



# COTTESMORE SCHOOL

## *Academic News*

We are delighted with this year's Common Entrance examination results, coupled with a fantastic number of academic scholarship awards. Well done to our leavers for all their hard work and application. We wish them great happiness and success at their new schools. Destinations for senior Cottesmorian in the new academic year in September include Eton, Downe House, Harrow, Radley College, Winchester College, Wellington College, Marlborough College, Charterhouse, Oundle, Bryanston, Shoreham, Eastbourne and The King's School, Canterbury. This talented group of seniors has set an excellent example right across the school, to those who will become next year's seniors, through to the youngest members of the Cottesmore community. In the other year groups diligence has been the order of the day too, with excellent learning outcomes and exam results across the remaining year groups.



## *Chapel*

It has been great once more to have the Chapel back to its usual purpose after the pandemic and we have been able to have regular daily and weekly services again. Every morning it provides

a moment for children to gather their thoughts before the day ahead and on a Sunday there is an opportunity to reflect on the past week. The Chapel Choir has been a particular strength this year offering a high quality of singing to add to these times of reflection.



## *Sports Round-up*

Our cricket teams and their coaches have been justifiably proud of some excellent results in a season. Notably, for our girls, who have enjoyed a remarkable season with the 1st team girls undefeated for the season, a 100% record. The senior boys won 85% of games combined.





Sports Day traditionally closes the first half of the summer term. Our marching band were in fine form, playing traditional favourites alongside more contemporary works. A fabulous family day provided a fitting finish to the first half with camaraderie and gamesmanship always to the fore. A special mention must go to Issy, who had an incredible day and set a new 200m record. A superb match tea and the prize cup ceremony rounded off an action-packed event.



Our clay pigeon shooting team returned victorious from the IAPS National competition, with Joe the U12 UK Champion and Annabel the highest scoring female.

The showjumping team rode to victory and won the National Schools Jumping Championships at The All England Jumping Course, Hickstead. After a tough first round of jumping in the morning, four teams on zero penalties went through to the 'Jump Off'. This is a timed round against the clock – so the fastest team with the least penalties won. Four brilliant jumping rounds later and the Cottesmore team were the only team again to finish on zero penalties. For the two experienced team members Darcy and Daisy it is a memorable and well-deserved win in their leavers' year having turned out for the Cottesmore showjumping team on numerous occasions. Although Orla had competed in the team last year, she had to master a relatively new ride on the big stage. Orla also took 3rd place in the individual final after a blistering jump off round on Little Ceasar - no mean feat. Mia, the youngest rider in the competition, put in a performance beyond her years, competing against children five years older than her.



Darcy (riding Caeroin Mor Lad), Daisy (riding Woodward's Winny), Orla (riding Little Ceasar) and Mia (riding Cocklebury Bucaneer).

Our coaches in every sport have been delighted with the tenacity and determination shown in every age group.

Congratulations must go to our sports scholars, who have all been awarded full sports scholarships: Stephanie, Oundle, Isabella, St. Edward's and James, Sherborne.

## Art News

We have an exciting addition to the art department from next term: Mrs Ashton will be the new art teacher and she has already started to make an impact with the Cottesmore Summer Holiday Art Challenge, an explanatory email has been sent.



This year was a particularly dedicated and talented cohort of scholars. The art room was a hive of activity from morning until night throughout the whole year. They have been fantastic role models for the younger children and will be a hard act to follow. Consequently, there were 3 scholarships awarded to: Sophie, Downe House, Stephanie, Oundle School, Tom, Bryanston School. A special mention must also go to Mathilde, who was invited to take part in the Marlborough College Scholarship day. Well done to all the children this year for some fantastic and creative ideas.

## Visits & Lectures

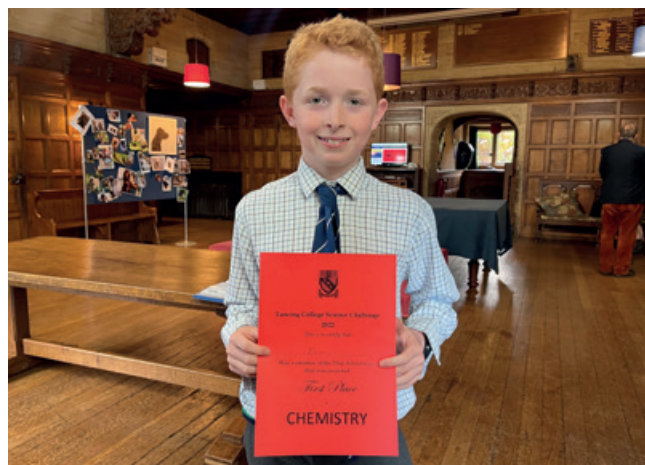
### *Science Competition at Lancing College, Tuesday 10th May*

This term, twelve Form 3 pupils went on a trip to Lancing College for their Science Competition. The pupils were split into groups and completed a number of exciting activities in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Some of the pupils have written about their experiences below.

"I had a lovely time at Lancing College. In the morning, we did a project on air resistance. We received red clay and a block of wood. My team shaped it in a cone like shape and we tested it in the wind tunnel. Then, we did bridge building.

There were certain types of bridges and toy cars had to travel over them. In the afternoon, we did see some birds in an owl display. One owl called Coco even escaped! Wow! People became worried but they did eventually find her which is good." - Noreen. Physics.

"The Lancing College Science Competition was an incredible and enjoyable day out. First, we were divided into groups for Chemistry, Physics and Biology. We were sent to our labs where we would conduct experiments; we were asked to use teamwork and communication to do our best. We mixed two chemicals together in different quantities to see how it affected the temperature change. This was followed by a little test in our groups. Finally, we got to cast our eyes on a flabbergasting bird show before the prize giving at the end. My team won the Chemistry competition which was very exciting!" - Oscar, Chemistry.



### *South of England Agricultural Show, Friday 10th June*

With the closing of classics scripts signalling the end of Common Entrance for another year, the Form 5/6 pupils - now officially termed Remove - donned their finest games kit and trundled over to Ardingly for the annual South of England Agricultural Show. The sun shone as Mr Ellis dispensed the crisp five-pound notes before the pupils raced off in teams to explore the furthest reaches of the ground. Despite our arrival coinciding perfectly with the pig judging, Mr Borthwick struggled to see the Cottesmore navy amongst the tweed and waxed-clad throngs surrounding the livestock ring. Oddly, there was no sign of the pupils in the cattle shed nor the goat tent. Not even a hint of Xavi in the poultry

tent! Instead, it transpires that there was a run on milkshakes precisely three-and-a-half minutes after our arrival and then the rest of the afternoon was spent either onehundred-feet above the animals on the agricultural-looking fairground rides or firing BB guns with merciless accuracy at stationary targets. Eventually, and after much sampling of the locally-sourced sausage rolls, Mr Ellis lassoed the last of the children before corralling them back onto the coach for home. A lovely afternoon was had by all and it was the perfect post-exam release!

### *Geography Trip, 27th June*

The end of term was a hive of activity for the history and geography departments as students across the prep school used the South Downs to develop their understanding of the curriculum and discover topics linked to their future studies.

Form 1 visited the Goodwood Estate where in the morning they were lucky enough to visit the aerodrome, learning about the role Spitfires played in World War Two, and an Iron Age Hill Fort. In the afternoon they learnt about the workings of an organic dairy unit and the life cycle of a dairy cow. A highlight for many of the students were the piglets!

This term Form 3 have been studying rivers and coasts. They spent the day visiting a number of coastal sites between Brighton and Eastbourne. This allowed them to see first hand the power of the sea and how it has and shapes the coastline of East Sussex as well as tell different methods that humans are using to protect the coastline and manage coastal erosion.

The final trip of the week saw the partnership between the History and Geography departments strengthened with a joint trip to the South Downs National Park. Form 2 investigated the positive and negative impact tourism has on the South Downs by carrying out an environmental assessment at a number of sites. The day was interwoven with historical and geographical insights into the South Downs. This included learning about smugglers, the role of the church in the life of a village, tourism and how Devil's Dyke was formed. The final visit of the day was to a Roman Villa where the students saw a Roman mosaic and learn about archaeology.

### *Fun Activities*



The summer term is packed with activities and opportunities for fun and games, whatever the weather, with relaxation on Sundays high on the agenda. Go-karting is always popular for a Sunday trip out of school, but this term it's the fun activities programme in our beautiful grounds that has been very popular.



The Cottesmore Quidditch Tournament 2022 for Sussex Primary Schools was a huge success, children learnt all about 'Quidditch'; these sessions were interspersed with owl-training displays and other magical activities. The purpose of the Quidditch Festival was to draw local





communities together to have some educational fun after a tough two years. We were happy that so many children could come to Cottesmore's event.



The Jubilee Dog Show 2022 was a pawsome success! Blessed with beautiful weather for a fun afternoon gathering. The judges had a difficult job deciding the winners in each category but the canine competitors were impeccably behaved and polite.



## *Go-Karting, Sunday 12th June*

With the sun beating down on the track and the top year tightening their gloves provocatively whilst glancing over one shoulder at a nervous-looking Mr Archie, we found ourselves revving up for our very own grand prix. Thirty-six seniors made the journey down to the Brighton Go-Karting track. Not even the petrol fumes were going to stop Wilfred from enjoying his birthday cake which was lovingly brought down as a surprise by what appeared to be the entire L-O clan. The karting was great fun and not without drama. H had an uncanny ability to prompt the marshals into waiving black flags as he passed and, rather than slowing and entering the pits, decided to revel in the experience, resulting in a complete stop for all cars after which he was 'reeducated'. Adriana shocked the crowds who cheered passionately from the viewing tower as she completed the Spanish podium. Other speed demons who, despite spending a great deal of time reversing out of tyre walls, somehow managed to clock up rapid laps. An excellent day was had by all and we hope to take many more pupils karting next term!



## *Tilgate Park, Sunday 26th June*

A lot of fun was had by all the children who participated in the Sunday Activity at Tilgate Park. Raft-building was the order of the day and they were put to the ultimate test by racing against each other. Naturally, there were those that fell apart (the rafts, that is) and those that steamed toward the prize. Happy days!

## *Pre-prep News*

The Pre-prep have enjoyed a busy and successful term with varied experiences through exploration of our magnificent grounds, augmenting their studies, as well as undertaking trips further afield.



A super day of seaside activities and a visit to Hampton Court Palace were just some of the destinations which supported their study topics. Visiting workshops enriched and inspired learning and creativity too. The Pre-prep sports day was well received and the whole Pre-prep celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a very special lunch and art installation. They also had a wonderful trip to Worthing Beach where rock pooling enabled some close hand learning about small sea creatures. Our school lake provided a wealth of learning and a beautiful backdrop to study art, science and literacy.



## *The Final Day of Term*

Set matches, the tennis competition, set plays and the leavers' play are all much-enjoyed end of term events for our pupils. One long-standing tradition is Old Cottesmorsians' Day, which is held on the final Sunday of the summer term. It's always a pleasure to see recent and not so recent leavers return for a day of friendly sporting rivalry with cricket and golf, lunch and reminiscences.



### WINTER TERM DATES

<i>7th September</i>	<i>Term begins, 17.30</i>
<i>8th September</i>	<i>New children arrive, 11.00</i>
<i>16th September</i>	<i>Exeat begins, 16.00</i>
<i>18th September</i>	<i>Exeat ends, 18.30</i>
<i>30th September</i>	<i>Exeat begins, 16.00</i>
<i>2nd October</i>	<i>Exeat ends, 18.30</i>
<i>14th October</i>	<i>Half Term begins, 16.00</i>
<i>30th October</i>	<i>Half Term ends, 19.00</i> <i>(No Chapel)</i>
<i>11th November</i>	<i>Exeat begins, 16.00</i>
<i>13th November</i>	<i>Exeat ends, 18.30</i>
<i>26th November</i>	<i>Plays, 14.00 Exeat begins,</i> <i>16.00</i>
<i>28th November</i>	<i>Exeat ends, 19.00</i> <i>(No Chapel)</i>
<i>11th December</i>	<i>Carol Service, 18.00</i>
<i>14th December</i>	<i>End of Term, 11.00</i>