

Summer Newsletter



Sports Day

Tuesday 19 July

Message from the Head

Our pupils in [Year 11 left to go on study leave](#) on Friday 27 May and we marked the occasion with a special lunch followed by a last assembly in which we reflected on their experiences with us. Their behaviour throughout the exam period was impeccable and we celebrated the end of their time with us on Friday 1 July at their [Leavers' Ball](#). Once again the Hall was transformed by Karen Grinnell and her team to give them a Hollywood-style red carpet reception! Our 'Class of 2016' can collect their exam results from Reception after 9.15am on Thursday 25 August.

As Year 11 left, we rolled our timetable forward and, from Tuesday 7 June, all pupils moved into their 'new' year groups. This is a unique feature of Deer Park and one that enables us to maintain the momentum of learning throughout the school year. While challenging for teachers, it is appreciated by pupils and their parents.

This has been a busy term - we have hosted seven Year 5 Open Mornings and six Year 6 Welcome Evenings. On Monday 13 June we welcomed 74 of our new Year 7 pupils to our Primary Challenge Day and the whole year group joined us for their formal Induction Days on Thursday 14 and Friday 15 July. Our new pupils appeared to adapt to Deer Park quickly and they made a very positive impression on their teachers. We look forward to working with them again in September.

Our annual [Enrichment Week](#) was another highlight for many pupils and, as the reports from each activity show, our pupils took advantage of the opportunities at home and abroad and embraced every challenge!

Following a review of our pastoral structure we will be introducing some changes from September 2016. Assistant Head, **James Johnson** will continue to be the strategic lead and **Simon Bellamy** will be our new Pastoral Team Leader for 2016-17. **Glynn Reed** will be Assistant Pastoral Team Leader. Simon Bellamy will

manage our new team of Year Leaders, who as members of our support staff team, will take responsibility for each year group: **Sue Cowley** will be our Year 7 Year Leader, **Rosie Stevens**, Year 8 Year Leader, **Louise Stubbs**, Year 10 Year Leader and **Anne Burfoot**, Year 11 Year Leader. **Fiona Moss** will continue to manage Year 9.

This term we say goodbye to Carl Elliott, Head of Computing and Business, Tom Machin, Assistant Head of Design, Emily Belcher, SENCO, and Music teacher, Megan Townsend who are all moving onto similar roles in their new schools. Lindsay Crew, Assistant SENCO, has been appointed temporarily to the post of SENCO from September 2016 and Martin Peake joins us from St Peter's High School as Team Leader for Computing and ICT. Cath Brace has been appointed to the Strategic Leadership Team as a temporary Assistant Head for 2016-17.

I am also very grateful to governors Deryck Nash and Margaret Edney who are retiring from the Board after years of loyal service.

Looking forward to next term, we will be celebrating 50 years of comprehensive education in Cirencester with a special commemorative event on Wednesday 12 October. Our pupils will have the opportunity to reflect on the events of each decade and members of our school community, past and present, including former pupils, parents, teachers and governors, will be invited to join us for an informal reception. Fortuitously this also coincides with our 25th Anniversary as an 11-16 school. More information will be available in September.

I hope you are able to enjoy the holiday. The new term starts for pupils on Monday 5 September 2016.

Chiquita Henson
July 2016

Deer Park goes for Gold!

If you have photographs, memories and other memorabilia you are happy to share with others for our 50 years (gold) commemorative event on 12 October, please email us on alumni@deerparkschool.net. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you!



Year 11 Leavers' Ball

Friday 1 July



Class of 2016: Don't forget to order your included 7x5 photo from [Capture Every Moment](#).
Photos will be ready to collect when you pick up your results in school from 9.15am on Thursday 25 August.

Maths Faculty

UK Junior Maths Challenge

Deer Park pupils in Years 7 and Year 8 achieved 1 Gold, 6 Silvers and 12 Bronzes in this year's UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. Over 250,000 pupils from across the UK sat the Junior Maths Challenge, with roughly the top 6% receiving a Gold certificate, the next 13% Silver and the next 21% Bronze. Our highest achievers were James in Year 8 and Isaac and Amber in Year 7. Amber commented "I enjoyed it because I like solving maths problems and being challenged." Congratulations to everyone who took part and Mr Green hopes to report equally good results next year.



UK JUNIOR MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE

Sample questions from this year's Junior Maths Challenge:

Which of the following is closest to zero?

- A. $6 + 5 + 4$ B. $6 + 5 - 4$ C. $6 + 5 \times 4$ D. $6 - 5 \times 4$
E. $6 \times 5 \div 4$

In a group of 48 children, the ratio of boys to girls is 3:5. How many boys must join the group to make the ratio of boys to girls 5:3?

- A. 48 B. 40 C. 32 D. 24 E. 8

Summer Maths Homework

We recognise that the very best thing that your child can do to retain and build upon their Maths understanding is to spend regular time at home recapping topics that have previously been covered at school. [Read more...](#)

We have included some mathematical recommendations in our [English Summer Reading Lists](#).

From Why Do Buses Come in Threes? by Rob Eastaway and Jeremy Wyndam. How fast should you run in the rain? If you run, think of all those extra raindrops that you are colliding with which you would otherwise have missed. On the other hand, if you walk you will be out in the rain for longer, catching lots of rain on your shoulders. Some serious mathematical thought has gone into this question over the years. The conclusion has been that, to stay as dry as possible, you should run as fast as you can. Read the book and find out why it is sometimes drier to walk in the rain than run.



Maths Faculty

Go4Set

[EDT \(Engineering Development Trust\)](#) is the leading organisation working to inspire young people into careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) through business and educational links.

For 10 weeks, two teams of our pupils from Years 8/9 worked with engineers from GE Aviation on an Engineering design project called Go4SET. Pupils had a choice of three projects: 'Create Sport', 'Energy and your School', and 'My School is an Island'.

The teams chose their design brief, decided what they wanted to design, researched the technologies available, wrote a full technical report, built a scale model of their design, and prepared a presentation to explain their ideas to a panel of assessors.

Both teams took their final designs to the Celebration and Assessment Day at EDF, Barnwood, competing against pupils in Years 8 and 9 from All Saints' Academy, Katharine Lady Berkeley's School, Severn Vale School, St Edward's School, and The Cheltenham Ladies' College.

"I found the experience of working with companies, such as GE Aviation, thrilling. We worked hard and deserve to pat ourselves on the back for producing what we did." Luyanda, Year 9

"I really enjoyed the Go4Set programme. It really helped me to work in a team, innovate ideas and not be afraid to share them. I've developed loads of new skills that will really help in later life. It has been really fun." Louis, Year 9

"Today was a fantastic experience for me. It was very interesting to see what other teams had created and the progress from their plan to their report. Having been through the process myself and listening to the talks, I know what we can do better next time. I can definitely take a lot away from the celebration day." Kit, Year 8

"There were many benefits that I received from doing the GO4SET project that have helped me now and in the future. These include the value of communication in a team, particularly when the going gets tough; how to approach the overall task, by breaking it down into

to smaller tasks and sharing them amongst the team; always listen to, and value, the contributions of all members of the team because you never know where their strengths/experience lies. I am extremely grateful that I was able to be a part of this project and what I have learnt will always stay with me." Charlie, Year 8



By participating in the Go4SET Project, all of the pupils qualified as Industrial Cadets, a scheme that has been set up by HRH The Prince of Wales to encourage young people to gain skills that will be valuable in the workplace. [Find out more...](#)



Maths Faculty

Giant Maths Lesson



This term each half of our new Year 8 took part in a giant maths lesson in the Main Hall to raise awareness of and funds for Childline, the NSPCC's helpline. Thank you to everyone who helped raise funds.

The event was a huge success with the pupils as they worked in teams to complete three rounds. The first was a series of questions and puzzles to complete as a group, with both a novice and expert section. Pupils tackled the tasks with vigour and were keen to complete as many as possible in the time limit. The second round was a Countdown style activity, testing pupils' mental mathematics skills. The final round involved pupils running the length of the hall to collect questions for their group to complete. This was a frenzied finish to the session! Our thanks to the pupils from new Year 11 who helped facilitate the event.

The winning teams were

A side: Amber, Olivia, Katy, Molly, Molly, Lenaya

B side: Joe, Daniel, Molly, Ella, Gareth, Freddy

"I enjoyed being able to work as a team to get as many points as possible." Alice

"The Giant Maths Lesson was really fun, I enjoyed it a lot. I loved the team I was in. The questions were a bit hard but we all worked in a team and with people we wouldn't normally work with." Tiff

Maths teacher Mrs Wood, who organised the event, commented that the pupils had a fantastic time - they enjoyed the competitive element and the different styles of challenge.

Example Countdown question:

Use the numbers 75, 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 to make 324.

Example finale relay race question:

My granny saves two pence pieces in a jar. When I went to see her, she said she had £313.48. How many two pence pieces make this total?

Crystal Maze

More than 200 school children from eight local primary schools took part in Cirencester Deer Park School's re-make of the television game show The Crystal Maze during the week commencing 18 April. Run by Deer Park Maths teachers and two teams of Year 7 pupils, the Year 5 visitors had to solve a series of puzzles from around the world. Mr van Wyk from our Maths Faculty, who organised the events, would like to thank the two groups of Year 7 helpers who did a great job supporting and encouraging our Year 5 visitors. Their enthusiasm, combined with the energy and committed team work of the younger pupils really made the whole experience fun for all. The engagement from such a diverse range of pupils was wonderful to see. Everyone who took part in the nine sessions run over the week seemed to get something out of it; a rewarding experience for all concerned.

Year 5 pupil comments include "A marvellous maths sensation infused my mind!", "I enjoyed finding the dominoes in the ball pit because it was really competitive playing against the other teams!" and "It was an amazing experience learning about different kinds of maths from other countries."





Enrichment Week

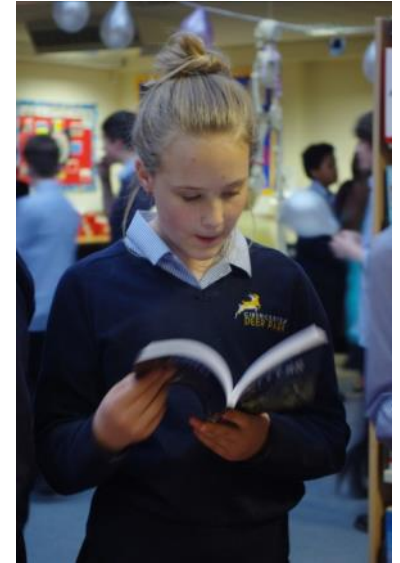
During the week commencing 4 July 2016 all pupils at Cirencester Deer Park School were off timetable and learning new skills, experiencing new situations and developing resilience, independence and confidence. Whilst our new Year 11 pupils were on Work Experience, pupils in new Years 8 to 10 were taking part in Enrichment Week. [Read more...](#)

English Faculty

Spine Chillers

In early December 2015, during English 'Faculty in Focus', pupils in Years 7-10 wrote 100-word 'Spine Chillers' mini sagas for entry to the Young Writers' competition. We were delighted when 52 of our pupils had their work selected for publication. All our authors were invited to celebrate the publication of their book on 17 May when we held a 'Spine Chillers' book launch. Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Bond and Mrs Wyatt used their creative talents to transform the PLC and we were very pleased that some parents were able to join us. All the authors signed their stories and this autographed copy will remain in the PLC.

We would like to congratulate all our contributors. Year 7: Rose, Rosa, Jake, Olivia, Saul, Eve and Diego. Year 8: Aimee, Molly, Jess, Tilly, James, Mai, Ben, Olly, Isobel, James, Libby, Ella, William and Daniel. Year 9: Lottie, Evie, Ellie, Marcus, Lily, Lara, Emily, Emilie, Evie, Zoe, Nattie, Gabriel, Millie, Ollie, Bella, Gus and Charlotte. Year 10: Maisie, Luke, Izzy, Eloise, Luke, Kate, Katherine and Cameron.



Lost

The rain drops were diamonds, piercing my flesh as I scraped my foot through the oozing, liquefied mud. I was waiting for my brother, Ben. Then I stopped, listened, there was a sound whispering to me. 'Ben!' I cried. 'Ben!' I was now craving my brother's attention. The whistling of the wind, the howling of the wolves, they all made me want to go home even more. I froze, I heard a crunching of the grass, an icy hand touched my shoulder. 'Ben?'
by Saul (11)



Murder

I took a step. Every step makes me miss her more, I didn't mean to—I swear! But I have to know: was it me? I shivered, morgues are cold. I trailed my finger along the wall, like nails on a chalkboard, looking for her. I found her. My poor, dead, sister: she looked so much more beautiful lying here in the cold. I smiled, it reminded me of how she died. Maybe I did mean to, it was all a blur, but I pushed her and it felt good. I want to do it again and again. Constantly. Murder.
by Nattie (14)



English Faculty

Year 10 GCSE Spoken English



As part of the new GCSE English Language examination, all pupils are required to give an individual presentation, on a topic of their own choice, followed by questions from their teacher and members of the class. All of these presentations are recorded on video. Pupils are awarded a Pass, Merit or Distinction and receive a certificate of Spoken English. Our pupils completed their presentations during English lessons in the first few weeks of term following the Easter holidays.

Topics varied enormously and pupils spoke about such interesting things as: gender identity and veganism. English teachers were highly impressed by both the quality of planning and the confidence with which pupils presented. Moreover, the support shown by members of the audience for their peers by means of thoughtful questioning was exemplary. We hope that the Year 10 pupils will take confidence from this experience and that this will help them when they give presentations in the future.

Year 11 Poetry Conference

On Thursday 26 May, the day before they left school, the whole of Year 11 took part in a large scale revision event held in the hall. We hope that this 'Poetry Conference' gave the pupils some last minute hints and tips for answering questions in the 'Poetry Across Time' GCSE English Literature paper they sat the following morning.



English Summer Homework

Changes to GCSE English Language and Literature exams mean that independent reading is increasingly important. We know that parents are keen to encourage their children to read more. With this in mind, the English Faculty have set a homework task for pupils to complete during the forthcoming holiday:

Read at least one book from the list your teacher has given you.
Write a review of this book – use ideas from the plan provided.

[Read more...](#)



English Faculty

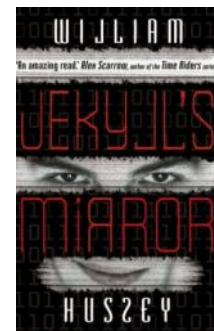
BBC News School Report

The team of reporters have been continuing to pull together news items for the BBC School Report page. Working to tight deadlines, the team have been learning how to create a news piece using various elements, including film clips, interviews and audio files. A recent project involved the EU referendum and the reporters were able to speak to a number of pupils from Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 gauging reactions before and after the vote. BBC School Report is an exciting way to stay in touch with current affairs in and around school, the local area as well as the world. Keep a look out in September for further details about when the club will be starting up again.



Visit of Author William Hussey

William Hussey is a well respected children's author with an interest in all things gothic. The English Faculty are pleased to announce that he will be visiting us in September to deliver a lecture on the History of Gothic to Year 11 and some of Year 10, to help their understanding of the set texts they are studying. He will also run a workshop for some gifted and talented pupils in Key Stage 3. His latest novel 'Jekyll's Mirror' is a reworking of the classic tale 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde' that some of Year 11 are studying.



2016 'A Christmas Carol'

The English Faculty are delighted that Ginificent (formerly tiny Giants) theatre company will return for their fourth visit on Tuesday 22 November. Pupils in Year 8 can look forward to watching an entertaining adaptation of Dickens' classic novella, after reading it in their English lessons. With increased emphasis on the study of 19th Century Literature in the new English GCSE examinations, it is crucial that pupils get plenty of practice in Key Stage 3.



AQA GCSE Poetry Live!

Pupils in Year 11 will be invited to attend this GCSE Poetry Live! event to be held in Bath on Thursday 26 January 2017. Poets who are studied for GCSE English Literature, such as Simon Armitage, Carol Ann Duffy, John Agard and Imtiaz Dharker, will read and discuss their poems. Equally important, there will be two examiner sessions, from either Tony Childs or Peter Buckroyd, who will give students invaluable guidance and advice about the new unseen examinations. Our English Faculty has obtained 100 tickets; look out for letters offering places early next term.





Work Experience

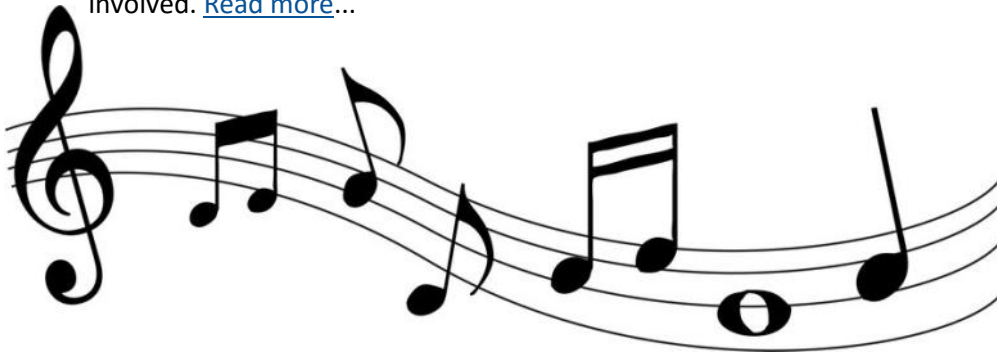
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Expressive Arts

Spring Showcase

Over 90 pupils took part in the Expressive Arts Spring Showcase on Thursday 28 April, with performances including solo singing, instrumental ensembles and a large dance group. We are incredibly proud of our Expressive Arts faculty and the opportunities that our pupils have to study Music, Drama and Dance, both within the curriculum and through our Extra Curricular Clubs. Well done and thank you to everyone involved. [Read more...](#)



National Youth Music Theatre

Olly in Year 8 is part of the current National Youth Music Theatre's tour of John Rutter's children's opera, *The Piper of Hamelin*. They have performed two of their shows, in Bury St Edmonds and Kingston, and there are two more in the Autumn.

Olly writes: I first got the news that they were holding open auditions near me when the head of my stage school suggested I go for a place. I didn't expect to get in the first time, especially when Jeremy James Taylor, director and founder of the NYMT addressed the room with "Don't expect to get in this year" as a general comment to all the auditionees, so as not to get our hopes up, especially not for the 40th anniversary. Within a week, however, I got the news that I had been invited back for a follow up audition in London. I got through that and was in the company!

It just shows that anyone can find something they love through a website. I now play 'Herr Kaplan' in the touring production of *'The Piper of Hamelin'* by John Rutter for the NYMT's 40th anniversary and have a position in their gala. NYMT hold auditions all across the country each year for 11 to 19 year olds. If you enjoy performing, I would strongly suggest you give it a try!



Party in the Park

To celebrate the end of term and the belated arrival of Summer this week, pupils and staff gathered for the last lesson of the last day today, Friday 22 July, for a short musical gathering, with performances ranging from rock bands to dance acts. There was a mass singing of Coldplay's 'Adventure of a Lifetime' (Key Stage 3) and 'King' by Years & Years (Key Stage 4), plus the Staff Band performing Bowie and Prince tribute songs. We hope that everyone found our Party in the Park a fitting start to the summer break and hope you have a great Summer!

Talent Show

Heads up! Our biennial Talent Show takes place in November. There will be two days of heats, Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 November, followed by the final on Friday 18 November. What can you do? Sing? Dance? Comedy? Drama? By yourself? In a group?

What's YOUR talent?
Could it be put on the stage?

More information will be available in September. Over the Summer you could start planning/rehearsing your act. Solo and Group acts are allowed.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Practice Expedition

Our 56 DofE Bronze Award participants completed their Practice Expedition during Enrichment Week. We hope that they will use the summer break to increase their levels of fitness - by going on longer walks up and down hill - as well as being aware of directions and surroundings.



If participants feel they need to focus on something such as map reading, they can look at the Student area on the No Limits Development website. Also check how you might be able to lighten your pack - it will get heavier the further you walk! The DofE website has some useful tips for participants. [Read more...](#)



Palace Visit

On Monday 16 May, Headteacher, Chiquita Henson, and Kathryn Wyatt, who co-ordinates the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Deer Park, were invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace to receive a special plaque. 'It was a great privilege to be a part of such a prestigious occasion, especially so as the event marked the Award's Diamond anniversary. The endeavours of the young people receiving their Gold Awards from across the country were a tremendous inspiration.' Badminton world champion and Olympic medallist, Gail Emms, presented the plaque to Chiquita Henson and Kathryn Wyatt which is now on display in our reception area.



In the gardens of Buckingham Palace!

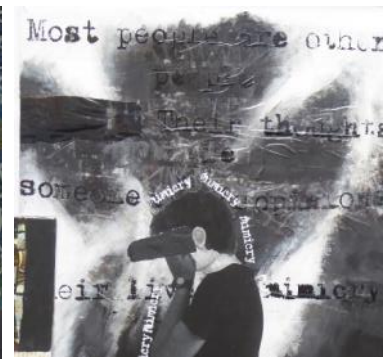
Couture

On Sunday 17 July Saffron, who has just started studying GCSE Textiles, won 1st prize (age 12-17) for her creation at Art Couture Painswick 2016. Saffron used 95% recycled material for her creation called 'Freedom'. She was inspired by the wild birds as a symbol of freedom and the reed beds as natural habitat for life. She added teabag tissue paper at the base of the dress to symbolise the morning mist over the mystical landscape.



Judges comments: beautifully executed; stunning, intricate detail; amazing use of natural materials; beautifully designed.

Well done Saffron!



Art Exhibition

Class of 2016. Private View Wednesday 13 July.

An International School

Enrichment Week

During Enrichment Week this year (4-8 July) pupils and teachers travelled to Paris, Holland and Iceland. [Read more...](#)

German Twin Itzehoe

On Tuesday 12 July we welcomed over 50 students from the Sophie-Scholl-Gymnasium (grammar school) of Itzehoe (twinned with Cirencester), together with their teachers. The German students were in Cirencester for a day as part of their class trip to England and they shadowed Deer Park pupils from new Year 8, 9 and 10 for either the morning or afternoon.

We hope that the opportunity to experience a different educational system and chat with young people of a similar age, albeit briefly, helped both our pupils and those from Itzehoe expand their cultural knowledge and understanding. The teachers were treated to a tour of the school, proudly taken round by some of our Year 8 pupils. The teachers were very impressed with the comprehensive tours they were given and praised the pupils afterwards. We were pleased to meet members of Cirencester's twinning association in connection with the visit and hope that our link with Itzehoe continues to thrive in the future. Thank you to all our pupils who acted as ambassadors for Deer Park.

"We all and especially the pupils loved their visit at Deer Park School. They would all have liked to stay even longer. Thank you very very much for all your effort to make the visit happen and for making it so great for our pupils and staff!" Katrin, Itzehoe teacher

"It was great being able to practice my German with the students. The student I was with was really nice and great at drawing!" Tyler (new Year 10)

"It was really interesting to hear someone speak German fluently. My visitor was really funny and his English was very good!" Arthur (new Year 10)



Private Peaceful

When they start at Deer Park in September, all our Year 7 pupils study Michael Morpurgo's thought-provoking book 'Private Peaceful' in English. Pupils are invited by our English Faculty to go on the 'Private Peaceful' Tour to Belgium which takes place just before the May half term break. This year approximately half of our Year 7 took part and travelled to Ypres, following in the fictional footsteps of Tommo and Charlie Peaceful, while appreciating the sacrifices made by far too many soldiers during the First World War. [Read more...](#)

Spanish Exchange

On Wednesday 22 June 18 students and 2 teachers from our Spanish partner school Colegio Argantonio in Cádiz arrived in Cirencester for a week. Across a backdrop of the EU Referendum and Euro 2016, our Spanish and English young people forged friendships across different cultures and languages. Our pupils are looking forward to their return trip to Spain. [Read more...](#)

Ghana 2017

Our team of 27 Year 9 pupils and 3 members of staff who will be travelling to Ghana in April 2017 participated in a fundraising and team building sleepover in May. [Read more...](#)

News From The PLC

Accelerated Reader & AR Club

Well done to our Year 7 AR readers this year. Top reader was Finn P with a very impressive 3,096,769 words read. Michael N (2,782,055) and Monty P (2,630,849) were close behind and our top girl was Ella K with a very credible 2,624,359 words read.

AR Club at lunch times has continued to be popular, although not as popular during the summer months with squash and a biscuit as in the colder weather with hot chocolate!

We are looking forward to AR continuing next year with some Year 8s and the whole of Year 7. We are always looking to promote reading across the whole school and are in talks to have a CDPS Patron of Reading to help us encourage and celebrate reading and writing with our pupils. Watch this space!

Librarians

A huge thanks to our librarians who have been such a help to us this year: Matthew, Harry, Samantha, Michael and Monty. We are very pleased that they have all agreed to stay on as Pupil Librarians for another year.

Books

Please keep an eye open for any school books that appear at home over the holidays. These can be returned to the PLC in September and we will ensure that they are delivered to the right school faculty if they are not library books.

Do remember us if you have any children's or teen books that we could use in the PLC – we are always very grateful for any donations. With Year 7 and some of Year 8 continuing with AR next year we would also be glad for multiple copies of popular titles too!

Readathons

Our two 'Readathons in a Day' last term raised £1,184.27 and we also received a voucher for £236.85 to spend on books which are in the PLC. Thank you so much to our lovely sponsored readers. We will be running the Readathons again in March 2017.



RIAT Reward

We were recipients of 14 tickets to the Royal International Air Tattoo and used them on Friday 8 July to reward pupils who have contributed to the PLC this year – well done and a huge thank you to them all. Matthew (Librarian) and Sam (top boy PLC user), both in new Year 9, were abroad for Enrichment Week so sadly could not join us. We had an amazing day and pupils undertook the RIAT Innovation Trail Challenge and were all rewarded with badges for their efforts.

Thank you Finn, Monty, Ella, Michael and Jake (top AR Readers), Max (most AR Clubs attended), Neha (top girl PLC user), Kyra, Wilbur, Evie and Amber (Readathon Sponsorship), Samantha, Harry and Kenneth (Librarians).



Sports News

Athletics

An exciting season of track and field athletics culminated with our Sports Day, rescheduled from Wednesday 13 to Tuesday 19 July due to the weather. [Read more about this season.](#) Our rescheduled Sports Day was by far the hottest day of the year so far. There were hats galore, lashings of sun cream and pupils staying hydrated by drinking plenty of water.

Tutor Group Winners: 7NI 8FR 10DU 11NI



Charity Cricket

According to cricket fans, the sporting activity of the year took place at Cirencester Cricket Club on Tuesday 14 June. The Cirencester Deer Park School annual Staff v Pupils Charity Cricket match is now an established event in our sporting calendar. Members of staff were looking forward to restoring pride in the Staff Room and the pupils were seeking to build on last year's win and extend their dominance on the field. [Read more...](#)

Sports Day Record Breakers

Congratulations to the following pupils who broke school records at Sports Day this year.

Abbie (10NI) 100m 12.9s; 200m 28.3s

Abbie (10DE) 300m 48.66s

Bradley (8LI) 100m 12.69s

Ollie (8FR) Javelin 35.75m

Bruno (8JE) 300m 45.69s

Ameer (8DE) 1500m 5.10min

Aaron, Joe, Leo and Luke (8FR) Boys Relay 54.92s

Gaby (7JE) Discus 18.20m

National School Sport Week

Week commencing Monday 20 June was National School Sport Week and in PE lessons our pupils ran and walked to try to equal the distance from Cirencester to Rio de Janeiro. With approximately 775 pupils in school at the moment (not including our Year 11s who were doing their GCSEs), this was an average of almost 7.5 miles per pupil! [Read more...](#)

Deer Park Tennis Winners

Our whole school tennis competition was fiercely contested this summer. Congratulations to our winners.

Junior Boys: Ed (8DO) Junior Girls: Tilly (7NI)

Senior Boys: Oliver (10FR) Senior Girls: Ellie (10NI)

Well done to everyone who participated in school sport this term. When we return in September, we will be focusing on Rugby and Netball. In the meantime, enjoy the Summer and all the sporting opportunities that arise, whether as a participant or watching the Rio Olympics. It really does not feel like 4 years since London 2012!



Sports Personalities

Congratulations to Tom Bury and Emma Hatton from our Class of 2016 who were chosen as Deer Park Sports Personalities of the Year for their outstanding contribution to school sport and reaching personal successes at National level.

GB Biathle

Setubal, Portugal was the setting for the European Championships and Simon in new Year 11 competed as part of the GB Biathle squad. Biathle, aka Modern Biathlon, is a sub-sport of Modern Pentathlon invented to create opportunities to train running and swimming parts of Pentathlon in real race conditions. It is a continuous run-swim-run competition and should not be confused with biathlon, which is swim-run. Simon successfully took part in the heats on Saturday 16 July, and came 13th in the final on Sunday 17 July, taking 40 seconds off his heat time. Simon says "I was really pleased I qualified for the European Championships and delighted I got through the heats. The competition was tough, especially in the final, but I thoroughly enjoyed the event. Support from the coaches was really great." Well done Simon!



Taekwondo Worlds

Tamzin in new Year 8 competed at the TKD International World Championships in Birmingham on Saturday 16 July. A tall slight girl, she shares that she is very pleased with her result, finishing just outside the medal places. There were over 3700 competitors at this international event on the Saturday alone and Tamzin is the first in her family to do something like this. "I started doing Tae-Kwon-Do when I was five. My dad got me into it. I didn't always love it though - the first time I went, I didn't like it as much and stopped for a couple of months but restarted and haven't stopped since! Lots of girls do Tae-Kwon-Do and there are many girls at different ages. I recommend Tae-Kwon-Do to many of the girls and boys because it is a good exercise for everyone and helps increase your confidence." Tamzin is looking forward to future competitions - well done Tamzin!



Ironman

We have Ironman! No, not Robert Downey Jr, the fictional superhero, but Simon Bellamy, Head of Key Stage 3 and PE teacher. On Sunday 17 July Simon took part in Ironman UK, northwest of Manchester. An Ironman triathlon is widely considered one of the most difficult one-day sporting events in the world and consists of a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bicycle ride and a marathon 26.2 mile run. Most Ironman events have a strict time limit of 17 hours to complete the race—one second over and you don't make the cut and cannot call yourself an Ironman. Simon crossed the finish line in an outstanding 13 hours 34 seconds. This epic achievement required the right nutrition, both beforehand and during the day, plus an immense amount of training – for both physical and mental strength. Mental toughness does not guarantee that you can achieve your wildest athletic goals, but it can make you the most resilient, confident athlete you can be, which is a goal we can all strive to achieve no matter our physical ability. During the run mental toughness kicked in, failure was not an option for Simon! Our congratulations to you, Ironman!



Equestrian Team

Congratulations to our school equestrian team who took part in the Show Jumping Qualifier for the National Schools Championships at West Wilts Equestrian Centre on Sunday 29 May. The team of Ella (10TU), Abbie (10DE), Hattie (10FR) and Emily (11TU) did really well.

80/85cm class. We finished 18th out of 27 schools. The top 3 individual scores Ella 38th, Abbie 70th and Hattie 115th out of 137 performers.

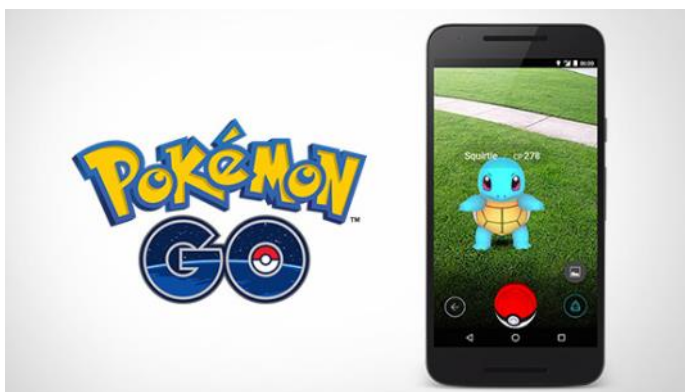
90cm class. We finished 19th out of 28 Schools. Our top 3 individual scores Abbie 20th, Emily 107th and Hattie 108th out of 130 performers.



Pokemon Go! Online Safety

No doubt you have heard about [Pokémon Go](#), even if you have not yet experienced it, first or second hand. This game seems to be sweeping across the globe and has now most definitely arrived in the UK. It is a smartphone app that encourages gamers to search local areas to find Pokemon in the "real world". The NSPCC site has a useful [Pokemon Go Parent Guide](#) which explains the game and sets out top tips for staying safe:

- Explore together
- Set some ground rules
- Turn off in-app purchasing
- Protect your child's personal data.



The UK Safer Internet Centre also has a good article on [Staying Safe Online this Summer](#). Young people may want to keep in touch with their friends through social networking sites, catch up with the latest online trends and apps and play their favourite games. As a parent, this is a good time to talk with your children about online safety and visit their favourite sites and games together. Not sure where to start? There are a number of conversation starters too.



Friends for everyone



Defibrillator

A potentially lifesaving piece of



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Tents, stoves, backpacks and cooking equipment to lend to pupils taking part in the expedition.



Holocaust Survivor

The Friends funded the visit of a Holocaust survivor. "It was a very moving experience which helped me to understand the true events of the Holocaust," Year 10 GCSE History Pupil

Friends of
Deer Park
School
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The **Friends of Deer Park School** are an essential and valued group open to ALL parents. Working for the good of the whole school community, our fundraising enables the purchase of a wealth of educational resources and many 'extras'.

Just some of those vital (and not so vital!) recent purchases that our fundraising efforts have made possible are shown.

Joining Friends is easy... and no previous experience required! In exchange for just a couple of hours of your time each term, what better way to meet other parents and help make Cirencester Deer Park an even better school?

Meeting only once a term for an hour to discuss upcoming school events, there is no obligation to attend every meeting or to help out at every event. If you would like to get to know other parents and can spare an hour or so of your time every term, we would love to meet you! Drop us an email friends@deerparkschool.net



Tchoukball

A fast, team hand ball sport enjoyed by the PE Faculty



Football Team Kit

"Thank you very much for supplying us with the Key Stage 3 football kit. We look forward to wearing it and hope that it brings us luck for future matches!"

THE DAY
NEWS TO OPEN MINDS

The Day

Daily online news service for the whole school

Finance

A reminder that we encourage payments via [WisePay](#). You can easily check online that any payments are up to date and smart cards are topped up. Look for the basket icon on [our website](#)—either top right in the quick links icon menu or under the drop down MENU icon top right.



Do [email the Finance Office](#) if you have any queries or need a reminder of your logon details, but please be aware that the Finance Office is closed for most of the Summer break.

Dates for your calendar

Thursday 25th August	GCSE Results available
Monday 5th September	First day of 2016/17 academic year (Week 1)
24th - 28th October	Half Term Holiday
Friday 18th November	Inset Day (school closed to pupils). Year 11 pupils at Cirencester College
19th December - 2nd January 2017	Christmas Holiday
13th - 17th February 2017	Half Term Holiday
Friday 17th March 2017	Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
10th - 21st April 2017	Easter Holiday
Monday 1st May 2017	Bank Holiday
29th May - 5th June 2017	Half Term Holiday
3rd - 7th July 2017	Enrichment Week
24th July - 1st September 2017	Summer Holiday

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