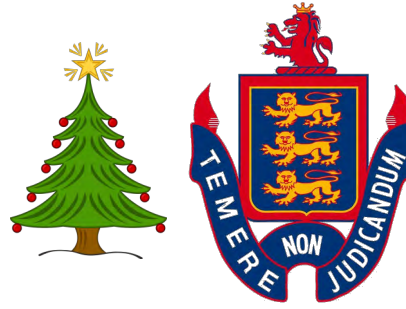


# Chipping Sodbury School Newsletter



## Forthcoming Dates

### December

13th Awards Evening, Town Hall  
15th End of Term 2

### January 2018

2nd Start of Term 3  
2nd Y13 Mock exams  
16th Options Evening Y8

### February

6th Parents' Eve 3  
9th Inset Day  
9th End of Term 3  
19th Start of Term 4

As we approach the end of another busy term, there have been many highlights. Mrs Blackmore has recently taken 14 Year 9 students to visit Bristol Crown Court for an opportunity to participate in the 'Getting into Court' programme which included a tour of the courts, a meeting with a High Court Judge and a focus on a profession within the law. The 6<sup>th</sup> Form have been working hard and engaging in a variety of projects to broaden their experiences including successes in Access to Bristol and

Oxford University shadowing days. There have been a number of visiting guest speakers plus fund raising events for Teenage Cancer Trust. We held our Cotswold Edge Post 16 Open Evening in November and now have a number of applications ready to interview students in the new year. If your son/daughter still intends to apply, please ensure the application is submitted as a matter of urgency so we can book in an interview.

I was very proud to participate in the Chipping Sodbury Remembrance Parade on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Not only was I joined by a number of willing students and our Chair of Governors on a very cold afternoon, but many of the uniformed organisations on parade consisted of a large number of Chipping Sodbury School students. In addition, on the same day we had student helpers supporting the Sodbury Slog selling teas and bacon sandwiches. Our whole school mufti day on 20<sup>th</sup> October raised £520 for Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service. All of which illustrate how committed we are to our wider community.

We do have a number of staffing changes as we approach term 3 after the Christmas holidays: Ms Moulton, after many years of dedicated service to the school, has decided to leave for family reasons. Mr Hansford, English teacher in the Access Centre, will also be leaving us at Christmas. We are delighted that Mrs Finn-Kelcey has been teaching his classes for a number of weeks and will stay with us for the rest of the school year. Mr Jackson will be departing for his travels prior to starting his PGCE year and finally, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Short who has worked tirelessly with the Senior Team to support us over the past few weeks. I wish to thank all these colleagues for their hard work and commitment to Chipping Sodbury School.

We have recently enjoyed our annual Christmas Concert at St John's Church; well done to all our musicians and a special thank you to Mrs Boulton and Mr Cox for their hard work in preparing the students and ensuring this was such a delightful event. As we approach the end of term 2, we have the following Christmas activities planned:

- Annual Awards Ceremony in Chipping Sodbury Town Hall, by invitation. Please note the dress code is 'smart' and school uniform **does not** need to be worn
- Christmas lunch – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December
- Wear your Christmas jumper – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- Early finish to the term on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – you should have received a letter home informing you of these arrangements, a copy is on the website should you need to refer to it

I do wish you all a very Happy Christmas once we break up on 15<sup>th</sup> December, Term 3 starts on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January for all students, which will be week 1.

Katherine Turner  
Headteacher

## Cross Country Season 2017

We have had a fantastic cross country season this year with an excellent turn out at cross country club.

The season began with a meeting at Castle School with our best results gained by the year 8/9 girls who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and the year 11 boys who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> with some excellent performances from Abi Matthews, Caitlin Glover, Isaac Corey and Nathan Carter.

At Downend School we had a brilliant result for the Y7 boys who finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Special congratulations to Levi Brown who finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

The season ended with an exciting afternoon at Blaise Castle for the South Gloucestershire Cross Country Championship. Our students worked very hard and represented the school really well.

Special recognition must go to Levi Brown who came 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lily Greenslade who came 4<sup>th</sup> and Eddie Houlden who came 7<sup>th</sup> in their races.



Mr Bowden and I are looking forward to next season already!  
Miss Joyce



### Drop Off and Pick Up

We continue to have some difficulties in the main bus drop off/pick up area by the front of the Sports Centre due to volume of traffic at the end of the school day. Please note that cars should use parking bays and not the bus area and we do need to keep everyone safe. You may find it more convenient to park off the school site.



Thank you for your assistance.

**Reminder:** if your son/daughter cycles to school, he/she MUST wear a cycle helmet.

## Sixth Form News

Thank you to all of the Year 11 students who came along to our sixth form open evening on 16<sup>th</sup> November. We have started to receive applications for our successful sixth form. If you haven't got your application in yet, please see the sixth form team as soon as possible.

Our Year 12 students have been busy settling into their A level courses. With advice from their personal tutors, they have started setting themselves up with some work experience and other opportunities such as Access to Bristol. We try and encourage our students to get involved with as many relevant experiences as possible which can give them extra UCAS points and experiences to enhance their CVs.

Most of our Year 13 students are busy finalising their course choices for university. Personal tutors are helping guide students towards suitable courses and working through the application process. We are looking forward to the offers starting to roll in!

## Mathematics News - Senior Mathematics Challengers!

Recently our Year 12 and 13 Mathematicians have completed the Senior Mathematics challenge test; a series of problem solving questions that uses all the different mathematical skills they have learnt in an interesting and varied way.

Congratulations to Marcus Jefferies (Year 13) who achieved Best in School and achieved a **Gold** certificate. Marcus will now be sitting the Kangaroo paper and we wish him luck. Congratulations also go to Aiden Bulmer (Year 12) who achieved Best in Year and gained a Silver certificate .

Also congratulations to the following students who achieved Silver and Bronze:

**Silver** (Year 13) Alex Langridge, Ellis Dunter, Sam Harding, Matthew Walters, Dominic Way and Lucia Sadier.

**Bronze** (Year 13) Courtney James (year 12) Matthew Hellen, and Adam Butcher.

Well done to all who participated from the Mathematics Faculty.

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## Rotary Racer Race Report - Rockingham Finals

The international final of the Greenpower challenge was held this year at Rockingham. After qualifying 5<sup>th</sup> we were hoping for some good finishes in the two races. Practice went well, and with the car working well, we prepared for the first race.

The first F24 race started with our first driver, Tom, going out for 20 minutes. We fell to 6<sup>th</sup> but our batteries were looking good so we were confident we would last the race. After a speedy pit stop our second driver, Joe, was out for 30 minutes. We were keeping our lap times consistent and our batteries were still looking good so after another quick pit stop we were holding 6<sup>th</sup> place with our final driver, Will. Nearing the end of the race, some of the other teams were slowing and we managed to gain one position to finish 5<sup>th</sup>.



After a quick gear change we prepared for the F24+ race. The race started and we made a good start. Tristan, our driver for this race, was keeping up well with the other cars and we were doing well. Our batteries weren't as good for this race and we noticed we were using too much power, so we cut back the power to try and finish the race. Nevertheless we finished in a respectable 7<sup>th</sup> position after the hour.

Another quick gear change and we were getting ready for the second and final F24 race. Our first driver, Tom, got away well and we got into 5<sup>th</sup> position after one of the cars had an issue of the start line. After 20 minutes, we called Tom in to make a quick change to Daniel, who would drive for 30 minutes. We were happy with the battery usage and were keeping a good pace. After bringing Daniel in to pit we switched to Will, who would drive for 40 minutes. Our batteries were looking good but it wasn't enough to gain any more positions, allowing us to finish in 5<sup>th</sup>.

We were very pleased with the results and have enjoyed participating in Greenpower this year. Congratulations to the new champions RLR 3 and the rest of the teams for making this possible.

Tom, Greenpower team.

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### **From the Rotary Club of Chipping Sodbury - End Polio Now**

In the UK polio, a disease that can paralyse its victims, is thankfully a thing of the past. During the past 30 years a worldwide campaign supported by WHO, Bill and Melinda Gates and Rotary International has had an ambitious programme to completely eliminate polio from the world. From the initial 125 countries where polio occurred only two countries remain where this disease is common, Pakistan and Afghanistan. In Nigeria the disease has almost been eliminated but a few cases have been reported during the past year or so. Until polio has been completely eradicated in every country it could come back and children anywhere could potentially be at risk of contracting the disease.

Chipping Sodbury Rotary Club is taking part in the *End Polio Now* campaign which is aimed at raising the public's awareness of this disease and providing the necessary funds to eradicate polio from the world. Further facts about polio and this campaign can be found at <https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/end-polio>

Your school is supporting *End Polio Now* in the following way. Sometime during the next few weeks three members of Chipping Sodbury Rotary Club will attend a school assembly and give a short illustrated talk about polio. Sometime after the talk the students will be invited to plant some crocus bulbs in a grassy area in the school grounds. The bulbs will produce purple flowers in the following spring. The colour purple is chosen because in the overseas vaccination programme a child's finger is marked purple to indicate that they have been vaccinated.

We are organising a collection for *End Polio Now* through the school and every penny you give will go towards this programme. Please be as generous as you can!

Thank you.

Dr Iain Dunnett, Barry Riley and John Wells  
Rotary Club of Chipping Sodbury



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### **Christmas Concert**

Well done and thank you to all those students who performed in our Christmas concert on Wednesday in St John's Church. This was an evening which showcased the diverse range of musical talents across our school from Year 7 to Year 13 including musical styles from classical to pop. A special congratulations to all the soloists, some of whom were performing in their first concert. Choir, orchestra and ukulele club will be open to new members in January - please come along and get involved.

### **Celebrating our Sixth Formers**

We would like to give a special mention to our amazing sixth formers **Sam Frankcom** and **Suzie Wood** for their support in the music department. Both students are members of our school choir where Sam plays the bass guitar, working out all the accompaniments from chord charts. Sam and Suzie also performed a fantastic version of Michael Jackson's 'Little Christmas Tree' together with Liam Palmer from Year 9. It is really valuable for our younger students to have great role models in the sixth form as well as giving our older students an opportunity to take on extra responsibilities within the school.

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### **Shooting Stars - A2Z Of Musicals**

Make your way down to Chipping Sodbury Town Hall on Saturday 9th December for the Shooting Stars production of The A2Z Of Musicals. There are 3 showings throughout the day, each performance starting at 13:30, 16:00 and 20:00 respectively. The musical features songs from Mary Poppins, Wicked, Billy Elliot, Annie and Jersey Boys.

Tickets are £9 and can be purchased from: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/shootingstars](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/shootingstars)

Several Chipping Sodbury School students will be part of the performance, so please support them!

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# THE PASTA PIT STOP



*Arriving Soon*

**FREE TASTERS**  
AT MORNING BREAK

**THURSDAY**  
4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

**GOING LIVE**  
AT LUNCHTIME

**MONDAY**  
8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY



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### **Badminton Success**

Huge congratulations to the combined Year 11 and Year 10 Badminton team who recently took part in the South Glos Badminton tournament. The boys managed an excellent 2<sup>nd</sup> and lost out to a team made up of county representatives. The girls went one step better and won the tournament. This now means that the girls progress to the county finals in January.

Well done to the following students:

Isaac Cory, Eddie Holden, Nathan Carter, Haydn Wollen, Kate Dale, Darcy Conway, Mia Williams, Poppy Smith



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### **Cotswold Edge and Sixth Form**

It was really great to see so many of our Year 11 students at the Cotswold Edge Open Evening. We now have lots of applications in and the next steps are your Course Choices discussions which will take place from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January, letters detailing the times will be sent out to students in the first week back after the holiday. Should parents wish to attend and the times are not convenient please contact reception and we will rearrange for you.

As well as this we are planning our next Sixth Form trip to Krakow in the last week of the school term in July. This is a trip for our current Y12's and 13's as well as our Y11's who have applied to Sixth Form. For more information please see Mrs Boyce or myself. New York was such a great success Mrs Boyce now has the travel bug.

It has been a very busy few weeks for our Y13's as they apply for their university places. We have some really excellent offers coming in for the students and those who are applying for courses which require interviews we have been supporting them with preparation. Good luck to all of you.

Year 12 have been learning the skills of debate with Bristol Law University and debating whether a Jaffa cake is a biscuit or a cake, and once they mastered their skills they explored the Oscar Pistorius case, a really interesting and insightful morning for the students. This was part of their enrichment programme which takes place week 1 Wednesday morning. During this time we have had some very interesting guest speakers including Julian Biggini – co founder of the Philosophers magazine.

We have had a really positive two terms with lots going on. A few highlights are Matt Hellen and Nick Davidge (Y12) attended Oxford University Shadowing day. A number of students have been allocated places on the Access to Bristol University Scheme: Emma Vandeleur – Politics stream, Shannon Stewart – Physics, Ellis O'Brien – Applied Maths and Computer Science, Holly Rallison - Archaeology and Anthropology, James Keeping - Childhood Studies, Education Studies and Psychology in Education and Nick Davidge - Historical Studies. Y12 & 13 had a speed networking business event when Hanson, Whirlpool, Sharpak, Project Start Recruitment Solutions, MOD, Atkins Engineering, Bond Dickenson all came in to explain about their companies and about the employment world to students.

Our Y12 students have been applying for work experience placements and we really appreciate all the companies and local schools who have given this opportunity to our students. If you know of any local companies who would be able to offer a work experience placement please let me know.

Ms Gill Hilleard – Head of Sixth Form



## CSS Christmas Appeal 2017

This year students and staff at CSS are collecting gifts of deodorant, hats and gloves for the homeless of Bristol this Christmas. For the second year running we will be supporting Crisis Ministries, Bristol who support those living on the streets of Bristol in a variety of ways. Our donations will be delivered to The Wild Goose Café at the end of term and will help to bring a little bit of 'Christmas Cheer' to those less well off than ourselves. A huge 'thank you' in advance for all the support and please keep bringing in your donations. Please can all donations be in school by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Mrs Strange (Frome House Co)



Annabella Chant, Year 7 Trym Student, has recently been awarded 2 silver medals at a Tae Kwon Do competition - one was for high kick, the other, for her excellent delivery of patterns. Annabella has trained under Master Gayle at Yate Leisure Centre since June 2017, training once a week, and has progressed on to a purple tag belt already. Annabella really enjoys the sport and looks forward to winning many more medals in the future.

It isn't often you meet real live heroes, we know they exist, and to have one at Chipping Sodbury School is absolutely amazing! Lewis Clarke, a Year 10 Student in Trym House is one of those very real heroes!

Lewis was out for the evening with friends, hoping to watch The Kingsman Golden Circle at Cineworld Yate. Unfortunately, the film is a '15' and Lewis was turned away due to only being 14, so in went his friends leaving Lewis with nothing to do. He rang his mum who told him he could either go shopping with her, not terribly inviting for him, or go and see his dad; Lewis chose the latter.

On arriving at his dad's, Lewis couldn't get any answer from the front door, so went round the back and let himself in, he was calling out for his dad but there was no answer, which Lewis thought odd. So he went upstairs to find him collapsed on the floor. He was not moving but asked for Lewis' help; unable to move him, Lewis rang 999. Lewis was trying to keep his dad conscious by talking to him, he also rang mum, who doesn't live with dad, who arrived to support. The ambulance arrived about half an hour later and dad was rushed to hospital where he spent two weeks under heavy sedation and had to have three brain operations. Lewis says, they were told before the operations that dad could die. Thankfully, dad has now moved to the physiotherapy ward and is undergoing intensive treatment. Lewis has said that dad's speech is not great and he is currently paralysed down one side, it will be a long road to recovery.

Dad is incredibly proud of Lewis, as are we. We wish Lewis' dad lots of luck with his recovery, and once again, praise Lewis for his bravery!

## Year 10s - Ten Tors 2018

Are you up for the challenge?

- Two days in May
- Thirty-five miles
- Ten Tors

Training starts in the New Year.

Please see Ms Jarvis for more information.



## Youth Speaks

The Youth Speaks project is well under way for this year. We began the year with a group of 10 students and now five Year 8 boys: Daniel Cronin, Adi Shinde, Ben Bevan, Jack Baker and Sam Lilleywhite, have stayed the course and will be representing the school against students from Brimsham Green in the New Year. The students have shown real dedication attending fortnightly meetings after school at CSS and BGS with teachers Miss Mills from CSS, Mr Kennedy from BGS and members of the Chipping Sodbury Rotary Club : Stuart Hobday, John Berridge and Keith Pattison.



Rotary members act as coaches to the students, teaching them skills needed for public speaking and debate. At last week's meeting the debating teams were decided and will debate the following , very challenging, topics:

- This House believes social deprivation causes crime.
- This House would use torture to obtain information from suspected terrorists.
- This House believes science is a threat to humanity.
- This House believes that bribery is sometimes acceptable.

We wish them well with their training sessions and look forward to seeing them in the Final in the New Year!

Miss Mills

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## Year 7s – Barton Hall PGL Trip 2018

**Date:** 25th to 27th June 2018

**Cost:** £235

Example activities:

- Quad biking
- Aeroball
- Giant swing
- Vertical challenge
- Sensory Trail
- Challenge Course
- Archery
- Crate challenge
- Cluedo
- Disco



Letters will be sent home with students before the end of term. A deposit of £40 via ParentPay by January 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 will secure a place.

Please see Ms Jarvis for more information.

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