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The termly newsletter of the School

From the Headmaster



When Sir Thomas More, sometime Chancellor of England under Henry VIII, died at the age of 57 he had been a husband and parent, a diplomat, a Member of Parliament, a lawyer, a philosopher and a theologian. He had written comedies and important historical works and had studied Greek and Latin literature in the original languages. He spoke French, could play the flute and the viol, and was a decent mathematician. I suspect that, if he had been born a few centuries later, he would have played fly-half for England and then founded Oxfam. Admittedly, he was also executed for treason, but then no one's perfect. He is the very model of the Renaissance Man – a term which has come to mean someone who achieves, and who derives fulfilment and enjoyment, across a field of activities – academics, languages, the arts and music, professional life and public service.

But More's level of achievement, and that breadth and intensity of the enjoyment of life, couldn't have been achieved without an education that stimulated just about every fibre of his being. That's the holy grail of education, what every teacher and parent wants to give their children, and what every child should strive after, the enrichment of every single one of their abilities. It's also the idea that gives rise to an exciting new initiative here at the School – the establishment of an Annual Fund that can be used to boost the quality of our pupils' experience beyond the classroom. Further details to follow soon.



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Scholarship Awards 2008-2009

Year 7

Academic

Ellen Garbutt (Feilden)
Emma King (Standlake CE Primary)
Fraser Logue (Vanbrugh)
Oliver Cookson (Harcourt)
Katie Jenkins (Queen Anne)
Bethany Mulloy (Watchfield Primary)
Lucy Nielsen (Ferndale Preparatory)
Shannon Dalton (Standlake CE Primary)

Sport

Beth Stanley (Vanbrugh)
Georgie Craik (Abingdon Preparatory)
Ryan Oliver (Aston and Cote CE Primary)

Art and Design

Thomas Amor (North Kidlington Primary)
Harry Hastings (Chandlings School)
Taisia Horne (Madley Brook Primary)

Year 9

Academic

Harry Fellows (Vanbrugh)
Zoë Mace (Harcourt) (Re-award)
Saman Ridha (Queen Anne) (Re-award)
Alice Duffield (Queen Anne)
Lucy Furneaux (Harcourt)
Lewis Williams (Vanbrugh) (Re-award)
Ethan Bosse (Vanbrugh) (Re-award)
Luci DiMascio (Gascoigne)

Drama

Lucy Grout (Feilden)
George Lawson (Gascoigne)

Music

Isaac Staff (Gascoigne)
James Ellacott (Feilden) (Re-award)

Art

Lulu Revell (Swift)
Gabiella Evans (Swift) (Re-award)
Amy Williams (Swift)

Sport

Freddie Curtis (Harcourt)
Henry Logan (Swift) (Re-award)
Joshua D Poole (Gascoigne) (Re-award)
Tom Wells (Queen Anne) (Re-award)
Charlotte Ferryman (Queen Anne)

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Front Cover:

Junior School Book Character Day

Ski Trip to Austria

A group of 38 pupils from Year 7 to Year 10 departed for a week's ski course in the Stubai Valley near Innsbruck, Austria, during the Christmas break.

The party enjoyed superb snow conditions and empty pistes throughout the week; the weather was however, consistently cold (-17°C) and the wind the coldest encountered.

Pupils received four hours of instruction from members of the local ski school each day as well as supervised skiing with staff.

The group visited the small ski resort of Schlick 2000m above the picturesque village of Fulpmes and spent two days at the Stubai Glacier ski resort (voted the world's best glacial ski area), which boasts a run of 13km.

During the evenings there were a variety of activities, including a visit to the wonderful Christmas fair in Innsbruck, and swimming, shooting, bowling and a quiz night arranged by Mr Rae. The group returned to School in time to recover for Christmas, tired but full of wonderful memories of an action-packed week.



Admissions

Candidates for Year 7 attended the demanding Saturday Assessment Day. A nervous morning of testing was followed by an afternoon of activities including sport, creative writing, art, drama, science, music and design technology. The children were delighted with the variety of items they had made, and their families were entertained by the candidates' musical performances at the end of the day.

The weather on 9 February for Open Morning allowed the School to show itself at its best. All the departments were open and families asked questions

and enjoyed the many performances and demonstrations. There was another record number of visitors.





Careers Convention

This annual event brought together employers, Higher Education Institutions, professionals, parents, pupils and former pupils. The atmosphere was buzzing with over 40 stands in the Sports Hall, all with eye-catching displays, including a camper van, a model heart, modelling clay and graphic displays. This provided an excellent opportunity for pupils to gather information about a variety of professions including dentistry, physiotherapy, and veterinary science. It was also wonderful to welcome back a number of former pupils to host their own stands. Pupils left with ecobags, pens, sweets, notebooks and prospectuses, and also an awareness of the many opportunities available in Further Education and the world of work.

Poetry Live

On Wednesday 23 January, the Year 10 English GCSE pupils visited The King's Centre in Oxford for the opportunity to see and hear live performances from a selection of the poets they are studying. These included Simon Armitage, Gillian Clarke, Carol Ann Duffy, John Agard, and Imtiaz Dharker. There was also a useful examiner session on how to answer exam questions effectively.



The Hungry Cyclist

The literary recitals in the Library continued this term with a presentation from Tom Kevill-Davies, better known as 'The Hungry Cyclist'. Tom spoke to pupils about his incredible 15,000 mile cycling adventure across the Americas, eating and researching the intricacies of local cuisine. His conversational approach and amazing anecdotes inspired those present to ask an impressive range of questions and generated enthusiasm and interest amongst staff and pupils alike. Tom has returned to England after two and a half years and has secured a publishing contract for his travel writing. The School hopes to welcome him back to host a book-signing session next year. See www.thehungrycyclist.com.

Year 7 Pizza Lunch

Fourteen Year 7 girls were given a surprise lunch as they arrived and were sat at a candelabra-decorated table. They were then interrupted by the delivery of several large pizzas, which they set about to devour with great enthusiasm. The girls were treated to this lunch as a reward for the help that they had given at the Year 7 Assessment and Activities Day at the beginning of term.

Careers Convention Stands

Educational Institutions

Bath University
 Brunel University
 Cokethorpe Sixth Form
 Gloucestershire University
 Leicester University
 Oxford Brookes University
 Oxford Media & Business School
 Royal College of Agriculture
 Royal Holloway, University of London
 Royal Veterinary College
 Southampton University

Employers

AKS Engineers
 The Army
 Blackwells
 Complete Presentations
 Four Pillars Hotel Group
 Kingerlee
 M Group Accountants
 The Navy
 Oxford Playhouse
 Oxford Architects
 The Royal Air Force
 Rutherford Laboratory
 Siemens
 STL Communications
 Waitrose
 West Oxfordshire District Council

Professionals from the following areas:

Computing
 Dentistry
 Law and Solicitors
 Medicine
 Music
 Nursing
 Nursery Nursing
 Physiotherapy
 Property Professionals
 Physics
 Psychology
 Teaching
 Independent Schools Careers Organisation (ISCO)

Year 7 Helpers

The following girls all helped with the Year 7 Assessment and Activities Day:

Jasmine St John Wallis (Queen Anne)
 Jessie Grimwade (Gascoigne)
 Kristina Greynolds (Harcourt)
 Anna Withey (Harcourt)
 Connie Gascoyne (Gascoigne)
 Holly Keylock (Feilden)
 Alice Bird (Gascoigne)
 Lizzie Gardner (Vanbrugh)
 Charlotte Brain (Swift)
 Charlotte Mobbs (Queen Anne)
 Megan Alexander (Feilden)
 Grace Du Feu (Swift)
 Katherine Woolley (Queen Anne)
 Molly Williamson (Vanbrugh)

ACADEMIC

Intermediate Maths Challenge

The number of certificates awarded to Cokethorpe pupils has increased yet again.

Best in School, Gold Award:
Luke Withey 74

Gold Award Winners:
Young Kong 73, Alison Roberts 72,
Ian Kirkman 71

Silver Award Winners:
William Lawson 69, Michael
McLoone 68, Helena Jennison 67,
Perri Game 67, Daniel Humphrey 64,
Adam Lodowski 62, Olivia Plummer
60, Duncan Bruce 55

Bronze Award Winners:
Sam Unwin 51, William Wallace 50,
Edmund Chia 50, Caroline Jenkins 50,
Nicholas Lucey 50, Max Williamson
50, Gregory Muller 50, Doug Easter
49, Kieran Holliday 48, Sophie Fisher
48, Kimberley Mallett 46, Won Seok
Chung 46, Sam O' Brien 46, Archie
Napper 45, Mark Bery 44, Hugo van
Dorssen 44, William Goodhew 43,
Edward Hunt 42, George Kerr 42

The cut off marks were:
Gold ≥ 70, Silver ≥ 54, Bronze ≥ 42

There were 202,554 entries submitted.

Scholarship Awards 2008-2009

Sixth Form

Academic

Adam Lodowski (Vanbrugh)
Hannah Jones (Vanbrugh)
Helena Jennison (Harcourt) (Re-award)
Michael McLoone (Queen Anne)
William Lawson (Gascoigne)
Elice Willett (Swift)
Gurdeep Bhella (Queen Anne)
Jordan Gillies (Feilden)
Suzy Russell (Swift)

All Round

Olivia Plummer (Queen Anne) (Re-award)
Rebecca Fellows (Vanbrugh)
Joshua Atkins (Gascoigne)
Kimberley Mallett (Gascoigne)
Hannah Brownrigg-Gleeson (Harcourt)
Jonathan Morris (Gascoigne)
Jessica O'Brien (Feilden)

Art and Design

Louise Ford (Swift) (Re-award)

Drama

Bronté Coppock-Cudd (Swift)

Music

Emily Sayers (Swift) (Re-award)
Toby Pugh (Harcourt) (Re-award)

Sport

Paul Tyrer (Gascoigne) (Re-award)
Chloe Pickford (Vanbrugh) (Re-award)
Christopher Clare (Vanbrugh) (Re-award)
Jamie Amer (Harcourt) (Re-award)
Guy Biggs (Feilden)
Christopher Constantine (Queen Anne)
Edward Church (Fitzharry's School)

Mathematics Trip

Eighteen students enjoyed a thought-provoking day at the Institute of Education, University of London in March. Five presenters took them on a journey through the world of modern mathematics, encountering air fares, avalanches, chocolate and the celebrity world of football. They returned to School wiser and more inquisitive about how mathematics affects the real world.



Greek Poetry

Miss Ringham's Year 7 English class wrote, directed, rehearsed and performed their own original poetry inspired by the Ancient Greeks. Four separate interpretations of the *Iliad* and the fall of Troy were presented to prospective parents on Open Morning. The performances were superb, and testament to the commitment, imagination, enthusiasm and creativity of all involved.



A Level Law Trip

There is no better way of educating students than giving them the opportunity to witness the law coming alive. High-profile cases were listened to at the Old Bailey during the morning, and after lunch the group visited the Royal Courts of Justice to sit in on the 'Diana Inquest', seeing CCTV footage of the last hour of the driver's life. It was only disappointing that they were unable to stay longer.

Year 11 Girls' Grooming

On 31 January the Year 11 girls attended an evening presented by Julie Talbot and the staff from the local salon in Witney, Junction Hair and Beauty. The presentation *Good grooming every young lady should know* allowed us to ask questions about beauty. We also got our make-up, nails and hair done.



During the night we were asked to complete a questionnaire and the lucky winner, Elice Willett, received a voucher for a facial worth more than £70, however none of us went home empty handed because we all received a goody

bag full of beauty treats. The evening was very enjoyable and I know we all learnt something new.

Gurdeep Bhella (Queen Anne)



Mrs Jarrett: Arctic Explorer

Amongst the recent series of lunchtime lectures, members of the Senior School enjoyed a presentation by Mrs Jarrett on her eight-week expedition in the Arctic. She had a number of stories to share, including polar bear warning flares, broken ribs and blizzards. She showed the attentive audience photos of the wildlife, life on the expedition, and her frost bite.

THE SIXTH FORM



Boys' Wine Tasting

The Sixth Form are now expected to tell their Chardonnays from their Cabernet Sauvignons, thanks to the informative talk given by the Oxford Wine Company. First they were shown some of the etiquette connected with wine – how a glass should be held and how wine should be served. The participants then moved on to learning how to taste wine, and identify what was significant about each one. Tasting abilities were put to the test with some mystery wines and Marcus Toumazou was the wine tasting champion. Thank you to the Oxford Wine Company for making us all budding wine connoisseurs.

Callum Staff



Girls' Wine Tasting

On 12 February, the ladies of the Sixth Form participated in an evening of wine tasting. Designed to educate and deepen our knowledge and understanding of wine, the evening was a huge success, introducing us to the bibulous indulgence of the Oxford Wine Company. The evening started with a basic Pinot Grigio, and progressed to the depths of Spanish Rioja and Chilean Shiraz. The fiercely contested competition of recognition was won by Rebecca Herd, who received a vintage bottle of Champagne. Many thanks to all who organised such an enjoyable evening.

Sophie Truran



General Studies Lectures

Speakers continue to astonish, enthuse and astound Sixth Form students with their achievements. Former Pupil Dale le Vack (1958-1962) gripped the audience with legendary tales of both his 40 years in the media and his life at Cokethorpe 50 years ago. Anecdotes included tales of B52 bombers laden with nuclear warheads interrupting lessons every 45 minutes, and eye-watering stories about receiving the cane.



Janice Meek, Polar Explorer, gave a superbly illustrated lecture on her April 2007 race to the magnetic north, participation in which made her a world record holder as the oldest female to achieve such a feat. Yet this was her second Guinness Book of Records citation, gaining her first ten years ago for rowing across the Atlantic with her son. Both talks were deeply motivational for the students.

Biologist of the Year

The School Biologist of the Year event took place in the University of Oxford Natural History Museum on Thursday 7 February. The talk was given by Dr George McGavin from the Museum and prizes were awarded by Professor Iain Campbell, Head of Molecular Biology at Oxford University. James Winkley (Gascoigne) attended the reception that took place amidst the floodlit dinosaur exhibits.

Sixth Form Lent Term Trips

Tuesday 8 January 2008

AS and A Level Design Technology Factory Visit, Witney

Friday 25 January 2008

AS and A Level Photography Trip to Victoria and Albert Museum, London

Monday 28 January 2008

Science Talk at Tudor Hall School

Tuesday 5 February 2008

A Level History 'Napoleon in Europe' Trip to Camden, London

Friday 8 to Tuesday 12 February 2008

AS Level Geography Field Trip to Betws-y-Coed, Wales

Tuesday 26 February 2008

A Level Psychology 'Sleep and Dreaming' Exhibition, London

Friday 29 February 2008

AS and A Level Physical Education Trip to Bath University

Friday 29 February 2008

AS Level Philosophy Ethics Conference, Oxford Town Hall

Monday 3 March 2008

Science Talk at Tudor Hall School

Tuesday 4 March 2008

A Level Law Trip to the Old Bailey, London

Friday 7 March 2008

Talk on Genetics and Cancer at Tudor Hall School

Monday 10 March 2008

A Level Politics Trip to London

Thursday 13 March 2008

AS and A Level Mathematics and Year 11 Additional Mathematics Trip to Institute of Education, London

Sixth Form Taster Day

On Thursday 24 January, the current Year 11 pupils, and a number of external pupils, spent the day experiencing what it would be like to be a member of the Sixth Form. They were able to wear suits and took part in lessons in subjects that they are considering for their AS and A Levels.

Meanwhile, the current Sixth Form students were given a Sixth Form Study Day at home to allow them to focus on their own AS and A Level work.

THE ARTS

Forthcoming Performances

A Level Examination Performances
Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 April
7.00pm, The Shed

AS Performance:
'Metamorphosis' by Kafka/Berkoff

A2 Performances:
Adaptations of 'Our Country's Good'
by Timberlake Wertenbaker and 'Dr
Faustus' by Christopher Marlowe

Year 7 Drama Production
'Troy 24'
Wednesday 25 June
7.00pm, The Shed

Year 8 Drama Production
'The Alternative Fairy Tales'
Thursday 26 June
7.00pm, The Shed

Outdoor Shakespeare Production
'Much Ado About Nothing'
Friday 11 July
As part of Prize Giving

'Machines'

Some of the machines invented by
Year 8 were:

Poopascooper
Now-is-Wow
Sprout-anator
Pimp-my-shoe-anator
Glamourama 3000
Super-Duper-Hoover-nator
Ham-Mortality 2000
The Flip Flop 4000
The Human Recycler
The Imaginator

'And Finally'

Some of the news stories covered by
Year 9 were:

The Meredith Kercher Story
The Hottest Sauce in the World
The Shooting of Kamilah Peniston
Should Shoes Have Rights?

Cast of Skin

Narrator	Louis Taylor
Drioli	Jacob Booty
Kalmuck	Alex Lawson
Josie	Olivia Poole
Lady in Gallery	Rose Parker
Bueno	Patrick Matterson
Hotel Owner	Francis Plummer
Man in Gallery	Patrick Hooley
Tramp	Huw Williams

Directed by Louis Taylor (Feilden) and
Alex Lawson (Swift).

Skin

Skin is a macabre tale by Roald Dahl,
who wrote over 70 short stories.

Year 8 'Machines'

As an introduction to Physical Theatre
the Year 8 pupils worked on constructing
'Machines Not Yet Invented'. Performed
in The Shed, it was a most enjoyable
and entertaining showing, which the
audience thoroughly enjoyed. They
presented their imaginative and diverse
creations including, some memorable
machines and advertising campaigns
such as; 'The Human Recycler' (speaks
for itself), 'The Flip-Flop 4000' (makes
the perfect pancake every time) and the
'Ham-Mortality 2000' that 'promises to
give your hamster eternal life, making
it fire resistant, dishwasher safe and
shatter proof!'



Year 9 'And Finally'

The Year 9 pupils spent some time
working on reportage (structuring
and presenting information) in a
documentary style. This was shown to
an audience in The Shed on 22 January.

Some pupils tackled serious and
contemporary issues such as the
murder of Meredith Kercher, which had
been finely researched and delivered
with sensitivity, and others took a more
light-hearted and humorous approach
presenting the 'And Finally' news
items including; 'The Hottest Sauce in
the World' and 'Should Shoes Have
Rights?'



Senior School Production

The Jazz Combo began the evening
to a full-to-capacity Shed. The Year 7
and 8 Choir, Brass Ensemble, Chamber
Choir, Freddie Miles' Trio, Soul Singers,
and Orchestra all performed items on
the theme of music from the theatre.
The audience was treated to a dramatic
finale with a selection of musical
numbers from *The Sound of Music*. A
choir of nuns sang angelically and Hope
Boyd, Lizzie Ferrier, Lucy Furneaux,
Huw Williams, Anna Withey and Jacob
Yolland gave brilliant renditions as the



von Trapp children, with Gerard Smith as
the Captain, and Bronté Coppock-Cudd
as Maria.



THE ARTS

Skin by Roald Dahl

Louis Taylor (Year 9 Drama Scholar) was so taken with a book Miss Jackson had lent him, that he adapted one of the short stories and wrote a script. He and Alex Lawson (Year 10 Drama Scholar) then cast, rehearsed and directed this



piece, which culminated in a Lunchtime Drama Presentation on Tuesday 18 March in The Shed. The French accents were very convincing and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the somewhat sinister story.



Music Recitals

Sixth Form musicians gave a lunchtime recital on Thursday 6 March as part of their A Level Music. Joshua Gale and Gerard Smith sang songs by Dowland, Quilter, Claude Schoenberg and Ralph Vaughan-Williams. Dominic Cannon played piano pieces by Vanhal and Mozart and Christopher MacKinnon played *Tears in the Rain* and *Romanza* on Classical Guitar.

Art News

Congratulations to Vicky Jones who has secured a place on the Art and Design Foundation course at the prestigious Central St Martins in London. Nick Harvey has had offers from a number of universities, and plans to pursue a career in Advertising. Joanne O'Neill has been accepted on an American Arts Foundation course in New York. The Art Department wish them the very best in their future studies.



Textiles Competition

The Textiles and Fashion 'Design a Hat' competition for Years 7, 8 and 9 received an array of very exciting entries ranging from a three-tiered cake to a woven beret. Miss Collis was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and talent amongst the Lower School. The winners were Lissi Mason (Year 9, Queen Anne), Kanami Ihara (Year 8, Feilden) and Nicholas Brain (Year 7, Swift).



Around the School

There is a new addition to the School's collection of sculptures that are scattered across the grounds; a Goliath Heron has nestled itself amongst the bushes alongside the Upper Quad, not far from his friend who is majestically perched amongst the reeds in the pond. Other sculptures in the grounds include three warthogs, two peacocks, one dodo, two peahens, three owls, and a lizard.

Lunchtime Music Recitals

Thursday 31 January
Rebecca Truman (Feilden) on flute, and James Winkley (Gascoigne) on piano.

Thursday 6 March
Gerard Smith (Swift), Dominic Cannon (Vanbrugh), Joshua Gale (Queen Anne) and Christopher MacKinnon (Harcourt).

Thursday 14 March
Toby Pugh (Harcourt) and Joshua Gale (Queen Anne). A selection of songs by Toby Pugh.

Pupil Bands

Two Year 11 pupils are involved in recording and performing outside School:

Louis Armstrong-Jones (Queen Anne)

- Band name Fazer
- Louis – vocals
- Working with producer at Catseye Studios, Swindon
- Regional semi-finalist in Live and Unsigned National Competition (29 March)

Tom Barclay (Feilden)

- Band name Arc Angel
- Tom – guitar and vocals
- Third in 2007 Oxfordshire Battle of the Bands

Music Exam Results

From the Michaelmas Term:

Marianne Pearson	Clarinet	3 (Dist)
Joshua Gale	Drums	3 (Dist)
Charlotte Ferryman	Flute	3 (Pass)
Lewis Williams	Piano	3 (Dist)
William Atkins	Piano	2 (Pass)
Charles Tobin	Saxophone 1	(Dist)
William Draper	Saxophone 3	(Merit)
Michael McLoone	Trumpet	3 (Merit)
Oliver Parker	Trumpet	3 (Pass)
Melanie Severn	Singing	2 (Merit)
James Ellacott	Singing	2 (Merit)
Sonal Mandalia	Singing	2 (Merit)
Francesca Ellis	Singing	3 (Merit)
Shirin O'Neill	Singing	3 (Pass)
Lydia Farrell	Singing	3 (Dist)
Zachary Bamford	Singing	5 (Dist)

Textiles Competition Winners

Year 9

- 1st Lissi Mason (Queen Anne)
- 2nd Harriet Robinson (Harcourt)
- 3rd Tim Knight (Vanbrugh)

Year 8

- 1st Kanami Ihara (Feilden)
- 2nd Luci DiMascio (Gascoigne)
- 3rd Amy Williams (Swift)

Year 7

- 1st Nicholas Brain (Swift)
- 2nd William Cunnington (Gascoigne)

SPORT

Sports Dinner

The following awards were presented at the Sports Dinner on Wednesday 12 March:

Coach's Player: Megan Hope
Brin Gleeson
Most Improved: Amy Minch
Samuel Boyd
Players' Player: Suzy Russell
Jamie Amer

Netball Results

First VII

Henry Box School	L 25-9
Bloxham School	L 41-7
St Helen and St Katharine	L 30-4
Oxford High School	L 36-8
U19 West Oxon Tournament	2nd
Gosford Hill School	W 9-4
Burford School	W 10-4
Wood Green School	W 10-0
Tudor Hall School (Final)	L 12-4
St Edward's, Cheltenham	W 34-10
Kingham Hill School	W 32-2
Burford School	W 24-12

Second VII

Henry Box School	W 21-11
Bloxham School	L 39-6
St Helen and St Katharine	L 26-6
Oxford High School	L 13-6
The King's School, Gloucester	L 22-3
St Edward's, Cheltenham	W 12-5
Gosford Hill School	L 17-9

U16

Gosford Hill School	L 15-7
Cranford House School	W 20-13
Bloxham School	L 20-9
St Helen and St Katharine	L 29-4
West Oxon Tournament	2nd
Wood Green School	W 9-1
Chipping Norton School	W 11-0
Carterton School	W 7-0
Bartholomew School	W 7-0
Burford School	W 9-2
Marlborough School	D 6-6
Henry Box School (Final)	L 7-3
Oxford High School	L 32-3
The King's School, Gloucester	L 5-5
St Edward's, Cheltenham	W 15-6
The King's School, Witney	W 20-11
Burford School	W 12-4

U15

Cranford House U16 Bs	W 34-1
The King's School, Witney	W 30-3
West Oxon Tournament	1st
Wood Green School	W 4-2
Henry Box School	W 5-0
Burford School	W 7-2
Marlborough School	W 7-0
Carterton School	W 10-0
St Edward's, Cheltenham	W 18-8
Kingham Hill School	W 33-2
Bloxham School	L 17-8
Gosford Hill School	W 27-3

Netball

It has been a short term but 93 matches were played, with two thirds of them won.

The 1st VII had an impressive start with three consecutive wins and coming second in the West Oxon Tournament. The opposition became stronger as the term went on but the performance of the team greatly improved, the score not always reflecting the game.

The 2nd VII have shown consistent improvement throughout the season and the U16 team proved themselves to be a strong team coming second in the West Oxon Tournament. The U15s had a fantastic season, winning ten matches including the West Oxon Tournament.



Kayaking

The Cokethorpe Canoe and Kayak Club have some new paddlers with potential in their ranks. The racing season will start for most of them after Easter, but some of them have been racing through the winter with some impressive results. Fred Reif and Tim Muller (both Vanbrugh) won the K2 Junior Waterside series and were the fastest crew by more than three hours. They are hot favourites for the Devizes to Westminster race over Easter. Dominic Cannon (Vanbrugh) and Ed Brooks (Feilden) came second in the first of the series; Dominic then raced K1 for the second and third races as Ed was unfortunately injured.

U14 Sleepover

'Make bets at your peril' would be wise advice for Mr Ettinger, who made a deal back in the autumn that if the U14 girls' hockey team played the rest of their season unbeaten, he would host a sleepover party. Sure enough, they excelled themselves on the field and, accompanied by Mrs Jarrett and Miss Anderson, enjoyed a January night in The Shed, complete with DVDs, chocolate fountains, takeaway pizza, ice cream, a midnight badminton tournament and a bedtime story from the Headmaster himself – who then treated them to a fry-up in the morning.

They only lost one game, scoring 183 goals and conceding just 38.

The U14s showed a strong work ethic. They had some good results winning five matches including a victory over Henry Box School.

The U13s again displayed great enthusiasm, and with some work on tactics and set plays next year they will be building on some encouraging performances. The U12 won eleven matches and the West Oxon Tournament, losing only to Oxford High by two goals. They scored 223 goals, conceding 42 and are the Senior School Team of the Season.



Lacrosse

A number of girls have thoroughly enjoyed having the chance to play lacrosse as part of their AOB this term. Hopefully there will be some fixtures arranged for next year.

Clay Pigeon Shooting

On 2 March the School team travelled to Wedgcock for the Independent Schools' Challenge. The team was only narrowly beaten by Millfield, Stowe and Norwich to come fourth, beating a number of local rivals. Individually, Michael Staples and Jordan Gillies came joint fourth from over 100 competitors. Two weeks previously the team had beaten the Reading University team 386 to 384.





Soccer

The U12s had a short season as they had been concentrating on development in Rugby; they won one of their three games. The U13s enjoyed a very good season and demonstrated that, despite their size, they are capable of playing skilful football. They played seven matches, winning five.

The U14s had a difficult season, drawing one and losing five. The team does have some talented players, but they must look to improve for next year. The U15s had a frustrating season due to cancellations by the opposition. They played four matches, winning three. Some of the boys have shown they will be pushing for 1st XI places next year.



Cross Country

Cross Country is a strongly emerging choice of sport at Cokethorpe School. Since it takes several years of training to become a competitive runner, the School may have to bide its time to become a dominant presence in Oxfordshire – but there is clearly much potential. On 5 February the County School Cross Country Championships were held at Radley College. Congratulations to Sam Miller (Year 12, Harcourt), Georgia Lisi (Year 10, Harcourt) and Jamie Unwin (Year 8, Harcourt) for being included in the Oxfordshire team.

Boys' and Mixed Hockey

The School has engaged in a programme of fixtures for the boys' and mixed XIs. In this inaugural season there were 11

Results for the 2nd XI were mixed, with some excellent wins punctuated by disappointing performances. All in all eight matches were played with four wins, three defeats and two draws. A good number of these players will also be looking to make the transition into the 1st XI squad next year.

The 1st XI have had an unprecedented season, with seven wins and a draw. This achievement is made all the more impressive as 11 out of the 15-man squad are Year 11 pupils. The team scored 28 goals, conceding only 4.

Overall statistics: won or drew 62% of matches, goals for: 128, against: 89.

Sports Dinner

Members of the soccer and netball first teams, and their coaches, enjoyed celebrating the term's successes in the Corinthian Room for the traditional end-of-term Sports Dinner. The captains said their thanks and the coaches announced the winners of the awards and next year's captains. This was also the opportunity to say goodbye to those who will be leaving at the end of this year.

fixtures, with teams ranging from the U12s to the 1st XI. The win to loss ratio was better than anticipated and all the players represented the School in a befitting manner, showing good commitment to skill development and the understanding of match play.



Sports Colours

Half Colours

Netball Suzy Russell
Sarah Davey
Izzy Landon
Hannah Brown (re-award)
Soccer Christopher Cassetari
Adam Maskery
Luke White

Full Colours

Netball Amy Minch
Megan Hope
Soccer Brin Gleeson (re-award)

Sports Captains

Next year's soccer and netball captains were announced at the Sports Dinner and they are as follows:

Soccer Captain: Adam Maskery
Soccer Vice-Captain: Luke White
Netball Captain: Suzy Russell
Netball Vice-Captain: Sarah Davey

Soccer Results

First XI

Burford School	D 0-0
Abingdon School	W 2-1
Henry Box School	W 4-0
St Edward's, Cheltenham	W 3-2
Sibford School	W 6-0
Kingham Hill School	W 8-0
The Oratory School	W 3-0
Park House School, Newbury	W 2-1

Second XI

Akeley Wood School	D 2-2
Abingdon School	W 2-0
Magdalen College School	L 6-4
St Edward's, Cheltenham	W 2-1
Sibford School	W 9-0
Cotswold School	L 1-0
The Oratory School	L 7-2
Park House School, Newbury	W 2-1

Third XI

The King's School, Witney	L 3-2
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U15

Akeley Wood School	W 1-0
St Edward's, Cheltenham	W 6-1
Sibford School	W 9-0

U14

Gosford Hill School	L 2-0
The King's School, Witney U16s	L 6-4
St Edward's, Cheltenham	L 2-1
Henry Box School	D 4-4
Cotswold School	D 2-2
Kingham Hill School B	L 4-1
The Oratory School	L 3-0
The Oratory School B	L 8-0

All the term's sports results are available on the School website and are updated weekly. www.cokethorpe.org.uk

SPORT

Guinness Premiership Clubs

Bath Rugby, Bristol Rugby, Gloucester Rugby, Harlequins, Leeds Carnegie, Leicester Tigers, London Irish, London Wasps, Newcastle Falcons, Sale Sharks, Saracens and Worcester Warriors.

Guinness Premiership Winners

2006-2007	Leicester Tigers
2005-2006	Sale Sharks
2004-2005	London Wasps
2003-2004	London Wasps
2002-2003	London Wasps

British and Irish Lions Tours

1997 to South Africa (Lions won)
2001 to Australia (Australia won)
2005 to New Zealand (NZ won)
2009 to South Africa

Premier League Trophy

The trophy, weighing four stone, was created by Asprey & Garrard, the official jewellers of Her Majesty's Crown. The design is based on the theme of The Three Lions of English Football.



Danny Grewcock

Members of the Senior rugby squad were treated to a guest coaching session from England and British Lions second row Danny Grewcock MBE. Danny, who played 69 times for England and played in 3 Lions tests, is still playing for Bath in the Guinness Premiership. Danny has aspirations of making a career as a coach and took a guest session at the School in order to develop his coaching experience. All of the boys enjoyed the well-planned session and were impressed with his friendly nature. The England star was thanked by 1st XV captain David Wells; Danny then spent time chatting to players and staff.



Premier League Trophy

The Lent Term kicked off with the School welcoming a visit from the Barclays Premier League Trophy, complete with security guards! All the pupils and staff in both the Junior School and the Senior School had the opportunity to have their photo taken with this world-famous trophy.

Staff vs Netball 1st VII

In the penultimate week of term, a selection of staff joined forces to play the netball 1st VII. The match was of a high quality, but also entertaining to watch. The staff, however, were victorious, winning the match 20-9.

FUNDRAISING FOR CHARITY

Tutor Group Charities

Last term, the Year 8 tutor groups raised the following amounts for their chosen charities:

£1,300 to Helen & Douglas House (Feilden and Gascoigne)
£850 to Downside Up (Harcourt)
£500 to Funsami (Swift)
£290 to Children in Need (Queen Anne)
£91 to MIND (Vanbrugh)

Aid on a High Note

Tickets are on sale for the charity event 'Aid on a High Note', an evening of music and dance, in support of Helen & Douglas House and The Abandoned Bulgarian Children's Trust. There will be performances from Zoë Mace, The Young Guns String Octet, West End Cabaret star Samantha Davis, flamenco diva Laetitia Burns, and New Zealand Tenor Geoff Sewell.

Saturday 19 April from 7.30pm
Millet's Farm, Frilford
Tickets include a three-course meal

For full details visit:
www.aidonahighnote.co.uk

5000 Miles, 5000 Pounds

Fundraising for the School in Lesotho has continued with great success this term. Cokethorpe pupils have once again shown themselves to be enthusiastic about chocolate, investing heavily in the recent Easter Egg sale as well as the non-uniform day. Perhaps a fitting form of penance after a gluttonous Easter would be to participate in the '5,000 mile' campaign, with the first official ride on 27 April – a road circuit of around 6 miles in length. Anyone can get involved, and sponsor forms are available. So far, in excess of 1,600 miles have been cycled, and around £1,300 raised.



Pupil Fundraising

The pupils are always keen to support charities that have a particular meaning for them, and their efforts are often coordinated through their tutor groups. A number of individual pupils, parents and staff also support a range of other charities outside School.

Junior School

£4,622 was raised by the Junior School sponsored walk, in aid of 'Cecily's Fund'. The Cecily's Fund manager visited the School on Friday 14 March to present the children with a Certificate of Achievement during Assembly. (See page 14.)



THE HOUSES

Inter-House Drama

The short term made preparing for the Inter-House Drama Competition an even greater challenge. This year the responsibility lay solely in the hands of the pupils (from the direction of the piece to the acquisition of props and costumes), requiring excellent organisation and the ability to bring together the various talents of each House. For the first time marks were not

just awarded for the final performance, but also for the preparation process (including teamwork, organisation and technical support), recognising those who are so important but not seen in an accomplished drama production. The visiting judge, professional actor Mr William Belchambers, awarded marks for the final 15 minute comedies and Harcourt were announced as winners.



Inter-House Soccer

The sunny February afternoon provided the backdrop for a thoroughly enjoyable and competitive tournament, played in great spirit. Gascoigne triumphed in the Senior section, beating Harcourt in the final thanks to goals from Billy Webb and Joshua Atkins. In the Year 7 to Year 9 competition Swift won a tightly contested final against Gascoigne, winning in a penalty shoot-out.



Inter-House Netball

This took place on 10 March, not a good day for playing netball with the rain and strong winds making things difficult. Despite the weather, the afternoon was successful with the girls overcoming the conditions to play some great netball. 95% of all the Senior girls took part showing commitment and enthusiasm throughout the tournament, in which Feilden were declared the winners.



Most Recommendations

Year 7: Kristina Greynolds (Harcourt)
 Year 8: Amy Williams (Swift)
 Year 9: Louis Taylor (Feilden)
 Year 10: Isabelle Evans (Swift)
 Year 11: Rebecca Fellows (Vanbrugh)
 Year 12: Kim Lyzba (Feilden)
 Year 13: Sophie Russell (Swift)
 Overall winner: Louis Taylor
 House winner: Gascoigne

Inter-House Drama Results

1st Harcourt (77 points)
 2nd Queen Anne (70)
 3rd Swift (69)
 4th Vanbrugh (60)
 5th Feilden (59)
 5th Gascoigne (59)

Outstanding Individual Performances:
 Francis Plummer (Queen Anne)
 Alex Lawson (Swift)

Best Director Award:
 Darrell Porter (Harcourt)

Inter-House Soccer Results

Overall:

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

Year 7 to Year 9:

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

Swift won the final in a penalty shoot-out.

Year 10 to Year 13:

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

Gascoigne won the final 2-0.

Inter-House Netball Results

1st Gascoigne (43 points)
 2nd Vanbrugh (37)
 3rd Queen Anne (36)
 4th Swift (29)
 5th Harcourt (28)
 6th Feilden (16)

Inter-House Mixed Hockey

In an unofficial House tournament, played at the end of term, Harcourt won the Inter-House mixed hockey competition.

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 6 Choir

Harry Austin, Vanessa Blake, Laura Cardy, Oliver Cookson, Rem Coppock-Cudd, Francesca Donovan-Brady, Christian Ettinger, Ellen Garbutt, Annabel Hulewicz, Katie Jenkins, Fraser Logue, Katie McLachlan, Nico Mendoza-Sharman, Harry Norton-Shaw, Fred Orme, William Sayer, Melanie Severn, Sydney Skinner, Beth Stanley, Charlie Tobin, Elijah Vieira-Faria.

Junior School Orchestra

Alexandra Cross, Francesca Donovan-Brady, Matthew Ellacott, Ellen Garbutt, Henry Leonard-Taylor, Fraser Logue, Ben Mendoza-Sharman, Hector Mendoza-Sharman, Nico Mendoza-Sharman, Charlie Tobin, Elijah Vieira-Faria, Jessica Williams.

Junior School Samba Band

Nicholas Caddy, Edward Collins, Toby Farrant, Sebastian Fisher, George Grime, George Hooper, Alexander Jobling, Fraser Logue, Matthew Roche, Charlie Tobin, Toby Woods.

A Window on the World

By Eloise Fraser-Paterson (Year 4, Queen Anne)

A brave astronaut looked out of a window and discovered a new planet.

A nervous gymnast looked out of a window and saw a cheering crowd.

A tired sailor looked out of a window and saw a leaping dolphin.

An anxious cook looked out of a window and saw the Queen eating his food.

A proud teacher looked out of a window and saw her pupils graduate.

A thrilled actress looked out of a window and saw her name in lights.

A hungry cat looked out of a window and saw some milk.

A curious child looked out of a window and saw a whole new world.

Requested by the Headmaster

Book Character Winners

00RR Freddie Gascoyne (Robin Hood)
02LO Tabitha Pavitt (Rapunzel)
03RO Millie Hulewicz (Mary Poppins)
04MM Mollie Robinson (Angelina Ballerina)
04JD Matthew Ellacott (Jack Sparrow)
05HL Rory Atkins (Artful Dodger)
05MC Matthew Pavitt (Willy Wonka)
06MO Sydney Skinner (Cruella de Vil)
06GM Harry Blake (Oompa Loompah)

Evening of the Arts

Junior School parents were invited to an Evening of the Arts, which included music, poetry and an art exhibition. Parents and staff viewed the art whilst enjoying a glass of wine and canapés

and listened to music provided by Senior School Music scholars. They were then led up to The Shed by the Samba Band to hear the class poetry winners and Junior musicians perform.



Book Week

In February, the Junior School held a Book Week. Activities included daily story-telling sessions in the Library, an Inter-House Book Quiz and a Guess the Teacher's Favourite Book Competition. In addition, Blackwell's Bookshop brought a book fair to School. One of the highlights of the week was the dramatised presentation 'A Taste of Dahl', given by the actor Anthony Pedley who created the role of the BFG in the stage version of the Roald Dahl book. The week's finale was Book Character Day, which sent even the staff to the dressing-up basket in order to find a

costume. A fantastic effort was made by everyone and the parade of characters was enjoyed by all.



THE JUNIOR SCHOOL



Link with New Zealand School

Year 4 were pleased to receive emails with photographs of their Cokethorpe teddy bear touring the Maungatapu School in New Zealand. Year 4 have continued to enjoy their email link with the children abroad and have discovered a lot about the country. They recently received a parcel in return, containing messages, postcards, a New Zealand flag, kiwi candy, a teddy bear and some kiwi bird models.

Fire Safety Presentation

The children were asked to check the smoke alarms at home and talk with the rest of their family about an escape plan. The firefighter was very informative and explained the 'Stop, Drop and Roll' method of putting out a clothes fire. She also showed the children how to use the backs of their hands to feel for heat, and to get as low as possible to avoid the smoke.



Year 6 Mexicolore

On Tuesday 12 February Mexicolore visited the School and showed some fantastic artefacts, the Year 6 children had a wonderful time dressing up and learning all about the Aztecs. In a single morning Mexicolore brought a term's study of the Aztecs, and the history of Mexican culture, to life through music, dance, drama, costumes, artefacts, crafts and slides.



Trip to Ashmolean Museum

Year 5 have been studying the Egyptians this term and enjoyed looking at the artefacts in the Ashmolean Museum when they visited the Museum of Art and Archaeology in Oxford on Thursday 13 March. The museum is very welcoming to groups of school children and the visit was wonderfully stimulating, informative and fun.

Pre-Prep Poetry Reading

The Pre-prep children recited their poems to parents and other Junior School children at Lower Junior School Assembly. Some of the youngest pupils had never performed in front of an audience before and it was a pleasure to see them do so with such confidence.



Year 6 Trip to IMPS

Year 6 visited Witney Hospital to learn First Aid procedures including the steps to take if a friend is unconscious, electrocuted, badly cut, choking or burnt.

The children practised resuscitation techniques on dummies and learnt how and when to place a patient in the recovery position.

Having studied broken bones on x-rays, the children were able to see how plates and pins are inserted. They also had a small finger plaster fitted.

The Injury Minimisation Programme for Schools is informative, interactive and very useful. One day these children may find themselves saving someone's life.

New Zealand Facts

Maungatapu School is located in Tauranga on the North Island of New Zealand.

The New Zealand flag shows the Union Flag, which indicates the historic links with Great Britain.

The stars on the flag symbolise the Southern Cross, which is usually visible from anywhere in New Zealand.

The kiwi bird is an endangered species because it cannot fly away from predators. Only about 1,500 kiwi birds are left in the world.

New Zealand's currency is the New Zealand Dollar.

Paua shells are used to make jewellery. The blue/green shimmer of the shell is very pretty.

The scenery in New Zealand is stunning with snow-capped mountains, beautiful beaches, huge lakes and tropical forests.

There are more sheep in New Zealand than people!

Children in New Zealand change classes in February, not in September.

The Maori people are the native people of New Zealand.

Fire Safety Presentation

'I went home to check and count all my smoke alarms with my daddy... and they work!'

Grace Ettinger (Harcourt)

'I think smoke alarms are clever, they can smell the smoke even before the fire has started.'

Tabitha Pavitt (Swift)

Prize Winners for the Term

- RR: Grace Ettinger (Harcourt)
- 2LO: Alfie Rowe (Swift)
- 3RO: Alexander Wallace (Swift)
- 4MM: James Thomas (Vanbrugh)
- 4JD: Anya Duffy (Queen Anne)
- 5HL: Elliot Bowden (Feilden)
- 5MC: Cate De Buriatte Moglia (Harcourt)
- 6GM: William Sayer (Queen Anne)
- 6MO: Elijah Vieira-Faria (Harcourt)

Ashmolean Museum

The Ashmolean Museum is the world's first university museum. It was built between 1678–1683 to house the collection of curiosities Elias Ashmole gave Oxford University in 1677.

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior School Charity Day

Thursday 22 May 2008. More details will follow via the Junior School newsletter. Please keep the afternoon free. Prizes for the Raffle and Tombola stalls are always most welcome.

Netball Results

Under 11

Sibford School A	W 11-4
Sibford School B	W 11-3
Rupert House School A	W 3-2
Rupert House School B	L 10-2
The King's School	W 22-0
Hatherop Castle Schools' Tournament	
Final Position:	8th
Our Lady's Abingdon A	L 7-4
Our Lady's Abingdon B	L 11-0

Under 9

Sibford School	W 12-1
Rendcomb College	W 5-1
Ferndale School U10s	W 3-1
Our Lady's Abingdon	W 8-0
The U9s were awarded the Junior School Team of the Season and Anya Duffy and Elisha Evans were Players of the Season.	

Soccer Results

Under 11

St Hugh's Prep A	D 1-1
St Hugh's Prep B	L 2-0
Rendcomb College A	W 3-2
Rendcomb College B	W 2-0
Sibford School	W 14-0
New College School A	W 7-1
New College School B	W 3-0
Hatherop Castle Prep A	W 7-0
Hatherop Castle Prep B	W 22-2
St Edward's, Cheltenham A	L 1-0
St Edward's, Cheltenham B	L 4-0

Under 9

St Hugh's Prep	W 4-1
Sibford School	W 9-0
New College School	L 1-0
Hatherop Castle Schools' Tournament	
Sibford School	W 5-0
Kitebrook House	W 2-0
St Hugh's Prep	D 0-0
Prior Park School	D 0-0
Wycliffe School	D 0-0
St Edward's (semi-final)	W 1-0
Wycliffe School (final)	W 1-0
Final Position	1st
St Edward's, Cheltenham	W 2-1

Under 8

New College School	D 3-3
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Hockey Results

St Hugh's Prep U9 A	D 1-1
St Hugh's Prep U8/U9 B	W 2-0

Cecily's Fund Sponsored Walk

An amazing total of £4,622 has been raised by the Junior School this term. The focus charity was 'Cecily's Fund', which supports the education of orphaned and vulnerable children in Zambia. The children and their teachers, wearing bright orange T-shirts showing the charity's logo, enjoyed a wonderful

muddy walk around the perimeter of the School grounds and raised this excellent total in just one hour. Thank you to all the parents and friends who sponsored the children and to the Games and Maintenance staff who planned the route and manned the checkpoints to hand out stickers representing each mile walked.



U9 Netball

On 28 February we played Ferndale School and we won 7-1. We have a good record of our netball matches. On 29 February we played Rendcomb College School and we won 5-1. Anya Duffy scored three and Keely Harding scored two. We all played well. We also won against Sibford and Our Lady's.
Captain Elisha Evans (Swift)

U11 Netball

It was a mixed netball season with the children having to endure some appalling weather conditions. Every girl in Year 5 and Year 6 took part in either the U11 A or B teams. They played 11 matches and one tournament, winning five and losing six. Most Improved Player was Vanessa Blake and Player of the Season was captain Beth Stanley.



THE JUNIOR SCHOOL



U9 Soccer

The football season has been very busy. We played New College School, which was an exciting match with lots of action but Cokethorpe could just not find the net and lost 1-0 in the final five minutes. During the match against Rendcomb College, Cokethorpe were 1-0 down but we came back in the second half to win 3-1. For the six-a-side tournament at Hatherop Castle the team did not concede a goal to be named champions for the third year in a row. We were presented with trophies and certificates.

Captain Thomas Smith (Swift)



Inter-House Netball

There was a great atmosphere and tremendous, yet quiet and focused, House spirit. Special mention must go to Kate Hooper (Swift), who shot the deciding goal against Gascoigne, and Annabel Clarke (Feilden, only Year 2).



Inter-House Cross Country

The Junior School took part in the Cross Country competition with their usual high levels of energy and enthusiasm. There were four races, starting with the Reception Class, followed by the Year 1 and 2 race, then the Year 3 and 4 and finally the Year 5 and 6 race.



U11 Soccer

A successful season for both teams saw the As win four, draw one and lose one, and the Bs win three and lose two. The As were enthusiastically captained by Henry Plumridge (Gascoigne) and the team was strong right through from Charlie Dunmall (Harcourt) in goal, to the hard working Oliver Cookson (Harcourt) in midfield, ending with the goal machines of Christian Ettinger (Harcourt) and Cameron Hughes (Vanbrugh) in attack. However Ben Mendoza-Sharman (Queen Anne), stood out throughout the season.



Inter-House Soccer

Harcourt and Queen Anne were the winners of their respective groups. The final was only decided when Harcourt were awarded a late penalty. Charlie Dunmall confidently buried his spot kick and Harcourt were crowned champions.



The routes this year were changed to run in the opposite direction from last year, to make the finish line closer to the spectators. The cold weather did not hinder some blistering performances by many individuals and as a whole the Junior School performed admirably.

Inter-House Netball

1st	Gascoigne (21 points)
2nd	Queen Anne (19 points)
3rd	Vanbrugh (17 points)
4th	Swift (17 points)
5th	Feilden (9 points)
6th	Harcourt (7 points)

Inter-House Soccer

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

Inter-House Cross Country

Overall Results:

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

Individual Race Results:

Reception:

1st	Ralph Anderson (Swift)
2nd	Jack Wilde (Harcourt)
3rd	George Langford (Vanbrugh)

Year 1 and 2 Boys:

1st	Alex Wilde (Harcourt)
2nd	Jack Smith (Swift)
3rd	Max Lotter (Harcourt)

Year 1 and 2 Girls

1st	Michaela Logue (Vanbrugh)
2nd	Tabitha Pavitt (Swift)
3rd	India Thomas (Vanbrugh)

Year 3 and 4 Boys

1st	Thomas Smith (Swift)
2nd	Joseph Wilde (Harcourt)
3rd	Michael Hook (Feilden)

Year 3 and 4 Girls

1st	Elisha Evans (Swift)
2nd	Jessica Williams (Vanbrugh)
3rd	Millie Hulewicz (Vanbrugh)

Year 5 and 6 Boys

1st	Harry Blake (Gascoigne)
2nd	Ben Mendoza-Sharman (Queen Anne)
3rd	Charlie Dyde (Feilden)

Year 5 and 6 Girls

1st	Beth Stanley (Vanbrugh)
2nd	Erika Davies (Queen Anne)
3rd	Alexandra Cross (Gascoigne)

ADVENTURES AND EXPEDITIONS

Ducklington War Dead

Below are the names of the 26 men from Ducklington Parish that died during the two World Wars and the Korean War (see also page 18). Private William Edgington and Private John Fisher are both remembered with honour on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Leper, Belgium.

First World War 1914–1918

Private George Stevens (25 Oct 1914)
Private Cecil Townsend (27 Aug 1915)
Private William I Edgington (25 Sept 1915)
Sapper Charles W Godfrey (21 Dec 1915)
Private John L Fisher (30 Dec 1915)
L Cpl Arthur Tutty (24 June 1916)
Private Edward H Pearce (14 Aug 1916)
Sergeant Wilfred Hicks (24 Aug 1916)
Private William Seary (15 Sept 1916)
Private Leonard Langford (20 Nov 1916)
Private William T Atkins (3 Jan 1917)
Private Ernest Bowles (17 Jan 1917)
Sergeant Charles Edwards (22 Mar 1917)
L Cpl C E Gunter (3 May 1917)
Private Herbert R Castle (4 Aug 1917)
Private William J Salmon (27 Sept 1917)
Lieutenant Reginald Moore (7 Nov 1917)
Private Dormer W Castle (21 Mar 1918)
Private William J Fox (27 May 1918)
Private T 'Harry' Stevens (10 June 1918)
L Cpl George R Taylor (17 Aug 1918)
Private John Batts (27 Aug 1918)
Private Arthur Stone (30 Oct 1918)

Second World War 1939–1945

Driver Gilbert Fox (2 Sept 1941)
Marine George S Pratt (9 Oct 1944)

Korea

Private F 'Bill' Bartlett (15 Sept 1951)

A Soldier's Cemetery

The following poem is printed in the Ducklington War Dead memorial book.

Behind that long and lonely trenched line
To which men come and go, where
brave men die
There is a yet unmarked and unknown
shrine
A broken plot, a soldier's cemetery.
There lie the flower of youth, the men
who scorned
To live (so died) when languished liberty.
Across their graves flowerless and
unadorned
Still scream the shells of each artillery.
When war shall cease, this lonely
unknown spot
Of many a pilgrimage will be the end,
And flowers will shine in this now barren
plot
And fame upon it through the years
descend
But many a heart upon each simple cross
Will hang the grief, the memory of its loss.

*John William Streets
(Missing in action, 1 July 1916 aged 31)*

AS Level Geography Trip

During February, a group of students went on a field trip to Betws-y-Coed, North Wales, as part of their Geography A Level course. The trip consisted of a river and glacial study and an examination of urban land use in Llandudno.

We stayed at a local eco-friendly youth hostel, where we ate, attended lessons and played numerous games of pool.

The trip was enjoyed by all and provided many memories, including the time when Robert Laidler fell in a swamp!

On behalf of the Year 12 Geography students, thank you to Mrs Martindale and Mr Baldwin for organising such an informative and gratifying trip.

Simon Atkinson (Gascoigne)



Year 9 Trip to Ypres, Belgium

6.00am is an early start for most pupils, especially when they are in Year 9. However, on Friday 14 March, 78 pairs of bleary eyes embarked upon a memorable trip to visit the Ypres Battlefields, bringing to a fitting end their studies on World War I. Pupils visited a number of fascinating and moving sites including the largest Commonwealth Cemetery in the world at Tyne Cot, and the excavated German

trenches at Bayernwald. They received the benefit of expert guides throughout, as well as first class accommodation and food, and returned to Cokethorpe exhausted but able to attach a much more personal understanding of conditions at the Front and the sheer scale of the conflict. In addition, Jack Bennett (Feilden) found his great-great-grandfather's grave in the Artillery Wood cemetery.



NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Dining Hall and Sixth Form Centre

As pupils and staff return to School for the Summer Term, they will have noticed that work has begun in the car park in preparation for the building of the new Dining Hall and Sixth Form Centre.

Below is a visual representation of the £3.2m development, which will be completed over the Summer of 2009 and opened in time for the new academic year. See the website for more details.



Witney Music Festival

Hosted by Cokethorpe School

The School is delighted to announce it is in the process of organising this exciting weekend of music.

The weekend will provide the ideal opportunity for Cokethorpe pupils to perform alongside professionals from all genres.

Friday 12 September:
Rock and Pop Night

Saturday 13 September:
An Afternoon of Jazz

Sunday 14 September:
Opera and Classics Day

More details will be revealed on the School website in due course.

Tickets will be available from boxoffice@cokethorpe.org

Family discounts and weekend passes for the three days will be available.

COKETHORPE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Diana Cannon

Diana has been presented with an Oscar in recognition of her 'Outstanding performance and contribution to the CPA'. Diana has been our Chairman for the past three



years. However, with Diana wanting to spend more time with her husband and her son in his final year at Cokethorpe, all good things must come to an end.

Another much loved and valued member who has stepped down was David Highton, our wonderful Treasurer. David kept a tight reign on the CPA finances ensuring that the profits were not blown on too many fluffy bits! During the last three years, the Committee raised £23,000 whilst providing great entertainment for our parents. Fellow committee members and I would like to say a huge thank you to them both, they will be missed.

Ruth Wigham, Chairman

AGM and Quiz Evening

Thank you to all those who attended the AGM and Quiz Evening. Welcome to the new committee members. A successful year's fundraising is anticipated.

The Peacock Ball

The theme this year will be *Fifties Hollywood Glamour* with a Swing Jazz Band, Crooner and Casino. Tickets are selling out fast.

Junior School Talent Show

This will now take place on Friday 12 September from 3.00-5.00pm as the opening of the 'Witney Music Festival'.

Cokethorpe Trailer

This has been used many times already, supplying mulled wine during *Laughter in the Dark*, and offering much-needed hot drinks at sporting events.



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Peter Mace	Sarah Plumridge
Caroline Taylor	Jonathan Taylor

The Peacock Ball

Saturday 12 July 2008
Tickets £70 each (£20 deposit).
01993 892338, boxoffice@cokethorpe.org

Oxford Wine Company

Do not forget to use the Parents' Loyalty Card at the Oxford Wine Company.

www.buy.at/cokethorpe

Help generate money for the CPA when shopping online from well-known retailers.

WIDER COMMUNITY

Forthcoming Events

Bampton Primary School Music Concert
Thursday 3 April

Elite Rugby Training
Sunday 6 and Tuesday 8 April

U17 Oxfordshire Hockey Training
Sunday 13 April

Rover National Hockey Festival
Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 April

District Cricket Festival
Thursday 29 and Friday 30 May

Standlake Sea Scouts Naval Inspection
Wednesday 3 July

Summer Activities Weeks
Monday 14 to Friday 18 July
Monday 21 to Friday 25 July

Tennis Academies

Seth Dixon from the Oxford Lawn Tennis Association is kindly offering a free four-week tennis course to Cokethorpe parents. Starting on 7 June, and then every Saturday until (and including) 28 June. The Summer Tennis Academy for pupils will take place from Monday 28 July to Friday 1 August. Please complete the form on the School website to reserve a place.

Windrush Rotary Club

35 members of the Rotary Club of Windrush Valley enjoyed their Grape and Deli Evening in the Corinthian Room on Saturday 15 March and raised £360 for the many charities they support.

Ducklington War Dead

The School now owns two copies of the memorial book produced for the Ducklington parish churches. These include details of the 26 local men that fell during the two World Wars and the Korean War (see page 16). Contact the Foundation Office for more information.

England U16 Results 2004-2007

Wales U16

Drew 19-19 (Leicester 2004)
Won 15-7 (Hull Ionians 2005)
Won 23-6 (Dunvant 2005)
Won 24-22 (Llandovery 2006)
Won 32-10 (Four Nations Tournament, Dudley Kingswinford 2007)

France U17

Won 22-21 (Castres 2006)
Won 13-10 (Four Nations Tournament, Stourbridge 2007)

Italy U17

Won 52-0 (La Spezia 2004)
Won 19-7 (La Spezia 2004)
Won 47-5 (St Albans 2005)
Won 36-15 (Trento 2006)
Won 23-5 (Four Nations Tournament, Castlecroft 2007)



U15 District Cricket

West Oxfordshire U15 District Cricket Squad have been training indoors throughout the winter at Cokethorpe in preparation for their summer fixtures. Both the U15s and the U13s have been using the School's facilities over the past three years and look on Cokethorpe as the home of West Oxfordshire Junior Cricket. Henry Daniels (Gascoigne) has been selected to represent the District.

Hockey Festivals

The U11 and U13 Yazoo National Mini Hockey Championships County rounds took place at the School in March. Twenty teams took part in the U11 tournament with City of Oxford winning the boys' final and Chandlings School winning the girls'. Twenty-two teams took part in the U13 tournament, with Magdalen College School winning the boys' group and Wallingford winning the girls'.



Aboralists

March saw the School host an 'old-trees masterclass', with Neville Fay, a leading expert on old trees, for 35 tree enthusiasts and professionals on behalf of The

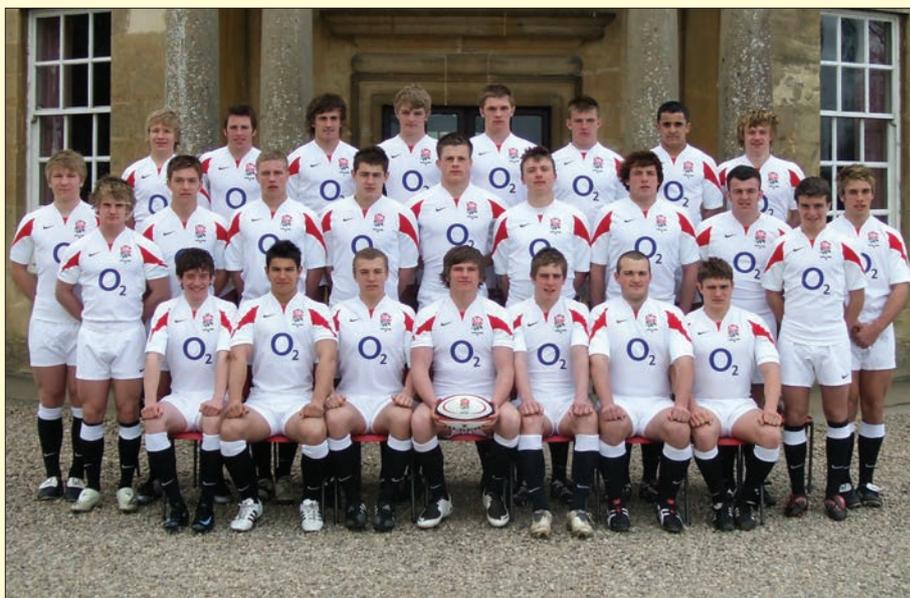
Wychwood Project. This was part of an ongoing initiative to identify and record the oldest trees in the Wychwood area with a view to promoting appropriate conservation management. Cokethorpe has one of the better collections of trees and the Wychwood Project have been undertaking surveys of their habitat value. Visit www.wychwoodproject.org for more information.

U16 England Rugby

Cokethorpe continued to play an important role in the England U16's run-up to the Four Nations Tournament, to be held in Lyon in mid-March. The squad used the School facilities for training and on Sunday 9 March, the School hosted the U16's final warm-up match against Bath Academy Under 17. The 26-strong

squad beat the Bath U17s 54-7, allowing them to travel to France with confidence in the hope they will retain the Four Nations title.

The U16 lead coach is the School's Head of Rugby, Mr Rees, who has been with the England U16 side for nine years.



THE COKETHORPE SOCIETY

Former Pupil Lecturers

Dale le Vack (1962) recently visited the School to give a General Studies lecture to the Sixth Form on his 40 years' experience in the media. If any Former Pupils would be prepared to talk to the pupils about their line of work, something they are particularly interested in, or an adventure that they have recently undertaken, then the School would be delighted to hear from them.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Tom Nelson (1997) on the birth of his baby boy, and to Paul Derow (1996) on being made godfather.

David Goldsmith MBE

The School was delighted to hear that David Goldsmith (Headmaster 1979-1989) was awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours List for Services to Education.

Evelyn Webb

Cokethorpe is very sad to receive the news that Evelyn Webb, former Headmaster's Secretary 1966-1985, died on 25 February 2008.

Forthcoming Events

The Foundation Office is delighted to announce some forthcoming Society events. The Former Pupils' 20/20 cricket match will take place on Friday 6 June from 5.30pm. Those interested in playing should contact the Foundation Office (everyone welcome to watch!). All Former Pupils are also invited to visit the School during its Open Morning on Saturday 27 September, followed by a barbecue and a Triathlon afternoon of golf, archery and clay pigeon shooting. Tennis and croquet will be available for families and spectators. Please visit the website or contact the Foundation Office for more information.

The Committee

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Secretary: Simon Lancaster (1992)
Warwick Daniels (current staff)
Peter Green (former staff)
Mike Hilder (1967)
Alex Whittenbury (1994)
Philip Vaughan-Fowler (1976)

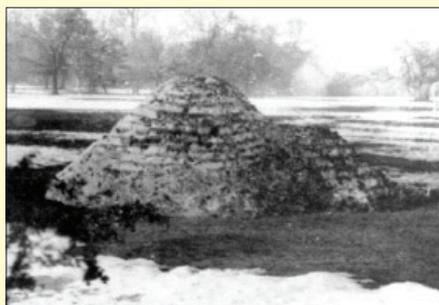
Contact Details

To contact the Society please email society@cokethorpe.org or call the Foundation Office on 01993 892338. If any former pupils are in touch with others that are not receiving the Society mailing, they are asked to encourage them to update their contact details via the School website.

Forthcoming Events

Society AGM: Wednesday 30 April 2008
Former Pupils' Cricket: Friday 6 June 2008
Open Morning and Triathlon Afternoon: Saturday 27 September 2008

FROM THE ARCHIVES



Winter 1962 Igloo Competition

John Ransom (1963) recently got in touch with the School and kindly sent a number of photos from his time here. One of them was accompanied by a story about the igloo competition that took place after a heavy snowfall during the winter of 1962. His team, including Richard Newns (1964) and Jethro Tull (1965) were not on the winning team (whose igloo is pictured above), but they were allowed to attempt a night's sleep in their igloo. They were defeated fairly quickly after lighting a fire inside the igloo in the naive belief that it was as cold as the circumpolar regions and that the ice would not melt.



A Midsummer Night's Dream

The Foundation Office has been very fortunate to receive the original production book of the Cokethorpe School Dramatic Society's performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream, by William Shakespeare. The book consists of everything from rehearsal times and places, the script (complete with editions and notations), stage illustrations and lighting directions, a copy of the programme, and photos from the performance itself. Thank you to Douglas Cook, former Master (1967) for this generous donation; this is an absolute treasure to the School and an invaluable part of the School archives.

A Midsummer Night's Dream 1960 Cast

Theseus	Richard Peirce
Egeus	Peter Avis
Lysander	David Lumb
Demetrius	Michael Franks
Philostrate	Peter Lynn
Bottom (Pyramus)	John Hargreaves
Quince (Prologue)	Julian Lloyd
Flute (Thisbe)	Andrew Kirk
Snout (Wall)	Stephen Hague
Snug (Lion)	Oliver Drake
Starveling (Moonshine)	Christopher Newns
Oberon	David Hopkinson
Robin Goodfellow (Puck)	Gilbert Cochrane
Pease Blossom	Martin Brown
Cobweb	John Campbell
Moth	Robert Hall-Jones
Mustard Seed	David Ealand
First Elf	Peter Osborne
Hippolyta	Richard Holdsworth
Titania	Dale le Vack
Hermia	Richard Allardyce
Helena	Anthony Trotman

Produced by Douglas Cook.
Performed in the grounds of Yarnton Manor, on 8 and 9 July 1960.

TAIL FEATHERS

Ave Atque Vale

Mrs L Berry

Mrs Berry took over as Registrar in January and has settled in to what has been an extremely busy term for admissions. She has a degree in Business Studies and has worked in Marketing, Market Research and Sales. She and her family live in Witney, where she enjoys gardening.



Vale

Mrs D Sheppard

Mrs Sheppard joined Cokethorpe to cover Miss Lapper's maternity leave and quickly got involved in School life. Her U12 hockey team were undefeated and the U12 netball team only lost one match. She previously worked at Akeley Wood School and is now looking to join a School much closer to her home in Brackley.

Staff Hearts Ball

The Hearts Ball, on Friday 29 February, was the opportunity for staff to dress up and enjoy themselves at this annual event. Eynsham Hall provided the perfect setting once more and a splendid evening was had by all. A total of £250 was raised for The British Heart



Staff Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Rushton on the birth of Harriet Elizabeth who was born on 24 December 2007, at 6lb 10oz.

Congratulations to Miss Davidge, who married Adam Butler at St Mary's Church in Witney on Saturday 15 March. The reception was held in North Leigh Village Hall.



Foundation and the top raffle prize of a weekend for two in France was won by Nadine Cummings from the Science Department. Congratulations! Unfortunately, none of the female staff took up the traditional leap year opportunity of proposing...



Open Day

Wednesday 14 May: 4.30pm – 6.30pm

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: 4.40pm, 5.40pm.

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

Key Admissions Dates

Transfer Day: 26 June

Please contact the Admissions Office for information regarding entry in September 2008 and beyond.

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