

Cokethorpe

THE OCELLUS

The termly newsletter of our school

From The Headmaster



As I write this foreword to the accompaniment of some sultry trumpet playing by Miles Davis (Paris, France recorded live 1 October 1964) I find myself reflecting on the importance of music in our lives - at Cokethorpe and beyond.

Music is a basic human function. People instinctively strive to create sound, finding value in music either for the enjoyment of playing, creating or listening, or for its emotional worth and the challenges it poses.

Participating in music helps students develop their intellectual capacity faster and to a higher level. Music is science. It is exact and demands acoustics. Music is mathematics. It is based on the rhythmic subdivisions of time, done in a split second. Music is history. The music you hear or play is usually an indication of the time and environment in which it was created. Music is physical education. It requires an immense amount of coordination and control to make sure every note comes out clearly and in pitch. Music is a foreign language. Its terms are usually in Italian and the music is not in any language known to man.

Music is the universal language that everyone understands and can relate to. Music is what brings everything together. It is something that everyone knows.

Most of all, music is art. It is the greatest form of art that allows a human to take boring notes on a page, and transform them into an emotion and feeling that cannot be easily measured.



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Summer Holiday Projects

The main projects over the very busy summer holidays have been:

Senior School

Foundation Office: A new office has been established in the upper floor of the Round House.

Science Lab: An additional lab has been built in the previous 7T classroom.

Music and Drama: A new classroom has been created on the top floor of the Vanbrugh building.

English Department: The Department has been extended by converting a Music classroom to an English classroom.

Sixth Form Centre: The temporary Sixth Form Centre was installed in the Middle Quad.

Sixth Form Teaching: Business Studies and Psychology have been relocated to the new Sixth Form Centre and Law and Photography to the old Sixth Form Centre, thus creating a Sixth Form teaching base in the Middle Quad.

Interactive White Boards: These have been installed in three Geography classrooms and a History classroom.

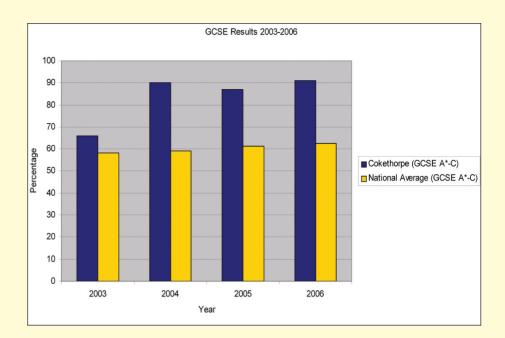
Junior School

First Floor: The classrooms have been repainted and re-carpeted.

Top Floor: A new Year 6 classroom has been created.

Pupils' Cloakrooms: The toilets on the top floor have been refurbished.

Front Cover: Junior School Sports Day



Exam Results

The improvements in the School's GCSE results over the last four years, and their comparison with national averages make most encouraging reading. They reflect the commendable efforts of the pupils (and their long-suffering parents) and of their dedicated teachers.



Work Experience Week

The Work Experience week in June was an exciting opportunity for pupils in Year 10 to discover things about the world of work and themselves.

Many varied occupations were experienced, from helping in primary schools to shadowing an MP in the House of Commons or working in a pet shop. Architecture and law remained popular, with an increase in sport related work. Almost all local placements had teacher visits. The employer feedback was encouraging and impressive.

Congratulations

Cokethorpe is delighted that John Hedgecock, ICT technician, achieved a superb 92% in the Microsoft Certified Desk Top Support Technician exams (MCDST). Next stop MCSA (Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator).

End of Term Announcement

On the last day of the Summer term, the School's end of year notice was published in The Times newspaper. The notice, reproduced below, was followed by a list of the scholarship awards for September 2006 (see opposite).



Buckingham Palace

On a glorious June day Mrs Linda Coulson went with her husband to an awards ceremony and reception with the Queen at Buckingham Palace. In 2005 Mr Coulson had received a Travelling Scholarship from the Winston Churchill Trust enabling him to research an area of professional interest in the USA and was to be presented with a commemorative medallion. It was a splendid, memorable occasion.



ACADEMIC

Prize Giving



The final day of term looked set to be a washout, and plans were rapidly changed to allow the musicians to play and the dramatists to declaim in the marquee rather than al fresco. Having competed with the rain on the canvas for some time the sun finally shone and the competition was then between the choir and the gathering picnickers outside.

Champagne and smoked salmon consumed, the marquee was packed with pupils, parents, staff and guests who were treated to a number of excellent speeches, with the bill topped by Dr David Starkey (see page 13) who was passionate in his enthusiasm for allround education and the joys of public speaking.



A Level and GCSE Results

There is always some nail-biting and lost sleep before the Thursday results days in August (and that's just the Director of Studies). Yet again though, all the hard work by pupils, parents and staff has paid off, with record results on both days. Congratulations to all.

At A Level a 99% pass rate is pleasing, although we will not be satisfied with less than 100% next year. More impressive are that the percentage at grades A to C rose from 63% to 70% and that the average points score per

candidate shot from 210 to 259. This translates to an average of BCC at A Level for our pupils, and this is reflected by a superb set of University destinations for our Sixth Formers. AS



marks look similarly good, and with the harder work and focus that comes with the second year of Sixth Form we are homing for better yet next year.

A party atmosphere developed when the Year 11 pupils came to collect their GCSE results, with a record 91% of results at grades A*-C and 88% of our pupils gaining the all important 5 or more passes at C or above. As a result Sixth Form recruitment hit a new high, with around 80% of our pupils staying on to Sixth Form and taking the total number in the highest years of the School above 100 for the first time. In addition 17 Year 10 pupils gained English Language GCSE a year early, and John Sthamer in Year 7 gained an A* grade in GCSE German.

Top performers included Elspeth Saunders (3A*, 8A, B) and James Winkley (3A*, 8A). As the timetable is written to allow pupils to take 10 GCSE subjects these two and a number of others did well to squeeze an extra one or two into their time without a drop in quality.

Scholars

As printed in The Times, Friday 7 July.

LOWER SENIOR SCHOOL Academic Scholarships: Clarke Scholarship: Teague Bond (Brightwalton PS). Scholarships: Ethan Bosse (St Nicolas PS), Zoë Mace (Cokethorpe JS), Saman Ridha (Cokethorpe JS), Lewis Williams Deddington PS), Lewis Williams (Deddington PS), Art Scholarship: Gabriella Evans (European School), Sports Scholarships: Henry Logan (Chandlings Manor), Joshua Poole (Longworth PS), Thomas Wells (Wantage CE PS), UPPER SENIOR SCHOOL Academic Scholarships: Allen Scholarship: Alison Roberts (Prior Park Preparatory School). Trevis Scholarship: Caroline Jenkins (St Mary's Tetbury/Cokethorpe S). Scholarships: Sam Ryan (Wootton St Peter CE PS/Cokethorpe S), Luke Withey (Brightwalton PS/Cokethorpe S). Drama Scholarships: (Deddington PS). Drama Scholarships: Alex Lawson (St Hugh's), Luke Saunders (Ferndale Preparatory [Ferndale Preparatory School/Cokethorpe S). Cantwell Music Scholarships: Paul Berry (Josca's), Ross McKee (Dunmore PS/Cokethorpe S). Dummore PS/Cokethorpe S). Sports Scholarships: Crawford Scholarship: Shona Stanley Wychwood/Cokethorpe S). Scholarships: Daniel Burford (Josca's), Jacob Wilson (Combe CE PS/Cokethorpe S). All Round Scholarship: Huw Williams (Christ Church PS Bradford-on-Avon/Cokethorpe S). SIXTH FORM Academic Scholarships: Academic Scholarships: Strickland Scholarship: Elspeth Saunders (S of St Helen and St IS of 5t Helen and 5t Katharine/Cokethorpe S). Scholarships: Daniel Breslin (Longcot and Fernham PS/Cokethorpe S), Jerry Jin (China/Cokethorpe S), Moritz Mössinger (Germany), Zachary White (Magdalen College School), James Winkley (Windrush Valley/Cokethorpe S). Music: Music: Music: Edward Le Coyte (Commonweal S/Cokethorpe S), Rebecca Truman (St Hugh's/Cokethorpe S). Sports Scholarships: Elliott Bennett (The Unicorn/Cokethorpe S), Thomas Shellard (Chandlings Manor/Cokethorpe S). All Round Scholarships: Tom Riegs (Oxford Community All Round Scholarships: Tom Biggs (Oxford Community School/Cokethorpe S), Alya Gutnikova (St Frideswide's S/Cokethorpe S), Megan Hope (Our Lady of Lourdes, Witney/Cokethorpe S), Charlotte Krol (Cumnor CE PS/Cokethorpe S), Emily Landon (Croughton CE PS/Cokethorpe S). A number of other awards have been made that are dependent on GCSE results. CONDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2005-2006 2005-2006 The following conditional Sixth Form awards (not published previously) became unconditional as a result of GCSE results in August 2005: Academic: Fay Davidson (The Blake CE Fay Davidson (The Blake CE PS/Cokethorpe S), Kate Ferrier (Waddesdon CE S/Cokethorpe S), Peter Gardom (Monmouth S/Cokethorpe S), Tim Hatzis (Magdalen College School/Cokethorpe S), Jennifer Tohill (The Henry Rev S/Collecthorpe S), Henry Box S/Cokethorpe S). Drama

lames Cull (The Unicorn/Cokethorpe S).

Conditional Scholarships

Scholarships that became unconditional following the GCSE results were: Charles Bartlett (All Round) Nicholas Harvey (Art) Thomas McCloone (Academic) Jessica O'Shea (Academic) Darrell Porter (Drama) Jessica Williamson (Academic)

THE SIXTH FORM

The Times Top 40 Universities 2007

1 Oxford 2 Cambridge 3 Imperial College 4 London School of Economics 5 University College London 6 Loughborough 7 Bristol 8 Warwick 9 Bath 10 Durham 11 Edinburgh 12 Royal Holloway 13 Aston 14 Nottingham 15 York 16 Cardiff 17 King's College London 18 Leicester 18 SOAS 18 St Andrews 21 Lancaster 22 Southampton 23 East Anglia 24 Sheffield 25 Newcastle 26 Manchester 27 Sussex 28 Exeter 29 Glasgow 30 Essex 31 Reading 32 Queen's, Belfast 33 Birmingham 34 Kent 35 Leeds 36 Aberdeen 37 Stirling 38 Surrey 39 Liverpool 40 Strathclyde

Leavers' Destinations

Surrey

Raza Ali **Roxanne Bennett** Paul Birmingham Richard Broadhead UWE Bristol Olivia Colson Helen Davev Alastair Gottfried Lucy Happé Benjamin Hobin **Ryan Keylock** Marianne Le Coyte Kings London Jonathan Lodowski UWI Cardiff Ewan MacFarlane St Martin's College Benjamin Mallett Oliver Nieburg **Philip Pearse** Timothy Pearse Samuel Quinn Luke Ryan Joseph Siman Ernie Simpson Emma Tolson David Vermeulen

New Zealand Oxford Brookes Cardiff Reading Swansea Bath Strathclyde Bournemouth Gap Year Sussex Durham **Bristol** Coventry Oxford Brookes Brunel LA School of Film Norland College Bath Swansea

Potential Oxbridge Candidates



A group of students took part in two days of activities aimed at possible Oxbridge entry. A day in Cambridge was thwarted by transport problems but an alternative trip to Oxford was quickly arranged.

with visits to two colleges and a taste of student life punting on the river.

Curriculum Enrichment Week

The Sixth Form enjoyed their own special week including presentations on UCAS and university finance, as well as the 'Cokethorpe Great Thames Race' in the searing summer heat.



Life after Cokethorpe

As the School's A Level results have steadily improved, students have been making more ambitious university choices, both the subjects to be read and the institutions to which they apply. All leavers have been successfully placed, needing the help of the Clearing System in only one case.

Sixth Form Social Events



The Sixth Form and their tutors and partners dressed up for their end of year ball at The Randolph Hotel in Oxford, some arriving in spectacular fashion (including a vintage Bentley). Dinner was followed by a speech and awards from Mrs Dent, finishing with dancing. The Prefects' Dinner in the beautiful Corinthian Room, with speeches and



awards, was preceded by Pimms, Croquet and Boules on the North Lawn.

Sixth Form Centre

Perfectly timed to arrive on GCSE results day, the new Sixth Form Centre dropped in by crane to the middle quad ready to receive the record numbers of Sixth Form pupils for September.



THE HOUSES

Inter-House Sports Day

Last year's thunder was replaced by quite brilliant sunshine, adding to the enjoyment of this important day in the School calendar. The overall competition was won by Gascoigne House for the third year in a row. Eleven School records were broken (though only one in Gascoigne!) across the age range and varying from individual track and field performances to relays.





Tennis The inter-house tournament was played on a doubles format. The winners were Swift with an impressive points tally in both Under 13 and Under 15 events.





New Inter-House Competitions

Tug-of-war and Photography competitions were held this term, and competition was fierce, with Gascoigne and Harcourt the winners respectively.

Vanbrugh House Barbecue

On Friday 12 May the Vanbrugh



seniors and juniors joined together for a barbecue. Beforehand the girls played volleyball and the boys played football. Mr White and some of his tutees cooked the barbecue and Mr Rae organised the music. Some of the Year 6's came along straight after returning from their week in France. The atmosphere was very friendly and the night was enjoyed by all.



Sports Day Record Breakers

In the School Sports day this year there were 11 new records broken:

Jackson Curtis, Harcourt	
(Yr 8 Javelin)	29.27m
Abigail Berger, Swift	
(Yr 8 & 9 1500m)	6.20.0
Elisabeth Ferrier, Harcourt	
(Yr 5 & 6 900m)	3.55.0
Alyce McNaughton, Gasco	igne
(Yr 7 1500m)	7.17.0
Francis Plummer, Swift	
(Yr 5 & 6 900m)	3.28.0
LuLu Revell, Swift	
(Yr 5 & 6 Long Jump)	2.92m
Freddie Harding, Feilden	
(Yr 5 & 6 100m)	15.03.0
Kristina Greynolds, Harcou	
(Yr 5 & 6 Roundersball)	29.83m
Finn Dawkins, Swift	
(Yr 5 & 6 Cricketball)	39.85m
Lydia Farrell, Vanbrugh	
(Yr 7 200m)	29.69.0
Swift	
(Yr 5 & 6 Girls 4x100)	71.05.0

Each year individuals from each group are awarded a prize for their outstanding performances on sports day. This year's winners are: Yr 7 Boys Jamie Cox (Gascoigne) Yr 7 Girls Lydia Farrell (Vanbrugh) Yr 8 Boys Jackson Curtis (Harcourt) Yr 8 & 9 Girls Ella Craske (Gascogine) Jamie Amer (Harcourt) Yr 9 Boys

Inter-House Competition Winners 2005-2006

Michaelmas 2005

Most Recommendations Gascoigne Junior School Rugby Senior School Rugby Junior School Hockey Senior School Hockey House Music Crawford Relay

Lent 2006

Most Recommendations Gascoigne Junior School Soccer Senior School Soccer Senior School Netball House Drama Senior Cross Country Junior Cross Country

Queen Anne Gascoigne Gascoigne Harcourt Swift Gascoigne

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Vanbrugh

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Swift

Swift

Summer 2006

Cricket Clay Pigeon Shooting Photography Tennis Athletics Rounders Tug of War

Queen Anne Queen Anne Harcourt Swift Gascoigne Gascoigne Gascoigne

THE ARTS

Les Misérables

On October 8, 1985 Les Misérables opened at the Barbican Theatre, London. It then moved to the Palace Theatre on 4 December 1985. On March 12, 1987, the American version opened at the Broadway Theatre.

Original London Cast

Jean Valjors	Colm Wilkinson
Javert	Roger Allam
Chain Gang	Dave Willetts, Len
	Tractor, Michael Ball,
	Dolly Parrott
Farmer	Craig Pinder
Labourer	Keith Burns
Innkeeper's Wife	
Innkeeper	Peter Polycarpou
Bishop of Digne	Ken Caswell
Constables	Ian Calvin, Colin
	Marsh
Fantine	Patti LuPone
Foreman	Paul Leonard
Workers	Craig Pinder
	Christopher Beck
Women Workers	Sally Mates, Beverley
	Klein, Caroline
	Quentin, Aline Mowat
Factory Girl	Jackie Marks
Sailors	Gary Huddlestone,
Saliors	Davie Willetts,
Old Woman	Christopher Beck Sally Mates
Old Woman	
Crone	Beverley Klein
Bamatabois	Clive Carter
Fauchelevent	Ian Calvin
Young Cosette	Zoe Hart/Jayne
	O'Mahony/Joanne
	Woodcock
Mad. Thenardier	Susan Jane Tanner
Thenardier	Susan Jane Tanner Alun Armstrong
	Susan Jane Tanner
Thenardier	Susan Jane Tanner Alun Armstrong
Thenardier	Susan Jane Tanner Alun Armstrong Danielle Akers/Gillian
Thenardier Eponine	Susan Jane Tanner Alun Armstrong Danielle Akers/Gillian Brander/Juliette Caton
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Stage Manager Catherine Ettinger (sister of the Headmaster!)

Music

As May arrived, the Chamber Choir was ready to welcome summer with a performance of three Renaissance madrigals. A windowless balcony was prepared in Vanburgh building, overlooking the Upper Quad, and on the first May morning of term, the whole school congregated in the Upper Quad to hear the sounds of five-part polyphony drifting down from on high. This traditional way of marking the start of summer was greatly enjoyed by audience and performers alike. The Summer Term Concert was held in the Shed in May. The programme had a wide range of styles and moods, performed by The Samba Band, the Soul Singers and, as the evening sun drifted in on the beautiful warm summer evening, the orchestra, who presented a contrast with a performance of the peaceful and reflective Ballad movement from Sibelius's Karelia Suite. Summer was also reflected by the lighter programme of the Wind Band, including an arrangement of *Summer Nights* from Grease. The Jazz Band rounded off the evening.





Summer Drama

The term's drama programme began with two performances by the Year 10 GCSE drama group of extracts from Arthur Miller's 'The Crucible'. This

took place at lunchtime in the Drama Studio. At the end of term, in The Shed, Year 7 staged a musical, 'The Lemonade Kid', and Year 8 produced three original plays by Mrs Hooper.



Les Misérables

The Chamber Choir gave three performances of their medley from Les Misérables. They performed in the Summer Concert, at the Corinthian Dinner and at Prize Giving. In order to appreciate the music in its original context, the choir went to see the show in London's West End. It was a long day but the passion and dramatic impact of seeing a full-scale musical on stage made it more than worthwhile.

Art and Photography Exhibition

A busy year's work within the Art and Design Department resulted in a spectacular end of year show. It was exciting to see a large variety of quality work using unusual mediums from both GCSE and A Level students - from Bert the shocking stuffed manikin to the beauty of the Andy Goldsworthy inspired textile sculpture. The Photography A Level work was once again dynamic and creative displaying digital and manual photography skills in a highly creative way. It was a truly imaginative and impressive display of talent.

AOB AND CEW



Curriculum Enrichment Week This week of activities at the end of the Summer term, involving all pupils in Years 7 to 10 and all staff, offers an amazingly rich range of activities and





Trip to L'Escala

After a 22 hour coach journey, staff and pupils arrived surprisingly refreshed, quickly acclimatising to the Spanish sunshine, the heat of the pine chalets and the interesting mealtimes. The daily activities involved wind surfing, sea kayaking, sailing and mountain biking. In the evenings, there were games on the beach, a disco by the pool and a barbecue amongst the chalets. Two birthdays were celebrated, waffles smothered with chocolate and cream were eaten and some even wrestled with experiences. There was something for everyone, the only problem being how to choose.

Popular trips off-site were surfing in Newquay and water sports in L'Escala, Day trips included Cadbury's World and Alton Towers, and on the School site pupils were able to acquire skills as diverse as fashion design and boomerang throwing. There were opportunities to try less usual sports such as wheelchair basketball.

The logistics of CEW are phenomenal but the rewards are immense.



sand eels. The week was superb; the pupils 'great', the activities a resounding success and the staff were 'cool'.



AOB

AOB is the 'Any Other Business' activities hour at the end of each day.

CEW

CEW is the Curriculum Enrichment Week held in the final week of the Summer Term.

Curriculum Enrichment Week

Some of the trips and activities that took place:

Design a Snack Bar Digital Music Fashion Designing Glidina Golf Championship Hampton Court Hot Balloon Modelling Imperial War Museum London Dungeons Peak District Pony Fun Day Propulsion Rockets Rock Band Snow Dome Surfing in Cornwall Outdoor Cookery Wheelchair Basketball Windsurfing World Conservation **Boomerang Workshop** Cadbury's World Cycling Fashion Design L'Escala, Spain History of Science Museum Portsmouth Harbour Punting Trout Fishing Art of Falconry Basketball Tournament **Cabinet War Rooms** Clay Pigeon Shooting Cycling Golf Coaching Heritage Motor Centre London Eye/Aquarium Pick your own Fruits Sculpture Workshop Tennis Coaching Whipsnade Zoo Alton Towers Climbing and Bowling Fashion Catwalk Gliding Go Karting Poker Tournament Regatta Day (Canoeing) Sailing Twickenham Experience Twycross Zoo

SPORT

Sports Captains for 2006

Canoeing	Lena Beardsell
Cricket	Andrew Stallard
Hockey	Kate Ferrier
Netball	Megan Hope
Rugby	Rubehn Enjily
Soccer	Brinley Gleeson
Tennis	Tim Hatzis

Sports Personality of the Year

The BBC Sports Personality of the Year award is given to one sportsman or sportswoman, usually British, every year. The award was originally devised by the BBC producer Paul Fox in 1954 and continues to be organised annually by the BBC. The award is voted for by the general public towards the end of the calendar year, and is one of the most prestigious all-sport awards in British sport. The only people to win the award twice are the boxer Henry Cooper and the Formula One drivers Nigel Mansell and Damon Hill. A number of other awards are presented at the ceremony including the team, young personality and overseas personality awards.

- 1954: Christopher Chataway (longdistance runner)
- 1955: Gordon Pirie (middle-distance runner)
- 1956: Jim Laker (cricketer)
- 1957: Dai Rees (golfer)
- 1958: Ian Black (swimmer)
- 1959: John Surtees (motor bike racer)
- 1960: David Broome (show jumper)
- 1961: Stirling Moss (Formula One racing driver)
- 1962: Anita Lonsborough (swimmer)
- 1963: Dorothy Hyman (sprinter)
- 1964: Mary Rand (long jumper)
- 1965: Tom Simpson (cyclist)
- 1966: Bobby Moore (footballer)
- 1967: Henry Cooper (boxer)
- 1968: David Hemery (athlete)
- 1969: Ann Jones (tennis player)
- 1970: Henry Cooper (boxer)
- 1971: Princess Anne (three-day eventer)
- 1972: Mary Peters (pentathlete)
- 1973: Jackie Stewart (Formula One racing driver)

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Shooting

Although clay pigeon shooting has only recently been re-introduced, a team that can compete at a serious level with teams from other independent schools and clubs has now been built up most successfully.

The School A team has competed to great effect against schools in the National Championships, Southern Region Championships and local club shoots. As the team is mainly made up of Year 10 students who will be with the School for several years to come it looks forward to some equally pleasing results in the future. Special mention must go to George Kerr (fourth place in Under 14's at National Level), Tom Maslin (top ten in the Nationals), James Nettlefold (first in the Midlands Challenge) and James Godden (High Gun in Southern Region Shoot).

In the Southern Region Championships a hard fight for the top four places resulted in a victory for Cokethorpe (181) against Stowe (177), Solihull (170) and Christ's Hospital (168).





Canoeing

Cokethorpe School Canoe and Kayak Club has enjoyed considerable success in marathon and sprint this year. By winning the Devizes to Westminster race this year Tim and Philip Pearse stamped their authority as the dominant athletes at this distance. They have been selected to compete in the 120 kilometre Tour de Goudenaa in Denmark in September. They secured their place in the GB team after an impressive performance at the National Championships, their last time competing for the School. In sprint events Lena Beardsell represented GB this year and continues to improve on her personal bests. Tim Muller, Ed Brooks, Fred Reif and Dominic Cannon improved dramatically and continue to climb through the divisions. The new intake of paddlers included Louis Taylor

who has quickly become a dominant paddler in the Under 12's. The club continues to enjoy strong links with Reading Canoe Club and the GB coaching infrastructure.

Pre-Season Hockey Training

Members of the Under 14 Girls Hockey squad enjoyed two days pre-season training on the new astroturf pitches.



SPORT

Tennis

The term has been a tremendously exciting one with teams competing in all four categories of the Nestle Cup competition, reflecting the commitment of the 70 girls and 30 boys involved in the training programme every Monday and Wednesday.



The 12 magnificent Astroturf courts led to an unprecedented enthusiasm that is the springboard to future plans to develop an elite tennis centre in Oxfordshire.

The teams representing the School have flown the flag magnificently. The Under 13 girls' team came close to reaching the semi-final of their competition and the Under 15 girls went a step further reaching the semi final but narrowly losing to a very strong Rye St Anthony team. The boys had their best ever season with both Under 13's and Under 15's reaching the County final, the Under 13's narrowly losing but the Under 15's becoming County champions.

These successes means that the School will be entering two Under 15 teams in next year's competition for both girls and boys.

Athletics

A number of the School's Athletes performed well in the Area and County Championships this term. Christopher Lord represented the County in the 100m High Jump and relay, Jamie Amer in the High Jump, Chloe Pickford made the sprint hurdles and Shona Stanley the 1500m. Jonathan Lodowski performed at a National Entry standard in the





400m hurdles, qualifying him for the National Championships.

Under 12 Cricket

The Under 12's had an unbeaten cricket season, performing at their best possible level with both bat and ball. They have beaten Pinewood School, Kingham Hill twice and had a great victory over Henry Box to end a very successful season. Tom Swann captained the team well, and showed by example how to bat and bowl with consistency and skill. He was ably backed up by Will Bishop and Declan Duffy who both look technically correct when batting and show a good temperament for the game. The Under 12's have played with great enthusiasm, skill and a very competitive attitude. They should continue to be a very successful team in the future.



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- 1974: Brendan Foster (long-distance runner)
- 1975: David Steele (cricketer)
- 1976: John Curry (figure skater)
- 1977: Virginia Wade (tennis player) 1978: Steve Ovett (middle-distance runner)
- 1979: Sebastian Coe (middledistance runner)
- 1980: Robin Cousins (figure skater)
- 1981: Ian Botham (cricketer)
- 1982: Daley Thompson (decathlete)
- 1983: Steve Cram (middle-distance runner)
- 1984: Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean (ice dancers)
- 1985: Barry McGuigan (boxer)
- 1986: Nigel Mansell (Formula One racing driver)
- 1987: Fatima Whitbread (javelin thrower)
- 1988: Steve Davis (snooker player)
- 1989: Nick Faldo (golfer)
- 1990: Paul Gascoigne (footballer)
- 1991: Liz McColgan (long-distance runner)
- 1992: Nigel Mansell (Formula One racing driver)
- 1993: Linford Christie (100m sprinter)
- 1994: Damon Hill (Formula One racing driver)
- 1995: Jonathan Edwards (triple jumper)
- 1996: Damon Hill (Formula One racing driver)
- 1997: Greg Rusedski (tennis player)
- 1998: Michael Owen (footballer)
- 1999: Lennox Lewis (boxer)
- 2000: Steve Redgrave (rower)
- 2001: David Beckham (footballer)
- 2002: Paula Radcliffe (long-distance runner)
- 2003: Jonny Wilkinson (rugby union player)
- 2004: Kelly Holmes (middle-distance runner)
- 2005: Andrew Flintoff (cricketer)
- 2006: ?

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Prizewinners for the term

Jessica Dent
Benjamin Foster
Sofia-Louis Svanikier
Harry Austin
Melanie Severn
Iqmal Rahim
Holly Keylock
Lulu Revell
Zoe Mace

Victor Ludorum

Yr 5 & 6 Boys Yr 5 & 6 Girls

Finn Dawkins Lulu Revell

Some Successes outside School

Oxfordshire Festival of Mini Rugby: Medal winners - Rory Atkins, Harry Austin, Jason Cardy, Archie Fellows, Edward Mordue, Matthew Pavitt

Bronze Challenge Swimming Awards: Jason Cardy and Laura Cardy

West Oxon Cubs Six A-Side Football: Winners - Callum Breslin, Christian Ettinger and Henry Ettinger

Anthony Nolan Bike Ride, Blenheim Palace: Nicholas Caddy and Edward Mordue

City of Oxford Swimming Club: Molly Williamson - 3 gold medals, 1 silver medal and 3 speeding tickets

RYA Stage 3 Junior Dingy Sailing: Pass - Alec Jones

Aylesbury and District Swimming: Swimmer of the Year - Kieran Husband, also 2 gold medals

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Speech Day



The School was blessed with good weather for Prize Giving, and the performances that involved every pupil, from sea waves to gangsters, were delightful.

Bugsy Malone

The Upper Juniors' performance was spectacularly realistic with Saman Ridha and Lucy Furneaux as a most convincing Bugsy and his moll. Bugsy,



a play by Alan Parker, was adapted and directed by Mrs Du Feu.

Charity Day

This annual event was once again great fun as well as successful with all classes running imaginative stalls.



Benchmark!

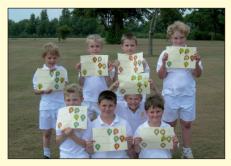
The Year 6 leavers clubbed together to purchase a splendid teak bench as a farewell gift to the Junior School, to be located on the North Lawn.

Mini Olympics

With numerous activities and sports, and all the Junior School children taking part, organisation of this annual event is



considerable. Carefully coordinated by Mr Jackson, assisted by all the Lower Sixth, it was a huge success. There was a mixture of fun and more serious events in the blazing sunshine, and even the Headmaster took part (and came last) in the sack race.



THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Cotswold Wildlife Park



The theme of Science Week was animals and in particular pets. As a finale to the week, the whole of the Junior School visited the Cotswold Wildlife Park.

Junior School Disco

The Year 5 & 6 Disco, held on the first Friday of term in the Shed, was a resounding success. Organised by the Junior School Council, they also invited the new children joining in September.



Sulgrave Manor

Year 3 enjoyed a fascinating and informative day at Sulgrave Manor. Although their mode of transport was 21st Century the children looked very authentic in their Tudor costumes.

The Milestones Museum

For the Year 4 trip to the Milestones Museum in Hampshire, all the pupils and staff dressed in wartime clothes and were 'evacuated for the day'.



Year 6 Trip to France

Year 6 pupils went to the Chateau du Broutel in Rue for an activity week, which was a successful and extremely positive experience. The journeys to and fro were excellent and even the weather exceeded all expectations.

Life Education

From Thursday 4 May to Wednesday 10 May the Life Education bus came to visit, and PC Lowe talked to Year 4.



Cycling Proficiency

It was a challenge to begin cycling on the road but with the help of Mr Turner and PC Lowe, the confidence of the Year 6 pupils taking part improved rapidly along with their skills, with 100% success.



Summer Term Sports Fixtures

7 June	
Cricket (A)	Under 11's
	Hatherop Castle
Cricket (A)	Under 9's
	Hatherop Castle
8 June	
Cricket (A)	Under 11's
. ,	Sibford School
Rounders (A)	Under 9's
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22 June	Linder 40%
Rounders (A)	Under 10's
Rounders (A)	Our Lady's Convent Under 11's
Rounders (A)	Our Lady's Convent
Rounders (H)	Under 9's
	Ferndale Preparatory
Cricket (A)	Under 11's
	Rendcomb College
Cricket (H)	Under 9's
()	Josca's Preparatory

National Cycling Proficiency Scheme (NCPS)

Cyclist training began in 1947, although its roots stretch back to the 1930s when cycling organisations were pressing the Government to include cyclist training in the school curriculum. World War Two delayed matters and it wasn't until 7 October 1947 that the first Cycling Proficiency Test took place (indoors) at RoSPA's Road Safety Congress. Seven children took the Test that day. Half a century later, between 200,000 and 250,000 children receive some kind of cycle training each year.

In 1958, the Government funded the introduction of RoSPA's National Cycling Proficiency Scheme (NCPS). In 1974, Local Authorities assumed statutory responsibility for road safety, including the provision of child cyclist training. By this time, courses increasingly included practice on public roads, although the debate about this continues to this day.

During the 1980s and 1990s new courses were developed by RoSPA, by individual local authorities and by the Scottish Road Safety Campaign.

ADVENTURES AND EXPEDITIONS

Mount Everest Facts

- Age: Everest was formed about 60 million years ago
- *Elevation:* 29,035 (8850m), Mt. Everest rises a few millimetres
- Named after: Sir George Everest in 1865, the British surveyor-general of India and the first person to record the height and location of Mt. Everest. Once known as Peak 15.
- Location: Latitude 27° 59' N; Longitude 86° 56' E. It separates Nepal and Tibet
- First Ascent: 29 May 1953 by Sir Edmund Hillary, NZ and Tenzing Norgay, NP
- *First Solo Ascent:* 20 Aug 1980, Reinhold Messner, IT
- *First Ascent by a Woman:* 16 May 1975, Junko Tabei, JAP
- Youngest person: 22 May 2001, Temba Tsheri (NP), aged 15
- Oldest Person: 25 May 2001, Sherman Bull, aged 64
- *First Legally Blind Person:* 25 May 2001, Erik Weihenmeyer
- Most Ascents: 24 May 2000 Appa Sherpa, climbed Everest 11 times

ACF Cokethorpe Detachment

On Friday afternoons the cadets concentrated on basic skills. The detachment then spent a weekend on field exercises, searching for the enemy and catching snippets of sleep under the stars. LCP Cannon and Cadet Roberts joined other cadets from Oxfordshire on a week's visit to Normandy during the D-Day ceremonies, marching with the Royal Green Jackets on one of their last official functions. At the national ACF summer camp in Norfolk three cadets spent twelve days fine-tuning their skills, competing in escape and evasion exercises and experiencing the thrill of riding in a Chinook helicopter.





London Sailing Project

The London Sailing Project was set up to give groups of young people an experience of team building through crewing a yacht for a week. For Francesca Roberts, sailing at 14 knots on a 75ft yacht across the English Channel was the highlight of her summer. She made good friends, improved her sailing skills and learnt how to cook a first-class meal in a rolling sea. Armed with her Amory award (for the crew with 100% commitment) she is now looking forward to the selections weekend for the 'Tall Ships Race' next summer.

FUNDRAISING FOR CHARITY

Income For Charity 2005-2006

Junior School Nasio Trust, Kenya Blue Cross Animal Sanctuary	£1,500 £600
Senior School National Children's Homes Disaster Relief Comic Relief	£2,000 £1,500 £500
External Affairs Recreation area for Ducklington	

Recreation area for Duckling	gton
County Primary School	£2,000
Ducklington Nature Area	£700

Danny Patching, the landlord of the Bell Inn in the village, organised the weekend, which raised £2,700 for the Duckington recreation area and nature area. This involved a triathlon day of archery, golf and shooting as well as raffles, pig roast etc. Cokethorpe organised the Triathlon. About 20 businesses took part, in teams of four. This year's Triathlon will hopefully take place on Sunday 8 October.

Senior School

The third term was a quiet one as far as fundraising was concerned, with the ever present pressure of examinations. However, it was a time for planning ahead. The School has reaffirmed its commitment to the National Children's Home. It is also planning to create links with a school in East Africa, an important cultural exchange with exciting and endless possibilities; from pen friends to project development.

Junior School Charity Day

The sun shone and the children set up their excellent stalls with great





excitement and enthusiasm. The children's business skills were excellent and every stall made a profit. The remarkable total of £1,900 was raised. £600 was presented to The Blue Cross in Burford and the remainder to The Nasio Trust for children in Kenya - this will go towards some dining room furniture.

Charity Spectacular

Members of the Junior School took part in the Charity Spectacular at the New Theatre, Oxford in June, organised by Stagecoach in conjunction with Zoë Mace to raise funds for five local charities.

VISITORS

Corinthian Dinner

Distinguished guests from the local community (other school heads, local dignatories, neighbours and friends) ioined the Headmaster. Governors, staff and prefects for this magnificent dinner in May. The Chamber Choir sang an especially commissioned Grace and provided superb musical entertainment, with the School's Catering Manager producing an excellent meal. Guest speaker, Dom Anthony Sutch, former Headmaster of Downside and wellknown for his 'Thought for the Day' radio broadcasts, provided a most entertaining - if unexpectedly irreverent - insight into education in its widest sense.



Open Evening

Following the successful experiment in January, the term's open event for prospective parents was again an Open Evening rather than Open Morning. As the record numbers of visitors arrived in the early evening sunshine, they were impressed by the sight of two cricket matches and tennis on the Astroturf pitches.

Staff Cricket

A feature of the Summer term is the staff cricket matches against staff teams from other schools. Notable matches hosted at Cokethorpe this term were against Abingdon and New College Schools.



Dr David Starkey

David Starkey (born 1945) is one of England's best-known historians, a specialist in the Tudor period. A constitutional historian and broadcaster, and Fellow of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, Dr Starkey is a winner of the WH Smith Prize for Biography (for *Elizabeth*) and the Norton Medlicott Medal for Service to History, presented by the Historical Association.

Dr Starkey read history at Cambridge and taught history at LSE between 1972 and 1998. During that time he began broadcasting, soon winning a reputation for abrasiveness. He writes columns for The Sunday Times and The Spectator and appears frequently on television and radio.

His television series on Elizabeth I, the Wives of Henry VIII and on the lesserknown Tudor monarchs have made him a familiar face. In 2004 he began a new Channel 4 multi-year series "Monarchy," which will chronicle the history of English Kings and Queens.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Foundation Office

The Foundation Office, to be located on the upper floor of the Round House, will be responsible for events and marketing at the School. It will work closely with the Admissions office, incorporate the activities of the Director of External Affairs and the Cokethorpe Society of former pupils, and provide support for the School Archivist. It may in due course incorporate fund-raising.

The activities and responsibilities of the Foundation Office, and how these may evolve over the next two or three years, are shown diagramatically by the 'Circles and Boxes'.

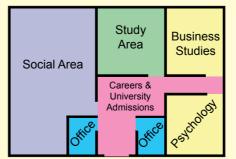


50th Anniversary Celebrations

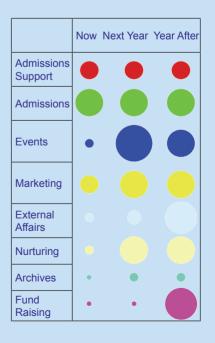
The first principal activity of the new Foundation Office will be to arrange the diary of events for 2007 (January to December). A programme will be dispatched to all before Christmas.

Temporary Sixth Form Centre

The building provides two new classrooms, offices for Head of Sixth Form Mr Shingleton and deputy Mrs Copeland, a large social space and, vitally, quiet study space. Marvellous as this building will be (apart from its undesirable location), it is to be removed in two years' time when the Sixth Form moves into its permanent home.



Circles and Boxes



THE WIDER COMMUNITY

External Events Programme 2005–2006

September

- Charity Concert for MIND
- Local Churches Golf and Social Day

October

- Cokethorpe Triathlon Charity Day
- Old Boys Rugby Match and Former Pupils Social
- Pupils Socia

January, February, March

- Oxfordshire District Cricket Development Squad training

February

- Production of Oliver!

March

- Southern Universities Ultimate Frisbee Competition

April

- Corporate Morning

May

- Downs C C vs Shipton C C

June

- Oxfordshire District U13 Cricket Finals
- Downs C C vs Abingdon Vale C C
- Downs C C vs Tiggington C C
- Downs C C vs Stokenchurch

July

- Downs C C vs Hanborough
- Cokethorpe Activity Holidays
- Downs C C vs Banbury
- Downs C C vs Horspath

August

 Cokethorpe School of Tennis
Downs C C vs Oxford & Bletchingdon Nondescripts

September

- Downs C C vs Oxford

The School Church

Confirmations: 21 May 2006 Annabel Asbridge George Barnicoat Amy Gaertner Tara Hedges-Gower John Sthamer Louis Taylor Alex Bramhall Kidd Oliver Godwin Charles Asbridge Hannah Ford Eleanor James

Baptisms: 10 June 2006 George Hooper Kate Hooper

Activities Weeks

168 children took part in the two Activities weeks at the beginning of the Summer holidays, principally Cokethorpe pupils but some from other local schools. The highly experienced and qualified staff supervised sports ranging from archery through shooting, climbing, a variety of team-building games and an afternoon of watersports. As ever, the children took part with huge enthusiasm, strengthening friendships and forging new ones, and all with the

West Oxon District U13 Cricket

Cokethorpe hosted West Oxfordshire District's Under 13 Cricket squad this year. Training for children throughout the area took place on Friday evenings in the Sports Hall in the winter months, which was extended to the outdoor playing surfaces at the start of the Summer Term. The team ended the season unbeaten. excellent support and heartwarming feedback from their parents.



Corporate Weekend

As part of Cokethorpe's open door philosophy, the director of a local marketing company (and Cokethorpe parent) brought a group of employees to Cokethorpe as part of a weekend's teambuilding course. They spent much of their day with the School's instructors on the climbing wall or clay pigeon shooting.



Tennis Week

The first professional tennis course took place on the new Astroturf courts in August. organised by Seth Dixon LTA CCA/USPTR. 15 pupils aged from 9 to 15, including a number from the School, were put through their paces. The course covered co-ordination, balance, groundstrokes, volleys and serves with fun based games realistic to matchplay and a speed oun for recording how fast the pupils could serve. In the end of course tournament Edward Parker and Fred Reif made the semi-finals with Benjamin Atkinson winning the final against Joe Brownill. The course was a huge success and will be repeated again during the Easter Holidays and two weeks during the summer next year.





Downs Cricket Club

Throughout the season, the Downs Gentlemen's Eleven have played at Cokethorpe every fortnight. Particular thanks go to David Bent the regular captain for his organisation and good humour. It is a fine sight when cricket takes place on the pavilion green. As part of the School's symbiotic relationship with the Club, many Cokethorpe boys play at Standlake which is also happy to offer its ground for School matches if any block fixtures are particularly heavy.

Wedding

Mr and Mrs Keeling took off from the School in a helicopter after their wedding.



THE COKETHORPE SOCIETY

Chairman's Report

Next year marks the 50th anniversary of Cokethorpe School. The Cokethorpe Society has over the years supported the School with various donations. The latest this year was the purchase of an organ for the School Church, a gift that will benefit all pupils. I would therefore urge all past pupils and those as they leave, to join the Society in order that we can help fund future School projects. Please ensure that you pass all your contact details to Warwick Daniels.

I look forward to seeing as many past pupils as possible at the Society's events and the forthcoming 50th anniversary celebrations. I am also pleased to announce that Peter Green has been made a vice president of the Society.

From Warwick Daniels

The School is very much looking forward to sending a yearly communication to all members of the Society with a copy of the Ocellus covering each of the three terms. Would all former pupils please confirm their contact details - see panel opposite.

Second Cokethorpe Wedding

Cokethorpe is well known for fostering enduring friendships but on only two known occasions have these resulted in the sound of wedding bells. In July Laura Cooper and James Lamb, who were good



friends at Cokethorpe, were married in the historic church of Minster Lovell. Guests at the reception at Laura's family home included many pupils and staff.



The Committee

Chairman: James Whittenbury (james@whittenbury5064.freeserve.co.uk) Treasurer: Tony Baker Secretary: Simon Lancaster Warwick Daniels Peter Green Mike Hilder Alex Whittenbury

Cokethorpe Merchandise

Last year's Young Enterprise company commissioned some Cokethorpe cuff-links – extremely attractive gold peacocks on a black background - and these are still available. The School has also commissioned a limited edition of its own label wine from the Chiltern Valley Vineyard, founded by former Cokethorpe pupil David Ealand. Please contact the Headmaster's Secretary (*pbt@cokethorpe.org*).

Contact Details

Please could all former pupils update their postal and email addresses, even if you think we have them. A form will be sent shortly, or please use the website.

THE COKETHORPE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Summer Events

The Peacock Ball: Having transformed the marquee (the masks were made by Sixth Form leavers), the CPA committee hosted a truly magnificent evening. Seventeen tables are already booked for next year, one of the major events of the Fiftieth Anniversary celebrations.

T3: The third CPA Talent Show surpassed all expectations. Seventeen talented acts entertained the packed night club (Sports Hall by day). The teachers' band, 'See me After Class', set the rafters rocking while the guest judges deliberated - a very difficult task indeed. Overall winner - Flossie Pugh.



Forthcoming Events

Murder Mystery at Peacock Hall: The first event of the Michaelmas term is new to the CPA and to the Mansion - or maybe not. On Saturday 14 October (note change of date), just after dark, you are invited to dinner at Peacock Hall where candlelight casts shadows and mirrors move. Someone screams - there's a body...or two. How much of a sleuth are you? (For tickets contact Linda Mace - 01993 883805.)

Fireworks Evening: This will take place on Friday 3 November. It is a wonderful family occasion with a huge bonfire and twenty minute fireworks extravaganza,



and includes side shows, barbeque and pig roast as well as the traditional mulled wine and soup.

The Golden Peacock Ball: Note the date now - Saturday 14 July.

Purpose

The CPA organises social events that sometimes have an element of fund-raising for specific projects.

Committee

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Damian Ettinger Valerie Krol Peter Lodowski Siobhan Sargent Mark Stewart Jonathan Taylor Sue Furneaux Gina Lodowski Linda Mace Jane Stevens Caroline Taylor

Postponements

Wine Bluff: The Wine Bluff scheduled for the Michaelmas term has been postponed due to the huge amount of interest in the Murder Mystery evening.

The Cokethorpe Cookbook: The idea remains open but is postponed.

TAIL FEATHERS

Vale Rachel Dent

Having left Southampton University in 1992 Rachel embarked on a career as a journalist, initially working for Time Out in London and then the UN in Alexandria. However, in order to supplement her income in Equpt she started teaching and was immediately inspired, deciding it was the future path for her. She began her teaching career in England deep in the Fens teaching English and Drama at Wisbech Grammar School. After two years she moved to Oxfordshire to get married, and to Cokethorpe as Head of Drama and English teacher. There followed a 10 year period of steady progression in which she was Head of Year 11, Head of English and finally Head of Sixth Form. She also achieved what she describes as her proudest moment with the arrival of her daughter Jessica.



Simone O'Conner Simone joined Cokethorpe in 2004, grasping the task of raising the profile of girls' sport at Cokethorpe with energy and

Lisa Dhesi

Lisa also joined the School in 2004 following her English degree at Exeter University and PGCE at Oxford Brookes. She became a key player in the English department where her love of literature

was paramount. She says she has thoroughly enjoyed her first teaching post and the "brilliant pupils". She moves on to Landsdown Sixth Form College, the age group she most enjoys teaching.

Ave Atque Vale





Rachel enjoyed being a part of the School as it grew from 196 boarders to over 600 day boys and girls, and the exciting roller coaster journey that accompanied these developments.

Rachel was much loved by pupils and colleagues alike and will be sorely missed, but she leaves with the warmest of good wishes from the whole Cokethorpe community as she sets out on another new adventure, as Director of Sixth Form at The Abbey School in Reading.

determination. She had previously taught PE for eight years, with a career break in which she travelled through Asia and fell in love with Thailand. When the opportunity arose to take up a teaching post at Shrewsbury School in Thailand it was one she could not ignore, and although she and Cokethorpe were sorry to see her leave so soon, the temptation was simply too great.

Matthew Yeo

Matthew joined the School for a term, and quickly made his mark in the History department. In the year following his History degree at Oxford and further degree in French from Manchester he had

taught both History and French at other independent schools. He quickly impressed those he taught with his knowledge and passion for History, and all were sorry to see him go.



Alan Hutchings

Cokethorpe was delighted to welcome Alan as Head of Design and Technology at Easter. With a degree from Exeter University Alan went into teaching twelve years ago, first in the state sector for nine years and then at Rubgy School for three years. He started his career as an Aero-engineer with Westand Helicopters.

Open Day Saturday 7 October 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.

Headmaster's address: 10am and 11am

For personal visits at other times, for a tour, discussion with the Registrar and to meet the Headmaster, please contact The Admissions Secretary, Chris Bowerman (01993 703921 or admissions@cokethorpe.org).

Admissions Dates

Assessment and Activities Day Year 7 entry: Saturday 27 January Sixth Form Scholarships: Week beginning 24 January Entry and Scholarships for Year 9: Week beginning 12 March

Contacts Headmaster

The Headmaster particularly welcomes email correspondence during the Headmaster 'Live' hour between 8.00 and 9.00pm on the first Monday of every month during term time. *dje@cokethorpe.org.* At other times please contact The Headmaster's Secretary: 01993 892325 or *pbt@cokethorpe.org.*

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