

## Summer Term 2016

Another resoundingly successful term – and school year – draw to a close and we can look back over a term filled with the comprehensive excellence and cheerful industry which characterises every aspect of Cottesmore life.

Innovation and evolution are constantly at the forefront of all that we do and this term saw the introduction of a new motif 'better than we found it'. We already undertake a pro-active approach towards each other's welfare in the Cottesmore community and to the care of our school environment. This extension to our philosophy, practising random acts of kindness and an even greater concern for our environment is a perfect addition to our holistic approach.



## Academic News

A 100% pass rate in the Common Entrance Examinations and a number of scholarships to top public schools are testament to the hard work of our pupils and the dedication of our staff. Our sincere good wishes for continued happiness and success will go with our leavers as they begin the next stage of their educational journey.



Destinations for Cottesmorian for the new academic year in September include Eton, Winchester, Harrow, Charterhouse, Wellington, Stowe, Lancing College and Heathfield.

The seniors' hard work and focus has set an excellent example, not only to those who will become Cottesmore's seniors in September, but also to the younger pupils lower down the school.



## Chapel

Our Chapel is central to Cottesmore life, with a short service offering stillness and reflection before we begin each new day.

We have welcomed a number of guest preachers this term to our Evensong service and it's always a pleasure to enjoy an informal chat with parents and our guests over a glass of wine after the service.

At the end of term our leavers and their families attended a very special service to celebrate their years at the school.

### Sports Round-up

Sports Day traditionally closes the first half of term and provides a rousing and family-orientated finale. The marching band was in fine tune to open the proceedings and after a superb afternoon of competitive spirit and camaraderie, a delicious match tea was served on the terrace.



The fixtures list suffered a number of cancellations and disruptions as the 'summer' weather continued to be so unpredictable. In true Cottesmore tradition, pupils overcame their disappointment to focus on their training, subsequently achieving some superb results.

Six cricket teams have earned some well-deserved victories, as well as a number of draws.



The girls' rounders teams played with typical determination and enthusiasm against other schools and in triangular tournaments; they too have enjoyed a number of victories.

In the swimming pool the squads have worked hard and enjoyed competing in galas. Every pupil has swimming lessons as part of the sports curriculum and joining a squad is a goal they strive to attain.

Our athletics squads have enjoyed success in regional meetings and as we go to press, have the IAPS Finals in their sights.

The popularity of tennis continues to gather momentum and the teams have enjoyed competing against other schools, as well as in Cottesmore's own competition.



Our Family Foursome golf day was a great success, on one of the true days of summer this term.



## Visual Arts

Two full-day trips took place this term, with Cottesmorians visiting iconic locations. The Brighton Museum and Art Gallery, followed by the nearby historic Royal Pavilion provided a highly engaging and stimulating day. The Watts Gallery near Guildford is becoming a much-loved venue on our trips itinerary and pupils enjoyed a packed day of hands-on experiences, as well as learning about the life and work of George Watts and his wife Mary, who built the nearby Watts Chapel.

## Arts Week

The second half of term began with Arts Week and this annual cross-curricular initiative is a firm fixture on our calendar. Beginning with the ever-popular Chicken Wired workshop, Cottesmorians gained valuable perceptions and discovered new ways of working.

## Visits and Lectures

The 4<sup>th</sup> Form enjoyed a week's cultural immersion in France from their base in Brittany. They were taught in French for every activity including bread making and caramel tasting by experienced tutors. A full programme included visits to the Normandy beaches, Arromanches, the Bayeux Tapestry and Mont St Michel.

The Classics and History departments led trips to Fishbourne Roman Palace and Portsmouth's historic dockyard, while Geography students travelled to London's Olympic Park and Drusilla's Zoo.

The Remove pupils went on a week-long 'glamping' trip to Dorset. Here they undertook a number of activities which developed their social skills and team-working as part of their transition to their public schools.



## Fun Activities

There's always a host of opportunities for fun and relaxation on Sundays 'in', whatever the weather. There are trips out too and this term Cottesmorians have enjoyed visits to Ultimate Laser Quest, Tilgate Park with its nature centre, the Dinosaur Adventure Playground and Drusilla's Zoo Park.



## Pre-prep News

The Pre-prep children have enjoyed another outstanding term filled with energy and purpose. Outdoor activity-based learning was a feature of the term and they explored many features of our beautiful grounds as well as further afield. Visits to a farm, the beach, Hever Castle and Fishbourne Roman Palace all enhanced their learning and complemented topics of study.



The Pre-prep's own concert and sports day were two exciting high points in the term, as was celebrating the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a tea party and games.

## Staff News

Our Deputy Head Mr Trevor Hopkins is stepping down from senior management after 22 years, retaining his role as Head of French.

As a result of internal promotions Mr David Revill will take up the post of Assistant Head and will remain as Head of RS. Maths

teacher Mr Michael Waller is promoted Academic Co-ordinator.

## Salvete

Director of Studies Mr John Williams is retiring from teaching after 27 years at Cottesmore and will return to his native Wales. We wish him a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.



Mr Graham Snook leaves us to take up a new post in Hampshire and we send him our very best wishes.

## Valete

In September we welcome the following members of staff who are returning to Cottesmore.

Deputy Head: Mr James Kerr

Head of Science: Mr Hugo Elliott.

### Diary Dates: Winter Term 2016

7 <sup>th</sup> September	Term begins 17.30
8 <sup>th</sup> September	New children arrive 11.00
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Exeat begins 16.00
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Exeat ends 18.30
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Exeat begins 16.00
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Exeat ends 18.30
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Half Term begins 1600
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Half Term ends 19.00 (No Chapel)
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Exeat begins 16.00
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Exeat ends 18.30
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Plays 14.00 Exeat begins 17.00 (No escort train service provided)
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Exeat ends 19.00 (No Chapel)
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service 18.00
14 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term 11.00

*We wish you all a very happy summer ~  
Tom and Lottie Rogerson*