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The termly newsletter of the School

## From the Headmaster



The summer was rather dominated by the coverage of the Beijing Olympics and, at times, there seemed to be a determination to maintain a high level of controversy. The political issues of Tibet and Darfur, the Beijing citizens forcibly relocated to make way for the dazzling new stadiums (stadia?), the sweet little girl who mimed the song at the opening ceremony because the actual singer wasn't thought to be pretty enough, and the ridiculous headlines about those who 'failed' their countries just because they didn't actually win. There were drugs, and there was pollution and terrorism, and occasionally some decidedly dodgy judging. But none of that is surprising. The Olympic Games is a human institution and, like all human institutions, it is prone to all the defects of human nature.

Yet, despite all, that is not the abiding memory of the summer. The Olympic motto is 'Citius, Altius, Fortius' – 'Faster, Higher, Stronger' – the aspiration to excellence. That was in evidence every day, as was the abounding sense of friendship and community, of shared ideals, of fair play, of the ability to enjoy the success of others, as well as the sheer fun of taking part in activities that are healthy and vitalizing. If our own fallible school community, and others like us, can be inspired by all of that, then the Olympic Games will certainly have lived up to the lofty ambitions of those who are dedicated to keeping its spirit alive.





# ROUND UP

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## School Catering Statistics

450 cooked lunches and 350 filled rolls are prepared fresh on a daily basis.

Pupils and staff consume around 850 pieces of fresh fruit per day.

400 home-made cakes are baked each day.

All hot dishes, home-made cakes and sandwich fillings are prepared using locally-sourced free-range eggs (including free-range mayonnaise).

Free-range chicken is supplied by a butcher based in Wantage. This is sourced from Crown Farms which are Freedom Foods approved as well as British Assured Farm Standard, RSPCA inspected.

Fresh meat is purchased from a butcher's in Witney, who source their beef from a farm in Cote. Their lamb is also reared in and around Ducklington and their free-range chicken is sourced from Gloucestershire.

Fresh fruit and vegetables are purchased from a wholesaler in Bicester.

The School's baker is also based in Bicester. All bread and rolls used at Cokethorpe are baked fresh daily using quality flour milled in Wantage.

All of these suppliers help the School to source quality ingredients locally, minimising 'food miles' thus reducing Cokethorpe's carbon footprint.

### Front Cover:

View of the new Dining Hall and Sixth Form construction site as work began in the week beginning 14 July.

## UKMT Maths Team Challenge

On Tuesday 25 March, Ethan Bosse (Vanbrugh), Alex Bryson (Harcourt), Timothy Knight (Vanbrugh) and Teague Bond (Feilden), along with Mr Purdie, participated in the UKMT Team Mathematics Challenge 2008. The venue was the University of Oxford Examination Schools building, located in the heart of Oxford.

The competition is designed to stretch and enthuse the brightest pupils in Years 8 and 9. The competition included: a team problem-solving round; an unusual

crossword round, where pupils worked in pairs to solve a puzzle, only having access to either the across clues or down clues – but not both; a rather tricky spot the rule round and finally a fast and furious pairs round against the clock.

The Cokethorpe team have improved their performance with every year, and this year was no exception. At the end of each of the first three rounds, Cokethorpe were placed in the top five. However, after a very competitive final round, the team were squeezed into eighth place.



## Devizes to Westminster

Congratulations to the two Cokethorpe crews that took part in the famous Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Marathon over the Easter weekend (celebrating its 60th anniversary). Out of 84 starting crews, Frederick Reif and Timothy Muller came first in the Junior Doubles, a whole hour ahead of second place. Edward Brooks and Dominic Cannon came close behind in fourth place. The weather conditions

were apparently the worst ever experienced in the competition. Former Pupils Timothy and Philip Pearse (2006) took part in the Senior Doubles race for the first time (in which the crews race the 125 miles from Devizes to London without stopping), and came an excellent fourth from over 110 starting crews. In addition, Cokethorpe's Head of Boats, Ollie Harding came a fantastic first in the Senior Doubles race.

## Oxbridge Preparation

As part of their preparation for Oxbridge entry, Mr White and Mr Uglow accompanied aspiring applicants to Cheltenham Racecourse for a 'Taster' day. Students were given general lectures from current Oxbridge students, exploring the social and pastoral side of the universities, before heading off for subject-specific lectures. They were given a taste of the interviewing process, and gained a very clear indication of the demanding nature of the application process. It was a very affirming and interesting day, and left the candidates enthused about the coming years.

## Easter Revision

The School was unusually busy during the Easter break. Year 11 took part in three revision days, which a number of pupils from other schools attended as well, to prepare them for their GCSE examinations. Year 12 also participated in revision days for History and Psychology in preparation for their AS Level examinations, and Year 13 A Level students came into School for a revision day in Media Studies. This reflects the excellent amount of hard work and commitment that Cokethorpe pupils undertook ahead of their public examinations. Thank you to the staff members involved.



## Year 10 Work Experience

The whole of Year 10 took part in one week's work experience in June. This provided an exciting opportunity to investigate the world of work and individual career ideas. A wide variety of occupations were represented from guitar making, to accountancy, scientific research and photography. Pupils worked at various venues including Christ Church Cathedral School, Malmaison Oxford Ltd and Diamond Light Source Ltd. The high standard of reviews received this year reflect how hard pupils have worked.

## Senior School Prize Giving

In between the showers, parents, pupils and staff enjoyed their picnics and the drama performance of *Much Ado About Nothing*. The guest speaker was Dom Anthony Sutch OSB, ex-Headmaster of Downside School, who gave an entertaining but honest view on education today. The afternoon was a fitting way to celebrate the School's achievements and successes over the last year.



## Year 9 Outdoor Lesson

Year 9 have already been launched into their GCSE coursework studies. Whilst outdoor teaching is not normally a feature of life at Cokethorpe, encouraging extraordinary descriptive writing sometimes needs extraordinary measures. As Miss Jackson said about this drama session 'I'm passionate that this kind of writing can be launched really successfully by kinaesthetic work. The link between doing and writing has to be made really strong, to evoke powerful ideas which then inspire individually crafted writing.'

## Year 7 Poetry Recital

The first Year 7 original poetry recital was held in the Library this term. 27 pupils took part in presenting their own original poetry to an invited audience, with each set being represented by willing and confident individuals. The poems showed an enormous variety of theme, structure and tone and showed real skill. This certainly hints at poetic promise from this year group in the future.



The coursework theme is 'Epiphany'. Pupils devised freeze frames of their moments of revelation, and then adapted the sequence of their telling to examine the impact on narrative flow. The first draft of the work is expected from all pupils in their first Year 10 lesson in September.



## Senior School Prize Giving

<i>Year Prizes for Academic Excellence</i>	
Year 7	Ross Battersby Molly Williams
Year 8	Zoë Mace Amy Williams
Year 9	Timothy Knight Marianne Pearson
Year 10	Philip Quadri Luke Withey

<i>Year Prizes for Progress</i>	
Year 8	Christie Batty Kanami Ihara
Year 9	Jack Bennett Harriet Robinson
Year 10	Amy Hewes Julian Watkins
Year 11	Rebecca Fellows Lloyd Jelfs

<i>GCSE Prizes for Academic Excellence</i>	
Art	Surdeep Bhella
Biology	Surdeep Bhella
Business Studies	Aaron Polley
Chemistry	Helena Jennison
DT, Graphic Products	Guy Biggs
DT, Resistant Materials	Philip Allen
Drama	Brontë Coppock-Cudd
English Language	Huw Williams
English Literature	William Lawson
Geography	Hannah Jones
History	Billy Webb
ICT	Jordan Gillies
Languages	William Lawson
Mathematics	Elice Willett
Music	Helena Jennison
Physical Education	Louise Ford
Physics	Suzu Russell
Sociology	Adam Lodowski Guy Biggs

<i>AS Level Prizes for Academic Excellence</i>	
Art	Kathryn Potter
Biology	Karim Bahou
Business Studies	Michael Staples
Chemistry	Simon Atkinson
Design Technology	Michael Staples
English Literature	Charles Bennett
English Lang/Lit	Peter Jones
Geography	Callum Staff
Law	Simon Atkinson
Mathematics	Timothy Muller
Physical Education	Isobel Landon
Photography	Sarah Lockyer
Physics	Timothy Muller
Psychology	Edward Tolson
Textiles	Sarah Bridle
Theatre Studies	Gerard Smith

<i>A2 Level Prizes for Academic Excellence</i>	
Art	Victoria Jones
Biology	Sophie Russell
Business Studies	Tom Biggs
Chemistry	Sophie Russell
Design Technology	Adam Hopcroft
English	Megan Hope
Geography	Robin Hilder
History	Tom Biggs
Law	Emily Landon
Mathematics	Jay Amin
Media Studies	David Taylor
Music	Rebecca Truman
Music Technology	Christopher MacKinnon
Physical Education	Tom Biggs
Photography	Patrick Plummer
Physics	James Winkley
Politics	Daniel Breslin
Psychology	Clara Young
Spanish	Ben Green
Theatre Studies	Francesca Roberts



## Prize Giving Continued

### Open Awards

Lancia Fulvia Prize Gerard Smith

Stephen Cookson Memorial  
Toby Pugh

Daniel Sumpter Sportsman of the Year  
Marc Johnson

Boggis Rosebowl Sportswoman of the Year  
Amy Minch

Gordon Dennis Memorial  
Jessica O'Shea

Sonia Tollady Memorial  
Louise Ford

Kate Perritt Sophie Russell

Martin Browne Memorial  
Charlotte Yules

The Sparks Clark Award  
Dominic Cannon

The Grove Prize James Winkley

The Cranham Prize Thomas McLoone

Richard Reah Prize Marc Johnson

Headmaster's Prize Charles Bartlett

## Junior Maths Challenge

*Gold Award Winner and Best in School:*  
Isaac Staff

*Gold Award Winner:*  
Teague Bond

*Silver Award Winners:*  
Alfie Turner, Zoë Mace, Saman Ridha,  
Alice Duffield, Ethan Bosse, Lucy  
Furneaux and Oliver Armstrong

*Bronze Award Winners:*  
Anna Withey, Harry Bryson, Julian  
Davies, George Hallett, Harry Fellows,  
Kanami Ihara, Alex Didcock, Francis  
Plummer, James Gobbi, Amy Williams,  
Jamie Unwin, Matteo Catrini, Luciana  
DiMascio, George Lawson, Alex  
Brookes-Shuttleworth and Katherine  
Woolley

More than 240,000 students entered  
the Junior Challenge this year.

## Cyber-bullying

Cyber-bullying involves the use of  
information and communication  
technologies to support deliberate,  
repeated, and hostile behaviour by an  
individual or group, which is intended to  
harm others.

## Business Studies Trip

Creative Corner in Abingdon provided  
the perfect opportunity for the Year 10  
Business Studies pupils to learn about  
the process of designing and creating  
pottery. All made their own mugs and  
were able to appreciate the slow process  
of producing a hand made article. This  
will be excellent for comparison when  
they visit the famous Wedgwood Factory  
in September. Thank you to Mrs Miles  
for her valuable time and knowledge.

## AS Biology Trip

The start of July saw the Year 12  
biologists, accompanied by Mrs Jarrett  
and Mr Daniels, enjoy a few days at the  
Preston Montford Field Studies Centre  
near Shrewsbury for some pond dipping,  
quadrat throwing and nettle studies.  
They were on a taught course, with  
evening lectures and days spent out  
'in the field' investigating many aspects  
of ecology. The food was superb, the  
weather fair, and all managed to collect  
data for their coursework projects, which  
will be written up next term.

## Cyber-bullying Evenings

Each House held an evening to alert  
parents to the causes and consequences  
of cyber-bullying. Everyone has embraced  
modern technology and the advantages that  
it brings but there are clear disadvantages.  
A recent survey of Cokethorpe pupils  
made interesting reading, particularly  
when using MSN and Bebo. Filtering  
packages are a great help but it has  
been proved that parental awareness  
is one of the best ways to prevent such  
problems escalating. These problems  
will always be present so awareness  
of how to deal with them is crucial.



## Smart House

Alfie Turner (Year 8, Feilden), as part of  
a geography project, created this model  
to illustrate how a house can be kind  
to the environment. Using sustainable  
energy sources including solar energy,  
wind power and harvested rainwater,  
and environmentally-friendly materials  
such as thermal blockwork, sustainable  
timbers and discarded slate, it shows  
how to create a smaller carbon footprint.

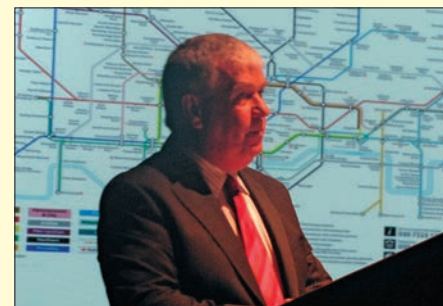
## Year 11 Social

The weather held out for a very  
successful end to Year 11, in the form  
of an end of exams celebration. Year 11  
pupils were treated by the Headmaster  
to a delicious pig roast and Toby Pugh,  
William Lawson, James Cheal and  
Joshua Gale were on hand to provide  
some top rate musical entertainment. The  
evening was great fun and the pupils  
were able to relax and unwind with their  
friends. The School welcomes back this  
year group into the Sixth Form, where  
a whole new range of challenges and  
opportunities are on their horizon. Many  
thanks to all the staff who helped out.



## Raindrops on Roses

In considering a few of his favourite  
designs, Mr Walton looked at both  
buildings and artefacts; design failures  
– The Sinclair C5 and The SRN2 – and  
successes – the Terracotta Army, St.  
Paul's Cathedral, Cats' Eyes and Trevor  
Bayliss's clockwork radio. The Angel of  
the North and the iconic London Tube  
Map remain top favourites. Commenting  
on our consumer-led society, he finished  
with Mahatma Ghandi's haunting words  
'The world has enough resources for  
everyone's need but not everyone's  
greed'.



# THE SIXTH FORM

## AS Psychology Trip to the Zoo

Dr Dolittle could talk to the animals and now so can the Year 12 Psychology group. The visit to Bristol Zoo gave students the opportunity to investigate animal communication through observing the zoo inhabitants and they enjoyed an excellent lecture by one of the researchers. This enabled the School's budding psychologists to test their understanding through an interactive medium.



## Prefects' Dinner

As an apt end to their Year 13, the Prefects' evening was a great success. All enjoyed a Pimms reception and croquet on the north lawn followed by dinner in the Corinthian Room with guests. The formality of the evening was most suited to the occasion. Support offered by the Prefect body throughout the year has been very much appreciated and this was echoed in the speeches.

## Business Sponsorship

The School greatly appreciates the support of local entrepreneurs and corporate executives for its innovative Business Sponsorship Scheme; this is a wonderful endorsement of how it is perceived by the local community. The calibre of students entering the Sixth Form next year bodes well for the future. Congratulations to all who secured their placements – may they have long and fruitful relationships with the businesses concerned.

## Year 12 Chemistry Trip

The Year 12 Chemists visited the Oxford University Chemical Research Laboratory and were given practical tutorials on modern techniques in Nuclear Magnetic Resonance and Mass Spectroscopy.



## Sixth Form Ball

This year the Sixth Form Ball was held at The Oxford Hotel, Wolvercote. The girls were all immaculately dressed and coiffured and the boys looked very dashing in their tuxedos, which set the scene for an excellent evening. There were tears of laughter mixed with tears of sadness as staff and fellow-students said goodbye to a Year 13 who will be a hard act to follow.



## Year 12 visit to 'Deep in Wood'

The DT students visited a business run by ex-pupil, James Binning. Sourcing supplies of wood, conversion and methods of manufacture, predominantly in oak, were all explained.

## Year 13 Talk on Money Matters

Money is an emotive word, especially for 18 year olds about to flee the nest. Help was at hand from Jan Ives's PHSE seminar entitled Money Sense, courtesy of NatWest plc. Following a video of two 'freshers' discussing how much everything costs, Year 13 found themselves budgeting for a weekly shop including rent, utilities and social activities. The talk ended with a look at payment terms for different types of bank card.

## Philosophy Café

The inaugural Philosophy Café took place this term. Sixth Formers and staff gathered to discuss the question 'Should some books be banned?'. Mr Schofield began proceedings by arguing in the affirmative. A lively, caffeine-fuelled discussion ensued. A show of hands indicated a liberal majority against the censorship of books. Given its success, another Philosophy Café will take place in the Michaelmas Term.

## Sixth Form Responsibilities

The School is pleased to announce the new Sixth Form responsibilities for the academic year 2008–2009:

Head of School	Isobel Landon
Deputy Heads	Rebecca Herd Timothy Muller

Head of Feilden	Charles Bennett
Head of Gascoigne	Sarah Davey
Head of Harcourt	Rafael Hambleton
Head of Queen Anne	Rebecca Herd
Head of Swift	Jack Frith-Powell
Head of Vanbrugh	Timothy Muller

Prefects	Dominic Cannon Francesca Ferrier Peter Jones Zachary Latcham-Ford Adam Maskery Emelie Metcalfe Kathryn Potter Jack Reardon Laura Sensecall Yaqi Sun Mark Thompson Luke White
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## Business Sponsorship

Ian Jobling, Barrister	Edward Hunt
Nigel Lambert QC,	
Carmelite Chambers	Katie Bennett
Ridgeway Group	Jessica O'Brien
BHM	Gurdeep Bhella
	Michael McLoone
Smith and Son	Guy Biggs
	Marie Lambe
WR Harvey	William Lawson
	Christopher Wheeler
Boilerhouse	Rebecca Fellows
	James Cheal
Roundel	Helena Jennison
Harley-Davidson	James Harris

## Leavers 2008

Victoria Abband, Jay Amin, Charlie Bartlett, Elliott Bennett, Stephanie Bennett, Tom Biggs, Patricia Birmingham, Daniel Breslin, Hannah Brown, Christopher Cassettari, Stuart Dawes, Hannah Ford, Brin Gleeson, Joshua Goodhew, Ben Green, Harley Griffiths, Nicholas Harvey, Emily Highton, Robin Hilder, Adam Hopcroft, Megan Hope, Alexander Hughes, Claire Humberstone, Robert James, Marc Johnson, Victoria Jones, Charlotte Krol, Emily Landon, Chris Langhorne-Cox, Tom Lewis, Christopher MacKinnon, Oliver Maton, Thomas McLoone, Amy Minch, Benjamin Neal, Joanne O'Neill, Jessica O'Shea, Patrick Plummer, India Pool, Darrell Porter, Megan Rawle, Francesca Roberts, Sophie Russell, Elspeth Saunders, Lan Seo, Thomas Shellard, Holly Smith, Thomas Spicer, David Taylor, Rebecca Truman, David Wells, Rebecca Wheeler, Jessica Williamson, James Winkley, Daniel Wollner, Clara Young, Charlotte Yules.



# THE ARTS

## Metamorphosis (AS Level)

Gregor Samsa	Gerard Smith
Mrs Samsa	Marcus Toumazou
Mr Samsa	George Lewis
Greta Samsa	Kim Lyzba
Chief Clerk/Puppeteer/Lodger	Dominic Cannon
Clerk's Assistant/Puppeteer/Lodger	Tim Forrest

## Buy Now, Pay Later (A2 Level. Based on *Dr Faustus*)

Lucifer	Charlotte Krol
Faustus	Robert James
Tea Lady	Patrick Plummer
Mephistophilis	Rebecca Wheeler
Wittenberg Worker	Emily Highton
Wittenberg Worker	Megan Rawle

## A Dream That Has Lost Its Way (A2 Level. Based on *Our Country's Good*)

Mary	Stephanie Bennett
Sideway	India Pool
Ralph	Darrell Porter
Meg	Francesca Roberts
Dabby	Clara Young

## Year 10 Theatre in Education

### *Being in Someone Else's Shoes*

Tom Goodger  
Thomas Wood  
Victoria Goulder  
Henry Daniels  
James Woolley

### *The Food Force: Making Healthy Choices*

Victoria Hughes  
William Dagul  
Jonathan Herring  
Luke Frith-Powell  
Dominic Walls  
Peter Small

### *Staying Safe Outside School*

Jack Bakker  
James Metcalfe  
Max Williamson  
Rose Parker  
Alex Lawson  
Joe Grant

### *Managing Conflict*

Rosanna Cull  
Alex Grout  
Edward Hall  
Patrick Matterson  
Alison Roberts  
Huw Williams  
James Francis Barrie

### *Peer Pressure*

Zoë Cantley  
Guy De Vos  
Caroline Jenkins  
Peter Kemp  
Luke Saunders  
Amy Watson  
Jacob Wilson

## Dr Faustus

This student-led adaptation brought Christopher Marlowe's idea into the 21st century. Set in offices run by the company's terrifying boss Lucifer, Faustus is cynical about the existence of Hell and the dangers of exchanging his soul for the power he desires. The audience were transported into a world that is seemingly normal on the surface, but undoubtedly horrifying beneath.

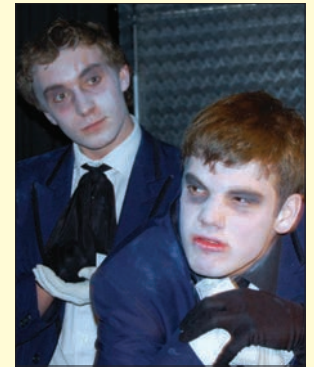
## Our Country's Good

This production transferred from the original setting of a 19th century penal colony to that of a present day lunatic asylum. The central character, Ralph,

leads a tortured existence and finds comfort in the realms of fantasy as he imagines his fellow inmates are actors in an amateur dramatics company. Rapidly switching between fantasy and reality the group nervously approach their first performance, leaving the wheelchair-bound Ralph to dream of theatrical glory.

## Metamorphosis

The chilling tale of the family whose son transforms into a giant beetle was brought to life in this AS Level performance. There were some truly excellent performances, and Gerard Smith's brilliant portrayal of the tortured Gregor was grotesque and heartbreaking in equal measure.



## GCSE 'The Dangers of Drugs'

The Year 11 Drama pupils' practical work culminated in five 20-minute performances in The Shed, dealing with the issues of drug abuse. The devised pieces were excellent, reflecting sound research and creative talent. The AQA moderator commented on the high standard set at Cokethorpe, the professionalism of the performers and their knowledge of the medium of Drama.



## Year 10 Theatre in Education

Before half term the Year 10 Drama pupils presented a variety of PSHE topics to the Junior School children covering aspects relevant to the different age groups. Years 1, 2 and 3 saw *Being in Someone Else's Shoes* which was set in Fairy Tale High School and dealt with issues of bullying. *The Food Force* delivered their topic on making healthy choices to Year 4 which saw the food police defeating Doctor Sweet-Tooth's

evil plot to deprive children of their teeth. Year 5 and 6 enjoyed presentations that explored peer pressure, resolving conflict and staying safe outside school.

The productions were assessed by the Drama Department as part of the GCSE course and the Juniors thoroughly enjoyed the performances which were not only educational and informative but tremendously entertaining.



# THE ARTS

## Year 7 'Troy 24'

On Wednesday 25 June, the whole of Year 7 performed *Troy 24* by David Calcutt. The Shed became the setting for the Trojan War where the heroes Achilles and Hector faced each other in battle. There were some magnificent performances in this modern interpretation where the action of the play was split between the battlefield and the Olympian Broadcasting news studios. It was a magical evening and quite an exceptional undertaking for the Drama department. The audience were thoroughly engaged with the play and the talents and professionalism of the pupils.



## Year 8 Alternative Fairy Tales

Year 8 were set the task of taking a well-known fairy tale and writing a contemporary version whilst maintaining the core themes of the story. The culmination of this work was shown in The Shed on 26 June. Some intriguing concepts came to life, reflecting the world in which we live today. Cinderella lost her Ugg boot at the school disco, Snow White discovered the perils of fame, the Three Little Pigs won their houses in *I'm a Celeb-Piggy Get Me Out of Here* and the sinister story of Hansel and Gretel was retold using a Crimewatch framework. All the pupils were involved in writing, shaping and performing the pieces, making a most entertaining evening.



## Much Ado About Nothing

A sudden summer storm sent parents and pupils running for cover during Prize Giving, just in time to be treated to a marvellous performance of Shakespeare's

*Much Ado About Nothing*. It was fast-paced and hilarious, involving pupils from Years 8 to 13. As always it was beautifully costumed and professional in every aspect.



## The Alternative Fairytales

### *Hansel and Gretel* – 8L

Mr S Neeze	Ethan Bosse
Hansel Johnson	Saman Ridha
Gretel Johnson	Lucy Furneaux
Reverend Black	George Lawson
Mr Johnson	Isaac Staff
Mrs Johnson	Christie Batty
Emily Johnson	Lucia Revell
Newscasters	Alexander Shuttleworth
	Luciana DiMascio
Journalists	Amy Williams
	Isabel Berger
	Jack Cole
	Peter Zinovieff
	Jorge Arciniegas
Psychologist	Joe Bernard
WPC	Alice Duffield
Chief of Police	Harry Fellows
Edna	Charlotte Ferryman
Headmistress	Zoë Mace

### *Snow White* – 8C

Snow White	Hope Boyd
Prince Charming	Joshua D Poole
Evil Witch	Laura Wood
Davina McCall	Poppy Abdolrazaghi
Evil Sidekick	Henry Logan
Seven Dwarves	Thalia Green
	Ziyan Khan
	Joshua W Poole
	Dermot Ryan
	George Taylor
	Charles von Hoven
Paparazzi	Jordan Cross
	Oliver Creed
	Tom Lonergan
Plastic Surgeons	Frederick Curtis
	Rory Pickford
	Joseph Pigott

### *The Three Little Pigs* – 8S

Mother Pig/TV Host	Claire Hudson
Little Pigs	Ben Sydenham
	Fenton Saward-Symonds
	Edward Grant
Troll	Dominic Lucey
Captain Hook	Callum Saunders
Gingerbread Man	Finn Dawkins
Pinocchio	Niki Soheili
Wicked Witch	Kanami Ihara
Narrator	Ekaterina Kustova
Peter Pan	James Brewer
Dragon	Emily Dyde
White Rabbit	Saki Koike
Big Bad Wolf	Luke Davis

## Much Ado About Nothing

Friar/Watchman	George Barnicoat
Hero	Bronté Coppock-Cudd
Sexton/Antonio	Dominic Cannon
Margaret	Emily Highton
Leonato	Guy De Vos
Don John	Robert James
Ursula	Sian Keegan
Dogberry	Alex Lawson
Verges	George Lawson
Benedick	Darrell Porter
Claudio	Toby Pugh
Beatrice	Francesca Roberts
Don Pedro	Gerard Smith
Conrade	Luke Saunders
Borachio	Louis Taylor



# THE ARTS

## Music Examinations 2007–2008

### Grade 1

Jessie Grimwade Flute (Merit)  
Cameron Pickering Drum Kit (Merit)

### Grade 2

William Atkins Piano  
Jacob Booty Drum Kit (Distinction)  
James Ellacott Singing (Merit)  
Sonal Mandalia Singing (Merit)  
Daniel Page Singing  
Louis Taylor Saxophone (Merit)

### Grade 3

Zachary Bamford Saxophone (Merit)  
Jacob Booty Drum Kit (Merit)  
William Draper Saxophone (Merit)  
Francesca Ellis Singing (Merit)  
Lydia Farrell Singing (Distinction)  
Charlotte Ferryman Flute  
Joshua Gale Drum Kit (Distinction)  
Connie Manning Clarinet  
Michael McLoone Trumpet (Merit)  
Shirin O'Neill Singing  
Oliver Parker Trumpet  
Marianne Pearson Clarinet (Distinction)  
Abigail Rawle Singing  
Lewis Williams Piano (Distinction)  
Katherine Woolley Flute

### Grade 4

Ross Battersby Clarinet (Merit)  
Rosanna Cull Music Theatre  
William Draper Saxophone (Merit)  
Myles Osborn-Banton Singing (Merit)  
Benjamin Woodard Saxophone (Merit)

### Grade 5

Zachary Bamford Singing (Distinction)  
Joshua Gale Drum Kit (Merit)  
Jessica O'Brien Singing (Merit)  
Alison Roberts Flute  
Amy Williams Flute

### First Concert Certificate

Claire Humberstone Singing (Merit)

### Grade 6

Emily Sayers Clarinet (Merit)  
Chris MacKinnon Acoustic Guitar

### Grade 7

Paul Berry French Horn (Merit)  
Ross McKee French Horn (Merit)  
Gerard Smith Singing (Merit)

### Grade 8

Bronté Coppock-Cudd Music Theatre

## Junior School

### Grade 1

Alastair Grime Singing (Merit)  
Charles Tobin Saxophone (Distinction)  
Jessica Williams Clarinet (Distinction)

### Grade 2

Kathryn Jenkins Singing (Merit)  
Melanie Severn Singing (Merit)  
Charles Tobin Saxophone (Merit)

### Grade 3

Ellen Garbutt Clarinet



## Horn Players

The School is well blessed with three county-standard French Horn players in Year 10 alone. Paul Berry (Queen Anne), Freddie Miles (Gascoigne) and Ross McKee (Gascoigne) are kept busy in School as members of the Orchestra, Wind Band, Chamber Choir, Madrigalists and Soul Singers. All three are also members of the horn section of the Oxfordshire Schools' Symphony Orchestra.

## Wind Band and Orchestra

On Thursday 11 June, Orchestra and Wind Band performed a selection of pieces, including *Danserye* by Susato, *Menuet and Trio* by Boccherini, and *The Great Escape*, at a lunch time concert in the Corinthian Room. It was a full audience and was well attended by the Junior School as well. The musicians enjoyed playing to the enthusiastic audience.  
*Chris Williams, Leader*



## Gig Night

A 'gig night' was held in The Shed on 2 May, with many forms of music being played from musicians as young as nine years old. There was rap, rock, heavy metal, blues and jazz, which had the audience clapping and dancing in their seats. Some pupils played original compositions. A truly good night was had by all. See you at the next gig night.



## Piano Week

During the last week of April a beautiful Yamaha grand piano was installed in the Corinthian Room. Piano pupils gave performances during lunchtime recitals. On the Tuesday evening Rebecca Truman and James Winkley gave their final A Level recitals. AS Level Music Technology students conducted their recording sessions on a peaceful Saturday morning.



## May Day Madrigals

May morning brought the Madrigalists out once more onto the Mansion balcony in what is becoming established as a

Cokethorpe tradition. With confidence and skill, the singers stepped up to a greater challenge with this year's repertoire.





# THE ARTS

## Art Exhibition

On Wednesday 25 June the Art, Textiles and Photography Departments hosted an exhibition of examination work. The evening was a real celebration of all the achievements by this year's GCSE and A Level pupils. The range of work was amazing and the standard better than ever. The exhibition generated considerable interest and many guests commented on the excellent work.

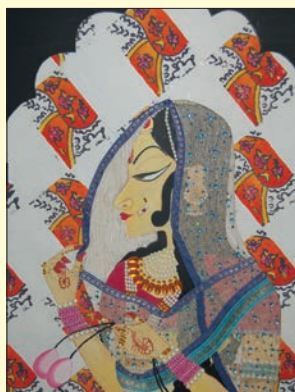


## Trip to Natural History Museum

In June the Year 10 Art, Design and Textiles pupils visited the Natural History Museum in London. The day began with a general tour and then pupils were able to select items from the museum's collection to draw in their sketchbooks. The work produced forms part of their second GCSE coursework unit. Back in School each pupil produced a presentation page based on the visit.

## Art Competition

Towards the end of the Summer Term, the Art Department held an art competition, with the theme 'West Oxfordshire'. All the entries were most impressive, with Lissi Mason (Year 9, Queen Anne) the overall winner.



## Art Work

Below are some examples of the excellent art work produced by pupils throughout this academic year. Some of them were on display at the Art Exhibition held at the end of the Summer Term.

## ART Sculpture

Visitors to the School will have noticed this impressive ART sculpture appearing on the grass in front of the ha-ha along

the drive. The beautiful, abstract ART is made from solid oak and was produced by Gareth Newman from Hicknam Farm.



## Art Competition

*Overall Winner:*

Lissi Mason (Year 9, Queen Anne)

*Second Prize:*

Luciana DiMascio (Year 8, Gascoigne)

*Third Prize:*

Oliver Armstrong (Year 7, Feilden)

*Junior School Prize:*

Francesca Donovan-Brady, Queen Anne

## Natural History Museum

The museum is home to life and earth science specimens comprising some 70 million items within five main collections: Botany, Entomology, Mineralogy, Palaeontology and Zoology. The museum is a world-renowned centre of research, specialising in taxonomy, identification and conservation.

## Term Dates 2008–2009

### Michaelmas Term 2008

*INSET days (staff in school)*

Monday 1 & Tuesday 2 September

*Start of Term*

Wednesday 3 September (Years 7 & 12)

Thursday 4 September (Rest of School)

*Half Term*

Thursday 23 October – Friday 31 October

*INSET day (staff in school)*

Thursday 23 October

*End of Term*

Friday 12 December

### Lent Term 2009

*Start of Term*

Monday 5 January

*Half Term*

Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February

*End of Term*

Friday 27 March

### Summer Term 2009

*Start of Term*

Monday 20 April

*May Day Bank Holiday*

Monday 4 May

*Half Term*

Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May

*INSET day (staff in school)\**

Friday 3 July

*End of Term*

Friday 10 July

## Sports Achievements 2007–2008

\* County Honours

### Athletics

Danny Burford \* Shot  
Jackson Curtis \* Long Jump  
Jacob Wilson \* 100m

### Cricket

James Cox  
Jordan Gillies \*  
Lucia Revell \*  
Paul Tyrer \*

### Cross Country

Samuel Miller \*

### Equestrian

Alfie Bradstock  
Nicholas Lucey  
Kimberley Mallett  
Chloe Pickford

### Golf

Declan Duffy \*  
Andrew Tucker \*

### Hockey

Jack Biggs (Regional)  
Hannah Brownrigg-Gleeson \*  
Gabriella Evans \*  
Lydia Farrell (South England)  
Isobel Landon \*  
Laura Sensecall \*  
Beth Stanley \*  
Shona Stanley \*  
Amy Williams \*

### Judo

Alice Bird (England finalist)

### Kayaking

Timothy Muller (National)  
Frederick Reif (National)

### Netball

Alyce McNaughton \*  
Charlotte Mobbs  
Suzanna Russell (National)

### Rugby

Joshua Atkins \*  
Nicholas Baboolal \*  
Karim Bahou \*  
Tom Biggs \*  
Danny Burford \*  
Christopher Clare \*  
Guy De Vos \*  
Ahlexi Enjily \*  
Laurie Gibson \*  
George Lewis \*  
Henry Logan \*  
Joshua D Poole \*  
Thomas Shellard \*  
Julian Watkins \*  
David Wells \*  
Thomas Wells \*

### Soccer

James Amer \*

### Tennis

Ruby Grant \*

## Tennis

The tennis teams had a very successful year from the point of view of the development of their match play and their enjoyment of the game. Despite facing some highly trained and experienced opposition, they maintained a high level of play. The U13 girls are the team of the season, with 70% of games won, finishing only one game short from the semi-finals of the Nestlé competition. All girls played well, with Ruby Grant the player of the season. The U15 girls also had a positive development year, concentrating on a more confident tactical approach to matches. They played five, losing four but winning convincingly against Cranford House.

The U13 boys only won one of their four matches, but this does not reflect performance. Ben Porter-Goff is the player



## Rounders

The season has been mixed, with several matches cancelled due to poor weather. There were 28 matches played in total, 17 won and 11 lost, a winning percentage of 61%. This is good, as some strong opposition was faced.

The U12s had a difficult season, but they showed great teamwork and enthusiasm. The girls had an excellent win against Kingham Hill U13, and although the A team lost to the Dragon School, the B team won by just half a rounder. A notable game was against Oxford High, when the girls won 6-5.

The U13s had an up and down season, beating Burford School 38½–7, while losing to a well-drilled Winchester House.



of the season. The U15 boys squad had a mixture of talent and competitiveness. Jack Kovandzich won all his singles matches, and partnered by Toby Raban had some success in the doubles. The depth of the squad meant that many boys represented the School, however there was only one victory from five games.

## Cricket

This was a progressive and successful year for School cricket. The 1st XI won several matches by relatively easy margins and the following Year 11 pupils stood out as key players; Billy Webb, Jordan Gillies (next year's Captain), Chris Hicks, Philip Allen and Alex Bramhall Kidd (Year 10). The U14s were the most successful team; they and the U13s are leaving a healthy development platform for the coming seasons.



The team worked hard to improve their batting and played two excellent games at the end of the season, notably beating Oxford High by half a rounder.

The U14s had a tough year playing against strong opposition. After a slow start losing to St Edward's and Tudor Hall, they won the next three games, beating Burford, Bartholomew and Henry Box by good margins. The girls unfortunately lost their last game to Oxford High by 3½ rounders.

Team of the season goes to the U15s. They played seven and only lost one. The girls had excellent victories against Oxford High, Henry Box, Bartholomew, Rendcomb, Sibford and Kingham Hill, only losing to St Edward's by 3 rounders.





## Equestrian

Congratulations to the Cokethorpe Equestrian team who were placed first at the Princethorpe-Kingsley Inter-Schools' two day event held at Offchurch Bury in May. The winning team consisted of Lily Bradstock, Kimberley Mallett, Nicholas Lucey and Chloe Pickford. The team of Harriet Mullins, Oliver Godwin, Gorgia Lisi and Lily Bradstock also took part in the Schools' Novice competition.

## Clay Pigeon Shooting

On Sunday 4 May, the Clay Pigeon Shooting team competed in the British Schools' Clay Pigeon Shooting Championships. Each 6-strong team shot 450 targets and Cokethorpe was ranked third out of the 39 teams that took part, topping their rank of 8th from last year. In the individuals, Jake Ireland came 9th out of the 260 competitors, and the captain Michael Staples came 16th.



## Canoe and Kayak Club

In addition to the Devizes to Westminster successes, Louis Taylor and George Barnicoat were promoted to Div 8 of the Hasler Series; Edward Brooks (Div 4), Dominic Cannon (Div 6), George Lawson (Div 9) all took part in at least one race and Luke Harding and Madi Barnicoat did well in the U10 races. George and Madi Barnicoat also had successes at the National Sprint Regattas.

## Netball Trip

On Friday 18 April, 41 girls went to see England play their final Netball test series match against Malawi at Wembley Arena. The atmosphere in the stadium was fantastic, the girls bought all sorts of items to support the English team. The Champions of Africa (ranked fifth in the world), played well against the Champions of Europe (ranked third) but, in the end, England won 61–36.



## Australian Cricket Visit

On 9 July Cokethorpe played host to a touring side from Bendigo College, Australia. Typical of the English weather the day recorded as much rainfall in 24 hours as for a normal July. The full game was cancelled but the boys mixed teams

and played an indoor 7-a-side competition instead. The enthusiasm and friendship shown by all the players made it a most enjoyable afternoon. Special thanks must go to the Cokethorpe parents who looked after the boys that evening.



## Sports Colours

### Colours

Cricket Elliott Bennett

## Athletics

At the County School Athletics Championships at Tilsley Park in Abingdon on Sunday 15 June, the following pupils recorded impressive results.

### Junior Girls U15

Lydia Farrell 200m 2nd 27.1s

### Junior Boys U15

Frederick Curtis High Jump 2nd 1m 55  
Javelin 2nd 34.65m

### Intermediate Girls U17

Gorgia Lisi 800m 3rd 2.43.3

### Intermediate Boys U17

Jacob Wilson 100m 1st 11.5s  
200m 2nd 23.4s

Jackson Curtis Long Jump 1st 5.79m  
Javelin 1st 45.56m

Danny Burford Shot Put 1st 11.59m

### Senior Boys U19

Sam Miller 800m 2nd 2.03.1

## Cross Country

At the Year 7 County Championships at Cutteslow Park on Monday 28 April, the Cokethorpe boys' team was ranked second out of 30 Oxfordshire schools. They achieved four places within the first 30 positions, out of a total of 230 runners. On account of illness, the School could not enter a full girls' team. However, Beth Stanley (Year 6) achieved 11th place out of 230 Year 7 runners.

## 1st XI Cricket Results

Matches: 10, Cancelled: 1, Played: 9  
Won: 4, Drawn: 1, Lost: 4

St Edward's	Won by 10 wkts
MCS	Lost by 4 wkts
South Oxon Amateurs	Won by 4 wkts
Kingham Hill	Won by 7 wkts
Henry Box	Lost by 6 runs
The Oratory	Lost by 8 wkts
Cokethorpe Staff	Lost by 30 runs
Headmaster's XI	Won by 4 wkts
MCC	Match Drawn

All the term's sports results are available on the School website and are updated weekly. [www.cokethorpe.org.uk](http://www.cokethorpe.org.uk)



# THE HOUSES

## Most Recommendations

Year 7: Katherine Woolley (Queen Anne)  
 Year 8: Amy Williams (Swift)  
 Year 9: Benjamin Woodard (Feilden)  
 Year 10: Peter Kemp (Vanbrugh)  
 Year 11: Rebecca Fellows (Vanbrugh)  
 Year 12: Callum Staff (Gascoigne)  
 Year 13: India Pool (Feilden)  
 Overall winner: Katherine Woolley  
 House winner: Vanbrugh

## Inter-House Cricket Results

1st: Harcourt (125 points)  
 2nd: Gascoigne (122)  
 3rd: Queen Anne (112)  
 4th: Feilden (83)  
 5th: Swift (72)  
 6th: Vanbrugh (64)

## Inter-House Netball Results

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

## Inter-House Athletics

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

## New Senior Athletics Records

Jackson Curtis		
Year 10 Boys Javelin	47.30m	
Lydia Farrell		
Year 9 and 10 Girls 200m	28.25s	
Jacob Wilson		
Year 10 Boys 200m	23.65s	
Frederick Curtis		
Year 8 Boys Javelin	36.48m	
Richard Stevens		
Year 10 Boys 800m	2:18:14	
Year 10 Boys 1500m	4:53:0	
Shona Stanley		
Year 9 and 10 Girls 1500m	5:54:0	
Isabel Berger		
Year 7 and 8 Girls 1500m	6:43:0	
Amy Williams		
Year 7 and 8 Girls Javelin	19.30m	
Gascoigne House		
Year 10 Boys 4x100m	51.65s	
Vanbrugh House		
Year 9 and 10 Girls 4x100m	57.88s	

## Victor Lodorum/Victrix Lodorum

Year 7 Boys: Francis Plummer  
 Year 7 and 8 Girls: Isabel Berger  
 Year 8 Boys: Frederick Curtis  
 Year 9 Boys: Tom Donovan-Brady  
 Year 9 and 10 Girls: Shona Stanley  
 Year 10 Boys: Richard Stevens

The Burfitt Award for Outstanding Athletic Achievement was won by Jacob Wilson.

## Year 7 and 8 Tug of War

The Year 7 and Year 8 Tug of War was very closely contested and each House was represented by some very strong and energetic individuals. The runners up were Feilden with the first prize going to Harcourt.

## Inter-House Cricket

The Inter-House Cricket competition took place over two sunny afternoons. There were two tournaments – Year 7 and 8 and Year 9 and 10. Teams were 7-a-side and points were awarded for wickets, runs over 30 and for winning the match. Harcourt were declared the winners, with Gascoigne, last year's winners, close behind.

## Inter-House Rounders

This was a closely fought competition this year. With only Year 8 and Year 9 pupils taking part, the teams were well matched in ability. At half way, Queen Anne were leading, but Vanbrugh made an excellent comeback to tie on points with them, pipping Queen Anne to third place on rounders scored. By the end of the afternoon Gascoigne and Swift were tied on points, but thanks to an excellent batting performance by Amy Williams Swift won the competition by half a rounder. It was an excellent afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



## Inter-House Athletics

Sports Day was held at Tilsley Park, Abingdon on Tuesday 1 July, in sunny conditions that brought out the very best of performances by the pupils. An outstanding 14 School records were broken. This has probably been the best Sports Day so far. Gascoigne won the event for the fifth year running.

## Inter-House Clay Pigeon Shooting

The Inter-House clay pigeon shooting competition took place this term. From 72 targets, Feilden won the House Shield with 67 birds (Jordan Gillies, George Kerr and Matthew Barkham) and in the individual competition – the Toolmaster Trophy – the winner was Jordan Gillies with 24 out of 24 birds.

## Vanbrugh Barbecue

On Friday 9 May, Vanbrugh House held their annual summer barbecue and were blessed with good weather. The evening started with a 'treasure hunt' quiz and, throughout the evening there was plenty of food, all kindly supplied by parents. The food was great, it was really fun and we look forward to next year's event already.

*Vanbrugh Year 7 Girls*



# FUNDRAISING FOR CHARITY

## £5,000, 5,000 miles

As the Lesotho 2008 group prepare to depart on their two week adventure in Southern Africa, Mr Uglow is delighted to report upon a fantastic year of fundraising. The group will be able to present a cheque to Ha Fusi Secondary School for £5,600 – raised both within the School and externally. This will go a long way, paying for a qualified teacher for the year to work in a very deprived region of this poverty-stricken country. The group would like to thank all those who helped – either with cycling or with raising money through various ingenious means.



## Jewellery Making

Pupils taking part in the Jewellery Making AOB on Friday afternoons, run by Mrs Phillips, made and sold enough jewellery during the Summer Term to raise over £250. They generously donated this money to the Lesotho fund, helping to reach the £5000 target. They sold the beautiful handmade jewellery to pupils and staff during breaks and lunchtimes.

## Junior School Charity Day

The £2,300 raised at Junior School Charity Day was presented to The Nasio Trust, Helen & Douglas House and The Lesotho Fund during a Junior Assembly.



## London Marathon

Mr van Zyl and Mrs Jarrett each completed the London Marathon on 13 April, despite constant rain, strong winds and a hail storm. Mrs Jarrett raised £1,500 for the charity Children with Leukaemia, and spoke afterwards of how supportive the crowds were in getting her around. 'It was like a 26 mile street party, with people cheering, playing music and handing out drinks

## Lesotho Cycle Ride

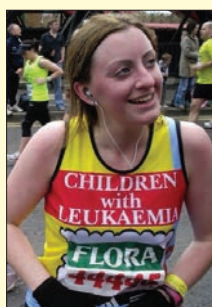
Fortunately, the weather forecast proved to be wrong on 27 April, and 32 cyclists were able to enjoy the sun as they made their way around the 8km course in order to add miles to the '£5,000, 5,000 miles' campaign. A total of 620 miles were cycled, which represents a tremendous achievement. Mr Staff, father of Isaac and Callum (who is due to visit Lesotho in July) completed the most laps – 6 in just under 3 hours. A big thank you to all those involved, especially the staff who acted as marshals, and to the Witney Bike Club for their help in organising the event.



## Swimathon Challenge

On 19 April Alex Bryson (Year 9, Harcourt) completed a 5km (200 lengths) swim raising funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care. This was his second Swimathon, his first being three years ago when he did 100 lengths. Alex was completing the challenge with his mother and both were aiming to finish in under two hours. Alex's brother and father counted the lengths and cheered them on. In the end Alex swam his distance in 1 hour and 46 minutes, soundly beating his mother by 7 minutes. Altogether they raised over £750 for charity.

for the entire route' she said. 'I passed the time playing spot the celebrity. I saw Ben Fogle, Ronan Keating and Gordon Ramsay, and managed to beat Kate Lawler and the Masai warriors.'



## Ha Fusi School, Lesotho

The village of Ha Fusi is a very poor and deprived community. The Secondary School is relatively new – it opened in 2002, and moved to its new site in 2006 – and has been developed largely through funds from the UK. It serves around 17 local villages, otherwise devoid of Secondary education opportunities.

Whilst Primary education became free following a Millennium project, children still have to pay to attend Secondary School. Consequently, few attend and few are able to break out of the cycle of deprivation and poverty that blights this community.

Cokethorpe's visit to Lesotho coincides with the winter break in the country, so normal classes will not be taking place. However, it has been arranged for pupils to come in, and give the Cokethorpe students the opportunity to work with them in the form of a 'Summer School'. The tourists will also work on some more practical projects – building blocks of toilets and helping to paint the walls of the classroom.

## Marie Curie

£76.94 was collected during March for the Marie Curie Great Daffodil appeal.

## Whole School Fast Day

The Whole School Fast Day took place on Friday 27 June. The traditional fish and chips were replaced with bread and soup and all snacks were removed from around the School throughout the day.

## London Marathon Results

*Mrs Jarrett*  
Position (overall): 25425  
Position (gender): 6457  
Position (age group): 1367  
Finish time: 4:54:56

*Mr van Zyl*  
Position (overall): 284  
Position (gender): 284  
Position (age group): 11  
Finish time: 2:44:20

## Helen & Douglas House

Helen & Douglas House are holding an Open Day on Saturday 13 September from 10.00am until 4.00pm. Visitors can find out more about their work and see how their support really does make a difference. There will be a variety of activities and performances throughout the day to keep the whole family entertained. Everybody welcome.

# THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Junior School Prize Giving

### Academic Prize Winners:

2LO	Toby Brown
3LO	Luke Garbutt
4MM	Jessica Williams
4JD	Joseph Wilde
5MC	James Staples
5HL	Nancy Battersby
6MOC	Ellen Garbutt
6GM	George Grime

### Pupil of the Year:

RR	Jack Wilde
2LO	Michaela Logue
3RO	Evie Garbutt
4MM	Thomas Smith
4JD	Eloise Fraser-Paterson
5MC	James Duffield
5HL	Constantin Patt
6MO	Charles Tobin
6GM	Beth Stanley

### End of Year Awards for Effort:

RR	Ralph Anderson Rosa Birchenough George Donald Grace Ettinger Frederick Gascoyne George Langford Jack Wilde
2LO	Alexander Wilde
3RO	Louisa Mattinson
4MM	Alexander Jobling
4JD	Keely Harding
5HL	Matthew Clarke
5MC	Samuel Menon
6MO	Rem Coppock-Cudd
6GM	Vanessa Blake

### Cup Winners:

Julie Stormont Art Cup:  
Oliver Cookson

Louise Bridge French Cup:  
Kathryn Jenkins

Claire Hooper Drama Cup:  
Fraser Logue

Music Cup:  
Ellen Garbutt

Sports Cups:  
Beth Stanley  
Benjamin Mendoza-Sharman

Improvement and Progress Shield:  
Monty McKenna

Junior School Cup:  
Kathryn Jenkins

## PSHE Performances

The Junior School children enjoyed being the audiences for the Year 10 Theatre in Education performances. They learnt about bullying, eating healthily, peer pressure, resolving conflict and not talking to strangers.



## Year 6 Woofyt Workshop

Year 6 took part in the Wooden One-octave Organ for Young Technologists workshop in June. The children learned the science of how sound waves make air molecules vibrate and travel to ears. They played musical games with rhythm and clapping sequences and also built an organ, powering it by pumping air into a bag, discovering that different lengths of wooden 'pipes' make different notes.

## Year 4 Corinium Museum

Year 4 enjoyed an exciting trip to the Corinium Museum to support their History topic on Roman Britain. They explored the exhibits, found answers and information for their worksheets and extended their knowledge and understanding. The day was concluded with an activity session in which the children dressed up in Roman style clothes, played Roman games and designed their own mosaics.



## Life Education Bus

All Junior School children took part in age-specific health and drug education when Life Education visited in May.



## Year 5 River and Rowing Museum

On a blazing June day, Year 5 visited the River and Rowing Museum in Henley-on-Thames. They enjoyed a relaxing boat trip in the morning sunshine, spotting red kites as well as geese and ducks. In the museum the children learnt about the River Thames, answering challenging questions on a variety of subjects such as leisure, employment, wildlife and transport. After lunch, they took part in a workshop experimenting with sand, soil, water and sponges, amongst other things, designed to show geographical processes such as erosion and deposition.

## Junior School Examinations

At the beginning of June, the Junior School children in Years 2 to 6 took their internal examinations, including tests in English (Reading, Writing and Spelling), Mathematics and French.

## Year 3 Sulgrave Manor

On Monday 28 April Year 3 swapped their school uniforms for Tudor-style attire and travelled to Sulgrave Manor, near Banbury. The lives, loves and losses of the Tudor monarchs were enthusiastically re-enacted by the children in a session of role play, taking them from the Battle of Bosworth Field to the death of Queen Elizabeth I. They were then given a tour of the Manor House by costumed presenters. In the Great Hall, Kitchen and Bed Chamber they learned about some of the differences between the lives of the rich and poor and were, in equal measure, surprised, fascinated and horrified by what they heard. The children had a very enjoyable time and gained a valuable insight into the period.

## Year 6 History of Science Museum

As part of their study on measures in Mathematics, Year 6 visited the Museum of the History of Science in Oxford. The museum is next door to the historic Bodleian Library and Sheldonian Theatre. It is laid out on three floors and contains many interesting and fascinating artefacts that have been used to measure throughout history. The children had the opportunity to handle instruments that were used by famous scientists such as Einstein. It was a great experience to be able to bring the subject to life and to see the development of measuring at first hand.



# THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Reception Harcourt Arboretum

On Wednesday 30 April the Reception children spent a very enjoyable, but wet morning at the Harcourt Arboretum. The morning was spent going on a treasure hunt with the children eager to fill their bags with feathers, leaves, flowers, and smooth and prickly objects. Besides this fun activity the children were also given interesting facts about the different plants they saw on their walk.

## Year 4 WWII Guest Speakers

Year 4 have enjoyed welcoming a number of guest speakers this term, all talking about World War II. Mrs Beavis, Matthew Ellacott's grandma, gave a talk on her war-time experiences, including blackout regulations and food rationing. She also spoke about her time with the Royal Navy as a Wren. Mr Croom, Luisamae Lisi's grandfather, also spoke about his WWII experiences. He talked about growing up during the war and how it affected his home life and his schooling. He showed some fascinating photographs and some interesting artefacts including a gas mask and a piece of shrapnel.



## Year 5 & 6 Talk

Mr Moglia kindly shared his experiences of his expedition climbing Aconcagua Mountain in Argentina. He spoke of surviving at 7,000m and displayed equipment needed for the trip.

## Reception Cogges Farm

A fun time was had by all when the Reception children visited the Cogges Farm Museum on a hot and sunny Wednesday 7 May. It was an action-packed day, looking at farm animals, seeing the cows being milked, feeding the lambs, dressing up in Victorian clothes, playing with the old toys, looking at plants growing in the walled garden and enjoying a picnic lunch in the orchard.

Mrs Fisher, Isabel's mother and History Teacher, brought a collection of WWII artefacts to School. The children were fascinated to see different types of gas masks and were also treated to some war time rations of plain chocolate and pear drops. Finally, Monty McKenna in Year 6 gave a confident talk about his interest in WWII planes and tanks. He also brought in some artefacts including an Air Raid Warden's helmet.



## Prize Giving Performances

Every child in the Junior School took part in the annual Prize Giving drama performances. Reception to Year 3 performed *The Dragon and the Phoenix*, Years 4 and 5 performed *Hoodwinked*, an adaptation of the story of Robin Hood and Year 6 gave an excellent rendition of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. The Junior School Choir then performed a selection of songs with the theme 'Hollywood'.



## Dance Examinations

The following children took a dance examination with the International Dance Teachers' Association and all passed:

### Stardance Waltz (First Exam)

Michaela Logue  
Ruby Plumridge

### Social Dance Award 1

Alyssia Lotter  
Anya Duffy  
Madi Barnicoat

### One Dance Scarlet

*Commended:*  
Vanessa Blake  
Alexandra Cross  
Erika Davies  
Nancy Battersby

### *Highly Commended:*

Laura Cardy  
Annabelle Hulewicz  
Sofia-Louise Svanikier  
Melanie Severn  
Kathryn Jenkins  
Francesca Donovan-Brady  
Fraser Logue  
Sydney Skinner

## Year 6 Disco

Year 6 celebrated the end of their time in the Junior School by enjoying a disco in The Shed. Organised by Year 9 pupils, they danced the night away, displaying some 'truly unique dancing'.

## New Zealand Visitor

The Junior School welcomed Mr and Mrs Spiers from New Zealand to their end of year Drama Production and Prize Giving ceremony. Mrs Spiers is a teacher at Maungatapu School and her class regularly email the Year 4 children at Cokethorpe.

Mrs Marchbank's class were treated to a 'Jump Jam' lesson by Mrs Spiers whilst on her visit. This is a lively, aerobics-type fitness programme which many schools have adopted in New Zealand. It proved to be energetic and excellent fun.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Alastair Grime (Year 4, Swift) for being awarded Players' Player of the Year in the U9 Gosforth Rugby team. At Bampton Town Football Club, Jack Smith (Year 2, Swift) was awarded U7 Players' Player, and Thomas Smith (Year 4, Swift) Manager's Player. Elisha Evans (Year 4, Swift) achieved gold in floor and vault at the South Regional Gymnastics Finals. She was awarded silver overall (out of 42 competitors).



# THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Sports Day Results

### Year 3 and 4 Boys 50m

- 1st Benjamin Foster
- 2nd Michael Hook
- 3rd Matthew Roche

### Year 3 and 4 Girls 50m

- 1st Annabele Hulewicz
- 2nd Madi Barnicoat
- 3rd Luisamae Lisi

### Year 5 Boys 80m

- 1st Constantin Patt
- 2nd David Mallett
- 3rd Samuel Menon

### Year 5 and 6 Girls 80m

- 1st Beth Stanley
- 2nd Alexandra Cross
- 3rd Sofia-Louise Svanikier

### Year 6 Boys 80m

- 1st Benjamin Mendoza-Sharman
- 2nd George Grime
- 3rd George Hooper

### Year 3 and 4 Girls 600m

- 1st Elisha Evans
- 2nd Jessica Williams
- 3rd Oonagh Ryley

### Year 3 and 4 Boys 600m

- 1st William Alden
- 2nd Thomas Smith
- 3rd Michael Hook

### Year 5 Boys 600m

- 1st Charlie Dyde
- 2nd Matthew Clarke
- 3rd William Cuddy Watts

### Year 5 and 6 Girls 600m

- 1st Beth Stanley
- 2nd Erika Davies
- 3rd Alexandra Cross

### Year 6 Boys 600m

- 1st Harry Blake
- 2nd Jake Halfacre
- 3rd Cameron Hughes

### Year 3 and 4 Girls 150m

- 1st Elisha Evans
- 2nd Luisamae Lisi
- 3rd Eloise Fraser-Paterson

### Year 3 and 4 Boys 150m

- 1st Joseph Wilde
- 2nd William Alden
- 3rd Matthew Ellacott

### Year 5 Boys 150m

- 1st Charlie Dyde
- 2nd Matthew Clarke
- 3rd Charlie Dunmall

### Year 5 and 6 Girls 150m

- 1st Sydney Skinner
- 2nd Sofia-Louise Svanikier
- 3rd Ellen Garbutt

### Year 6 Boys 150m

- 1st Benjamin Mendoza-Sharman
- 2nd Oliver Cookson
- 3rd Harry Austin

## Sports Day

The sky remained cloud-free for the Junior School Sports Day and Mini Olympics. The competition was fierce, but all the

children participated with great enthusiasm. Year 5 and 6 also competed at the Senior Sports Day at Tilsey Park.



## Junior School Charity Day

On Thursday 22 May the Junior School raised over £2,300 at the annual Charity Day. This was presented to Helen & Douglas House, The Nasio Trust and The Lesotho Fund during Assembly on Friday 20 June. All 140 children planned, created and manned their own stalls – games ranging from the traditional to

the more inventive. Parents, pupils, grandparents, friends and staff all thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon's fun. As well as learning about the wider world, the children practised a variety of skills including business and design technology. Thank you to all who supported the event.



## Year 6 Trip to France

In May all of Year 6 went on an exciting residential trip to the *Chateau du Broutel*, at Rue in France, accompanied by Mr O'Connor, Mrs McHardy-Jones, Mr Gaertner and Mrs Griffin. They had the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities including climbing,

abseiling, kayaking, raft building and obstacle courses, to name but a few. They also had a visit to the local town where they practised their French. Everybody had a wonderful time, the muddier the better, and have great memories to take on to Senior School.





# THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

## U11 Cricket

The season provided a mixture of results, with an equal number of wins and defeats. The team improved as the season progressed although the low point of the season was a heavy defeat by Prior Park. However, the team responded positively and in one of the most thrilling matches of recent years played magnificently to beat Rendcomb College by one run on the final delivery of the match. Special mention should go to Jason Cardy who captained the team, kept wicket and batted with growing confidence and skill.



## Inter-House Cricket

The U9 and U11 House cricket matches took place on Tuesday 24 June. The 7-a-side teams played three matches of six overs each. Points were awarded for wickets taken, runs scored and for winning the match. It was very close for 2nd to 5th place.

1st	Queen Anne	52 points
2nd	Feilden	42 points
3rd	Gascoigne	42 points
4th	Harcourt	39 points
5th	Vanbrugh	37 points
6th	Swift	12 points

## Kayaking Success

Madi Barnicoat (Year 4, Harcourt) has been representing the School at a large number of kayaking events this term. Most notable have been her achievements at the National Sprint Regattas, held in Nottingham, where she has come in the top three in the majority of her races. Highlights include winning in the Lightning U10 Girls K1 1,000m at both the June and July Sprints, as well

## U9 Cricket vs Maintenance

One of the highlights of the U9's season was playing the maintenance team, who only narrowly beat the youngsters in a very exciting and entertaining match.



## Rounders

The U9s had a brilliant season, winning three fixtures (Rupert House, Sibford and most notably Chandlings) and only losing one against Winchester House. The U11s worked extremely hard this term. Despite losing to Chandlings, St Hugh's and Hatherop Castle, they played extremely well to beat Sibford School and they shone in their last match against Winchester House, only narrowly losing.



## Inter-House Rounders

This was an amazing afternoon and it was fantastic to watch all the Junior School girls from Year 2 to Year 6 play in this tournament. It was a closely contested competition and credit must go to Queen Anne for a superb win, although Feilden were very close behind. Everyone played extremely well, but special mention goes to the following girls: Erika Davies, Emily James and Jennifer Wells (Queen Anne); Annabel Clarke and Emily Rowe (Feilden); and Michaela Logue, Annabelle Hulewicz and Laura Fiedorowicz (Vanbrugh).

as being the U10 champion for the K2 500m sprints. Madi has shown great commitment to her kayaking and is showing there will be more successes to come in the future.



## Sports Day Continued

### Year 3 and 4 Mixed Relay

- 1st Swift
- 2nd Harcourt
- 3rd Vanbrugh

### Year 5 Boys, Year 5 and 6 Girls Relay

- 1st Vanbrugh
- 2nd Gascoigne
- 3rd Harcourt

### Year 6 Boys Relay

- 1st Gascoigne
- 2nd Queen Anne
- 3rd Harcourt

### Year 3 and 4 Girls Rounders Ball Throw

- 1st Anya Duffy
- 2nd Keely Harding
- 3rd Isabel Fisher

### Year 3 and 4 Boys Cricket Ball Throw

- 1st Jordan Smith
- 2nd Matthew Roche
- 3rd Jake Ellis

### Year 5 Boys Cricket Ball Throw

- 1st William Cuddy Watts
- 2nd Charlie Dunmall
- 3rd Archie Fellows

### Year 5 and 6 Girls Rounders Ball Throw

- 1st Vanessa Blake
- 2nd Laura Cardy
- 3rd Melanie Severn

### Year 6 Boys Cricket Ball Throw

- 1st Edward Mordue
- 2nd Harry Blake
- 3rd Harry Austin

### Year 3 and 4 Girls Long Jump

- 1st Jessica Williams
- 2nd Oonagh Ryley
- 3rd Isabel Fisher

### Year 3 and 4 Boys Long Jump

- 1st Benjamin Foster
- 2nd James Crook
- 3rd Luke Garbutt

### Year 5 Boys Long Jump

- 1st Constantin Patt
- 2nd David Mallett
- 3rd Elliot Bowden

### Year 5 and 6 Girls Long Jump

- 1st Erika Davies
- 2nd Sydney Skinner
- 3rd Francesca Donovan-Brady

### Year 6 Boys Long Jump

- 1st Jake Halfacre
- 2nd Jason Cardy
- 3rd Henry Plumridge

## New Junior Athletics Records

Beth Stanley (Vanbrugh) achieved School records in the Year 5 and 6 Girls Long Jump (3.56m), 200m (32.9s) and 900m (3:32:0). Beth was awarded the Burfitt Award for Athletic Achievement.

## Victor Lodurum/Victrix Lodorum

Year 5 and Boys George Grime  
Year 5 and 6 Girls Beth Stanley

## CEW Activities

### Monday

Sixth Form Trip to Portsmouth  
Air Arm Museum  
Basketball Coaching  
Caving in the Forest of Dean  
Chinese Day  
Cotswold Wildlife Park  
Cycling (Year 7 and 8)  
Cycling (Year 9 and 10)  
Explore Bristol  
Graffiti to Jazz  
Heritage Motor Centre  
It's a CEW Knockout  
Poi, Diabolo and Spinner Workshop  
Punting  
Riding – Talland Equitation  
Shakespeare's Stratford  
Tennis Academy  
Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaoh  
Windsurfing

### Tuesday

Sixth Form Trip to London  
Canoe Regatta  
Cardiff Stadium Tour  
Cotswold Falconry  
Cotswold Wildlife Park Photographic Shoot  
Football Academy  
Gliding  
Go Karting  
Hockey Academy  
Model Hot Air Balloon Building  
Mountain Biking  
Natural History Museum  
Nature Trail Building  
Oxford Science Museum  
RAF Brize Norton Bowling and Swimming  
Rocket Design  
Scuba Diving  
Soft Toy Making  
Theatre Workshop  
Wembley and Emirates Stadium Tours

### Wednesday

Blenheim Palace  
Boomerang Workshop  
Bread Making  
Chess Championship  
Cokethorpe Olympics  
Cricket vs Bendigo College, Australia  
Didcot Railway Centre  
Fly Fishing  
Frontiers – Adventures in Learning  
Heritage Motor Centre  
Jewellery Making  
Kitchen Garden  
Nature Trail Building  
Poi, Diabolo and Spinner Workshop  
Pop Art  
Racing Car Model Club  
Sailing  
Scuba Diving  
Tennis Academy  
Theatre Workshop

## EcoSchool

In May 2007 the School started an EcoSchool project, which aims to reduce its carbon footprint. Since then, four eco-warriors (Samuel Unwin, James Graham, Alex Hedges and Alex Bryson) have been helping set up and monitor the recycling activities going on in School, whilst coming up with new ideas on how to improve the scheme. The group are happy to announce the introduction of new and exciting eco-friendly activities such as Miss Townsend's Kitchen Garden and the recent partnership with the Carbon Trust,



which will work with the School to help reduce the amount of non-renewable resources currently used.

## Greenpower Go-Kart

The Greenpower organisation runs a competition for schools to design and build an electric Go-Kart suitable for racing around a designated circuit. Apart from following a few specifications, the rest is up to the teams. Cokethorpe's first car, recently named 'R1' (Racer 1), has now had the four wheels attached through a system of machined bearings, designed and built in the DT workshops. The project will now make greater progress as the more tricky aspects of designing the aerodynamic structure and welding the steel tubular frame have been completed. The School remains very grateful for the sponsorship received from Mr Lisi and Mr Harris. Thanks also to the pupils that have helped in the construction of the car so



far; Ben Lane, Gino Lisi, Lewis Williams, Tom Donovan-Brady, Chris Williams and James Harris, to name but a few of the dedicated team. The aim is to complete the car in time for the regional heats next year. Continued support is always gratefully received – please contact the DT department for more information.

## Curriculum Enrichment Week

The last week of the Summer Term was once again dedicated to Curriculum Enrichment Week. All the pupils in Years

7 to 10 enjoyed a wide variety of activities. The pupils' spirits were not dampened by the extremely wet weather.



Preparing to Depart



Pembrokeshire Adventure



Kitchen Garden



Graffiti to Jazz



# AOB AND CEW



Bread Making



Basketball



Boomerang Workshop



Chess Championship



Jewellery Making



Model Racing Cars



Cycling



Diablo, Poi, Spinning and Contact Ball



Fly Fishing



Golfing in Devon



Falconry Centre

## CEW Activities Continued

### Thursday

Sixth Form Trip to Cirencester  
Air Rifle Shooting Competition  
Alton Towers  
Clay Pigeon Shooting  
Advanced Cycling Route  
Gliding  
Golf Championship  
Grand Prix Karting  
Media Day  
Science Fun Day  
Tate to Tate  
Theatre Workshop  
Traditional Sports Day  
Treasure Hunt

### Residential Trips

Barcelona Experience  
Centre Parcs  
Golfing in Devon  
Pembrokeshire Adventure  
Pembrokeshire Coast Action  
Surf and Shore (Newquay)

## Nature Trail News

During enrichment week pupils were clearing out the pond and planting more water plants. A family of ducks have been discovered nesting on the island and eight eggs were counted.

Recent findings have been frogs and newts and an abundance of dragon flies. A heron has also been seen using the pond.

Pupils have been planting a butterfly garden around the pond, erecting bug boxes and butterfly houses. They have been placing bird boxes in the woodland trail as well as building a wood pile and a communal seating area.

The meadow has grown and matured beautifully this year. It is rich with wild grass and plants, and is a haven for butterflies, moths and bugs.

In the near future it is hoped to start inviting the Junior School and local primary schools to have educational based sessions along the nature trail.

## ACF

The ACF detachment has been active this term. The members were: Mattias Athwal, George Barnicoat, Jonathan Beardsell, Matteo Catrini, Guy De Vos, Jonathan De Vos, George Hallett, Peter Kemp and Jamie Unwin.



# ADVENTURES AND EXPEDITIONS

## Didcot Power Station

The NPower site is host to two power stations – the 2,000MW dual-fired A station and the 1,360MW combined cycle gas turbine B station. Together they are capable of producing enough electricity to meet the needs of over 3 million people.

## Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

Below are the choices of the Bronze D of E participants in the Service, Skill and Physical Recreation categories.

*George Kerr (Feilden)*

ACF, Clay Pigeon Shooting, Climbing

*Daniel Humphrey (Harcourt)*

FairTrade, Climbing, Street Hockey

*Shona Stanley (Vanbrugh)*

Coaching Hockey, Hockey Skills, Running

*Paris Banerjee (Feilden)*

Translation, Climbing, Running

*Samuel Unwin (Harcourt)*

Swimming

*Joseph Ferrara (Harcourt)*

ACF, Sailing, Running

*James Metcalfe (Gascoigne)*

DoFE Maintenance, Climbing, Kayaking

*David Ratcliffe (Gascoigne)*

DoFE Maintenance, Tennis

*Toby Raban (Harcourt)*

DoFE Maintenance, Climbing, Tennis

*Oliver Godwin (Queen Anne)*

Gardening, Dry Stone Walling, Climbing

*Richard Stevens (Swift)*

RDA, Tennis Skills, Rugby

*Rose Parker (Queen Anne)*

Swimming

*Rosanna Cull (Queen Anne)*

Guides, Pegasus, Football

*Joel Gascoyne (Gascoigne)*

ACF, First Aid, Running

*Matthew Anderson (Harcourt)*

ACF, Clay Pigeon Shooting, Running

*Julian Watkins (Swift)*

Rugby Skills, Fitness Training

*Sam Dyde (Feilden)*

Scouts, Kite Flying, Martial Arts

*William Draper (Harcourt)*

Environment, Saxophone, Cycling

*Luke Saunders (Feilden)*

ACF, Clay Pigeon Shooting, Dance

## Gold Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to Henry Swailes (2007) who has been awarded his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

## Year 8 to Didcot Power Station

On 11 and 27 June, all Year 8 geographers visited Didcot Power Station to support work done in class on energy. A video explained how electricity is created, and the alternative sources of supply, as fossil fuels run out. The tour then commenced of the power station, visiting the cooling towers, generating plant, coal store and control room. It was a highly educational and enjoyable trip.



## Year 10 Trip to Stow

On 25 April, the Year 10 Geography pupils went to Stow-on-the-Wold to study tourism. During the trip we completed an environmental survey and interviewed people about their views on tourism in the area. We also completed a land use map to show how many shops were aimed at tourists, and carried out two pedestrian counts. The trip went well and everyone enjoyed their day out, collecting large amounts of data to help us complete our geography coursework.

*Guy De Vos, Vanbrugh*

## Duke of Edinburgh

The Silver Award group completed their assessment expedition in the Peak District. They successfully navigated for three days showing great team work, consistent navigation skills and excellent camp craft. The Bronze Award pupils had a training weekend based at Cokethorpe but using The Ridgeway and local area for navigation training. The assessment weekend was based in the Cotswolds. The groups all worked hard, encountering some difficult terrain to navigate at times.



## Year 8 Girls' Camp

The excitement running through all the Year 8 girls and the envious faces of the boys only made time go slower as we waited for the 5.00pm bell. Our evenings were as fun packed as you can get, consisting of an etiquette lesson, bonding lessons, Ultimate Frisbee, poker and an exhilarating 11pm ghost hunt. So many events meant that we stayed two nights in tents, and even though the weather was awful, we still had the time of our lives. Thank you to Mr Ettinger for allowing us to have the sleepover and to Mrs Pratley who played a big part in our experience (along with the hot chocolate!).

*Amy Williams, Swift*

## Year 9 Girls' Camp

The evening began with some energising pasta to prepare us for the night's events. After some fun-filled ringo-ing we returned, showered and set up camp, refuelling with some chips. After some Tug-of-War, hot chocolate and biscuits, we sat around a camp fire toasting marshmallows. We played a game of Chinese whispers, which taught us that gossip isn't always the truth. Thank you to Mrs Pratley and Mr Walton and also Mr Ettinger for allowing this to happen and the kitchen staff for providing us with our delicious supper and a hearty breakfast.

*Grace Wigham, Vanbrugh*



# VISITORS

## Taster Days

The new reception children were invited to two 'Stay and Play' sessions. Mrs Rees welcomed them, helping them get to know each other, their new classroom and Cokethorpe. The families also came to a Saturday 'Reception Class Welcome Morning', giving the children and parents another chance to meet before the holidays and to buy tiny uniforms.

## Open Evening – 14 May

All departments – and the new Kitchen Garden – were open, displaying and demonstrating pupils' work and answering prospective families' questions. Visitors watched a variety of sports activities, the English Department's extracts from



*Macbeth* and music performances from the Brass Trio, Soul Singers, Wind Band and Orchestra. In the absence of Year 6, Year 5 made a wonderful job of showing visitors around the Junior School.

## Transfer Day – 26 June

New pupils visited the School for a taste of their new classes. Junior pupils spent the day with their new teacher and class, while the Seniors spent the day with their Houses. The largest group was Year 7 who were greeted by Prefects in the morning before meeting the rest of their House for the day's activities and lessons. The day ended with the Inter-House Tug of War and Tea (including 250 slices of cake!) for pupils and parents.



## Corinthian Dinner

The annual Corinthian Dinner took place on Wednesday 21 May. The guests enjoyed a fantastic dinner in the Corinthian Room followed by speeches. The guest speaker was Hugo Brunner, Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire.

## Corinthian Dinner Menu

Antipasti

Crayfish tails on an English garden salad with lemon dressing

Champagne sorbet

Tournedos of beef resting on a pillow of dauphinoise potato with a rich port wine sauce

Roasted seasonal fresh vegetables

'Boiled egg with soldiers'

Coffee with chocolates

Thank you to Paul Bradford and the rest of the Catering Department.

# COKETHORPE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

## Peacock Ball

The weather may have tried to dampen sprits this year, but the atmosphere at The Peacock Ball was electric. The ladies arrived in their '50s glamour looking every inch the film star as they made their way down the red carpet for their photo shot beside the giant gold Oscars. This year the CPA were delighted to have so many of the Sixth Form leavers attend the ball and thought they would share this letter with you:

Dear CPA

On behalf of the Sixth Form, I would like to say a big thank you to the CPA and the Headmaster for organising such a great ball. We had an absolutely fantastic time; we really enjoyed the live band, the food was good, the casino was great, the dance floor and the good company were more than enough to keep us all enjoying ourselves all evening. The decor looked fantastic and there was great service from the wine servers. All in all, it was an unforgettable evening and one that we will treasure as a special memory of leaving Cokethorpe. Thanks again, Charlotte Krol.



## Forthcoming CPA Events

**Junior School Talent Showcase**  
Friday 12 September: Show your support to the talented Junior School. Showcase starts at 3pm and is the opening event to the Witney Music Festival. Tickets are free.

**Murder Mystery Evening**  
Saturday 11 October: The Cokethorpe players have agreed to put on another 'whodunnit' after a sell-out performance last year. Tickets are on sale now and include a curry dinner. Book early.

**Firework Extravaganza**  
Friday 7 November: A firm family favourite and always a superb evening; funfair, fireworks, pig roast and more.

## CPA Committee

Chairman: Ruth Wigham  
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Adi Hughes Theresa James  
Jan Johnson Valerie Krol  
Jane Le Coyte Linda Mace  
Peter Mace Sarah Plumridge  
Caroline Taylor Jonathan Taylor

## 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.

## Tickets for Schools

Raise money for the School whilst enjoying top shows (musicals/concerts), attractions (Alton Towers/museums) and events (sports fixtures/exhibitions). See website.

# WIDER COMMUNITY

## Visitors to the School

Over the course of this academic year well over three thousand people from the wider community have visited Cokethorpe.

## Parent Tennis

A number of parents have yet again enjoyed a tennis course run by Seth Dixon, Chief Coach of the Oxford Lawn Tennis club. The course took place over four Saturday afternoons in June.

## U15 Boys' District Cricket

The U15 Boys' District Cricket Festival, due to be hosted by Cokethorpe School and Radley College, was cancelled due to bad weather. The event will be rearranged as soon as possible.

## Downs Cricket Club

Throughout the Cricket season, the School has been delighted to host the Oxford Downs Cricket Club's home league matches. Not only is the club very local but many Cokethorpe boys are members and the team that play on the School grounds act as a development squad for young boys throughout the local area. As this goes to press the team is first in the league under the captainship of Simon Florey and manager David Bent.

## Christenings

The School Chapel has been used for two christenings this term. One was for Miss Lapper and Mr Bown's twins, Edie and Leo.

## Sea Scouts' Inspection

On Thursday 3 July the Standlake and Cokethorpe Sea Scouts were reviewed for Royal Navy Recognition by Lt Cmdr Griffiths, Staff Officer Scouts, Royal Navy Youth Directorate based at Plymouth. The evening started with dinner at Cokethorpe hosted by the Headmaster.

The Troop, based at West Oxfordshire Sailing Club during the summer and at Cokethorpe in the winter months, have a 50 plus strong membership of Scouts, Explorers, Cubs and a new Beaver Colony, under the leadership of Scout Leader David Henderson.

Lt Cmdr Griffiths took to the water to review a great series of activities including kayaking and sailing.

The overall report praised the Troop in the highest terms and assured them that their Naval Recognition was safe.

## Bampton Primary School

In April Bampton CE Primary School presented a musical evening in The Shed. The school has a strong music tradition and every child performed. The evening was a wonderful opportunity for the pupils and staff to experience a more professional venue to showcase their talents to parents. The concert was arranged as part of a newly developing relationship between the governors and staff of Cokethorpe and Bampton.

*Mrs M Dodge, Headteacher, Bampton*

Thursday evening came and Cokethorpe were really helpful and lent us the big hall to wait in. One by one each group of performers went onto the stage. There was brass, singing, recorders, keyboard and lots more. Everyone had a fantastic time and it was a great success.

*Elsbeth Martin, Year 5, Bampton*



## Senior County Hockey

The preliminary regional round of the Mens' and Women's Senior County Hockey championships took place at Cokethorpe in May. The women's team won all their games to go through to the finals, but the men dropped some crucial points to come second in their competition. Miss Rutland (Oxfordshire) and Miss Lapper (Middlesex) both took part at the finals weekend held in Exeter.

## Rover National Hockey Festival

It is now traditional that Cokethorpe hosts this national hockey event with teams coming from throughout the UK, including Banbridge College in Northern Ireland. 82 teams in eight age groups played 176 games over the weekend. Jonty Clark of Reading, England and Great Britain took a break from his Olympic training to present the trophies much to the delight of the players and spectators.



## U15 County Cup Girls Cricket

On Saturday 28 June, the Oxfordshire Round of the ECB Lady Taverers U15s Girls Cup Competition took place at Cokethorpe School. 32 girls from four local clubs around the County took part and they all enjoyed a full day of cricket

of 96 overs. The winning team on the day was Aston Rowant Girls CC, who proceeded to the South & South West Regional Final, but sadly were unable to reach the National Finals as they were knocked out in a bowl-out competition.





# THE COKETHORPE SOCIETY



## Lucy Boggis, Gladiator

Lucy Boggis (2005) has been selected to be a gladiator in the revival of the 90's hit TV show. She is the youngest gladiator, known as 'Tempest'.

## Harry Abdy Collins MBE

Captain Harry Abdy Collins (1997) has received an MBE for Gallantry in Afghanistan. He is pictured outside Buckingham Palace after the investiture.



## Former Pupils Cricket Match

On Friday 6 June, a team of Former Pupils played a 20/20 cricket match against a team made up of staff, parents and pupils. There were a good number of spectators and the atmosphere was fantastic, helped by the barbecue and drinks. It was a close game but the Former Pupils were victorious.

## Cokethorpe AGM

The Cokethorpe Society's AGM was held at the School on Wednesday 30 April. Everyone enjoyed a buffet and drinks in the Corinthian Room before the proceedings began. It was agreed that activity in the Society has stepped up, helped by the number of events for Society members. Thank you for all the support.



## A Memory from David Clark

*Summary: full account available on request.*

When Roger Sparks (1960) suggested we presented a canoeists' cup to the School, it brought back memories of our own escapades.

We arrived at Cokethorpe in 1956, and soon afterwards came across an advert for 'easy' home assembly canoe kits. With the blessing of Doc Brown, and the money from our doubtful parents, we ordered a two seater kit. There was great excitement when this arrived, though it looked as though we'd bitten off more than we could chew. I can still see Roger, pencil behind ear, trying to figure out where to attach the next piece. After much panting, puffing and gentlemanly language; we had a canoe.

She was a pretty quick boat when we kept in time. We didn't have any safety kit – when we turned over we just wriggled out, coughing and spluttering, pleased to have survived, but yelling at each other 'that was your fault you silly ass'.

By this time, other boys had seen our efforts and had started their own canoe building, and before long there were others plying the local rivers. Hidden in the bows of our canoes we carried methylated spirit stoves, cups, plates and cutlery, so that we could picnic on the bank cooking eggs, brewing tea, and smoking woodbines.

Happy school days. I hope today's canoeists have as much fun and pleasure as we did in those far off days, of, dare I say it, more than 50 years ago.



*Robert Webb (1966) recently visited the School and donated a CD of absolutely magnificent archive photos. Thank you.*

## The Committee

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Treasurer: Tony Baker (1964)  
Secretary: Simon Lancaster (1992)  
Warwick Daniels (current staff)  
Peter Green (former staff)  
Mike Hilder (1967 and parent)  
Philip Vaughan-Fowler (1976)

Anyone interested in joining the committee, please do get in touch.

## Contact Details

To contact the Society please email [society@cokethorpe.org](mailto:society@cokethorpe.org) or call the Foundation Office on 01993 892339. 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 Society Events

Drinks Reception at East India Club:  
Friday 19 September 2008  
All welcome. RSVP: 01993 892339  
Open Morning and Triathlon Afternoon:  
Saturday 27 September 2008

## Travel Bursaries

Tony Baker, the Cokethorpe Society Treasurer, and the Headmaster have awarded Society Gap Year Bursaries to the following Sixth Form 2008 Leavers:  
James Winkley  
Adam Hopcroft  
Charles Bartlett  
Robin Hilder  
Chris Langhorne-Cox

## Facebook

There are so far 380 Cokethorpe Former Pupils connected to the Cokethorpe Society profile (under the name Katherine Rutland). Please do request to become a friend as this has already helped many Former Pupils reconnect with their old classmates.

## Jim Swift Marathon

Congratulations to Jim Swift (1999) who ran the 2008 London Marathon in 5 hours, 14 minutes. He raised over £400 for two charities: Care Shington and Winston's Wish.

## James Binning

Congratulations to James Binning (2004) who successfully established his business *Deep in Wood* in 2007. In June, James very kindly welcomed the Year 12 Design Technology students to see his business in action.

## Stuart Homewood

Congratulations to Stuart Homewood (2003) for being elected Chairman of the Student Union at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester. He is now the voice of 800 students.

## Ave Atque Vale

### Mrs S Barton

Since Susan's arrival, she has enjoyed working with pupils, aged 5 to 20, from all over the world. Each pupil has challenged her in a different way and this, along with her colleagues, has made her 14 years pass very quickly. Susan's new role is Head of EFL at Pangbourne College.

### Mr J Belassie

James intends to spend several months travelling and volunteering in India before training as a psychotherapist next year. He has thoroughly enjoyed his time here, especially the opportunity to become so involved in so many different areas of the School's musical life.

### Mr D Carter

After six happy years at Cokethorpe it's time to retire and go home to beloved Somerset. Derek's new home will be in Minehead. Although a small seaside resort it offers many activities he and his wife enjoy; walking in Exmoor, sailing, golf, steam railways and cricket in Taunton.

### Mr R Harker

Richard has been a music teacher at Cokethorpe since 2005. He has really enjoyed his time here and will miss his tutor group and colleagues. He will be working part-time at Emanuel School in London, allowing more time to pursue singing and piano playing as a performer.

### Ms C Khoo

Having taught in New Zealand, and spent time in Taiwan, Kuala Lumpur and London, Christine joined Cokethorpe in 2004. She brought with her a vivaciousness about life, be it arranging cooking sessions with the Sixth Formers or coaching rugby. She moves on to teach at an all girls' school in Bermuda.



### Mrs J Holmes

The Bar Vocational Course is the route to becoming a Barrister after gaining the academic qualifications. Mrs Holmes bravely embarked upon this course whilst continuing her teaching. She was 'Called to the Bar' in November 2007 and now has the status of a non-practising Barrister. The benefits of completing such a course has brought great personal satisfaction and has also enhanced her

### Miss C Phillips

Caroline leaves the Geography department after five years, having also been invaluable to the School's ACF detachment. She moves to a new role as Head of Geography in a London prep school, but plans to continue her love of outdoor thrill-seeking in her spare time.

### Mrs J Phillips

Ça fait 15 ans que je travaille à Cokethorpe comme chef de département des langues. J'ai l'honneur douteux d'être seulement la quatrième personne à prendre sa retraite pendant cette période. J'attends avec impatience une vie qui n'est pas réglée par la sonnerie et aussi à découvrir ce que fout mon mari quand le chat n'est pas là.

### Mrs S Phillips

Sue spent ten happy years at Cokethorpe working in the Learning Support Department and Junior School. After much deliberation she has decided to retire to give her the opportunity to see more of her family, and to travel and spend some time abroad in the sunshine.

### Mr J Pigott

James leaves to join Aiglon College, located in the Swiss Alps. He and his wife will become House Master and Mistress of 'Exeter' one of the school's boarding houses. James plans to supplement his teaching with plenty of skiing and other outdoor pursuits.

### Mrs E Thompson

Elizabeth leaves after four years to join Rye St Antony School, Oxford. This part-time post will enable this excellent mathematics teacher to pursue her love of writing both poetry and novels – watch for her on the bestseller's list before long.

ability to give students a complete overview of the legal system and first hand experience of how to pursue a career in this exciting, dynamic environment.



## Open Day

**Saturday 27 September: 9.30am – 12 noon**  
Prospective parents interested in entry at any age are warmly invited to attend. All departments will be open, and there will be refreshments and activities. Headmaster's address: 10am and 11am.

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](mailto:admissions@cokethorpe.org)).

## Key Admissions Dates

Year 7 Assessment Day: 31 January 2009

Please contact the Admissions Office for information regarding entry in September 2009 and beyond.

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Email correspondence is particularly welcomed during the Headmaster 'Live' hour (8.00-9.00pm, on the first Monday of each month during term time). [dje@cokethorpe.org](mailto:dje@cokethorpe.org). At other times please contact the Headmaster's Secretary, Mrs Timms (01993 892325 or [hmsec@cokethorpe.org](mailto:hmsec@cokethorpe.org)).

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