

# Chipping Sodbury School Newsletter



## Forthcoming Dates

### November

- 14th INSET Day
- 17th Post 16 Parents' Evening at BGS
- 23rd A Level Photography Trip to London
- 28th Y11 Mock Examinations Start

### December

- 6th Clothes Show Trip to Birmingham
- 12th Awards Evening
- 14th Staff Christmas Pantomime

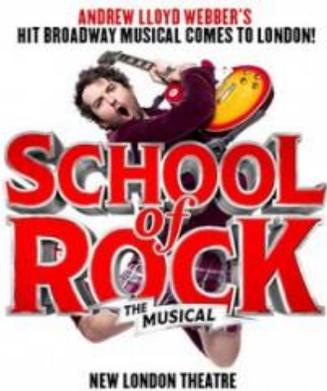
## Sixth Form Trip to Berlin

Towards the end of last term, students from across Cotswold Edge sixth form went on a four day trip to Berlin. They explored some of the many sites of historical and political interest in the German capital.

On Friday, students visited a former Stasi (secret police) prison, followed by the DDR museum and a visit to the Berlin Wall. The next day began with an underground tour of Berlin, experiencing the city's history from a novel perspective. Students then visited the former concentration camp at Sachsenhausen and the Reichstag building, the meeting place of Germany's parliament. The trip ended with a visit to Berlin's Spy Museum.



The trip was thoroughly enjoyed and gave some fascinating insights into the history of the city.



### Thursday 19 January 2017

**Do you have an interest in music and the arts?**

**Are you in Year 7, 8, 9 or a GCSE music student?**

**Would you like to go on the school music theatre trip?**

**See Mr Cox or Mrs Boulton for further details and a letter!**

### House Factor coming soon—November/December

A music/talent competition where you can win points for your house and prizes for you! Sound interesting? Then sign up outside the hub week. You can enter with a friend from another house, just be prepared to split the points!

All abilities welcome, come and have some fun, points awarded for pure entertainment value. The final will take place nearer to Christmas, with some possible 'staff guest appearances!'

Come and support the audition process and final and raise money for charity!

### Cross Country success!

Our cross country season has got off to an excellent start with fixtures at Castle and Downend schools. The girls have done especially well with the year 7 and 8/9 teams placing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall! The year 10 girls' team also came in at a very respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done to the year 7 boys who also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and to the y8/9 and 10/11 boys who came 5<sup>th</sup>.



Huge congratulations to Lily Greenslade and Abi Matthews in year 8 who came both first and second respectively in the fixtures, beating not only girls from year 8 but also girls from year 9.

We now look forward to the South Gloucestershire Cross Country Championship on 10<sup>th</sup> November at Blaise Castle.

### Netball Results v Castle

- Year 7 – Drew 7-7, player of the match was Chloe Wilkins
- Year 8 – Won 11-8, player of the match was Mia Williams
- Year 9 – Lost 16-18, player of the match was Kate Dale and Poppy Smith
- U16 – Lost 8-15, player of the match was Seana Dando

Some tough games but great performances in difficult conditions

Miss Winter



### Instrumental Lessons

Please can you ensure that you have paid for term 3&4 instrumental fees by 18th November. Anyone wishing to start a new instrument next term or to change instruments should let the music department know by the same date. Please could you also let us know if you no longer wish to receive instrumental lessons.

Mrs Boulton / Mr Cox

### Celebrating Excellent Attendance!

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October Chipping Sodbury School held its first attendance reward event. Every student who had achieved 95% attendance or above was entered into the competition and the six lucky winners were drawn by Mr Whitfield during tutor time via a live link into all tutor bases! There was an air of great excitement around the school as the winners were announced. The school are extremely grateful to those local businesses who kindly donated prizes:

- Nando's, Yate
- Frankie and Benny's, Yate
- Bristol Rugby

#### **Thank you so much! Your support is invaluable!**

This was a great event, and one which will be repeated at the end of every term in order to remind students of the importance of excellent attendance as an integral part of them reaching their full academic potential.



### Celebrating Success!

All those students who have had no negative referrals, no unauthorised absences and no 'lates' to date this academic year have received an invitation to a free breakfast (to include bacon rolls, hot chocolate and vegetarian alternative) with members of senior team in the school dining room on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. This will give students a well-deserved opportunity to celebrate their positive attitude and to be congratulated by members of senior team. A huge well done to the approximately 134 students who have achieved this – fantastic result! This is a termly reward and a different prize will be arranged at the end of each term. Data for the raffle is reset at the start of each term so students always have a chance to 'get it right' for next term.

### Sodbury Slog—can you spare an hour or two?

I am organising the catering for the Sodbury Slog, on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November to raise money for the school. I'm looking for help from parents to serve hot drinks and bacon rolls from 9am to 2pm. I would also be grateful for donations of cakes to be sold on the day. If you are able to help please contact Kate Pearce on 07871266224, or email



[katesteve.chipping@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:katesteve.chipping@blueyonder.co.uk).

### Road Safety

The school has recently received complaints regarding the conduct of students and parents entering the school site in the mornings.

Particular problems which have been highlighted include:

- Parents driving too fast when dropping their children off at the gates near the science block
- Students being rude and not adhering to the Highway Code when cycling to school

Please remember that we share the area with local residents and act considerately.

Thank you.



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