Ellen Willett
English Literature	Thomas Amor
Geography	William Sayer
History	Shannon Dalton
Mathematics	Joseph Foster
Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish)	Aidan King
Music	Oliver Parker
Philosophy	Daniel Pye
Photography	Annabelle Hulewicz
Physical Education	Lois Waknell
Physics	Joseph Foster
Politics	Francesco Bisley
Psychology	Shannon Dalton
Textiles	Annabelle Hulewicz

Upper Sixth Subject Prizes for Academic Excellence

Art	William Cunnington
Biology	Jonathan de Vos
Business Studies	Ryan White
Chemistry	Ewan Johnson
Design Technology (Product Design)	Anna Withey
Drama and Theatre Studies	Katie Buckley
Economics	Oliver Armstrong
English Language	Tilia Rand-Bell
English Literature	Bethany Sandland
Geography	Callum Breslin
History	Saul Garrett
Mathematics	Saul Garrett
Modern Foreign Languages (French)	Ross Battersby
Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish)	Alex Owen
Music	Jacob Yolland
Philosophy	Harry Bryson
Photography	Anna Withey
Physical Education	Scott Cade
Physics	Oliver Armstrong
Politics	Maxwell Harrington
Psychology	Anna Withey
Textiles	William Cunnington

Open Awards

Peter Small Theatre Design	Matthew Roche
Cranham Prize	Peter Blake
Lancia Fulvia Prize	Francis Plummer
Stephen Cookson Memorial Prize	Katie Buckley
Grove Prize	Aidan King
Sonia Tollady Memorial Prize	Edward Woolley
Kate Perritt Prize	Philippa Sayers
Martin Browne Memorial Prize	Matteo Catrini
Gordon Dennis Memorial Prize	Rosie Turner
Daniel Sumpter Sportsman of the Year	Harry Stevens
Boggis Rosebowl Sportswoman of the Year	Olivia Jones
Richard Reah Prize	Emily Thompson
Headmaster's Prize	Rosie Turner



Senior School Prize Giving

On Friday 11 July, parents, families and staff gathered in the marquee on the School grounds to join pupils in celebrating their achievements throughout the year. The event was also an opportunity to say farewell to the Upper Sixth students leaving to embark on the next phase of their lives

The ceremony began with a performance from the School Choir of *Patriae Domus* as staff made their way into the marquee to be seated. Outgoing Head of School, Rosie Turner (Upper Sixth, Feilden), gave an outstanding speech which was both witty and heartfelt. The speech from the Chairman of Governors Sir John Allison acknowledged how far the School has come and spoke of the positive developments ahead. Cokethorpe was fortunate enough to have welcomed the guest speaker Ian Power, Membership Secretary of HMC, who gave a humorous speech and presented the well deserved awards to pupils.

To conclude the ceremony, the Headmaster gave a 'Glastonbury' inspired speech paying tribute to all pupils, staff, parents and governors. All Upper Sixth students were then given a commemorative print of the School by the Headmaster.

Exam Results

On the morning of Thursday 21 June, Fifth Form pupils arrived at the Sixth Form Centre to collect their GCSE Results. The room was abuzz with congratulations from parents and teachers as pupils celebrated a very pleasing set of GCSE results. 39% of entries were graded A* or A and 70% achieved A* to B grades. Special congratulations must go to Tom Christensen (Fifth Form, Swift) Nancy Battersby (Fifth Form, Gascoigne) and Heidi Lawson (Fifth Form, Gascoigne) each of whom achieved 10 A*s and 1 A; a staggering set of results. 🎉



Scholars' Dinner

On Thursday 26 June Cokethorpe School hosted the first annual Scholar's Conference and Dinner where Academic Scholars from all year groups shared their findings from the academic year and presented to the audience. The evening opened with a performance from the special guests Out of the Blue, the all-male a capella group from Oxford University. Following the conference and three course dinner, Mr Warwick Daniels gave a speech reflecting on his career in education and the successful careers of his former students.





AS Photography Trip

'On Friday 20 June Lower Sixth photography students went on a trip to London's East End. We visited the Truman Brewery which displayed university students degree work. This was truly inspiring for our upcoming project, demonstrating a diverse labyrinth of skills and techniques. Whilst in Brick Lane we appreciated the graffiti of the surrounding area. In Oxford Circus we paid a visit to the Photographers' Gallery, in which we studied three artists whose work was equally unique due to their influences and backgrounds.'

Annabelle Hulewicz (Lower Sixth, Vanburgh)
and *Rebecca Witchell (Lower Sixth, Gascoigne)*



Art, Photography and Textiles Exhibition

The Annual Summer Art Exhibition took place on Thursday 4 July 2014 in the Art Department. It was a beautiful summers evening and a large number of students, teachers and parents attended to celebrate and marvel over the exciting and diverse work on display. The standard of work produced in the Art Department was extremely high with many thought provoking pieces. The photography and textiles work was equally as exciting, which resulted in one of the strongest exhibitions to date. In some cases the role of art in our society today was challenged and raised the debate; art doesn't have to be just a pretty picture, but it can be.



Loughborough Design School Trip

Design and Technology students from Lower Sixth were given an insight into life at university on their visit to Loughborough Design School. The Product and Industrial Design courses at Loughborough are considered some of the best in the country. Students met past pupils Dave Needham (OC 2010, Swift) whose final years work was exhibited in the degree show, and Lewis Williams (OC 2013, Vanburgh) who gave the students a tour of the School and campus.



Second Form Paddle Testing

'It was a sunny day when Second Form pupils arrived at the Cokethorpe Boat House to test the paddles made in our Design and Technology lessons. We all paddled down river in our KataKanus to the mile point. We crashed into the bank a couple of times but it was fun and we all had a great time. Making the paddle was a very long process. My paddle worked really well although we did get stuck under a tree!'

Sophie Wheeler (Second Form, Swift) and *Georgie Vallance (Second Form, Vanburgh)*

Exhibition Artwork

Below are some examples of the artwork displayed at the Annual Summer Art, Photography and Textiles Exhibition.

Some of the highlights included Tilly Rand-Bell's (Upper Sixth, Swift) sacrificial chicken painting which was produced as part of her final A Level examination.

Sitting alongside this was Joe Bulman's (Lower Sixth, Feilden) thought provoking wrapped figures; these pieces were in response to the title of conflict and attracted a great deal of attention.

The final textiles piece was created by Olivia Hodson (Fifth Form, Swift).



LAMDA Awards 2013-2014

Grade 2

Tom Flory	Acting	Merit
James Shaw	Acting	Merit

Grade 3

Sam Bird	Acting	Distinction
Megan Cambrey	Acting	Distinction
Tara Devine	Acting	Distinction
Rachel Dodimead	Acting	Distinction
Lottie Fellows	Acting	Distinction
Athis Knox	Acting	Merit
Ezme Pickford	Acting	Merit
Alexander Reid	Acting	Distinction
Lily Sweet	Acting	Merit
Jonathan Taylor	Acting	Distinction
Sophie Wheeler	Acting	Distinction

Grade 4

Arthur Blake	Acting	Distinction
Hayden Camidge	Acting	Distinction
Ardan Devine	Acting	Distinction
Rosie Hunt	Acting	Distinction
India Hurford-Jones	Acting	Distinction
Charlotte Jeffs	Acting	Merit
India Thomas	Acting	Merit
Sofia Ward-Naranjo	Acting	Distinction

Grade 5

Thomas Amor	Acting	Distinction
Alexander Cooper	Group Acting	Merit
Anna de Buriatte Moglia	Acting	Merit
Michaela Logue	Acting	Distinction
Louisa Mattinson	Acting	Distinction
Ella Mattinson	Acting	Merit
Ella Mattinson	Group Acting	Merit
Ruby Plumridge	Acting	Distinction
Alex Reid	Group Acting	Merit
Laurence Scott	Group Acting	Merit

Grade 6

Anna de Buriatte Moglia	Group Acting	Merit
Katie Foster	Group Acting	Merit
Rosie Hunt	Group Acting	Merit
India Hurford-Jones	Group Acting	Merit
Louisa Mattinson	Group Acting	Merit
Lydia Wannell	Group Acting	Merit
Sofia Ward-Naranjo	Group Acting	Merit

Grade 8 - Gold Medal

Katie Buckley	Acting	Distinction
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Shipwrecked

Towards the end of the Summer Term the Second Form took part in a superb production of *Shipwrecked*. Using the complex skill of Physical Theatre, with minimal props and costume, pupils excelled at telling the wonderful story of Louis de Rougemont, a Victorian castaway who claimed to have spent decades in the Pacific. The Second Form proved with this mesmerising and poignant performance that everyone can be a part of a special event, tell a magical story, and experience their share of the limelight. 📺



AS Monologues and Exam Piece

Lower Sixth AS Drama and Theatre Studies students presented their monologues and ensemble production as part of their AS Text in Performance examination. Tom Amor (Queen Anne) gave a confident performance from *The Roses of Eyam* by Don Taylor, Aimee Epelle (Queen Anne) gave an emotional portrayal from Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* and Kathryn Norris (Vanbrugh) presented a comic monologue from Alan Ayckbourn's *A Talk in the Park*. The group then presented an atmospheric tragicomedy for their ensemble piece. 📺



Kings, Queens and Arabian Nights

First Form pupils entertained a full house on Monday 30 June when they presented their Drama work based on *Kings, Queens and Arabian Nights*. After a matinee performance for the Manor Prep School, the pupils took to the stage for a second time that day for family, friends and teachers. The First Form demonstrated a wealth of immense talent, professionalism and humour, a year group that shows great promise not only on the stage, but in all aspects of their schooling. 📺



Fifth Form GCSE Performance

GCSE Drama candidates from the Fifth Form performed their practical work in front of a live audience and the visiting examiner on Tuesday 29 April in The Shed. The three groups presented some very challenging material based on the theme 'Contrasts', the plays were entitled *Metamorphosis*, *The Trial* and *The Pillowman*. All groups were professional and proficient in their execution of the pieces which were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. The candidates should feel very proud of their achievements. 📺



Summer Production

The Summer Production is usually the highlight of the Drama calendar, sadly the tragic Phoenix Players managed to rise from the ashes of their last appalling production to inflict yet another travesty upon a Cokethorpe audience with *The Return to the De La Mare Mansion Murder Mystery Revisited*. The bumbling artistic director Ken Kennett (Harry Norton Shaw, Lower Sixth, Vanbrugh) apologised to the audience for the sudden cast changes and proffered an overly long list of thanks. The play stumbled into life with an excruciating police crime scene, which was more *Bergerac* than *CSI*. Riddled with clichés and terrible puns, this sequence introduced the central figure of DCI Bridgewater (Ardan Devine, Fourth Form, Queen Anne) who was still traumatised by the mysterious events of *De La Mare Mansion* many years before. The Rookie (Mia Biles, Fourth Form, Gascoigne) questioned her superior about this event and we were treated to a 'flashback' of the lowest order possible.



We were then introduced to the rather feeble figure of Monty (Tom Amor, Lower Sixth, Queen Anne) who was suffering under the fury of his femme-fatale wife Sapphire De La Mare (Katie Buckley, Upper Sixth, Harcourt). The lunacy of this unbelievable relationship was then stretched by the appearance of Monty's mother the Duchess De La Mare (Zoe Mace, OC 2013, Harcourt) who for some reason was in a wheelchair, but could not get up on to the stage for the scene. Supported by the butler Jennings (Harry Lovibond, Lower Sixth, Queen Anne), who still could not manage to say his lines on cue, we were also introduced to the cooks Delia (Beth Mulloy, Lower Sixth,

Swift) and Natalie (Aimee Epelle, Lower Sixth, Queen Anne). Other members of this insane household were the Ambridge-based gardener Ted (Mr Walwyn), his unlikely chipper son Tod (Sam Bird, Third Form, Harcourt) and the amateurish maid Lucy (Mrs Hooper) who was understudying for another role, that of socialite guest Paris. The actress was dressed in a split costume which required her to spend half the play walking backwards and speaking in an accent which veered from Geordie to Jamaican.



As the guests arrived to a 'party' we were met with a bizarre range of characters. The villainous and yet hopeless Dr Thomas (Tom Binnie, Upper Sixth, Harcourt), the psychotic Rev Campbell Clot (Zach Bamford, OC 2013, Feilden), the flashy footballer Fabio de Souza (Louis Allen, OC 2013, Harcourt), the creepy agent Marcus Snook (Miles Beirouti, Upper Sixth, Queen Anne) and the gruffly northern Dame Agnes Clip (Mrs Cooper). The applause must go to Lady Farrah Fawcett who had wisely ducked out of a cameo and was replaced by a shop mannequin. Their motives were uncovered by the renowned detective Sir Cecil Placemat (Fran Plummer, Upper Sixth, Queen Anne) who was 'assisted' by his partner in crime-fighting, Polly Darton, a stuffed bird attached to his wrist. In truth this was an outstanding and hilarious play, which brought a wonderful Prize Giving ceremony to a close. It was terrific to see some alumni return and grace the Cokethorpe stage with their talent and to see the finest comic performers in the school have a packed marquee roaring with laughter throughout. ☑



Summer Production

Return to the De La Mare Mansion Murder Mystery Revisited Cast List

Director Ken Kennett:	Harry Norton-Shaw
DCI Bridgewater:	Ardan Devine
The Rookie:	Mia Biles
The Squad:	Ellie McBride
	Marion Bird
	Grace Wood
	Laurence Scott
	Alex Jobling
	Arthur Blake
	Louisa Mattinson
	Anna De Buriatte
	Lizzie Allen
The Hack:	Lydia Wannell
Duchess De La Mare:	Zoe Mace
Monty De La Mare:	Tom Amor
Sapphire De La Mare:	Katie Buckley
Jennings:	Harry Lovibond
Delia:	Beth Mulloy
Natalie:	Aimee Epelle
Ted:	Mr T Walwyn
Tod:	Sam Bird
Lucy/Paris:	Mrs C Hooper
Rev Campbell Clot:	Zach Bamford
Doctor Thomas:	Tom Binnie
Lady Farrah Fawcett:	Herself
Fabio de Souza:	Louis Allen
Marcus Snook:	Miles Beirouti
Dame Agnes Clip:	Mrs C Cooper
Music and Sound:	Mr B Heaney
Costume:	Mrs L Mace

Fifth Form GCSE Performers

Metamorphosis

Gregor:	Noah Hustler
Mother:	Alexandra Cross
Father:	James Bennett
Katja:	Ashlin Karslake
Greta:	Megan Bird
Spirit 1:	Millie Evans
Spirit 2:	Heidi Lawson

The Pillowman

Katurian:	Mark Rogers
Ariel:	Marco Leone
Tupolski:	George Wood

The Trial

Joseph K:	Laurence Lodge
Block:	Charlotte McMackin
Guard 1:	George Stone
Guard 2:	Amy Creed
Mrs Grubach:	Jessica Kumar
Huld:	Cameron Spilsbury
Inspector:	Joe Summers
Tittorelli:	Emily Hastings

Arts Academy

Arts Academy will continue to take place on Saturday mornings between 10am and 1pm. New members from the Senior School are always welcome; all that is required is commitment and enthusiasm. Many pupils are also taking private LAMDA lessons.

Gig Night Performers

Billy Morrison
Joe McBride
Ellie McBride
Eddie Binnie
Charlie Clarke
Harry Brown
Frankie Brown
Will Riman
George Williams
Olivia Stacey
Tom Orton
Christian Ettinger
Grace Ettinger
Scarlett Howard
Oliver Charles
Jacob Yolland
Clare Berry
Anika Patel
Lizzie Allen
Toby Watts-Lay
Danny Pye
Jamie Langford
India Hurford-Jones
Anna de Buriatte Moglia
Cate de Buriatte Moglia
Aidan King
Charlie Tobin
Francesco Bisley
Hayden Camidge
Marion Bird
Wilf Cartwright
Charlotte Dewhurst
Will Ward-Naranjo
Thomas Christensen
Richard Thompson
Henry Plumridge

Glastonbury in Numbers

For those of you who had your curiosity piqued about Glastonbury by the Headmaster's Prize Giving speech, here are a few useful facts to get you started!

Size of site: **900** acres

Perimeter of site: **8.5** miles

Capacity of the Pyramid Stage: **90,000**

Tents per hectare: **430**

Market stalls: **755**

Toilets on site: **5487**

Number of people registered to buy tickets: **1,000,000**

Numbers of tickets on sale: **120,000**

Time taken for tickets to sell out: **1 hour, 27 minutes**

Cost of ticket in 1970: **£1** (with free milk)

Cost of standard ticket in 2014: **£210**
(plus booking fee and no milk)

Approximate cost of staging the festival: **£30,000,000**

Number of cows normally wandering the fields of Worthy Farm: **400**

Gig Night 14

Simply put, better than the last Gig Night, and therefore better than any before it. That is the pattern emerging from the termly Gig Nights, each one is better than the one before. The difference being that on this occasion the performers were not auditioned. A potential recipe for disaster, but with a legacy of excellence, the presumption amongst those who want to perform is that it has to be polished. Even the youngest and most inexperienced performers were already creating a real musical atmosphere.

The Second Form Band opened and closed proceedings with *I Shot The Sheriff* and *Green Onions*. A real treat and a group to watch as they progress through school. The rest of the evening did not fail to deliver, everyone involved contributed to two hours of a thrillingly diverse selection of music performed to a near capacity audience.



Finally, headlining the evening, the very exciting and infectious sound of Friday Street, a band of Gig Night veterans. They performed three numbers including The Cure's smash hit *Boys Don't Cry*. With management in place, record company interest and a growing string of gigs under their belts already, this is certainly a group to keep an eye and ear on! [↗](#)



Choral Society Concert

'I challenge anyone not to be stirred by the opening bars of *Zadok the Priest*, played at every coronation since George II, and the Choral Society did not disappoint with their rendition. The chapel was filled with the sound of beautiful voices and the 21 members of the Society were clearly enjoying themselves as they took us on a musical journey from Handel to Fauré via the rather more unusual work of Arvo Pärt. The soloists Katherine Woolley (Upper Sixth, Queen Anne) and Mr Chim held our attention with their efforts. Such was the impressive quality of the event that the Headmaster invited the Choral Society to sing at Prize Giving'.

Jonathan Stevens, Deputy Head



Uniformity Dance Suite

The annual Uniformity Dance Show is a great platform for students to show their passion, enthusiasm and talent for dance and performance. This year had no shortage of any of the above, by exhibiting a wide variety of dance styles there was something for everyone to enjoy. The show was directed by Mr Maurice, the School's dance teacher, assisted by Connie Manning (OC 2012, Swift). Performers included both past and current pupils as well as groups associated with students of the School.

The event began with a 'Hip Hop street experience' in which audience members had the opportunity to be directly involved on stage before taking their seats. Local breakdancers Flaw R Tists were there, breakdancing to Mr Mullin playing the Saxophone and Mr Heaney with an electronic loop machine.

The show contained a mixture of solo and group pieces, all of which had completely different styles. Some of the pieces were introduced by the pupils themselves via a projector on the main screen, incorporating a good deal of humour into the show. The first act ended on a spectacular note, with the *Teacher's Line Dance* which was enjoyed by all.



Mr Maurice, the show's director commented 'Overall this was one of the best dance shows I have had the pleasure of organising and I cannot thank the students and teachers enough for their help and involvement. I hope that we have raised the bar and expectations of our audience and that next year's show will be above and beyond what we achieved this year.'



Music Award Holders Concert

Jonathan Taylor (Third Form, Feilden) was compere for this year's Music Award Holder's Recital, introducing performers from the full breadth of year groups. The Award Holders delivered confident and positive performances, proving just why they wear the badge on their lapel. It was also clear that a wide range of musical styles are enjoyed by our musicians here at Cokethorpe. We look forward to hearing more from these individuals next year in our Lunchtime Recital programme.



Lunchtime Music Recital

Our first Lunchtime Recital of the Summer Term proved that the standard of performing at Cokethorpe keeps getting better and better. Thomas Christensen (Fifth Form, Swift) opened performing his very own compositions on the piano. He was joined by Cate de Buriatte Moglia (Fifth Form, Harcourt) for a performance of *The Feeling's Rose*. Mr Mullin appeared alongside the Lower House Band who delivered a rendition of Bill Withers's *Ain't No Sunshine*. Oliver Charles (First Form, Gascoigne) then sang *Too Close* by Alex Clare, accompanying himself on the guitar, before Lukas Russell (Second Form, Gascoigne) brought things to a close with his performance of Burghmuller's *Ballad for Piano*.



Final Lunchtime Recital

Our final Lunchtime recital for this year was short and sweet. Jamie Langford (Fourth Form, Vanbrugh) made a strong case for mixed percussion with his excellent improvised performance, whilst Oliver Charles (First Form, Gascoigne) and Charlie Clarke (First Form, Harcourt) proved that they are two singer-songwriters in the making. The recital was brought to a close by a free performance from Mr Heaney and Mr Mullin on piano, voice and saxophone. We thank all performers for their input and musicality this year.

Music Exam Results 2013-2014

Grade 8

Ross Battersby	Jazz Clarinet	Distinction
Katherine Woolley	Oboe	Pass

Grade 7

Thomas Christensen	Piano	Merit
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Grade 5

Florian Goette	Theory	Distinction
Anika Patel	Singing	Pass

Grade 4

Hannah Berry	Piano	Merit
Lukas Russell	Piano	Merit
Anna de Buriatte Moglia	Singing	Merit
Billy Morrison	Singing	Merit
Frederick Gray	Singing	Merit
Elizabeth Allen	Violin	Merit
Edward Woolley	Jazz Alto Sax	Pass
Florian Goette	Piano	Pass
Evie Garbutt	Singing	Pass
Luke Garbutt	Trumpet	Pass

Grade 3

Hannah Berry	Clarinet	Distinction
Lily Sweet	Singing	Distinction
Athis Knox	Singing	Merit
Megan Cambrey	Singing	Merit
Luke Garbutt	Drums	Pass
Harry Brown	Guitar	Pass
Joseph Ciampoli-Messiou	Guitar	Pass
Will Cowley	Guitar	Pass
Louisa Flaherty	Jazz Alto Sax	Pass
Madeleine Garrett	Jazz Alto Sax	Pass

Grade 2

Charlie Clarke	Singing	Distinction
Thomas Flory	Singing	Distinction
Finley Wightman	Drums	Merit
Scarlett Howard	Singing	Merit
Reuben Gibbons	Theory	Merit
Sam Bird	Guitar	Pass
Dulcie Gibbons	Theory	Pass

Grade 1

Jack Gamble	Piano	Distinction
Harry Hanson	Jazz Alto Sax	Pass
Jacob Short	Jazz Alto Sax	Pass

Preliminary

Thomas Hart	Drums	Merit
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Junior School

First Impressions

When I first came in to Year 6 before Christmas I remember how different it was. Everyone made me feel welcome and I soon settled in. I won't forget my short time in the Junior School.

Ella Freeston, Year 6

I was excited to see my sister but I was a little bit shy. Now I can write by myself.

Chomba Lukama, Reception Class

I thought Cokethorpe was a happy and friendly place. The teachers were very good. The pupils were very kind and there is a lot of room to play outside.

Tom Riman, Year 5

When I first came I was a bit sad saying goodbye to Mummy and Daddy. But I was trying lots of new things like lunch in the dining room and now I have new friends and I really like carrots!

Cash BurrIDGE, Year 1

When I first came to school I cried. Now I like learning and music.

Bo Carrington, Reception Class

I thought the classrooms were really nice and I liked all the pictures on the walls. I liked the Library too!

Molly Ferrier, Year 1

I have been in this school since the start of Year 6. I remember taking part in football matches and will never forget it.

Ewan Short, Year 6

When I first came to Cokethorpe I was worried that no one would like me. But I made lots of friends. Everyone looked after me and they were very kind. Year 3 is a very nice class and I like Mrs Dow. Cokethorpe is the best school and I would recommend it 10 out of 10. Everyone should come here.

Max Quartley, Year 3

I was looking forward to Cokethorpe but was quite nervous. I knew there would be longer days and harder work but I soon got used to it. The teachers are friendly.

Heidi Green, Year 5

LAMDA Awards

May 2014

Solo Grade 2

Jack Harding
Gabriel Emerson

Distinction
Pass

Duo Grade 3

Ella-Mae Leach
Tabitha Howard

Distinction
Distinction

Group Grade 2

Rosa Birchenough
Chisengo Lukama
Annabel Page
Jossey Brown
Zoe Smith
Olivia Stacey
Georgia Hawes
Theresa Goette
Ella Freeston

Merit



Year 1 Steam Museum Trip

This term Year 1 children have been learning about different types of transport. To help with their history work on old forms of transport, they went to visit the Steam Museum in Swindon. The day was spent exploring various displays and hands on exhibits. They learnt about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and his part in building the Great Western Railway. The children enjoyed dressing up in authentic costumes and they also got to climb aboard an old steam train and imagined what it would be like to go on holiday in Victorian times.



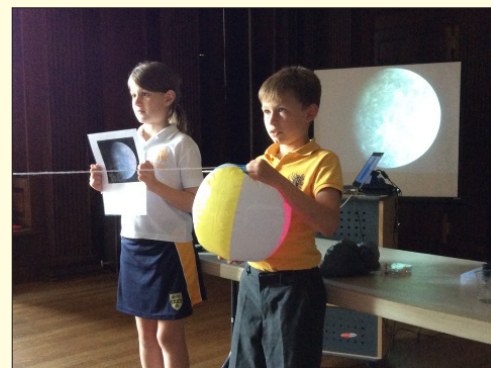
Year 5 Geography Trip to Leeson House

Swanage was the destination for the Year 5 Geography trip in May. Leeson House, the residential centre used by Cokethorpe, is set on the hillside above the town and looks out to sea. The trip included visiting Durdle Dor and Lulworth Cove, both excellent examples of the amazing coastal features Dorset is famous for. The weather was beautiful, sunny and warm, in fact ideal ice cream weather! The children studied cliffs, arches, stacks, stumps and the drawing of field sketches. They also learnt about the effects of sea erosion in the creation of bays and its effect upon the hard and soft rock. ↗



Year 5 Science Oxford Visit

On Wednesday 7 May, Year 5 were lucky enough to take a fascinating trip across the Solar System all from the comfort of the Corinthian Room. During this Science Oxford workshop, they were shown planets, moons, stars and the differences between them. Both pupils and teachers enjoyed calculating their ages in martian years (which made them much younger) and the children were able to hold a 4.5 billion year old iron meteorite. Finally, Year 5 enjoyed a practical demonstration of an infra-red camera and discovered how these cameras could be used to find possible signs of life in space.



Dressage Competition

On Saturday 17 May, the Junior School entered a team into the Inter-Schools Team and Individual Combined Training Dressage Competition organised by the Manor Prep School and held at Gainfield Farm, near Faringdon. There were four graded classes and each competitor had to perform a dressage test under Pony Club rules and also complete a show jumping round. Isabella Smith (Year 5, Symonds) was placed third and fifth in her classes and the four girls' combined scores gave the team fourth place overall. It would be lovely to enter more children in this event next year.



Year 6 Residential Trip to North Wales

The Year 6 residential trip to Llanberis, North Wales, set off on Monday 19 May in some unfavourable weather. Although the weather was unrelenting the children did not seem to notice too much and still had a brilliant time camping, trekking in the mountains, climbing and abseiling. The expedition gave the children a real insight into the difficulties and achievement of climbing and camping in a mountain environment. 📷



Year 2 Living Rainforest Trip

On Wednesday 30 April, Year 2 went on a brilliant 'Edible Forest' tour of The Living Rainforest in Newbury. They learnt about all of the plants that live and grow there and had a wonderful time finding vanilla, avocado, pineapples, cinnamon and ginger growing in the giant greenhouses. They were also delighted to discover the cocoa pods and learnt about chocolate making!



Year 4 Trip to RAF Brize Norton

The Year 4 children went on an amazing trip to Brize Norton Air Base to see the C17 cargo plane. The trip was made possible by Jadon's parents Mr and Mrs Washington. The children were given very informative talks by both the Pilot of the plane and the Loadmaster. They had the chance to go inside the cargo hold and to see how huge the aircraft was. Considering the plane cost \$250,000,000, the Year 4 children felt very lucky to be allowed to sit in the pilots seat in the cockpit and examine all the equipment!

Reception Class Westfield House Trip

On Monday 7 May, the Reception Class children were lucky enough to be invited to Westfield House nursery to meet with Miss Clack, a lady who rescues exotic animals. The children were introduced to a chameleon, two snakes, a pygmy African hedgehog, a skunk and a wallaby! Miss Clack told them all about the animals, how they came to be rescued, and also allowed the animals to be touched and stroked. The trip was both educational and fun.



Last Impressions

I have been in this school since Reception. I have been involved in sports fixtures and cross country races. I will be sad but excited to leave the Junior School.

George Langford

I am going to miss all the fun things that we do in Junior School and I am really going to miss the teachers, they did a fantastic job!

Olivia Stacey

I will never forget the Junior School and walking through the archway. Mr O'Connor's singing voice will be in my head forever!

Chisengo Lukama

I joined Cokethorpe in Reception and have made many friends along the way. I have participated in lots of sporting events and loved them all.

Jack Wilde

I joined in Year 5 and made lots of friends. All the teachers are fantastic. I can't wait until Senior School.

Benji Pegram

I have been here for three years and can't wait to start my fourth year in Senior School.

Victoria Cowley

I was nervous when I first arrived here but by the end of the day I felt that I was part of a family.

Libby Flaherty

I have been here for many years now and I have found it hard to let go of the Junior School. I have achieved many things.

Jack Harding

My first term at Cokethorpe School was one of the best, huge classrooms and 6ft tall teachers! One of my most memorable moments was winning the IAPS sailing competition with Barty.

Fletcher Sharp

One of my favourite memories was in Year 4 when Mrs Marchbank said we were allowed to use pens in our exercise books. We were all excited!

Benjamin Shaw

Cokethorpe Carousel

The Pre-Prep children continue to welcome their friends from Westfield House Nursery School twice a week for the Cokethorpe Carousel sessions.

Did you know?

Chameleons tongues can be as long as their bodies. They can balance on a branch by gripping it with their claws and wrapping their tail around the branch to hold on. Chameleons can even sleep upside down!

Forest School

There are dedicated areas of woodland at the Ernest Cook Outdoor Education Centre used for regular Forest School sessions. This is a way of incorporating outdoor learning experiences for children and young people into their normal school life; children spend regular sessions in an area of woodland that is natural, safe and accessible, working to their usual curriculum but in an outdoor setting.

Forest School has allowed the Junior School children:

- The time and space to explore and learn at their own pace
- To develop a relationship with their outdoor environment through frequent and regular experiences throughout the year
- To use their own inherent individual style of learning
- To develop their own self-esteem and confidence
- To learn to work as part of a team

Forest School offers children:

- Opportunities to make their own assessments of risk
- Opportunities to develop thinking, speaking and problem solving
- Opportunities to build on their innate motivation and positive attitude to learning
- Opportunities to help them understand, appreciate and care for the natural environment

Inter-House Rounders

Results:

- 1st: Symonds
2nd: Gwyn
3rd: Lockwood
4th: Baker

Year 6 Leavers

Junior School would like to wish a fond farewell to the Year 6 Leavers:

Joshua Algar	George Langford
Matthew Bell	Amelia Leslie
Rosa Birchenough	Meredith Longman
Imogen Brown	Chisengo Lukama
Isabel Buckingham	Anas Mahamed
Isabelle Carnell	Rory Morrison
Victoria Cowley	Luke Munday
George Donald	Annabel Page
Jarvis Drew	Benjamin Pegram
Samuel Elek	Harrison Phipps
Gabriel Emerson	Freddie Quartley
Grace Ettinger	Harvey Sawyer
Jack Ferrito	Fletcher Sharp
Elizabeth Flaherty	Benjamin Shaw
Ella Freeston	Ewan Short
Frederick Gascoyne	Olivia Stacey
Bartholomew Gray	Max Swancott
Jack Harding	Jack Wilde
Geneva Hedges	Cole Skinner
Harrison Holloway	



Sports Day and Mini Olympics

Junior School Sports Day and the Pre-Prep Mini Olympics was held in glorious sunshine. The afternoon began with the 60m sprint from Reception Class up to Year 2. Even the youngest athletes were competitive as they sprinted down the track.

Once the Pre-Prep had finished their sprints they went off to enjoy an afternoon of mini Olympics, kindly organised by Mrs Floyd.

The Junior athletes then competed in their Houses in both track and field events. Special mention must go to Max Hanson (Year 5, Baker), Harrison Phipps (Year 6, Symonds) and Isabel Buckingham (Year 6, Lockwood), who all broke existing school records on the track. In one of the tightest decisions of recent years Isabel Buckingham was eventually awarded the Burfitt Cup for the outstanding athlete of the day.

The afternoon culminated in the 4x100m relays, where despite Baker House winning both the boys and the girls relays they could not prevent Lockwood House from being crowned the overall House winners for 2014. [🔗](#)



Life Education Bus

The Thames Valley Life Education Bus spent a week at the Junior School to give workshops in support of the PSHE programme. Topics included: All About Me, My Wonderful Body, Feelings, Meet the Brain, It's Great to be Me, Friends, and Decisions. The children from Reception to Year 6 were given the opportunity to enjoy activities and learning-based workshops and discuss how to look after themselves and others and to make wise choices and decisions. These activities were then followed up in their PSHE lessons in class.



Year 4 Milestones Trip

On Wednesday 14 May, the Year 4 children dressed up in 1940s clothes, tied on their identity labels and were 'evacuated' to the Milestones Museum! With them came an array of teddies, gas masks, suitcases and pillow cases filled with World War II rationed lunches. Milestones is a 'Living History' museum, set out as streets from the past, with authentic vehicles parked outside shops and buildings. The trip supported their history topic about life during the 1930s and 1940s and was a valuable learning experience, enhancing the children's understanding of life in the past.



Year 3 Sulgrave Manor Trip

On Wednesday 11 June, Year 3 visited Sulgrave Manor; a superb example of a modest manor house of Shakespeare's time and home to the ancestors of George Washington. Dressed in Tudor costumes, the children walked in the Great Hall, kitchen and bedchamber amongst the furniture and artefacts of the period hoping to catch a glimpse of a ghostly figure or two! The children then acted out the story of the Tudor Kings and Queens and even partook in a Tudor dance.

Pond Dipping Workshop

'The pond dipping experience was very educational. We found many different species of pond life in the trays of water. We found tadpoles, boatmans, water leeches, pond snails, water beetles and other pond animals. We then discussed what we found with the zoologist. We ticked off the animals on a sheet and added up the amount of animals the class have found. The zoologist then took out a grass snake and some toads, we all held the toad but only a few stroked the grass snake. Overall it was a great, fun and an educational experience. I would love to do it again.'

Fletcher Sharp (Year 6, Gwyn)



Junior School Inter-House Rounders

The Junior School Inter-House Rounders tournament was once again met with excitement and enthusiasm. The weather was beautiful as the girls took to the pitches all desperate to do their best for their respective houses. All the girls displayed strong teamwork and the teams were led very well by their house captains to ensure it was an exciting competition. Olivia Stacey (Year 6, Gwyn) and Ella Shaw (Year 5, Baker) were particularly superb with their batting skills. Congratulations to Symonds who were the overall champions.



Reception Class have Grape Fun with Hattie's Mum

On Wednesday 18 June, the Reception Class welcomed Mrs Hunt, Hattie's Mum, who came to tell the children about how grapes get from the growers to our shops. It is her job to buy the grapes from the producers. Mrs Hunt brought lots of interesting slides for the class to look at. The children were able to taste several punnets of grapes and were also very kindly given some to take home to share with their families.

Prize Giving Performance Cast List

The Life of William Shakespeare (5HL)

Narrators	Hester Beer Casper Bolton Lui Buckingham Jake Crozier David Haar Jamie Hammond Max Hanson Szofia Homoki Matilda Hurford-Jones Gracie Karslake Taiga Kobayashi Emily Mumford Jack Roberts Isabelle Stagg Thomas Orton Marni Cox
Shakespeare	
Puck	

Macbeth Part 1 (6ND)

Three Witches	Victoria Cowley Geneva Hedges Amelia Leslie
Soldiers	Joshua Algar Anas Mahamed Freddie Quartley Max Swancott
Banquo	Harrison Phipps
Macbeth	Jack Harding
Messenger	Jack Wilde
King Duncan	Samuel Elek
Servant	Benjamin Pegram
Lady Macbeth	Elizabeth Flaherty

Viking God Saga Stories (3JD)

Saga One - Odin creates the Universe	
Loki	Dee Biles
Odin	Ellis Leach

Saga 2 - Freyja in the Goblins' Cave

Odur	Mikail Hamid
Freyja	Emily Martland
Loki	Reece Waltho
Goblin	Theo Langford

Saga 3 - Thor and the Giants: The Giant's Glove

Loki	Daniel Ferrier
Thor	Freddie Murfitt
Giant Skrymnir	Joseph Curry

Saga 4 - Thor and the Giants: The Drinking Feast

Loki	Kye Carrington
Thor	Max Quartley
Giant Skrymnir	Charles Kerton
Granny Giant Hel	Lily Oxbey

Saga 5 - Ox Stew and Eagle

Loki	Phoebe Hichens
Odin	Lewie Camidge
Eagle	Olivia Freeston

Saga 6 - Falcon and Sparrow

Loki	Jasmine Hammond
Iduna	Ruby Sharp

Pre-Prep Red Riding Hood

Part 1 I Love Red (ORT)

Kiara Kaltschmidt
Finlay Barnas
Thomas Blackmore
Bo Carrington
Claudia Goldie
Jack Harris
Hattie Hunt
Chomba Lukama

Junior School

Cast List Continued

Thomas Rohlff
Abigail Shaw
Antonio Virk
Giovanni Virk

Part 2 (1KM)

Hedgehog	Amelia Furlong-Price
Squirrel	Jack Hammond
Rabbit	Cash Burridge
Badger	Edward Allen
Wolf	Jack Turner
Narrator	Rebecca Williams
Ma	Amelia Atkinson
Red Riding Hood	Molly Ferrier
Mrs Midgley	Nancy Beer

Part 3 Red Riding Hood Meets the Wolf (2LO)

Wolf	Monty Bolton
Red Riding Hood	Charlotte Sales
Rabbits	Noah Carrington
	William Macleod
	Sebastian Tattersall
Squirrels	Tegan Buckingham
	Henry Cook
	Edward Harris
Blackbirds	Fraser Barnas
	James Harris
	Eddie Hawes
Fairies	Lily Charles
	Madeline Goldie
	Kalina Kaltschmidt
Grandma	Abigail Donald
Woodcutter	Findlay Knox
Children	Lola Blackmore
	Jonathan Li

Macbeth Part 2 (6ZH)

Servants	Isabel Buckingham
	Grace Ettinger
	Benjamin Shaw
Lady Macbeth	Isabelle Carnell
Macbeth	Fletcher Sharp
Banquo	Jarvis Drew
King Duncan	Jack Ferrito
Malcolm	Harvey Sawyer
Donalbain	Cole Skinner
Ross	Harrison Holloway
Macduff	Gabriel Emerson
Assassins	Meredith Longman
	Imogen Brown

Roman Britain (4MM)

Roman Soldiers	Liam Crozier
	Harrison Furlong
	James Furlong-Price
	Max Hichens
	Charles Holloway
	Benedict Orton
	Jadon Washington
Roman General	Elliot Beale
Roman Ladies	Madeleine Flaherty
	Tabitha Howard
	Holly Hendrick
	Matilda Wyatt
Roman Gentleman	Henry Birchenough
Boudicca	Ella-Mae Leach
Celtic Women	Emily Bell
	Isabella Clarke

Tudor Exploration (5BG)

Narrator	Jocelyn Brown
Bystanders	Isabella Smith
	Ella Shaw
Ferdinand Magellan	Jenny Allen
Sir Francis Drake	Heidi Green
Columbus	Edith Wannell
Sir Walter Raleigh	Harvey Gould

Junior School Charity Week

The children in the Junior School held a week of events in June to support their chosen charity, SpecialEffect. These events included a raffle, a toy sale, cake and lolly sales, 'Guess the Number of Sweets' and 'Fish for a Bag' stalls. There were also a number of 'pop-up' stalls instigated by the children, fuelling a roaring trade in jewellery and bracelet making! The children enjoyed a House Day as part of the week, where they dressed in their House colours and joined in with an exciting afternoon of fun sports, followed by a House Tea.



The children learnt about the charity in an assembly where Dr Mick Donegan gave a presentation on computer technology. SpecialEffect is a charity that enables disabled children and young adults to access computers via a range of special adaptations and equipment and software. The children were able to see the Eye-gaze technology in action. This helps to open up communication, independence, self-esteem and quality of life for people who can't use a computer effectively in any other way.



The Junior School would like to thank everyone very much for all the support for their Charity Week. They had lots of fun and raised a great deal of money. The amazing total for the week reached £1619.



Year 6 Electric Lego Workshop

On Wednesday 18 June, Year 6 children created their own mini towns from Lego in a Science workshop. Every table was completely covered with roads and lakes that were filled with the houses, bridges, shops and cafes the children had created. They then had the additional challenge of lighting up their villages and powering the trains and motor cars that they had built. The afternoon was not only very informative but also a magical experience.



Reception Class Trip to Farmer Gow's

On Thursday 19 June the Reception Class visited Farmer Gow's Activity Farm. They had a lovely day feeding the baby animals and even held a gosling. Before lunch, eggs were collected from the farm which helped the children learn to count. In the afternoon they played on the toy tractors, climbed the hay bales and went on a very bumpy trailer ride!

Junior School Prize Giving

The sun shone on the resplendent Mansion lawn providing the most glorious setting for Junior School Prize Giving, which took place in the marquee on Thursday 10 July.

As is traditional, the day began with drama productions from each class, in which every child had a speaking role as well as a splendid costume created by Mrs Mace. A number of performances were linked to curriculum areas studied throughout the year and many parents commented on both the quality of the drama on offer as well as the pupils' enthusiasm throughout.

5HL began the entertainment in Tudor costume depicting the life of William Shakespeare. The first of three acts of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* followed, and after an atmospheric Witches dance, 6ND took to the stage. Year 3 then had the task of creating six Viking God Saga stories. Highlights included Thor and the Giants which caused much amusement.

Next the audience were in for a treat as the Reception Class processioned around the stage dressed in ladybird costumes complete with glasses and backpacks and beautiful poppy dresses for the girls, to deliver the opening to the Pre-Prep Performance of *Red Riding Hood*. Year 1 children performed the first piece, followed by Year Two who continued the traditional tale in accomplished style dressed as animals and fairies from the wood.

The Junior School Chamber Choir sang *When I grow up* from *Matilda the Musical* to great applause, followed by *Macbeth Part Two* performed by 6ZH after a confident and amusing opening from three servants.

Year 4 performed their historical presentation, this time on Roman Britain. The audience were also treated to an amusing take on 'Masterchef' which included Roman ingredients such as milk fed snails, stuffed dormice and fish sauce!

5BG transformed us once again to Tudor England where explorers sailed the seas. The audience enjoyed the dance routines to more contemporary music but the acting from the whole class was of a particularly high standard.

The final Year 6 performance was from 6MO who were then joined by the rest of the Year 6 pupils on stage and sang a poignant finale.

The performance ended with the whole of the Junior School singing *Count on Me* by Bruno Mars, which brought another Cokethorpe Junior School Prize Giving to a wonderful conclusion. 🎭



Cast List Continued

John Cabot	Thomas Riman
Martin Frobisher	Sam Marples
Richard Chancellor	Jonathan Peach
Elizabeth I	Zoe Smith
John Hawkins	Thomas Wardell-Yerburgh
Phillip II	Thomas Smith-Donald
Sailors	Theresa Goette
	Elizabeth Braithwaite
	Georgia Hawes
Captain Thomas Doughty	Joe Ferrier

Macbeth Part 3 (6MO)

Banquo (as a ghost)	George Donald
Macbeth	Frederick Gascoyne
Lady Macbeth	Chisengo Lukama
Ross	Ewan Short
Macduff	George Langford
Servant/Soldier	Rory Morrison
The Three Witches	Rosa Birchenough
	Annabel Page
	Olivia Stacey
Handmaiden	Ella Freeston
Doctor/Soldier	Bartholomew Gray
Malcolm	Matthew Bell
Donalbain	Luke Munday

Prize Giving Awards

Academic Prize Winners

1KM	Amelia Atkinson
2LO	Monty Bolton
3JD	Dee Biles
4MM	Madeleine Flaherty
5BG	Jocelyn Brown
5HL	David Haar
6ND	Elizabeth Flaherty
6MO	Ewan Short
6ZS	Fletcher Sharp

Pupil of the Year

1KM	Edward Allen
2LO	Kalina Kaltschmidt
3JD	Max Quartley
4MM	Holly Kendrick
5BG	Isabella Smith
5HL	Hester Beer
6ND	Victoria Cowley
6MO	Rosa Birchenough
6ZS	Jarvis Drew

End of Year Awards for Effort

1KM	Amelia Furlong-Price
2LO	Henry Cook
3JD	Jasmine Hammond
4MM	Henry Birchenough
5BG	Harvey Gould
5HL	Isabelle Stagg
6ND	Joshua Algar
6MO	Olivia Stacey
6ZS	Isabelle Carnell

Cup Winners

Julie Stormont Art Cup	Annabel Page
Claire Hooper Drama Cup	Jack Harding
Louise Bridge French Cup	Max Swancott
Improvement and Progress Shield	George Donald
Music Cup	Benjamin Shaw
Sports Cups	Amelia Leslie
	Luke Munday
Junior School Cup	Frederick Gascoyne

Sixth Form

Lasting Impressions

Walking out of my final exam, I was overcome with a sense of relief. A long stretch of exams were behind me and a future full of opportunities lay ahead. However, it was a bittersweet victory; some of the best times of my life were no doubt behind me too and the uncertainty of the future left me unsure how to feel. I believe that this is the nature of things and often, like Cokethorpe School, we do not realise how good something was until it has passed us.

From Drama to Science and Music to English there was, and is, always an air of passion for the subject. There is no experience quite like learning from someone that truly loves their subject, an experience that every student will have experienced during their time at Cokethorpe. For all of the leavers this year, I am sure they understand that the type of close, family atmosphere that Cokethorpe has achieved will not be available everywhere. As such, it is with a great deal of sadness that I leave, but a sense of gratitude for the opportunities that I was supplied with will stay with me forever.

*Ewan Johnson
(2007-2014, Queen Anne)*

Looking back on the seven years I have spent at Cokethorpe I realise that I have so many happy memories to take with me into the future; the comfort of the familiar faces around the school and the beautiful grounds in which our school is set. I have particularly enjoyed the long lunch breaks in the Summer Term in which I could spend time with my friends on the field. Cokethorpe could be compared to a family where we all strive together to develop and encourage each other as individuals, in our houses, and also as a whole school community.

As an eleven year old I looked up to the Sixth Formers and aspired to be like them, to enjoy their privileges and to take on their responsibilities, especially the welcome breaks of coffee and biscuits provided by the Cuppa ladies! Finally, when my time came I appreciated the time and effort required to achieve these goals especially on the sports field. From First Form to Fifth Form we each grow up tremendously but it is these two Sixth Form years that shape us into the young people we are, prepared individuals to enter the next stage of our lives. I leave with a heavy heart but look forward to returning in the future, for reunions with both staff and pupils and to see how the school is thriving.

*Pip Sayers
(2007-2014, Swift)*

Sixth Form Ball

The Sixth Form year was rounded off in fine style at the annual Sixth Form Summer Ball. Over 175 students and staff enjoyed a fantastic dinner followed by a live band, a DJ, lots of dancing and fireworks. The event took place on the Mansion Lawn and this year's theme was 'Carnival' to coincide with the World Cup in Brazil. For those students in the Upper Sixth this was a final opportunity to look back fondly on their time at Cokethorpe and it was great to see students and staff sharing many happy memories. 📷



Prefects' Dinner

'On Thursday 8 May, Prefects and members of the Common Room gathered for a dinner in celebration of the years' many successes. The evening commenced with a drinks reception followed by a delicious three course meal. The occasion provided an opportunity to reflect and reminisce on the trials and triumphs that the Prefect body has undertaken this year. Head of School, Rosie Turner gave a witty speech, expressing her thanks to the Prefect body whilst, jocularly announcing budgetary recommendations for the rest of the year. The evening was rounded off with a general knowledge quiz compered by Mr Maskery.'

Brian Clarke (Upper Sixth, Queen Anne)





Head of School

Harry Lovibond (Lower Sixth, Queen Anne) will be the Head of School from September 2014. He will be supported by Deputy Heads of School, Beth Mulloy (Lower Sixth, Swift) and Lois Waknell (Lower Sixth, Harcourt). Speaking shortly after the announcement Harry said 'It is a great honour to be appointed at the forefront of the school for next year. Together we hope to work hard in order to meet everyone's expectations and we are extremely pleased to take on this responsibility and privilege.'

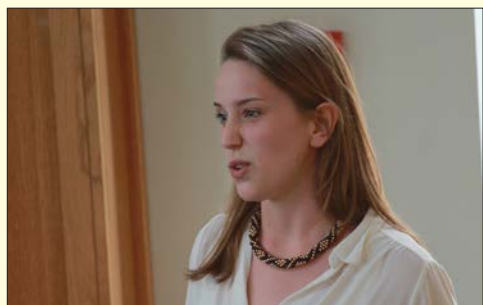
Exam Results

Despite being in the middle of the summer holidays, the Sixth Form Common Room was full at 8am on Thursday 14 August as the Upper Sixth waited nervously to find out those much anticipated A Level results. Individually there were some impressive performances but as a year group the Upper Sixth achieved the School's target of sustaining two-thirds of grades at A*-B. It was especially pleasing to see a number of students achieve grades in excess of those required for their first-choice university. ☑



Lower Sixth Scholars Presentations

On Friday 2 May, those students who completed Extended Projects as part of the Lower Sixth Scholarship Programme presented their findings to a group of their peers and teachers, including the Headmaster. The presentations complimented the 3000-word research papers that these students completed before Easter. The presentations covered a diverse range of topics, including: *Three Parent Babies*, *Reasons for the Fall of the Western Roman Empire*, *Myostatin Inhibitors in Human Muscle Development*, and the *Psychology of Education*. These students demonstrated an impressive commitment to their independent learning through completing these projects and presentations.



Lower Sixth Destination Dinner

The Destination Dinner concluded the Lower Sixth information programme in relation to future options for life after Cokethorpe. The School was very fortunate to welcome back former students Callum Staff (OC 2009, Gascoigne), Alex Shorey (OC 2005, Feilden), Alice Jess (OC 2005, Gascoigne) and Amy Minch (OC 2008, Vanbrugh) as guest speakers. They shared invaluable knowledge with students about both university and the world of work. Matthew Barkham (OC 2013, Feilden), an Upper Sixth student from last year, kindly returned to School and delivered a presentation on his Gap Year which he has just completed with Arsenal Football Community Project where he became involved with coaching children in London and Ghana.



Prefects for 2014 – 2015

Head of School Harry Lovibond
Deputy Heads of School Beth Mulloy
 Lois Waknell

Head of Houses

Feilden Laura Cardy
Gascoigne Aidan King
Harcourt Alex Haywood
Queen Anne Will Ward-Naranjo
Swift Rebecca Coles
Vanbrugh Toby Cole
Lower House Tom Deabill

Prefects Charlotte Dewhurst
 Will Parsons
 Jason Wong
 Adam Roche
 Kat Norris

Enlightenment Lectures

Enlightenment Lectures for 2014 – 2015 include:

Tuesday 23 September 2014

Alex Hibbert, Arctic Guide and Photographer

To seek, to find and not to yield.

Tuesday 7 October 2014

Rt Revd John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford

Why should I...bother with God?

Tuesday 11 November 2014

Two speakers TBC

Why should I...bother with Europe?

Tuesday 27 January 2015

Professor Elizabeth Stokoe, Professor of Social Interaction, Loughborough University

Why should I...bother with talk? Social life, as it happens.

Tuesday 10 February 2015

Ben Heaney, freelance musician, electric violin specialist and teacher

Why should I...bother with music? Why it needs you, and why you actually need it.

Tuesday 17 March 2015

Professor Russell Foster, Director, Sleep and Circadian Neuroscience Institute

So, how should I sleep?

University Destinations

Following a very successful A Level Results Day, Cokethorpe students celebrated securing places at some of the most prestigious institutions in the country. The number of students securing a place at their first choice university was higher than ever. Russell Group and 1994 Group universities make up the highest proportion of destinations, with over 60% of students accepting final places at these world-leading institutions for teaching and research. Students studying subjects ranging from Fine Art to Agriculture have also secured a place on some of the most competitive courses for their chosen field of study. ☑

Sport Representatives

County, Regional (*), All England (**) and National (***) representatives for 2013-2014:

Badminton

Hannah Craig (Second Form, Gascoigne)

Cricket

Max Smith (Fourth Form, Feilden)

Jack Tomes (Fourth Form, Queen Anne)

Jack Hobbs (Second Form, Queen Anne)

Cameron Elphick (Fifth Form, Queen Anne)

William Kent (Third Form, Feilden)

George Williams (Second Form, Harcourt)

Equestrian

Caitlin Belsham (Lower Sixth, Gascoigne) ***

Will Fletcher (Fourth Form, Gascoigne) ***

Golf

Keely Harding (Fourth Form, Feilden)

William Kent (Third Form, Feilden)

Oscar Craik (Second Form, Feilden)

Hockey

James Dodimead (Fourth Form, Queen Anne)

India Hurford-Jones (Third Form, Swift)

Daniel Bailey (Third Form, Gascoigne)

Jenny Wells (Third Form, Queen Anne)

Maddie Garrett (Third Form, Feilden)

Francesca Brown (First Form, Vanbrugh)

Neve Macken (First Form, Vanbrugh)

Kayaking

Sam Glover (Fifth Form, Queen Anne) ***

Netball

Evie Phillips (Third Form, Swift)

Emily Kent (Second Form Form, Harcourt)

Rugby

Tom Smith (Fourth Form, Swift)

George Murrin (Lower Sixth, Swift)

Alex Haywood (Lower Sixth, Harcourt)

Alastair Grime (Fourth Form, Swift)

Thomas Empson (Upper Sixth, Feilden)

Thomas Dee (Upper Sixth, Vanbrugh)

Elijah Vieira-Faria (Lower Sixth, Harcourt)

William Kent (Third Form, Feilden)

Olivia Jones (Upper Sixth, Queen Anne) **

Jack Taylor (Fifth Form, Gascoigne) *

Rugby (Wasps Academy)

Freddie Holford (Third Form, Feilden)

William Kent (Third Form, Feilden)

Alexander Swancott (Third Form, Vanbrugh)

Soccer (Oxford United Academy)

Joe Whittington (Fourth Form, Gascoigne)

James Tanner (Fourth Form, Vanbrugh)

Joe Wilde (Fourth Form, Harcourt)

James Wheeler (Fourth Form, Swift)

Alex Wheeler (First Form, Swift)

Annabel Clarke (Second Form, Feilden)

Tennis

Evie Phillips (Third Form, Swift)

Tom Craig (Third Form, Gascoigne)

Hannah Craig (Second Form, Gascoigne)

Sky Sports Living for Sport Project



'In our sports academy sessions over the last term we have participated in the Sky Sports *Living for Sport* Project. The project involved a variety of activities promoting the six key areas to success. The Six Keys to Success were:

- Mental toughness
- Hunger to achieve
- People skills
- Sports and life knowledge
- Breaking barriers
- Planning for success



Each week a different PE teacher discussed a Key, for example playing dodge ball whilst blind folded which looked at breaking barriers. In each lesson we discussed elements of each Key and how each of us could improve, as well as looking at how each Key adapted itself to our individual sports and careers. This allowed us to look at our weaknesses and consider areas we needed to concentrate on.



We then had the privilege of spending a day with Thinus Delpont an ex-professional rugby player who represented South Africa eighteen times. This was a great opportunity to speak to someone who had achieved their goal of playing at a sporting level we all aspire to reach. He spoke about his experiences and the steps he took to becoming a professional sportsman.

To test the new skills developed during the project, we were set the challenge of organising the Mini Olympics for the

Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 children of the Junior School. This tested our planning, teamwork and people skills. It was an event that stretched us, taking us out of our comfort zone but one that was successful and very enjoyable.'

Tom Smith (Fourth Form, Swift)

U13A Rounders Triumph



'On Tuesday 20 May the U13A rounders team took part in a tournament at St Helen and St Katharine School. We had to play four teams in our group which consisted of St Helen and St Katharine (B), Headington School (B), St Gabriel's and Rye St Anthony. Despite only having had one training session as a team before the tournament, we won all four games and clinched a win against St Gabriel's School in the Semi Finals.

A very excited team were now through to the final against St Helen and St Katharine (A). We knew we would need to be on the top of our game to beat them. Some excellent batting from Hannah Craig (Second Form, Gascoigne) and great fielding from Emily Kent (Second Form, Harcourt), Annabel Clarke (Second Form, Feilden) and Charlotte Jeffs (Second Form, Vanbrugh) meant that the final ended in a draw. Everyone was feeling very tense including our supporters as we went into extra time play off with five balls per side. We worked well as a team and the final score was St Helen and St Katharine 1 1/2 - Cokethorpe 2 1/2 with Cokethorpe crowned tournament winners.'

Megan Cambrey (Second Form, Feilden)

Road to Wimbledon



Cokethorpe had a clear sweep at the Oxfordshire county finals of the Road to Wimbledon, the largest U14 grass court tournament in the UK.

Evie Phillips (Third Form, Swift) won the final in straight sets after only dropping five games all day and Tom Craig (Third Form, Gascoigne) won his final in a tense third set tie-break. This meant that Evie and Tom qualified to play on the world famous grass courts of Wimbledon on Monday 11 August to Saturday 16 August 2014 in the National finals.

Hannah Craig (Second Form, Gascoigne) made it through to the semi-finals and Sam Orton (Third Form, Swift) won all his matches in qualifying.

Only 48 girls and 48 boys make it to National finals of the Road to Wimbledon, so for one school to have both representatives in the final is a fantastic achievement. Congratulations to all the players for their outstanding performances.



Ten10 Success

On Wednesday 2 July Cokethorpe participated in the annual senior T10 tournament. Each side played three group games with the top two teams meeting in the final. Cokethorpe bowled first against King Edward VI School, Stratford, restricting them to 65 runs, in reply Cokethorpe scored at a free flowing rate. Harry Stevens (Upper Sixth, Swift) and Jason Cardy (Lower Sixth, Feilden) secured a good run rate for Cokethorpe to win with overs to spare.



U15 Cup Winners



This term the U15 football team completed their Quarter Final (W 3-1) and Semi Final (W 1-0) County Cup matches in quick succession before taking on Cheney School in the final on Thursday 22 May. Playing at Thame United, the boys were advised before the match by coach Mr Capel simply to be the best version of themselves and enjoy the occasion. The boys did just that, performing brilliantly to win 4-0.

Two goals were scored in the first half by Joe Wilde (Fourth Form, Harcourt) followed by a superb team goal finished off by James Wheeler (Fourth Form, Swift), before Will Fletcher (Fourth Form, Gascoigne) added a fourth. Unfortunately, thunder and lightning meant the final was ended 22 minutes early but all fourteen members of this team deserve great credit for a season which ended with only one defeat in the first game played back in January.

Rugby

Congratulations to Freddie Gray (Second Form, Gascoigne) who has been nominated for Player of the Season by his local team, Cheltenham Rugby Club.

Cricket Results

1st XI

v Bloxham School	Lost by 6 Wickets
v Shiplake College	Won by 8 Wickets

U15A

v Shiplake College	Won by 9 Wickets
v Stowe School	Won by 8 Wickets
v Bloxham School	Won by 26 Runs
v The Oratory School	Lost by 8 Wickets
v Kingham Hill School	Won by 7 Wickets

U15B

v Bloxham School	Won by 4 Wickets
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U14A

v Shiplake College	Won by 4 Wickets
v Bloxham School	Won by 4 Wickets
v The Oratory School	Lost by 39 Runs
v Sir Thomas Rich's	Lost by 10 Runs
v Akeley Wood	Lost by 86 Runs
v St Edward's School	Won by 7 Wickets

U14B

v Stowe School	Won by 10 Runs
v Bloxham School	Won by 4 Wickets
v The Oratory School	Won by 4 Wickets

U13A

v Bloxham School	Lost by 9 Wickets
v Magdalen College	Lost by 49 Runs

U13B

v Bloxham School	Won by 23 Runs
v Magdalen College	Lost by 5 Wickets

U12A

v Bloxham School	Won by 57 Runs
v Abingdon School	Lost by 68 Runs
v Sir Thomas Rich's	Lost by 42 Runs
v Bloxham School	Won by 97 Runs

U12B

v Rendcomb College	Won by 1 Run
v Sir Thomas Rich's	Lost by 56 Runs
v Magdalen College	Lost by 35 Runs

U15 Soccer Team

Joe Whittington (Fourth Form, Gascoigne)
 Louis Beresford (Fourth Form, Queen Anne)
 Max Hine (Fourth Form, Swift)
 Max England (Fourth Form, Gascoigne)
 Richard Turner (Fourth Form, Feilden)
 Matthew Ellacott (Fourth Form, Feilden)
 Tom Smith (Fourth Form, Swift)
 James Wheeler (Fourth Form, Swift)
 Sam Sweet (Fourth Form, Queen Anne)
 Ben Munday (Fourth Form, Harcourt)
 James Tanner (Fourth Form, Vanbrugh)
 William Fletcher (Fourth Form, Gascoigne)
 Joe Wilde (Fourth Form, Harcourt)
 Billy Herbert (Fourth Form, Harcourt).

North Oxfordshire Athletics Championship Results

Junior Girls

Jess Alexander (Third Form, Feilden)	1st	100m
Jess Alexander (Third Form, Feilden)	1st	200m
Becky Alexander (Second Form, Feilden)	4th	75m Hurdles
Becky Alexander (Second Form, Feilden)	2nd	200m
Elise Loeffen (Third Form, Gascoigne)	4th	Discus
Elise Loeffen (Third Form, Gascoigne)	4th	Shot-put
Rebecca Algar (Third Form, Vanbrugh)	4th	75m Hurdles
Rebecca Algar (Third Form, Vanbrugh)	6th	High Jump

Junior Boys

Elliott Couse (Second Form, Swift)	7th	100m
Elliott Couse (Second Form, Swift)	2nd	Long Jump
Callum Rowe (Third Form, Harcourt)	5th	800m
Callum Rowe (Third Form, Harcourt)	4th	Long Jump
Harry Brown (Second Form, Vanbrugh)	5th	Javelin
Will Allen (Second Form, Vanbrugh)	6th	Javelin
Will Riman (Second Form, Feilden)	7th	Javelin
Luke Jackson (Second Form, Swift)	5th	800m
Tom Jackson (Second Form, Swift)	6th	1500m
George King (Second Form, Harcourt)	5th	1500m

Intermediate Girls

LuisaMae Lisi (Fourth Form, Harcourt)	1st	100m
Keely Harding (Fourth Form, Feilden)	2nd	Shot-put

Intermediate Boys

Matthew Ellacott (Fourth Form, Feilden)	1st	100m
Matthew Ellacott (Fourth Form, Feilden)	2nd	200m
Joe Whittington (Fourth Form, Gascoigne)	1st	400m
Joe Whittington (Fourth Form, Gascoigne)	4th	200m
Ben Munday (Fourth Form Harcourt)	2nd	800m

Holland Sports Tour

Lower House Pupils departed early on Monday 14 April to begin what was to be a memorable sports tour from Cokethorpe to Holland. After an eight hour coach journey pupils and staff finally arrived at their accommodation just outside of Eindhoven. Pupils were based in self contained bungalows amongst woodland, however the teachers were never far away. The pupils spent the first morning exploring the park, making use of the impressive swimming pool and water slides, and hiring out bikes and pedalos. In the afternoon both the boys and girls made their way to their first fixtures of the tour.

The U12 and U13 boys had two strong Soccer fixtures, both teams played exceptionally well with special mention to Charlie Clarke (First Form, Harcourt) who was awarded Man of the Match for the U12 match winning on penalties, and Elliot Couse (Second Form, Swift) for the U13 match which despite a strong performance lost 7-3. Meanwhile, the girls were warmly welcomed by their opponents. Both teams knew it was going be a tough match which would have required some strong teamwork but even this was not enough to hold back these organised Dutch sides. Special mention to the Players of the Match Ezme Pickford (First Form, Vanbrugh) and Dila Müldür (First Form, Gascoigne).

The second day of fixtures saw the boys travel into Eindoven to play Rugby. The U12's were victorious with a score of 45-12, producing some fine handling and support play throughout the match. The U13 team also performed well against some physical opposition with a fantastic overall victory resulting in 43-19.

After some fantastic fixtures whilst on tour, the final day was spent participating in a wide variety of activities including tennis, archery and bowling.



Athletics

Cokethorpe have celebrated some fantastic achievements in Athletics this Summer Term. On Tuesday 20 May, 25 athletes from Cokethorpe represented the school in the North Oxfordshire Athletic Championships at Horspath Stadium. Pupils were competing for a place in the county squad which will go to the England School Championships later in the season. Jess Alexander (Third Form, Feilden) and Becky Alexander (Second Form, Feilden) dominated the 100m and 200m junior girls races whilst Joe Whittington (Fourth Form, Gascoigne), Matthew Ellacott (Fourth Form, Feilden), and LuisaMae Lisi (Fourth Form, Harcourt), cruised through to win the Intermediate sprints.

The success continued on Thursday 5 June when the Lower House athletes travelled to St Hugh's School to take part in the Annual Invitational Athletics Meet. Cokethorpe faced opposition from Prior Park and St Hugh's School, and a successful afternoon saw Cokethorpe crowned the winners. That afternoon, Cokethorpe won the 800m girls and boys, 200m girls, the 100m girls and boys, and both 4 x 100m relays. The field event competitions were met with the same fortune, and many parents and staff were impressed with the talent displayed by our pupils.



Sports Award Dinner

The Sports Award Dinner was held on the evening of Friday 23 May in recognition of the sporting talent and successes of the senior teams and individuals throughout the year.

The awards were presented by special guest Erin Orford who also gave an inspiring speech about her journey to reaching an elite level and winning three equestrian medals at the London Paralympics.

Throughout the evening each coach and team captain took to the stage to deliver a review of the seasons highlights. The evening was rounded off with the presentation of the Director of Sport Award which this year went to Mr Daniels for 40 years of service to Cokethorpe Sport. The award not only shows an appreciation for the many years of service and dedication but is also a worthy acknowledgment of the considerable success he has brought to the Clay Pigeon Shooting teams.



Cricket

The Cricket Term once again saw some poor weather disrupt fixtures. However, those that were played saw all teams have some comfortable wins as well as some very close losses. The most successful team of the season were the U14B's who won all but their final match of the season.

There are a lot of positives to take away from the season. All the boys had worked hard in the nets in games lessons, and this really showed during matches and will continue to show going into the Cricket Term next year. Special mentions must go to Jack Hobbs (Second Form, Queen Anne) and George Williams (Second Form, Vanbrugh) for their performances, and also Jack Tomes (Fourth Form, Queen Anne) who scored an impressive 50 runs.



Summer Carousel

This Summer Term saw the introduction of the sports carousel programme during afternoon games lessons. Three week blocks of athletics, rounders, tennis and kayaking allowed students access to a full range of alternative sports. Aside from this, the girls were able to compete in the Aegon Tennis League, a number of athletics events and some competitive rounders fixtures. It was clear that the range of activities and opportunity was enjoyed by all and we are already looking to run the carousel next year with the possibility of adding some additional sports.



Sports Award Dinner

Director of Sport Award: Mr W Daniels

Clay Pigeon Shooting
Excellence in Clays: Tristan Saget
Most Improved Shot: George Wood

Cricket
Coach's Player: Jason Cardy
Most Improved: Max Smith
Players' Player: Max Smith

Hockey
Coach's Player: Connie Gascoyne
Most Improved: Vanessa Blake
Players' Player: Olivia Jones

Boys Hockey
Coach's Player: Alex Owen
Most Improved: Billy Garrett
Players' Player: Jason Cardy

Netball
Coach's Player: Olivia Jones
Most Improved: Vanessa Blake
Players' Player: Holly Keylock

Rugby Union
Coach's Player: Harry Stevens
Most Improved: Alex Haywood
Players' Player: Tom Dee

Soccer
Coach's Player: Scott Cade
Most Improved: Sam Boughton
Players' Player: Scott Cade

Sports Captains 2014-2015

Athletics
Lois Waknell (Lower Sixth, Harcourt)

Clay Pigeon Shooting
Mattias Athwal (Lower Sixth, Swift)

Cricket
Jason Cardy (Lower Sixth, Feilden)

Hockey
Izzy Smith (Lower Sixth, Harcourt)

Kayaking
Oliver Parker (Lower Sixth, Feilden)

Netball
Lois Waknell (Lower Sixth, Harcourt)

Rugby
Will Routledge (Fifth Form, Queen Anne)

Soccer
Charlie Cassettari (Lower Sixth, Vanbrugh)

Tennis
Evie Phillips (Third Form, Swift)

Jericho Mile

Sasha Palfreyman (First Form, Swift) took part in the Jericho Mile Fun Run on Sunday 22 June. Not only did Sasha finish first in this race which is an achievement in itself, she also raised over £200 in sponsorship for a charity very close to her heart, the National Autistic Society.

The Houses

Sports Day Results

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

The Burfitt Cup for the best performance of the afternoon was won by Jess Alexander (Third Form, Feilden).

Records that were broken throughout the event:

Long Jump Upper First Boys
Elliot Couse
4.84m

400m Fourth Form Boys
Tom Smith
56.85s

4x100m Relay Boys Fourth Form
Swift
50.22s

100m First Form Girls
Georgie Kent
12.9s

100m Third Form Girls
Jess Alexander
12.72s

200m Third Form Girls
Jess Alexander
27.19s

Long Jump Third Form Girls
Rosie Hunt
4.69m

4x100m Relay Fourth Form Girls
Harcourt
57.84s

Inter-House Cricket

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

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

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



Sports Day

On Thursday 3 July, the Senior School pupils travelled to Tilsley Park in Abingdon for the most eagerly awaited sport event of the Summer Term – Senior School Sports Day.

The House colours beamed under the bright sunshine as the competitors gathered in the stand and eagerly awaited the start of the first events.

A wide range of track and field events were fiercely competed for as everyone tried their hardest to win points for their House. Throughout the day a number of School records were broken allowing all six Houses to pick up extra valuable points.

After a tough day of competition Swift emerged as the winners and the Burfitt Cup for the best performance of the day went to Jess Alexander (Third Form, Feilden) for taking the sprint double in the 100m and 200m with School record breaking times.



Vanbrugh Shake Shop Visit

Lower First Vanbrugh loved their trip to *The Shake Shop* in Witney one sunny Wednesday lunchtime in June. After winning The Ashes Cup a record breaking six times in a row, it was agreed that they should receive a big reward. Most went for a chocolate flavoured milkshake but the vanilla was a hit as well. Everyone enjoyed pizza and hot dogs with pepperoni being the popular choice. Barney Bolton (First Form, Vanbrugh) thought 'we deserved it after all our hard work.' The form have decided to try and achieve even more Recommendations next year with some setting themselves a personal target of 100.



Inter-House Rounders

The Senior School rounders competition was a fantastic display of teamwork. In both the Lower House and Senior House events the weather was perfect for exciting, lively and well fought matches. Emma King (Lower Sixth, Harcourt) and Yasmin Wall (Third Form, Harcourt) were outstanding in their fielding and batting skills. In Lower House, sisters Emily (Second Form, Harcourt) and Georgie Kent (First Form, Harcourt) dominated play throughout the tournament. The scores of the Senior and Lower House tournaments were added together to give Harcourt the crown as overall champions.



Inter-House Cricket

This year's Inter House cricket was contested across two age groups: Lower House, and Third and Fourth Form combined. In both competitions the usual rivalries existed with a round robin format as a group stage followed by semi-finals and finals. The competition saw a high level of cricket being shown as well as some sporting house rivalry. After coming out on top in both the Senior and Lower House matches, it was Vanbrugh that emerged Inter-House Champions. They produced some accurate bowling and intelligent batting when under pressure.



Lower House BBQ

With no threat of rain, and only a few fluffy clouds to soften Friday afternoon's deep blue sky, pupils in Lower House were excited about the promise of burgers and buns, sausages and salads.

The vast majority of Lower House quickly changed into their best home clothes after the Headmaster's assembly and reassembled in the Lower Quad where Sixth Form and staff were on hand to direct them to games of volleyball, rounders or impromptu football matches. Others were pleased to be allowed to enjoy the School's parkland at their leisure, to chat in small groups, or to explore the grounds at a time that is not usually possible.

Once the barbecue was well underway and hunger and thirst took hold, everyone was treated to a satisfying array of food, accompanied by the sounds of Charlie Clarke (First Form, Harcourt) and Oliver Charles (First Form, Gascoigne) who played their guitars and sang beautifully as they enjoyed socialising together.

Thanks must go to the catering department for preparing the food, to the maintenance team for preparing the barbecues and to the Lower House tutors for offering their time and support. Of course, thanks must also go to everyone who brought in a dessert and especially those who prepared a homemade sweet treat.



Feilden Shake Shop Visit

'During this Academic Year, each tutor group in Lower House has been responsible for both devising and performing a short assembly centred around a key value from our WIT sessions. Focussing on resolving conflict in our play, Mrs Pratley named First Form Feilden the winners of a trip to the Shake Shop in Witney. Our reward comprised of drinking milkshakes and eating pizza. It was a lovely treat and thank you to Mrs Pratley and Mr Carter for organising it.'

Katie Procter (First Form, Feilden)



Ashes Cup

The Ashes Cup is competed for by all forms in the Lower House. The number of recommendations achieved by the pupils is added together and then divided by the number of people in the form. The form with the highest average wins.

First Form Vanbrugh	28 April
First Form Vanbrugh	12 May
Second Form Gascoigne	2 June
First Form Swift	26 June

Half Term Heroes

First Half of Term

Oliver Laughton	(First Form, Feilden)
Henry Kurton	(First Form, Gascoigne)
Charlie Clarke	(First Form, Harcourt)
Jennifer Hodges	(First Form, Queen Anne)
Alex Wheeler	(First Form, Swift)
Wanyu Wang	(First Form, Vanbrugh)
Jack Gamble	(Second Form, Feilden)
Ruby Plumridge	(Second Form, Gascoigne)
Louisa Flaherty	(Second Form, Harcourt)
Hamish Emerson	(Second Form, Queen Anne)
Jacob Short	(Second Form, Swift)
George Williams	(Second Form, Vanbrugh)

Second Half of Term

Athis Knox	(First Form, Feilden)
Teo Loeffen	(First Form, Gascoigne)
Lawrence Topley	(First Form, Harcourt)
Harry Hanson	(First Form, Queen Anne)
Sasha Palfreyman	(First Form, Swift)
Neve Macken	(First Form, Vanbrugh)
Nick Meyer	(Second Form, Feilden)
Lucas Allum	(Second Form, Gascoigne)
Felix Checksfield	(Second Form, Harcourt)
Dominic House	(Second Form, Queen Anne)
Dulcie Gibbons	(Second Form, Swift)
Austin Bowsher	(Second Form, Vanbrugh)

Inter-House Rounders

Lower House

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

Senior

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

Overall

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



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Practice Expeditions

On the weekend of the 26 and 27 April the Blue Group from the Fourth Form braved the drizzly weather to undertake their DofE practice expedition. Shadowed by a member of staff on the first day, all groups walked a loop round the reservoir and particularly enjoyed the muddy section! All participants sufficiently impressed the staff so were allowed to walk on the second day unaccompanied through Wytham Woods. Despite there being some tricky points of navigation on the route, everyone did exceptionally well. This combined with their excellent camp craft, ensured a very successful weekend for the Blue Group.

The Yellow Group undertook their practice expedition in hot and sunny weather, in stark contrast to their peers the week before. With hats and suncream at the ready, they all took on the reservoir route, tackling all the challenges with aplomb, including the very muddy path half way round. In the evening, Fourth Form pupils cooked themselves a meal, for many of them this was for the first time. All pupils proved themselves capable enough to walk alone on the Sunday and after a mammoth game of hide and seek, they headed to bed. After a good night's sleep and a cooked breakfast, the groups set out for the challenge of the final day. Some struggled to meet the deadline of their departure time in the morning, however all showed good pace throughout the day getting to the checkpoint in excellent time. Although tired, everyone returned home happy and passed the practice expedition.

On Saturday 24 May the final group of Fourth Form pupils assembled for their DofE practice weekend. Unfortunately, it seemed as if the Yellow Group had used up all of the pleasant weather. As the groups arrived the rain was torrential. Those that needed to repack their bags on arrival quickly learnt about the importance of careful planning. However, as the walk began, the weather calmed and although there were showers, the rest of the day was less severe. All groups successfully managed to navigate their routes. The excessive rain in the morning made the path by Bablock Hythe particularly muddy, with several pupils losing boots in the sticky mess! After a calmer evening the sun was shining on Sunday. Some struggled in the wood but everyone made it to the end and passed the weekend. A few participants learnt that they need to carry slightly less to make their jobs easier!

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award

In CEW, the Fourth Form undertook their DofE Bronze assessment in the Nettlebed area. Under the watchful eye of their assessors and the Cokethorpe Staff they made their way to the campsite with little trouble, putting everything that they had learnt into practice. Some groups struggled on the second day, but all dealt with their adversity well and came away feeling like they had truly achieved something. All participants passed the award and should be very proud of themselves for completing their expedition so successfully.



Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award

In the final weeks of term, the two Gold DofE groups headed to Dartmoor for the final time. Under assessment, they each had a project to undertake as they hiked from Okehampton to Ivybridge. Following some super weather in the days leading up to the expedition, the participants were wholeheartedly unlucky as the heavens opened on their first day. While the conditions made their expedition challenging, in a way it ensured they kept focussed and fostered a strong team spirit. As each investigated the water on Dartmoor; one group investigating its purity, the other its effect on topography, both made their way down the western side of this treacherous area. Both groups passed and have to make their final presentations on their projects before wrapping up what has been an exceptionally successful year for the DofE Gold Award participants.



Second Form Camp

'During the Summer Term Second Form pupils had the privilege of taking part in a camp run by Reach Outdoors. Over the course of the two days we took part in many activities including; climbing, kayaking, raft building, laser tag and team building. This helped us to bond. Not only was the camp filled with adventurous activities, but we also felt closer to nature as we camped under the stars with our friends. The whole experience taught us that learning can be fun and life is not just about playing computer games. Our advice is to take a step outdoors – you never know, you might enjoy it!'

*Amy Didcock (Second Form, Queen Anne)
and Anna Wallace (Second Form, Swift)*



CEW

This year pupils visited various locations from London to Cheddar Gorge. Lower First investigated all aspects of geology from the healing properties of the Roman Baths to the impressive strength of the rock as it held their weight climbing. Second Form learnt more about the country we live in as they travelled to the Capital and created their own marketing campaign for the Land of Hope and Glory. Third Form enjoyed every aspect of water culminating in rafting down the Olympic Kayaking Course at Lee Valley. Fourth Form put their bodies to the test, undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze final expedition and investigating Sport Science. All pupils had an exciting four days and ended the week tired, but happy.



Lesotho Trip

As the dust settled on a busy term, a group of intrepid Sixth Form students made their way to the mountainous kingdom of Lesotho. Their destination for the first week of their stay was St Agnes Mission. From here, the group explored the Teyateyaneng region, played football with various community groups and visited families. Their primary focus though was the continued development of Ha Fusi Secondary School. Having raised money to build and supply a poultry house, the group laid the first few layers of blocks before leaving the job to the experts. The second part of the visit involved a drive into the mountains to a beautiful lodge at Malealea and the group embarked on a day of pony trekking followed by a day on mountain bikes. The trip was a great success; the community welcomed the students with open arms and the students rose to the challenge admirably. 📷



CEW Activities

First Form to Fourth Form pupils participated in a wide range of activities during CEW.

First Form - Geology

Trip to Bath, rock climbing and an overnight stay
Trip to Cheddar Gorge
Day Trip to Clearwell Caves
West Oxfordshire Geology Day

Second Form - 'Land of Hope and Glory'

Trip to the Tower of London
Boat Trip up the Thames
'Jack the Ripper Tour'
Museum of London Trip
Tour of the BBC Studios
Iron Bridge Gorge Museum Trip
Advertising Task, creating a campaign to encourage visitors to come to England

Third Form - Water

Kayaking in KataKanus
Windsurfing at Cotswold Water Park
Coracle Making and Bushcraft Survival Skills
Lee Valley White Water Rafting

Fourth Form - Sports Science and Duke of Edinburgh Award

Sports Science Workshop Day
RAF Halton Trip
Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition

Rafiki Thabo Foundation in Lesotho

In 2003, one of the trustees of the Foundation discovered a small group of secondary students being taught at Ha Fusi primary school. They could not afford to go to secondary school and the primary school teachers were trying to help as much as they could. Like many schools in Lesotho, Ha Fusi primary school is a church school, run by the Anglican Church of Lesotho. Rafiki Thabo stepped in to help raise funds so that the church could open a secondary school at Ha Fusi. The village chief gave land for the school and eventually a three classroom school was built.

In 2009 the school was officially registered with the government, meaning that Ha Fusi are able to receive funding from the government for overall running costs. Since the government's promise in 2009, Rafiki Thabo has supported the school by paying the teachers while the bureaucratic cogs of government ground slowly. It has taken four and a half years, but the great news in December 2013 was that finally all eight teachers were receiving their salary from the Lesotho Government. This means that for its day-to-day needs, the school is self-sufficient.

RAG Week Activities

Pupils organised an exciting programme of events for RAG Week, including the following;

Cake and Sweet Sale
Wig Shots
Nerf Gun Targets
Shoot the Hoop
Shoe Clean
Milkshake Stand
Lucky Dip
Knock Cans off Sticks
Beat the Goalie
How Many Sweets in the Jar?
Stocks
Ice Cream Sale
Guess the Teacher
Volleyball Tournament
Find the Form
Third Form Boys v U14A Girls Netball
Sponsored Leg Wax
Cross Bar Challenge
Mario Carts Challenge
Jousting
Design your own T-Shirt
Sticks in the Sand
Bullseye Darts
Sumo-suits
Giants Gauntlet
Staff v Sixth Form Football Match

RAF Halton Visit

During CEW, members of Fourth Form visited the RAF training establishment at RAF Halton to undertake a variety of tasks. The aim of the day was to enable pupils to see how they contribute to team situations and consider what value they add as individuals. After an initial insight into the workings of the RAF, pupils completed a 'square-bashing' drill. For some, walking in a straight line has never felt so difficult! A trip to the RAF museum gave pupils an insight to the history of the personnel in the RAF and especially their roles and training. Perhaps the most daunting task to Cokethorpe pupils seemed to be the level of cleanliness expected of recruits' rooms. After lunch, team-building exercises were undertaken. This ranged from creating a workable wheelbarrow to moving teams across obstacles.

Fifth Form Dinner

On Monday 30 June, pupils and staff were treated to a sumptuous dinner to celebrate the Fifth Form and the end of their exams. The Secret Garden theme was beautifully represented in the Dining Hall, with decorations on the tables and photos from the pupils' past projected onto the wall. Eloise Shephard (Fifth Form, Queen Anne) organised the event with panache and energy. Each course was delicious and prepared expertly by the catering staff. The speeches made by both staff and pupils were entertaining and reflective in equal measure. The evening was full of laughter, poignancy and moments that will stay in guest's memories.

Raising And Giving Week

Cokethorpe's RAG Week was a great success, with pupils coming together in true community spirit to raise over £6,000 for their nominated charities, the Rafiki Thabo Foundation and Helen and Douglas House. Throughout the week form groups organised a wide range of different activities, from the ever-popular cake sale through to a Sixth Form v Staff football match. Four young men from Fourth Form Gascoigne went as far as to have their legs waxed! On Friday afternoon, the school was transformed into an idyllic (rather sugary) scene with a jousting horse, sumo wrestling suits and candy floss amongst the many treats as children enjoyed a 'country fair'. Whilst a great deal of fun was had by all, the seriousness of the occasion was brought home by visiting speakers from both the charities, who led WIT sessions and spent time speaking to pupils. Huge thanks go to the CPA for organising a tea and cake sale and for contributing so generously to the Auction of Promises. The week was a pupil initiative and they organised the events; they did themselves proud.



The Manor Prep School Visit

On Monday 30 June, Years 4 and 5 from The Manor Prep School came to Cokethorpe for a visit. The girls had a tour of the School grounds and were then given the opportunity to participate in a History and Arts session. Following a brief introduction to Henry VIII and his crown, Ms Taylor gave all the girls a plain gold crown and lots of jewels to decorate them. The girls were busy making their own crowns which they wore proudly to The Shed to watch First Form pupils present the first instalment of their drama work based on Kings, Queens and Arabian Nights. After a delicious picnic lunch in the School grounds, the girls set off for the second instalment in The Shed.



Competition Menu:

Minted Lamb Stew served with a creamy Colcannon Mash and Honey Glazed Potatoes. Strawberry Granola Tumble, rolled oats topped with strawberry infused yoghurt finished with strawberries, pineapple and grapes.

Chef of the Year Competition

On 22 July, Cokethorpe's Chef de Partie Jason Bufton entered the Palmer and Howells Chef of the Year Competition and made it to the finals held in Leatherhead. Jason narrowly missed the top spot scoring a high mark thought to put him in one of the top positions, however this year only first place was awarded.





Standlake and Cokethorpe Scouts

'The 1st Standlake and Cokethorpe Scouts has 26 Beavers and we meet every Thursday. The highlight of this term was the visit to Eynsham Fire Station, where we had a tour of the station. The Beavers were so excited during their trip as there was a real fire alert so the fire engines left with the sirens blazing. More firemen turned up to finish our tour.'

The Beavers had another successful annual camp at Cokethorpe School on Saturday 23 August. This was our fifth Cokethorpe camp and the Beavers always have a fantastic time camping at School.'

Sara Staples, Beaver Leader for 1st Standlake and Cokethorpe Scouts



Run-Ride-Row Charity Challenge

'Over five days in May 2014, a team of eight ran and cycled in relay, day and night, from John O'Groats to Lechlade. From there, we climbed into a boat and rowed down the Thames over three days to finish in Marlow. A total distance of 780 miles. We organised the challenge with the aim of raising funds for Marlow Opportunity Playgroup.'

Thanks to Cokethorpe School for allowing us to use their Boathouse to switch over teams. Your support, along with the help of other rowing clubs down the Thames, was invaluable. For more information please see our website www.runriderow2014.co.uk.

Ian Maiden, Team Member

Judo Summer Camp

From Thursday 21 August to Monday 25 August, a weekend Judo Camp was held in The Shed at Cokethorpe School. The event was jointly organised by Roger Harris and Annette Shaw, who commented 'Held within the wonderful environment of Cokethorpe School, this camp which is now in its second year, is an inclusive judo camp for all ages and abilities. With training provided by the British Judo Council squad coaches and other highly skilled 6th dan judo players, it offers a great opportunity to practise and learn the sport of Judo, with others from around the UK.'

Transfer Day

Pupils new to the Junior School and those moving into the Senior School were invited to spend the day in their new classes with their new teachers. The pupils were very excited to meet others who will also be in their class in September. They enjoyed the challenge of finding their way around the School, starting to make new friends and sampling lessons. By the end of the day the children felt reassured that when they start in September, not only will they be familiar with the School layout, but they will also know a few friendly faces. The day finished with tea for families, a welcome opportunity for parents to get to know each other.

New Developments

Annual Fund 2014

The Annual Fund 2014 closed on Thursday 31 July. Through the donation of entrance deposits, regular standing orders and one-off gifts, the total raised was £10,395. These gifts, as well as a generous donation from the Cokethorpe Society has allowed the school to purchase 700 Hymn books and an original, restored Queen Elizabeth II telephone box for the School's book exchange which will allow pupils the opportunity to swap their old books for new.

Thank you to all those who supported the Fund this year. A full report will be available in due course, along with the outline of the new projects for the Annual Fund 2015. ☑

Mansion Façade Renovation

On Monday 31 March 2014 work started on renovating the external building façade of the Mansion. The works comprised of cleaning and external repairs to the stonework of the front façade and replacement of the flat leaded roof over the entrance. It also included the repair and redecoration of timber window frames as well as re-laying of York stone paving at the building entrance.

This is the first stage of a phased programme to restore the stonework of the Mansion over



a period of ten years. The work has been completed by OG Stonemasonry, a local company based in North Leigh, Witney. The first stage is now complete and we are delighted the Mansion façade has been restored to its former glory.

Book Exchange - Donations Needed

To get our telephone box book exchange underway we would like to encourage all pupils to bring a book in to School. It can be fiction or non-fiction, all books are welcome. Please take your books to Mrs Patrick in the Library.

Maintenance Projects

The most significant projects undertaken over the summer holidays were:

- Implementation of Firefly, virtual learning environment software
- Installation of Sophos BYOD software to control mobile devices
- Installation of 100MB fibre internet connection
- Upgrade of all PCs and laptops to Windows 7
- Replacement Samsung telephone system
- Refurbishment of the Junior School toilets in the Mansion
- Repairs and renewal of the roof on the Art block and boys changing rooms
- Continued program of repair of the ceilings in the Mansion
- Decoration of many areas around the site

The Cokethorpe Society

Degree Results

William Draper (OC 2011, Harcourt)
Music, University of Plymouth
BA (Hons), First (2014)

Joel Gascoyne (OC 2011, Gascoigne)
Criminology, Swansea University
BSc, 2:2 (2014)

Jordan Gillies (OC 2010, Feilden)
History, University of York
BA, 2:1 (2014)

Hannah Gleeson (OC 2010, Harcourt)
Biochemistry, Cardiff University
BSc (Hons), First (2013)

Kimberley Mallett (OC 2010, Gascoigne)
Animal Science, Nottingham University
BSc (Hons), 2:1 (2014)

David Needham (OC 2010, Swift)
Industrial Design and Technology,
Loughborough University
BA, First (2014)

Chloe Pickford (OC 2010, Vanbrugh)
Sport Science, Nottingham Trent
BSc, 2:1 (2014)

Torin Pocock (OC 2010, Gascoigne)
Political Science and Philosophy,
University of Birmingham
BA, 2:1 (2014)

Carys Protheroe (OC 2010, Queen Anne)
Marine and Freshwater Biology,
University of Hull
BSc (Hons), 2:1 (2014)

Callum Staff (OC 2009, Gascoigne)
Civil Engineering, University College
London
MEng, First (2014)

Shona Stanley (OC 2011, Vanbrugh)
Biomedical Science, Manchester
Metropolitan University
BSc (Hons), 2:1 (2014)

Georgina Toumazou (OC 2011, Gascoigne)
Anthropology and Sociology, Brunel
BSc, 2:1 (2014)

Christopher Wheeler (OC 2010, Feilden)
International Relations, University of the
West of England
BA (Hons), 2:1 (2014)

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Sports Festival

The staff and OCs met for their annual cricket match on Friday 28 June. Staff took to the field first and wickets began to fall with some aggressive bowling. The OCs managed to total up a respectable score of 153. The staff started well and kept up with the run rate. The match came down to the wire with Player of the Match, Harminder Bhella (OC 2010, Queen Anne), hitting a six for the winning runs!



The hockey match got the festival started on Saturday 29 June. The School XI took the lead after an impressive start. The OCs came back strongly, dominating the end of the second half. With the scores level going into the second half the pressure was on and the talent from the OCs started to show. The final score was 3-1 to the OCs.



Meanwhile the OC v School 1st XI football match got underway. Play ebbed and flowed and scores were level at half time. As tiredness set in for both sides and with 15 minutes to go the OC defence finally gave way to a School goal and a second goal brought a comfortable 2-0 victory. Christian Perkins (OC 2005, Harcourt) was awarded Man of the Match.

The Cokethorpe Shooting Ground was happy to welcome back a few familiar OC 'shots' from the past. The competition of 24 birds, from four stands, eventually saw Ethan Bosse (OC 2013, Vanbrugh) stealing victory from Charles von Hoven (OC 2013, Vanbrugh), by a single clay in the Shoot Off.



The OC team were looking incredibly strong and very tall for the netball match! The first three quarters were closely contested. After the third quarter the score was very close at 8-6 to the OCs. Not to be deterred the staff team felt that a last push was in order and completely dominated play winning the final quarter 8-0 making the final score 14-8 to the staff. 🏐

The Cokethorpe Society



Reunion Dinner

We were delighted to welcome 80 of our alumni and friends from across the years and around the world back to Cokethorpe for the Reunion Dinner on Saturday 28 June. OCs from the 1950s through to recent leavers spent the night reminiscing and sharing memories and experiences with fellow OCs, the Headmaster and current staff. A few OCs came with books and photos of their time at Cokethorpe to share with their friends and the Foundation Office. Following a very lively drinks reception, OCs were treated to a delicious three course meal. Tony Baker, Chairman of the Cokethorpe Society, then said a few words about the Society and presented a gift to Warwick Daniels to thank him for all his support of the Cokethorpe Society. Guests continued to socialise and share stories until the minibuses came to transport guests home. It seems festivities did not end there and continued in Witney until the early hours of the morning! Thank you to everyone who came and made it such a memorable event. 📷



Old Cokethorpean News



Lena Beardsell

'I recently came back from my first operational tour in Afghanistan. I gave up my job as a Teaching Assistant at Teddington School last summer and became a full time reservist going on tour with CRHQ AGC to work in Camp Bastion, Helmand Desert from December 2013 until June 2014. I am a Lance Corporal and was deployed as an individual to join the team out there. As a Reserve Soldier I support the regular units. Giving up my job at Teddington School was a hard decision to make but I think it was worth it for the life experience I have gained out here.'

Lena Beardsell (OC 2007, Feilden)



John Meyer

'I left Cokethorpe in 1978 and after a few years in the family business I started working for a Jaguar dealer in Chelsea. Sixteen years on and I found myself working for drinks company Allied Domecq as MD of an international division. Acquisition followed by rationalisation saw me opt for GTP retraining in 2008. A year later I was a qualified teacher, working in a Kent Secondary School. In 2012 I chanced upon a TES advert for a Business Teacher in the Seychelles and I have just signed a new two year contract as Head of KS4 and Business and Economics.'

John Meyer (OC 1978, Harcourt)

Weddings

Congratulations to Tom Woodley (OC 1999, Vanbrugh) who married Becky on Saturday 17 May.



Congratulations to Henry Wenman (OC 2009, Vanbrugh) and Sarah Davey (OC 2009, Gascoigne) who married on Wednesday 28 May at Spelsbury Church, Oxfordshire.



Lost Cokethorpeans 1970

Can you help us find the following lost Cokethorpeans who left in 1970?

Charles Coles
Nicholas Hazzeldine
John Hubbard
Julian Hucklesby
Richard Hughes
Simon Lane
Andrew Lawrence
Michael Longinotto
Jonathan Murray
Kevin Partlett
Andrew Pearson
Denis Rahilly
Marcus Steel
Adam Williams

Successes

Congratulations to Lizzie Hardie (OC 2012, Queen Anne) who captained the Royal Agricultural College Ladies' shooting team to a 100% success rate throughout 2013-2014 defeating all universities at all competitions, achieving the Ladies High Gun at Nationals and being awarded the RAU 2014 Sportswoman of the Year.

Congratulations to Henry Purdy (OC 2012, Queen Anne) who was part of the England Under 20s squad that successfully defended their Junior World Championship, beating South Africa 21-20 at Eden Park, Auckland. Henry moved to Gloucester Rugby Club from Leicester Tigers in the summer of 2014.

Congratulations to OCs Ethan Bosse (OC 2013, Vanbrugh), Charles von Hoven (OC 2013, Vanbrugh) and Jordan Gillies (OC 2010, Feilden) who took part in this year's British Schools and Young Shots Championships and came third in the Old Pupils Team Competition. Ethan also came joint third in the Old Pupil Individual Competition.

Cokethorpe Parents' Association

Summer Ball

Many thanks to all the staff who helped make this event such a success; Mrs Bennett for managing bookings, the Foundation Office for their support with marketing and printing and the Maintenance Department for providing such an amazingly well kept venue. Special thanks to Claire, Ozgur and the Catering Department for serving up a delicious dinner, with the aid of several Old Cokethorpeans who waited on the tables attentively.

The CPA committee would also like to thank all parents and guardians for their support at events over the past year.

CPA Coffee Mornings

Every Tuesday during term time from 8.30am to 9.15am in Cuppa.

New and existing parents are invited to socialise over hot refreshments during the Michaelmas Term, commencing Tuesday 9 September 2014.

Forthcoming Events

Murder Mystery Evening

Saturday 11 October
7.00pm - 11.00pm

Bonfire and Fireworks Night

Friday 7 November
7.00pm - 9.00pm

Christmas Fayre

Thursday 4 December
7.30pm - 9.00pm

Please visit the School website for further details closer to the event. Book tickets through the Box Office at boxoffice@cokethorpe.org or on 01993 892338.


CPA Committee

Chair: Catherine Christensen
Vice-Chairs: Kirsteen Fellows
Sara Knox
Secretary: Adi Hughes
Treasurer: Flynn Reid

Members: Damian Ettinger
Victor Faria
Julie Grime
Nick Moglia
Sarah Plumridge
Clare Priestley-Smith
Hannah Wharton
Louise Wightman
Catherine Mason

The CPA Committee meets once a month at 8.00pm in the Corinthian Room. They are always keen to welcome new members and if you are interested in joining please get in touch. There are many people who prefer not to join a committee but are willing to volunteer their help at specific events. A list of such 'helpers' is kept and the Committee is always grateful to hear from anyone willing to join it. Please email catherine@o-a-c.co.uk.

Summer Ball

The beautiful school grounds provided the perfect setting for the CPA Summer Ball on Saturday 12 July. The Prize Giving marquee was transformed with large colourful paper pompoms, box trees with fairy lights, agapanthuses borrowed from Mr and Mrs Stevens and beautiful flowers expertly arranged by Mrs Fellows. Guests arrived to the beautiful sounds of a harpist and enjoyed cocktails and canapés on the lawn, before making their way into the marquee for their delicious four course dinner. The band, Bustin Loose, were amazing and there was not a spare inch of space on the dance floor from the moment they started playing until they finished at 12.45am. The evening ran smoothly with the fantastic help of Rebecca Fellows (OC 2010, Vanbrugh), Jack Bennett (OC 2012, Feilden) and Harry Fellows (OC 2013, Vanbrugh) who did not stop all evening, replenishing candles, serving wine at the bar and waiting on tables. The photographer was kept very busy and all the photos from the evening can be viewed on his website <http://www.robwhealphotography.com/Client-Area/Events-Clients/Cokethorpe-Parents-Ball/>. 



Second Hand Uniform Sale

On Tuesday 24 June the CPA hosted another very successful second hand uniform sale during the normal CPA coffee morning. The tables outside Cuppa were laden with very generous donations of uniform, which were gratefully purchased by both new and current parents and grandparents. The CPA will be hosting another sale in the Michaelmas Term so if you discover your children have outgrown their uniform over the Summer any donations would be gratefully received. These can be brought into the Senior School and Junior School Offices.

Sport Through the Years

Below you will find extracts from several publications about sport at Cokethorpe throughout the years.

Judo

'The sickening thud of Carraher was heard throughout the front part of the School. Betts had just inflicted a stomach throw. Meanwhile, Richards was beating up Buchanan-Brown. As usual, we had a good year for Judo.'



Canoeing

'Of course, it isn't rowing, but it is wet.'



Cricket

'One of the more interesting features of the match, about half an hour before stumps, was the arrival of about fifty cows behind the bowler's arm. They were only there for a couple of minutes and were never in fact on the field of play but quite distinctly - cows stopped play.'



Cross Country

'With the difficulties of the abnormal weather conditions, and the added hazard of the flu epidemic, we were nevertheless able to produce two able and fit teams for the Oxfordshire Cross-Country at Banbury. The early training during the worst of the weather proved its worth, as it produced the necessary stamina to compete against teams which were often much older and stronger.'



Rugby

'The reason for their success is as old as the hills. They achieved complete and utter mastery up front. They supplied good clean, fast ball in all phases, allowing the backs to run at the opposition, which they did to good effect. (Shiplake 68-0; Abingdon 50-9; Magdalen 44-4; Whitefriars 32-9). When conditions called for graft (as at Oratory against the slope and hail), the side showed their determination and desire to work for each other to achieve success.'

Warwick Daniels

David Goldsmith, Former Headmaster, describes how he came into his Secretary's office to hear the end of a phone conversation '....of course you must be worried. How very naughty of him not to phone you or write to you during his first week at Cokethorpe and let you know how he is settling in. Yes, I have seen him several times and I assure you he is happy and doing well. But of course I will see him and tell him that he MUST get in touch. Goodbye.' Obviously a new boy and I asked who it was. 'Oh no' said the Headmaster's Secretary, 'not a boy - that was Warwick Daniels' Mother.' It was his first term as a Biology teacher!

Turning Back the Pages

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

15 Years Ago (1999)

Enthusiasm for basketball at Cokethorpe remains unabated and if we can show this kind of battling spirit in adversity next season, together with a growth spurt (eat up those Shredded Wheat, lads!), we are going to be an extremely competitive outfit over the next couple of seasons.

20 Years Ago (1994)

On Thursday 22 September, a team of shots set off for Rendcomb College in Gloucestershire. The competition was a well set out 40 bird clay shoot and at the end of a competitive day's shooting Cokethorpe just beat Rendcomb by eight shots, the scores being Cokethorpe 124 clays, Rendcomb 116.

25 Years Ago (1989)

The soccer season got off to a very early start with a match on the first Saturday of term. The team had to be picked in a hurry and over the term positions were to change dramatically, Mr Randall's 4-2-4 system did remain for the rest of the term and at times it worked!

30 Years Ago (1984)

The Thames at the "Rose Revived" can be unfriendly early in the year but we were lucky in 1984. There was never too much stream to row safely and crews at all levels covered some very useful mileage.

35 Years Ago (1979)

A cold, wet and persistent winter almost pushed this event off the calendar. Only great determination and enthusiasm shown by those who enjoy Cross Country running pulled it back from the brink. After the usual practice runs round various courses, the School set out on a typically wet and chilly day to complete a very muddy course.

40 Years Ago (1974)

1973/4 must go down as a vintage year in the history of Cokethorpe rugby. It was a triumph for determination, dedication, fitness, enthusiasm, teamwork and above all enjoyment, and it is therefore hardly surprising that many records were broken. The side won over half its matches, scored more points, had no fewer than nine players who did not miss a game.

45 Years Ago (1969)

The Spring Term saw the Cross-Country Club reinstated as a major force in Cokethorpe's games. The response by its' members was commendable to say the least. We had two senior eight-a-side races and one Junior one. Although we lost them all fairly convincingly we went down very bravely indeed.

Ave Atque Valet



Mr W H C Daniels (External Affairs and Biology)

'From boarder to day boy over thirty two years. It has all gone rather quickly but as a fairly adventurous chap, it is testament to the charm of Cokethorpe that I have stayed for quite so long. Of course I have loved the teaching but have also much enjoyed the profession, into which, such an eclectic and like minded group of colleagues are drawn.'

Mrs L J Young (Learning Support)

'I have had an absolutely fantastic three years at Cokethorpe. All the staff have been brilliant to work with and it has been a pleasure to work with all the pupils. I will miss everyone but am looking forward to running my fitness business full time so if you see me out Nordic walking make sure you give me a wave!'

Mr T P C Galvin (Geography)

'I leave Cokethorpe after three years with so many fond memories and will miss the staff and students for their infectious enthusiasm. I have lost count of the number of times I have been surprised and inspired by those I have come into contact with here. I am grateful for all the opportunities and experiences not only in the Geography Department but also in Vanbrugh, Drama, Sport and the Sixth Form to name just a few. I am, however, excited by my move to Felsted School.'

Mr N E Dawson (Junior School)

'I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Cokethorpe and have had the privilege of working alongside some fantastic members of staff. From the very beginning everyone has made me feel extremely welcome and it is with fond memories that I leave for my next post.'



Mrs B Walton (School Librarian)

'After living at Cokethorpe for the last seven years of boarding and subsequently working in the library for ten, I have never taken the school's beautiful surroundings for granted. I will certainly miss the family feel amongst all the staff but the Devon coast beckons and I now look forward to retirement by the sea and exploring new avenues.'

Miss S Phipps (Science)

'Even though I have been here just over a year, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Cokethorpe. I will miss the banter, laughter, trials and tribulations we have had in Science this year. I will not miss looking after the fish! On to my next adventure I go, the kangaroos are calling...'

Mr B A Heaney (Music)

'The first thing that struck me about Cokethorpe when I joined in 2001 was a pervading sense of positivity. The thing that strikes me as I leave is an even deeper sense of this positivity. It is impossible to put into a few words the number of instances where I have realised that it is a blessing to work at Cokethorpe. However, I am drawn away by musical fascination and wonder in the Arts with the full knowledge that the friends I have made whilst at Cokethorpe are so strong that I am not really leaving at all.'

Mrs S F Martin (Learning Support)

'It has been a daily joy to turn off the main road into the beautiful grounds of Cokethorpe. It has also been an absolute pleasure to work with such dedicated and professional colleagues. I have witnessed the progress of hundreds of pupils, many of whom have worked with such cheerful determination to learn how to manage the demands of school work when there is also a specific learning difficulty to contend with.'

Mr I Aguado-Bush (Music)

'I come to the end of my time at Cokethorpe and I can honestly say it's been some of the best professional years of my life. I will miss all of my students and I wish them all the best for their future careers in the Music Industry.'

Open Morning

Saturday 27 September:

9.30am to 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:

10.00am and 11.00am

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

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