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Temperance Term 1

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Principal's Message

What a busy and exciting first half term we have had of this academic year! Whilst the sunny days of September seem a long time ago now, it has been an absolute joy this term to be welcomed so warmly into my new role by staff, pupils and parents alike. Thank you.

Over the last eight weeks a host of events, new initiatives and successes have been seen across the whole school. From our pupil leadership elections, to several House events, to embedding our new reward and sanction system across the all through school. I hope you enjoy reading about all of these things in the following pages, written by both students and staff.

Since the start of term I have been in and out of lessons as much as possible, and it has been fantastic to see the focus, hard work and dedication from the pupil body. In particular I would like to commend our Year 13s, 11s and 6s who have all made a great start to what we know will be a challenging year ahead for them, but hopefully with great success at the end. Our Year 7s and Reception pupils have also settled in well, making new and hopefully life long friends.

It would be remiss of me not to mention, of course, the sad announcement I was obligated to make last week about our Sixth Form. I actively encourage all parents to please read the consultation document and use the response form to provide any feedback by 25th November. I am also acutely aware of the concerns over traffic and parking; please see our recent communication about plans going forward.

In happier news - huge congratulations to Mr Lee Hardwick (one of our Assistant Headteachers) and his wife, who welcomed their second child into the world last month. Rory and mum are doing very well, and I hear the sleepless nights are improving!

One last note from me: although you can read more about this later in the magazine, I would like to mention how wonderful it has been to host our first three Principal Award afternoons. It has been getting harder and harder each fortnight to choose the recipients, with so many nominations being made by staff. Having the time to talk about and celebrate successes with young people from all across the school has been a great pleasure, as has seeing our older pupils caring for and supporting the younger ones who arrive a little nervous and leave with huge smiles on their faces! I look forward to many more of these afternoons, and phoning you as parents if your child has achieved the Principal's Award.

Wishing you all a restful, and hopefully vaguely dry, half term holiday. We look forward to seeing all pupils back on Tuesday 5th November.

Mrs L New

EYFS



We are so incredibly proud of all our new Reception children who have made a brilliant start at Chichester Free School. They are familiar with the routines and clearly enjoy their days of learning, exploring, making friends and discovering new things. Over the last eight weeks, we have enjoyed getting to know our classes and seeing them come in each morning with lots of smiles (and very few tears now!). After half term we hope all the children can meet the challenge of coming into the classroom on their own, after they say goodbye to their grown-ups in the garden.

Through our exciting learning opportunities, we have discovered the interests of our children, how considerate they can be to others and the environment and captured some brilliant moments of learning through discovery.

Forest School has been a great hit with opportunities for the children to appreciate the great outdoors. We have made dens, hedgehogs out of clay and sticks, used saws to cut wood and enjoyed exploring the different areas of the forest such as the climbing tree and fire pit. A warm cup of hot chocolate is always the highlight!

We have started phonics and number talk where we have learnt about rhyming and introduced our first sounds S,A,T,P,I and N. The children have enjoyed a range of rhyming activities and have also had fun learning the sounds of the letters through a range of discovery opportunities and focus sessions. We have learnt lots of number songs and enjoyed exploring numbers in our environment and incorporating them into all areas of learning.

What a creative group of children we have! We have enjoyed using scissors and glue to make funny faces, we have drawn some great pictures of our family and talked about them with our teachers. We have also learnt how to use the painting equipment and explored the musical instruments.

Key Stage 1

This half term in Year 1, the children have been busy learning all about toys from now and in the past. They have been keen historians, investigating the differences between toys over the last century and discussing the changes in the materials used. This has also carried over into our Forest School sessions where the children have created spinning tops, dominoes and a slider game. In Art and DT, we became artists, creating self-portraits and silhouettes, and designing and making our own moving toys.

We have also undertaken lots of scientific inquiry this half-term, finding out all about ourselves. We measured ourselves against the tallest man in the UK, taste-tested a number of different foods (the lemon was very sour) and created feely pictures thinking about our sense of touch. We also went on an autumnal walk and collected things that represented the changes that occur during September and October.



This half term in Year 2, the children have been learning all about castles. The children really enjoyed our trip to Portchester Castle and experiencing what life would have been like in medieval times, including dressing up in medieval clothes in the castle theatre! In Art and DT we have been learning how to improve our pencil techniques when sketching, as well as exploring joining techniques and working mechanisms to design and create our own castles.

We have also been learning lots about how to stay healthy as part of PSHE and Science. We conducted a very messy experiment to see how far germs can travel and the children were fascinated with the results and how important it is to wash their hands.

The children have really enjoyed Forest School this half term and has linked to our Turrets and Talons topic with the children creating castles, dens and a house for a mouse. They were incredibly excited when an actual mouse took up residence in one of the created houses!

Key Stage 2



We have had a fantastic start seeing the children settling into their new classes and enjoying their learning. There is a wonderful positive atmosphere around the school, and we can't wait to see the children progressing in all areas of their learning as we move through the year. Thank you to many of the parents who visited the open afternoons, we hope this was a valuable experience for you to meet the teachers and find out about the learning in your child's year group.

Year 3 News:

Year 3 have been busy learning about prehistoric life in their Stone Age to Iron Age learning experience. There has been plenty of hands on activities this term such as building their own edible soil models, making sedimentary sandwiches and creating their own Iron Age jewellery. The pupils have created some brilliant information pages linked to their learning and their trip to Butser Farm.

Year 4 News:

The staff and pupils of Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the tropical rainforests and were fortunate enough to visit the new rainforest centre at Marwell Zoo. Throughout their learning experience the pupils have classified rainforest animals, explored the life of tribal families who live in the rainforest as well as identifying the current issues and disasters that are damaging rainforests.

Year 5/6 News:

The pupils have thrown themselves into the exciting opportunity learning in different classrooms this year. The highlight for most of the pupils this term has been 'making blood' and taking part in a heart dissection in the Secondary science labs. The pupils have also been designing and making their own superhero cape, putting their sewing skills to the test!

Congratulations:

Congratulations to the following for being appointed our Year 6 Prefects: Katy Pain, Hannah Matthews, Giovanna Mazotta, Lotus Lee, Isabel Deans, Farron Barber, Leo Wright, Freddie Angell, Ben Deans and Thomas Dykes.

Key Stage 3

What a great start our Year 7 have had at the beginning of their secondary education. The children had a wonderful teambuilding day organised by CYE in September which enabled them to get to know one another in a fun filled busy day of activities. Every session they were mixed up and worked alongside different students from different tutor groups so hopefully, like me, they finally got to know one another quite well. The activities were physically as well as mentally demanding.

Mrs K Wade, Head of Year 7



Year 7 walked to the New Park Cinema on two consecutive days in order to take part in an amazing workshop on Macbeth. During the first half they watched a variety of film clips of the three apparitions – and we have had some amazing poetry written inspired by the event. The second half was more active with the students acting out various scenes and taking on different characters from the play. It is a great start to our topic in English after half term which is Shakespeare.

Year 8 are currently studying Tectonic Hazards and their first piece of homework for 8b was to create a model that reflected the structure of the Earth. Mr Angell was blown away by the quality, creativeness and effort put in to completing the task - some of which were incredibly edible!

In particular James Crabb, Lucas Wiggins, Amy Moulds/Fiona Metcalfe and James Pain were awarded R4's as their work was exceptional.



Key Stage 4

We'd like to introduce the KS4 Team.

Miss Messenger – Head of Year 10 and 11, Mrs Potts – Deputy Head of Year 10 and 11, and Mrs Matica – Pastoral Officer for Year 10 and 11



Meet our prefects:

Isabelle James A few things I do in my spare time is karate, learning sign language and volunteering at an additional needs club. In karate, I am one belt below black belt and I have been doing it for six years. My favourite subjects at school are Media Studies and Dance because I love being creative and also analysing different types of media! When I'm older I am aiming to be a primary school additional needs teacher. I'm so happy that I was voted in as prefect so thank you.

Tom Appleby In school I enjoy many subjects my favourite of them being STEM based. Outside of school I am a key member of my local scout troop and when I'm in school I'm representing the CCF as a Lance Corporal as well as doing my duties as a prefect.

Ash Cronk I am one of the two prefects representing Phoenix. With a passion for anything creative, including cinematography, art and music, I'm a high-spirited and empathetic person. When not at school, I enjoy photography, watching many films and tv shows, and attending a wide-range of music gigs. During my time as prefect I hope to ensure everyone feels welcomed, respected and included while enrolled at Chichester Free School.

Jessica Tabb I am a massive fan of the band "The Wombats" and Maise Peters. I have been doing kayaking for four years and do white water kayaking in the winter. I also have the skill of eating a lot of food within a short amount of time.

Heath Pusey Hi I am Heath and I represent Pegasus house alongside Jess. I like to instigate responsibility and empathy within my house. I show this outside of school as I attend St John's Ambulance and I look forward to representing the house.

Millie Boxall I am a Noctua prefect, my favourite subject is English. I have eight animals in my house. My dad lives in Spain and I get to visit every six months. I also do figure skating outside of school and am working at Level 6.

Bibi Fenton My favourite hobby is playing the guitar and I am currently teaching myself to play the piano. My favourite sport is netball and I hope to pursue a career in the medical profession.

Adele Dillon I play Rugby for the U18 National Champions and have been playing for four years. I also enjoy Drama and volunteering for Girl Guides. I wish to pursue a career in Law and enjoy being an active member of this school.

Jacob Blazdell I am Jacob, and I am a Phoenix prefect. I enjoy the Arts, Drama, Music and Photography. I play the guitar outside of school.

Emer Cassidy I am in Aquila, I like doing Art and Music lessons. I have performed in many Music showcases for school. I have a pug – cross – cavaller whose name is Dolly.

Sixth Form

Following the schools excellent results in the Summer we were delighted to welcome our second cohort into the sixth form in September. This term has been focused on the Year 12s settling in, electing our Senior Prefects and Heads of School and getting UCAS applications done for our Year 13s. Our new Heads of School are Will Good, Sophie Hunting and Eric Sanders. These students have grown with the school and have now been here seven years! It is particularly pleasing that, as we go to press Will has already received three offers from university to study politics and the quality of his application has meant he has received a lower offer than the stated entry requirements, a testament to the hard work and effort of our students.



As Heads of School, who have attended CFS since opening in 2013, we understand demands for each year group and we are looking forward to helping create a voice for all students throughout this academic year.

Having been elected earlier this year, we have been given an opportunity to meet with the different groups of prefects to listen to their feedback on our school community. The prefect system, created at the start of this year, enables us to communicate with students which in turn allows them an opportunity to voice their views on improvements they would like to see through out their school. Prefects, who have been elected through their peers' votes, will represent their feedback to us, and we'll be working together to form an effective solution. Sophie will meet regularly with the Year 6 prefects, Eric Year 11s, and Will Years 12 and 13. After seeing the eagerness of the new prefects at the Year 7 open evening earlier this half term, where they toured potential students and their parents around the school, we are now really looking forward to this academic year. Working with the students from across all age groups will allow us to make positive changes that will directly improve student experience, and this is what is really important to us. We are totally committed to our roles and are excited to see what we can achieve.

We look forward to enhancing the positive and enjoyable experience for all CFS students.

Have a great half term! :) Will, Sophie and Eric.

We are also pleased to welcome new students who were not with us in Year 11. Alec and Sophie have been elected as part of our prefect team and have already fully involved themselves in the life of the school.

Maths

In Primary, we've been busy working on our number skills this half term. Reception have been working hard to recognise numbers to 10 while Year 1 have been exploring their number bonds to 20 and the related addition and subtraction facts. From Year 2 onwards, the children have been identifying the value of each digit in given numbers before progressing on to exploring addition.

Additionally, it's been wonderful to see cross-curricular Maths being used throughout our learning experiences. In Science, Year 3 have been carrying out soil experiments, investigating the permeability of different soil by measuring the amount of water that passes through.

In Year 3 and 4, the children have been trialling Times Tables Rockstars. They have really enjoyed battling each other in competitions and earning themselves coins for answering questions quickly and correctly. They've especially enjoyed spending their hard earned coins on their avatars so they look like authentic rock stars. A special mention has to be given to Joshua Smith, Ewan Harris, Tristan Eccelston, Gerard Seymour and Abrar Hossain who have already earned over 25,000 coins! The trial has been very successful so we hope to roll it out throughout Primary over the next few weeks.



Maths

Some of our Secondary students went on a school trip to the local stables, to explore maths in a cross-curricular setting. The focus was to engage them in an activity where they discovered mathematics on their own, linking ideas to the real world.

It was a real pleasure to see the students completely focussed on their learning about horses and how to ride them. Learning about such archaic measures as hands and how that came about as a measurement of the animals was a treat. This, coupled with them appreciating speeds and distances, means they all got a real benefit out of the activity. The students returned more interested in applying maths to the world around them.



Here are 2 little conundrums to keep you occupied over half term. Answers in the next magazine!

Primary

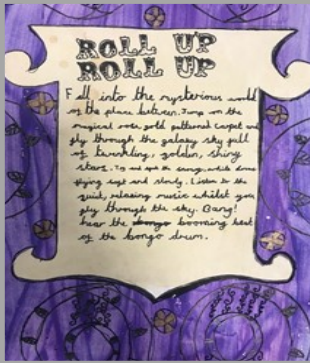
In a quadrilateral, one of its angles is twice its smallest angle and another of its angles is three times its smallest angle. Its largest angle is four times its smallest angle. What is the largest angle in this quadrilateral, in degrees?

Secondary

A list of positive integers has a median of 8, a mode of 9 and a mean of 10. What is the smallest possible number of integers in the list?

- A 5 B 6 C 7 D 8 E 9

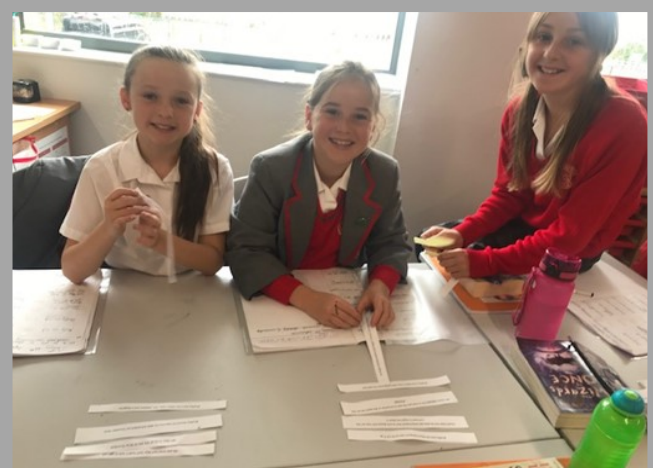
English



In Primary, we began the school year by reading *Leon and the Place Between*, a story of dreams and magic. As a school, we embraced this book all the way through from Reception to Year 6. The children produced some amazing pieces of writing, as you can see in the pictures, accompanied by their art work.

We were also visited by two authors, Jo Simmons and Zehra Hicks. The authors shared some of their stories with the children and ran an illustration workshop. The children all loved receiving their signed copy of a book. As a school, we will continue to give children different opportunities to enhance their love of reading.

In the first few weeks of *Temperance 1*, each class explored sentence structures from main clauses to multi-clauses. Every year, we begin by revisiting basic sentence structures and then furthering children's knowledge, as basic sentence structures and understanding how to manipulate them are the basis of everything we teach across the curriculum. The children enjoyed making human sentences by reordering words and adding punctuation; hunting for key features in their class text; constructing their own wacky sentences. Why not write a sentence at home and ask your child if they can label it? You would be surprised with the amount of terminology they have already learnt in a short period of time.



English

In Secondary, as Temperance one draws to a close, the English Department reflect. Reflect on Year 7 looking at the world around us, on Year 8 entering an enchanted forest on a midsummer's night, on Year 9 exploring the best laid plans of mice and men, on Year 10 struggling between conches and savagery, and on Year 11, some of whom are realising they can Jekyll but they can't Hyde and some of whom can Jingle alongside the Humbug. Year 12 have made a Faustian bargain and sold their souls to the mad king on the heath and finally our Year 13 are, of course, on track to deliver the kind of course work that veers from continent to continent and travels throughout the centuries.

And if they understand the paragraph above, can identify the numerous literary devices used and say what effect they have on the reader, then it's a job well done.



In other English news, a report of a Key Stage 4 Macbeth trip, by David Nelson, Jacob Blazdell and Florence Lane:

We walked, we talked, we got to the Chichester Cinema at New Park - where the soft, squishy red velvet seats in the cinema made the arduous journey all worth it. We began by viewing a variety of film adaptations of "The Scottish Play". Our favourite was a Japanese interpretation called, "The Throne of Blood". We enjoyed it because it had a great use of non-diegetic music (booming drums, traditional Japanese instruments and haunting vocals). After that we had a short break. "Mmm Jaffa Cakes" – Jacob Blazdell. The next activity included a quick, acted synopsis of Macbeth, performed by willing volunteers, and directed by a representative from the Festival Theatre. The day went a long way to developing our understanding of the play.

MFL



Thursday 27th September was European Days of Languages. We thought that celebrating for one day was too short therefore we celebrated all week and we also celebrated with languages from all around the world! Students sang "Let it go" in 25 languages and greeted their teachers in a variety of languages.

Every day of the week, in our canteen, our Chef added on the menu an international dish for the students to enjoy. Monday was Chinese cuisine. Tuesday, Italian with famous lasagne; Wednesday was Indian with a traditional curry. Thursday students were offered "croissants and pain au chocolat" at break and finally on Friday the traditional British fish and chips was on the menu as we are still in Europe! Some students commented that they would like to have international dishes more often, and teachers were really impressed with the Chinese Chow Mein.

During their PDL lesson students were offered a variety of activities such as quizzes, jokes, and songs. They particularly enjoyed the greetings and celebrity linguist. And finally, Year 7 got busy baking all week bringing in international cakes which were sold at the end of the week. They raised £70 for our Macmillan coffee morning so a huge well done to all.



Creative Arts

Art: Arts Award is racing ahead with the support of Roger Parkes, local sculptor. Teaching students about proportions of the human body, through sketching and making armatures. After the success of the twinning associations art competition, a selection of GCSE students were chosen to display work at Arundel Museum's student art exhibition, with the two prizes for best in show won by Kesia Ide and Kate Fielder-Garner.

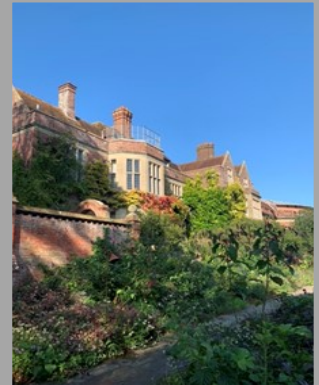
Coming up we have the GCSE and A'level trip to London, Arts Award will be working with carving as well as progressing class projects such as the Year 8's Under the Sea sculptures and Year 9 Microverse which uses the new ceramic facilities in the Art Rooms.

Drama: Secondary auditions are being held for Alice which should turn out to be really exciting . Parts have been cast and there are over 30 students involved, and we are hoping to include some primary students too.



Dance: Year 7 and Year 8 now have Dance in the curriculum. Year 7 have been developing their dance technique whilst Year 8 have been exploring Swansong by Christopher Bruce. Year 10 have been working really hard this term focussing on the technique needed to succeed in GCSE Dance. Year 11 have been preparing to film their first GCSE solo assessments. Good luck in the first week back when you are being filmed!

Music: Our Year 10 and 11 music students visited Glyndebourne to watch Rigoletto, by Giuseppe Verdi. They were exemplary ambassadors for the school all day and really enjoyed their first experience of opera and exploring the beautiful Glyndebourne grounds in glorious sunshine!



Sports



While I was teaching earlier this month, I turned to see a steady stream of heads bobbing up and down past the window, and I knew that this marked the launch of the Daily Mile at CFS. All our Primary age students (and staff!) have been throwing their trainers on and running a one-mile route around the school site. The list of benefits, which are extensive, include reduced feelings of anxiety, increased self-esteem and greater concentration and focus once back in lessons. Long may it continue.

Also, a great opportunity fell to our Year 6 students this term, who have been working with a top coach from Chichester Racquets Club to introduce a new sport: Squash. A selected group were able to train at the club in preparation for a tournament against other schools in January, which I wish them the best of luck for.

In Secondary, the students have been busy attending Netball and Football fixtures. It has been very satisfying to see the level of engagement in all the teams, irrespective of the result, and played with the right attitude and sports etiquette. The highlights must be the placing of our Year 7 boys (3rd), Year 7 girls (4th) and U14 Girls (4th) in their respective area football tournaments, as well as the Year 10 Football Team coming up trumps over St Philip Howard (6-2). Additionally, it was fantastic to see the first fixture ever played at CFS where both boys and girls represented the school in the same team: Year 8 Football vs The Regis. Year 8s mixed football won 3-2 and Year 8 netball won 5-3, both played at Selsey Academy—huge well done to all.

Mr S Day, Head of PE



School Houses

Wow, what an amazing start to the year and we couldn't be more proud of our students! Just eight weeks into the term and the House competition is already heating up. We have had some brilliant events running; bringing together students across Primary, Secondary and Sixth Form. Students have created their own team flags for events such as Sports Day and House Festival, collected well over 700 cans of soup for 'The Four Streets Project' to help feed the homeless all over Chichester and have tried their hand at creating house sculptures. Currently we are in the middle of running the House Football Tournament and after some pretty close rounds, it is all down to the Primary school match! This is going to be a close one.

House points have been awarded depending on each events criteria. Below are the current house points awarded and congratulations to all the students who have taken part!



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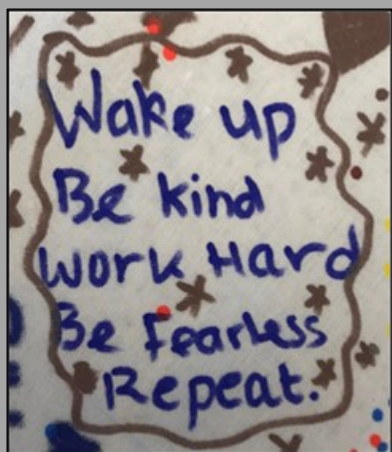
Noctua 200



Pegasus 250



Phoenix 175



Students across the entire school have also had the opportunity to stand for election to become our very first cohort of House Presidents, House Ambassadors and House Heros. We had over 100 students stand for election, which in our opinion just shows how much our students want to be part of the leadership in our school. After a two week election period the votes were counted and the students elected to be part of the House Student Leadership Team can be found on the House pages overleaf.



Pegasus

What can I say about Pegasus House? Well I can say I have been impressed by the kindness, compassion and resilience our students in the House have shown over the past few weeks, especially our new Year 7 students. We have been part of many House events over the past few weeks and gaining much wanted House points through the school's praise and rewards system. I am extremely proud that Pegasus donated the most cans of soup to help 'The Four Streets Project' of Chichester which is a very worthwhile charity project.

Students have been embracing our House's motto of Creativity, Beauty and Soaring Free by joining in on many of the events and competitions. They have shown all three by creating a stunning House flag ready to use at future events, worked together to form the House sculpture and as previously mentioned collected the most cans of soup across the school. I am really looking forward to seeing what they get up to throughout the next round of events coming up including the Remembrance Poppies display and Great CFS Bake off!

A huge congratulations to all the students who took part in the student leadership House elections. It was really inspiring to see how kind and fair you were to each other and it was amazing seeing your campaigns and posters around the school. I look forward to working with all of you who were elected and to those who were not successful this time around, I really hope to see you in House events and taking part, leading Pegasus to the top spot! It's starting to look like a good year for Pegasus, a huge well done to all and keep going!

Miss T Pye, House Champion

Creativity · Beauty · Soaring Free

Congratulations to all those elected to the student leadership team. House Ambassadors in Primary are Freddie Angell, Tom Harrison, Kitty Primrose-Alden and Nathaneal Hawkes. House Ambassadors in Secondary are Luke Farley, Teagan Smith, Max Wright and Ella Harley. House Heroes are Maria Hawkes, Fergus Miller, Isla Moore, Rosie Downey, Ana Pogolian and Marnie-Mae Moon.



Aquila

With our new House system up and running I have tried to make this opening half term fun and exciting, while encouraging as many Aquilans as possible to be involved. It has been an exciting start for Aquila House this half term!

First off, we have our House Presidents, Ambassadors and Heroes to announce:

Our **House Presidents** are Hollie Maple and Kesiah Ide.

Secondary Ambassadors are Adele Dillon, Luke McCrone, Harvey Johnson-Light and Noah Kirby.

House Heroes are Maisie Lee, Isla Kavanagh Brown, Nicola Kuzminska and Nicola Szczepaniak.

Primary Ambassadors are Teddy Vilday, Romilly Fishwick, Frazer Harley and Lotus Lee.

Hosting our sculpture event was a great opportunity to see some of our most creative students at work, with some amazing sculptures as the outcome.

Noctua House ran their football tournament towards the end of this half term and Aquila played their way into the final to face Noctua. The final was full of excitement and both teams were unable to score, which can only mean penalties! Unfortunately, we lost 3-2 to Noctua but the Aquilans played their socks off and made the whole House very proud.

The support and teamwork from pupils and staff this half term has been amazing! I am looking forward to the exciting House events over the next half term and watching the Aquila House Point total increase through everybody's effort and hard work.

Jack Cotten, House Champion for Aquila





Noctua

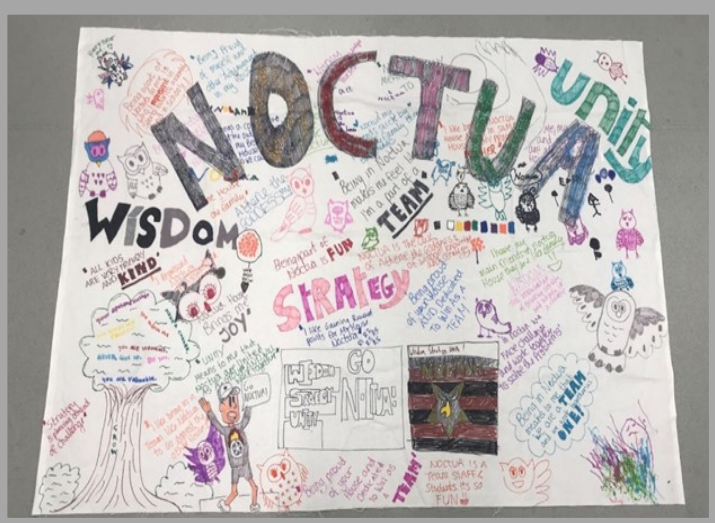
It has been a fantastic start to the term for Noctua House. It has been a busy couple of weeks with house elections, House events each week and having our first whole school Noctua assembly.

Congratulations to our new **House Presidents**: India Anderson and Eleanor Thomas; **House Ambassadors**; Henry Holben, Isla Fisher, Jemima Keen, Hadley Coote, Kiera Ayling, Oliver Appleby, Charlie Best and Daisy Anderson, and House Heroes: Sarayu Katikaneni, Sophia Tomsett, Mihika Katikaneni, Lucy Burborough, Lily Conway and Jude Alford.

This half term Noctua House has seen students taking part in many different events. Students this half term have designed our house flag, brought in cans of soup for charity, created a sculpture and taken part in a football tournament which Noctua House ran.

Noctua House ran three football tournaments for Year 7, Year 8/9 and Primary. There were a remarkable number of students who took part in each tournament. The Year 8/9 tournament resulted in the need for an extra day to have a final match between Noctua and Aquila. The game came down to penalties to decide the winner, this ended Noctua 3 Aquila 2.

The generosity and support students and staff have shown towards events and each other has really confirmed that Noctua are united as one family.





Phoenix

Hello everyone! Firstly I would just like to introduce myself to you all. My name is Mr Cook and I am House Champion for Phoenix. I am also Year 1 teacher within the Primary phase of the school. I have been with Phoenix House since joining the school back in 2015 and am fully committed to making the house experience for pupils in Phoenix second to none!



We have had a busy half term in Phoenix. We started off with a House Assembly to relaunch the House system with all Phoenix stake holders within school. Also as this assembly we announced the short list for the elections of House Presidents and House Ambassadors – pivotal student leadership roles in supporting the running of the House.

After a very successful and engaging election process including hustings in Secondary and poster campaigns, I am pleased to announce the following appointments:

House Presidents: Louis Blanshard and Lucy Underhill

Primary House Ambassadors: Freddie Allen, Skye Austin, Millie Hermans, Isla Johnstone

Secondary House Ambassadors: Jess Hutton, Edward Halton, Raphael Smith, Hallie Twiss-Savage

House Heroes: Clemency Wade, Marcus Davidenas, James Halton, Phoebe Nichols, Ellie-Mai Mayers, Ruby Davison

Congratulations to these students and a massive well done to all those that took part in the election.

We have also had a number of House events running this half term. We kicked off with a House flag event where the students have worked to create banners for events such as sports day. There were some lovely ideas on our flag and it will be great to see it in action.

We then had the Soup Drive in support of the Four Streets Project in Chichester. It was brilliant to see so many cans brought in for such a great cause – supporting homeless people in Chichester. As a House we collected 129 cans and this went towards our whopping whole school total of 672 cans! Well done to all that took part at CFS!

Our third event was the House sculpture competition. Secondary students created the sculpture and Primary decorated. I am pleased to say that Phoenix House won this event – gaining us 100 points!

The final event was a football tournament in which we played our hearts out.

A big thank you to all the pupils and staff that took part in the events to make them such a success.

Library

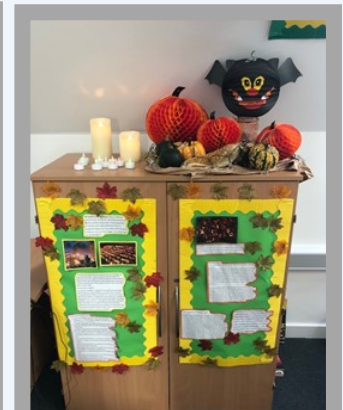


This is our amazing new space where students can come and relax and read, and like all libraries it is a very quiet place. The library is open at break times on a rota basis for students to come in and read or do homework on the library computers. We now have a team of student librarians who are learning how to operate the library and the new stock control system. Thank you to the Friends of Chichester Free School for funding this purchase.

The librarians are working hard to bar code every book in the library and then scan it onto the system, and we have managed to complete all of the fiction books this week. Only non-fiction to do and then we can go live and will be able to operate as a lending library.

Earlier in October we were invited to participate in the local children's book festival with a visit from Ele Fountain, author of Boy 87. Ele gave an amazing talk about her life in Africa and the plight of refugees and explained how her life experiences gave her the idea for her novel. 20 students from Years 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 came to join in. Our next special event will be for Remembrance when we will have a professional story teller visiting as well as a guest speaker from the WW1 Remembrance Centre in Portsmouth who will be bringing with him some real artefacts to talk about. The library will also have a display of WW2 artefacts loaned from the Novium.

I would also like to say thank you to all the amazing people who have donated books to the library, we are very grateful for your support and every book is used in either the secondary or primary library or in the 6th form. Please keep donating, it has made such a difference to our book shelves.



Combined Cadet Force

Greetings from all the cadets and staff within the Combined Cadet Force at CFS!

We took part in a very successful Summer Camp at the end of last half term. The cadets took part in archery, mountain biking, paintball, obstacle courses, kayaking, raft building and many other activities. Four members of our Contingent also won a bronze medal in the STEM competition.

Since returning to school, we have welcomed Lieutenant Morgan (Mrs), our new School Staff Instructor. She has RAF and Army Cadet Force experience and comes with a wealth of knowledge. We have also welcomed a number of new recruits to the Contingent after a successful Year 8 recruitment assembly.

The CCF were on hand during the school's Year 7 open evening, helping in the car park and talking to the perspective new students about the CCF and what we do in school. Lots of the Year 6 students and parents were keen to find out more and enjoyed trying on the cammo cream!

Training wise – this half term, the cadets have been busy practising drill ready for Remembrance in November. They have also enjoyed creating fake wounds as part of their first aid training, trying out the cammo cream when learning about concealment in the field and learning about different formations when moving as a fire team.

We are always looking for new recruits. If you are 13 or over and keen to try new things, learn skills that will support you in whatever you do in life, have something that shows your commitment on your CV, and most importantly have fun – please contact Mrs Morgan via email at dmorgan@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk or speak to a member of the CCF.



Horseriding Club

When I first joined Chichester Free School in 2014, I couldn't believe my luck - a school that actually included horse riding as an extra curricular activity. Soon after I started and as the school continued to grow rapidly, the option of providing this costly hobby for pupils became problematic. I decided to make it my mission to bring back this amazing opportunity and to make good use of my equine passion and community links to benefit our pupils.

In 2017 I began working on the logistics of setting up Chichester Free School Riding Club, working with Hunters Lodge Riding Centre in Hunston. As an instructor at the stables myself, I knew how keen the owners and management were to support the School, especially as we were soon going to be neighbours! I was so keen to use my role as an instructor, alongside the support from the stables, to start up this club. The exciting prospect grew and I finally opened the waiting list, which had a great response. In the first year I offered six weekly sessions to 10 students at a time on a Tuesday afternoon. After six weeks, the group members changed, until everyone on the waiting list had been given the club as an option.

Watching pupils from my school gain such immense levels of gratification through the socialisation with horses, acquiring new skills and overcoming fears, is one of the most rewarding things my career has provided me with. By the end of their block of lessons, every child has experienced walking, trotting and even cantering on a horse. Friendships have been made with not only the horses, but the other children. I am so proud of all of the children who have been involved with this club and hope that they have been given an opportunity that they may never have had at another school.

The success of Chichester Free School Horse Riding Club has continued this year. We had our first Pony Day in the Easter holidays and Group 1 of the first academic year have just finished their block of lessons. Without the support of Hunters Lodge, this club wouldn't be available to our pupils, so I am very grateful for this. We have recently started to use the facilities to support secondary pupils within the school, and I would like to develop this further as an equine therapy base for our pupils.

Currently horse riding club is only offered to primary pupils (Years 1 -6). If you wish for your child to join the reserve list for this club, please email horseriding@chichesterfreeschool.lorg.uk

Miss C Emmett, Chichester Free School Riding Club Founder



Enrichment

Clubs went off with a bang this year! Not only did we introduce one timetable for the whole school, there was also the new system for parents to book their children into clubs. Thank you to all the parents who read the information prior to the clubs going live on ParentPay back in June, we will be using a very similar system from now on so please do keep refreshing yourselves with regards to how clubs are run.

The pupils have enjoyed a wide range of clubs this term, and with your support, the timetable will continue to grow. The Planet Earth club has been researching turtles and hopefully soon there will be something magical occurring. The Fantasy Gaming club has been busy painting and designing miniature sculptures and sets ready for gaming. Pebbles have been monster-fied by our younger year groups—can you find any of the monsters? They tend to hide under rocks!

The GCSE clinics are well attended, with more and more pupils taking advantage daily.



Student News Club

The News Club meets on Wednesdays with Mrs Sabin, Media & Film Teacher. She writes, "Our eager crew of student reporters, from Years 5 to 10 were inspired to write this first article after a 'Getting to know each other' question about breakfasts: Lucy Burborough's extraordinary answer was "Nuked Coco Pops" - an accidental science experiment involving microwaved breakfast cereal (don't try this at home!) Enjoy their report."

To breakfast or not to breakfast, that is the question: it's what we all should eat but we don't always. The thing is, some like hot porridge, while others like cold pizza (Finn, Year 7). All the way through from primary to secondary we get told to eat breakfast – and a healthy one. The question is do you eat healthily or just sugar? Waffles with chocolate sauce, pancakes with maple syrup and bacon, Frosties - all that sugar?! It might be a tasty weekend treat but is not healthy to eat every day. We decided to find out what the teachers eat – can you guess who eats what for breakfast?

1. Bacon sandwich
2. Pork pie
3. Black coffee
4. Tea, breakfast biscuits & dried mango
5. Pancakes



We think black coffee and the pork pie are the surprise healthy winners, because they have the least amount of sugar. (Well done, Mr Grosselle and Miss Emmett!)

Answers: 1. Mr White 2. Miss Emmett 3. Mr Grosselle 4. Miss Pye 5. Miss Oxley

Student News Club

Brexit - student views, by Archie Gatenby-Tate

When one thinks of politics, the first thing that is likely to come into their mind is Brexit. Since it has been in the news so much and has been so heavily discussed, Brexit is a topic that lots of people - including myself - are fed up hearing about. But it is still on many students' lips here at CFS. With a matter of days before Brexit is supposed to happen, this is what CFS students think: Alice in Year 10 said: "I originally agreed with the idea of Brexit and thought it was a good idea, but because of the mess the government have made of it and the remainers not respecting the outcome, I believe that it would just of been easier to stay in the EU in the first place." Ruby in Year 10 said: "I don't think they will go through with it." Lucy in Year 9 said: "Brexit is idiotic and confusing." Phoebe in Year 7 said: "I think it ruins people's day-to-day discussions in their lives; friends and family can end up fighting because they're so divided."

My opinion is very different to that of most other young people: I believe the UK should leave the European Union. I have spent time looking into the pros and cons of the UK leaving the EU and I have made up my own opinion based on this research. Brexit has divided the nation but I believe that people just need to let Brexit happen as, after all, 52% of British people voted to leave the EU three-and-a-half years ago. I believe it's still the right thing for us.

CFS Student News Team:

Adam Coles,
Lucy Burborough,
Archie Gatenby-Tate,
Finn Perkins,
Phoebe Nicholls,
Imogen Satchelli,
Eilidh Thomas,
Tom Harrison,
Diana and Clara Castanheira
Jessica Andrews



Pupil Celebrations

This term, the following pupils have received the Principal's Award. They have received five house points and a celebratory afternoon with Mrs New. And who knew that Uno could be so competitive! Congratulations to all!



Jude Alford, Year 8 – Being a fantastic student receptionist and gaining an exceptional number of House Points already this term.

Amelia Angell, Year 3 – Brilliant progress in her writing.

Tom Appleby, Year 11 – Expertly managing all the tour guides on Open Evening as 'Lead Student Host.'

Millie Boxall, Year 11 – A true credit to the school during Open Evening.

Nathan Carter, Year 8 – Attending Year 7 Parents' Evening as an iPad Ambassador and showing expert knowledge.

Toby Cath, Year 2 – Fantastic writing based on his trip to Porchester Castle.

Darcey Cooper, Year 1 – Being an excellent role model to her peers.

Jeremy Copland, Year 11 – Great success in German GCSE, a year early.

Luke Farley, Year 10 – Being a fantastic and professional guide at Open Evening.

Finley Glibert, Year 5 – Outstanding achievement in swimming; successfully completing a seated and crouched dive.

Luna Golby, Year 3 – Amazing achievement in gymnastics; getting a bronze medal out of 100 participants and being the youngest to compete.

Pupil Celebrations

Jack Harper, Year 2 – Achieving Star of the Week!

Isabelle James, Year 11 – Huge determination to achieve in the Dance set phrase.

Isla Johnstone, Year 6 – Great summer homework and a fantastic start to the year.

Sam Kershaw, Year 11 – Exceptional DT summer task.

Nicola Kuzminska, Year 8 – Volunteering for reception duty and being a fantastic helper.

Hannah Matthews, Year 6 – Great personal achievement; completing her 850m swimming badge.

Maddison Mills, Year 8 - Attending Year 7 Parents' Evening as an iPad Ambassador and showing expert knowledge.

Ava Moore, Year 5 – Creating an amazing times tables game.

James Pain, Year 8 – Impressive piece of creative Geography homework.

Benjamin Palmer, Year 8 – Attending Year 7 Parents Evening as an iPad Ambassador and showing expert knowledge.

Thomas Peek, Year 9 – Excellent help with Open Evening.

Maisie Skinner, Year 4 – Showing courage in her first horse riding lesson in school.

Charlotte Tennant, Year 10 – Great success in Spanish GCSE, two years early.

Katy Thomas, Year 9 – Excellent focus and hard work in every English lesson this year.

Jack Tomblin, Year 8 – Designing and making an amazing coaster over the summer, which used a range of materials and was made to a high standard.



Key Dates - November

Tuesday 5 November	GCSE PE Outward Bound Trip (£20)	10
Wednesday 6 November 0900 – 1200	Safe Drive Event	12
Thursday 7 November 1900–2000	Car Share Event	Whole school
Thursday 7 November	Senior Maths Challenge	12 and 13
Thursday 7 November	CFS Friends Bags2School	Whole school
Thursday 7 November 0930	Prospective Reception Parent Tour	
Sunday 10 November	Chichester City Council's Remembrance Parade	Whole school
Monday 11 – Friday 15 November	House Event – Remembrance Poppies	Whole school
Monday 11 – Friday 15 November	Anti Bullying Week	Whole school
Monday 11 – Friday 15 November	GCSE and A Level Art Trip to London tbc	
Monday 11 November	Odd Socks Day	Whole school
Tuesday 12 November 1400 – 1445	Year 6 SATS and Residential Open Afternoon	6 and Parents
Tuesday 12 November 1830 – 2030	Revision Evening	11
Wednesday 13 November 1500	Young Chefs Heads	Secondary
Wednesday 13 November 0930	Prospective Reception Parent Tour	
Thursday 14 November	Reception Trip to Kingsham Play Park tbc	Reception
Thursday 14 November	Theatre Workshop based on Butterfly Lion	3 and 4
Friday 15 November	Children In Need	Whole school
Monday 18 November – Friday 22 November	House Event – Great CFS Bake Off, Staff and Pupils	Whole school
Monday 18 November 1700 – 1900	GCSE Music Recital	10 and 11
Thursday 21 November 1700 – 1800	D of E Launch Event for 2020 Cohort	Secondary
Thursday 21 November 0930	Prospective Reception Parent Tour	
Monday 25 – Friday 29 November	Primary Testing Week	All primary
Monday 25 – Friday 29 November	House Event – Christmas Challenge	Whole school
Wednesday 27 November 0930	Prospective Reception Parent Tour	
Wednesday 27 November 1900	Russell Group Information Evening (invite only)	10 and 11
Thursday 28 November 1900	GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening	Previous Yr 11
Friday 29 November	CFS Friends Non-Uniform Day	Whole school

Key Dates - December

Monday 2 – Friday 6 December	Class Council Week	Whole school
Monday 2 – Friday 6 December	Mock Exams	11 and 13
Monday 2 – Friday 6 December	GCSE Dance Assessment Filming	11
Monday 2 – Friday 6 December	House Event tbc	Whole school
Wednesday 4 December 1730 – 2030	Pupil Progress Consultation Evening	10
Thursday 5 December	GCSE Media Studies Trip to British Film Institute Study Day (<i>approx. £25</i>)	11
Thursday 5 December	TESLA ITT Day (Sixth Form and FE)	Secondary
Friday 6 December	Christmas Market Trip to Lille (<i>approx. £55</i>)	Secondary
Friday 6 December	Student Deadline for UCAS applications	Sixth Form
Friday 6 December 1630—1830 CHANGE OF TIME	CFS Friends Christmas Fair in Primary Dining and Carmelite Hall	Whole school
Monday 9 – Friday 13 December	School Council with the Principal	Whole school
Monday 9 – Friday 13 December	Mock Examinations	11 and 13
Monday 9 December (pm)	KS1 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal	KS1
Tuesday 10 December	GCSE PE Practical Mock	10 and 11
Wednesday 11 December 1900	Whole School Carol Concert at Chichester Cathedral	Whole school
Wednesday 11 December	Sixth Form Social – Christmas Quiz	Sixth Form
Wednesday 11 December 0930	KS1 Christmas Production	KS1
Thursday 12 December	Primary and Secondary Temperance Reports Home	Whole school
Thursday 12 December 1315	KS1 Christmas Production	KS1
Friday 13 December 1400	Reception Open afternoon with Songs	Reception
Friday 13 December	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole school
Friday 13 December	Christmas Dinner Day	Whole school
Friday 13 December	Christmas Assemblies	Whole school

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