



# Christ Church Cathedral School

Friday 17th June 2022

Dear Parents,

Yesterday afternoon, Tom Quad felt as if it were a square in southern Spain, with the heat ricocheting off the sun-bleached walls as I crossed over the vast exposed spaces of the enclosed quadrangle. Relief was found in the Cathedral which remained cool, despite the heat outside. Our Prep School boys were in the Cathedral on a Thursday afternoon because it was our annual Confirmation Service. It was the first time in three years that we were able to hold such a service - indeed, our last Confirmation Service was held in private. It was a particular pleasure, therefore, to celebrate together as a School. At the heart of the Confirmation Service was a coming together, a celebration of the fact that we have some young people making a public commitment to join the world's largest family, the Christian Church. Following the solemn vows made by the candidates, vows which have to be made before a Bishop, those who have been confirmed, then take Communion for the first time.

Yesterday, as it happened, the Church celebrated Corpus Christi, the day upon which Communion is celebrated and so, in the evening, those who attended the Cathedral took part in a procession out into the Quad led by the Sub Dean. As we emerged from the relative darkness of the Cathedral, our procession collided with a drinks reception being held for a large crowd of undergraduates - dressed formally for dinner, their dinner jackets and colourful dresses gleaming in the early evening sun. But the gorgeously sumptuous reds and golds of the priests' vestments and the Choristers' crisply laundered robes were a good match for the multi-coloured ball gowns. It was a wonderful moment - two celebrations of communal life, both equally colourful. I understood then, a central aspect of Christ Church - community - something which is so central to our life as a School.

I was again reminded of this during my visit to see our Form 4 boys who were camping up at Youlbury Scout Camp, on Boars Hill. For those of you who have not been there, it is a wonderful place, a large area of woodland dedicated to outdoor activities and Scouting. In amongst the woods are numerous activities including a vast pendulum swing, a massive zip wire and an archery range. There is a lovely meadow, enclosed by a hedge, in which our boys had erected their tents and nearby a fire pit in which Mr Green, Mrs Green's husband, had built a fire. After a number of activities, we all gathered round the fire pit. We toasted marshmallows in the embers and sang songs as the darkness descended. As I looked around and saw the faces of the boys illuminated by the flickering flames, I was reminded again of the communal nature of our school.

At one point, Mr Baillie sent us all into the woods to collect the right type of sticks upon which to toast our marshmallows. I found myself walking next to one of the boys who asked me: "Mr Murray, what's it like to be Headmaster of Christ Church Cathedral School?" I looked around me to see all the boys proudly carrying the sticks they had gathered, hoping that theirs would be the perfect roasting stick. The answer, of course, is that it is one of the greatest privileges to be the Headmaster of CCCS. For instance, one can sit round a fire with a group of children with their futures before them and with staff members dedicated to their pupils, singing songs, toasting sweets and swapping riddles. There are few jobs which offer so much. And indeed, in my job one learns something new each day - "Why did the mushroom get invited to the party?" I was asked by one of my companions. Answer - because he's a fungi to be with! Just like our boys.

Mr Murray  
Headmaster

**Trinity 2022**  
**Monday 20th - Sunday 26th June**

MONDAY 20	<p>Activities Week</p> <p>Forms 7 &amp; 8 Enterprise Day</p> <p>2.00 1st XI v NCS (Away)</p> <p>2.15 Senior House Cricket</p> <p>3.30 - 4.30 After School Chess Club (Forms 3 &amp; 4)</p> <p>4.30 <b>Pre-Prep Parents' Evening (SchoolCloud)</b></p>
TUESDAY 21	<p>Activities Week</p> <p>10.45 - 12.15 Forms 3 &amp; 4 Enterprise Day</p> <p>4.00 - 5.00 After School Tennis Club (Reception - Form 2) (WWH)</p>
WEDNESDAY 22	<p>Activities Week</p> <p>10.45 - 12.15 Forms 5 &amp; 6 Enterprise Day</p> <p>2.30 1st XI v Cokethorpe (Home)</p> <p>3.30 - 4.30 After School Chess Club (Form 2)</p> <p>4.30 - 6.30 <b>Form 4 Tutor Meetings (SchoolCloud)</b></p>
THURSDAY 23	<p>Activities Week</p> <p>Field Gun Trials (Form 8) (Radley College)</p> <p>9.30 - 2.00 Nursery trip to the Butterfly &amp; Bug House (Cutteslowe Park)</p> <p>4.00 - 5.00 After School Club (Forms 3 - 6) (Merton Field)</p>
FRIDAY 24	<p>Transition Day</p> <p>8.30 Cathedral Assembly, speaker tbc</p> <p>9.30 <b>Current Form 2 and New Form 3 Parents' Meeting (Form 3)</b></p> <p>4.15 <b>New Parents' Induction Meeting (WWH)</b></p> <p>4.00 - 5.00 After School Cricket Club (Reception - Form 2) (Merton Field)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CC: IN</p>
SATURDAY 25	<p>10.00 <b>Sports Day and Meadow Lunch</b></p>
SUNDAY 26	<p><i>The Second Sunday after Trinity</i></p> <p>Old Boys' Cricket Match</p>

## Music News



I'm delighted that CCCS pupils continue to win places in the National Children's Orchestra, an organisation which offers unparalleled instrumental training to boys and girls under the age of 13. This year, Franklin in Form 5 has taken part in the NCO's 'projects' programme, attending his second rehearsal session this past weekend. He writes:

*"I had a really good time in NCO and I recommend them to keep doing this and never stop! All the pieces were good and suitable for everyone there, especially the Bartók, and the teachers were good too. The timing of the breaks was good so you never got too tired, and there is always enough time to*

*practice. I was in a group called 'London Yellow'. There were oboes, clarinets, bassoons, horns, trombones, trumpets, violas, violins, percussion, cellos, double basses and harps!"*

## Pre-Prep News

On Thursday morning our Form 8s became teachers and taught Reception and Form 1. The boys enjoyed learning lots of different things including Science experiments, cooking, animation and outdoor activities on the meadow.

Reception and Form 1 would like to say a massive thank you to all our Form 8s for an amazing morning! EH



## CCCS Parents' Association

### Summer Ball

This year's Summer Ball  
will be held on Friday 1st July.

Tickets: £100 per person.

If you would like to attend

please email

Mrs Laura Kemp: [registrar@cccs.org.uk](mailto:registrar@cccs.org.uk)

for payment details.

Dress Code: Black Tie





## Architecture Club News

### Mr Rice talks the language of Radcliffe Square

Yesterday Matthew Rice (whose son was at CCCS) met Architecture Club-plus to tell us about the exquisite architecture of Radcliffe Square.

The styles of architecture can be seen as languages, he explained. St Mary the Virgin (the centre of the mediaeval University) is 'written' in Gothic - and a perpendicularly English Gothic. For his striking twin towers in All Souls, Hawksmoor spoke Gothic but with classical turns of phrase; and then we turned North, and tried to name the various 'figures of speech' of James Gibbs' Palladian Camera, from the rusticated ground floor up the paired Corinthian columns to the silvery confidence of dome and cupola. To help us, Mr Rice provided some of his own diagrams of classical orders, labelled with the rich terminology of architecture, from plinth to pediment, featuring capital, cornice, and such esoterica as astragal and torus. (You will no doubt have seen Mr Rice's wonderful and witty architectural primers, and perhaps his recent tome celebrating Oxford.) The stern clock forbade a leftward look at the bizarreness of Brasenose; but with such a Square so close we shall always revisit and review.



*Mr Rice admires the work of a young artist.*



## Music News

### Trinity Term: Friends and Family Concert

7.15 pm, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July



Our annual Friends and Family Concert will take place on the evening of Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July in the Walton Hall. The aim is to get as many people involved as possible, so do please get planning (and practising).

This is the opportunity for:

- Parents to perform with their children
- Pupils to perform duets with each other
- Family ensembles to play together

...and any other combinations you can think of. Please email [biddell.s@cccs.org](mailto:biddell.s@cccs.org) if you or your son(s) would like to perform! SB



## Youlbury News



Our Form 4 boys set off for their camping expedition to Youlbury yesterday. They arrived safely and began the evening playing their favourite games on our lawn. Tents were set up really quickly - and independently.

After looking around, the boys collected sticks for the fire and for their marshmallow toasting. We sat around the fire eating and singing songs until the sun went down - then headed to bed. DB



## Flexi-Boarding



We are now able to offer flexi-boarding for £55.00 per night.  
If any of our parents would like to use this facility, please contact

Mrs Kemp: [registrar@cccs.org.uk](mailto:registrar@cccs.org.uk)





## Cricket News

This week has been very full as far as Cricket is concerned with some glorious weather to accommodate such a busy time.

On Monday, our 1st XI played against d'Overbroeck's. We lost the toss and d'Overbroeck's inserted us to bat. We started steadily and accumulated good runs by running well between the wickets. We lost wickets at regular intervals which meant we couldn't create many partnerships. Luckily, Tobias batted maturely while wickets were falling on the other side, and with some powerful batting he scored his maiden 50 for the School, finishing on an impressive 53 not out. This guided us to a very respectable score of 126 for 6 off our 20 overs.

We fielded well and despite dropping a few catches, we were always on top, sharing the wickets amongst the boys. We eventually bowled d'Overbroeck's out with 2 overs, to go on to win the game convincingly.



On Tuesday, our Forms 3 & 4 boys played against The Dragon at their school. They were three closely contested games, but we lost all three.

Our C team lost by 5 runs, our B team by 14 runs and our A team managed to lose by only 1 run !



On Wednesday, it was the turn of the Colts to take on The Dragon, but this time on home turf. The B team batted first in their pairs match, they did very well - scoring over 100 runs for the first time this term. Troy and Jon hit 30 each, with Hugo chipping in with 20. This meant we finished on 101 runs.



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When it was our turn to bowl, good bowling from Isaac, both at the beginning and the end, limited Dragon to 8 runs off his 2 overs. Troy and Jon also bowled very well. William K was absolutely amazing in the field, saving about 20 runs on his own, with these two factors combined, we restricted Dragon to 88 runs, meaning we won the game by 13 runs.

Our A team game was a very exciting affair and went all the way down to the last ball. We batted first and it was fantastic to see the boys applying the skills learnt in lessons. They still need to be a little bit more courageous when facing a hard ball, but many boys struck some beautiful boundaries. Special mentions in this regard go to Max, Peter D and Edward, who all scored double figures. We finished on a credible 106 for 7 wickets in our 20 overs.

When it came to our fielding turn, Dragon got off to a flyer and were 30 runs after three overs, but two quick wickets from Henry Y and another from Archie, saw the balance of the game swing. We continued to bowl well and restrict Dragon's runs, which gave Sener enough time to recover from an eye injury to bowl 4 overs in a row. This added pressure to Dragon, as Sener's tight bowling was difficult to get away.

With 1 over to go, Dragon needed 3 runs! Edward, once he had changed his keeping pads, bowled the last over. With the last ball, Dragon ran a bye and end up scoring 106 runs for a draw! A very exciting game to be involved in.



On Thursday, our Form 3 team took on Abingdon Prep School. APS batted first and scored 52 runs. Max and Ben bowled particularly well. When we batted, the pick of the batsmen was Ben who scored a lot of fours, but most impressive was when he hit them on the off side! Despite being on track to win, a few unnecessary run-outs saw us lose by 9 runs. We need to keep on learning and applying the knowledge. PD



### CCCS School Barber

**Men's Haircuts - £17.50, Children Under 16 - £13.50, Over 60s - £13.50**

**Students - £15.00, Clipper Cut - £10.00, Beard Trim - £5.00**

Call Andrea on **07748 105192** to book an appointment.



# SUMMER HOLIDAY SOCCER SCHOOLS 2022

**Mon 25 - Thur 28 July**

**New Beaconsfield, SHIPTON**

**Mon 1 - Thur 4 August**

**FREELAND Village Hall**

**Mon 8 - Thur 11 August**

**Windrush Primary, WITNEY**

**Mon 15 - Thur 18 August**

**Windrush Primary, WITNEY**

**Mon 22 - Thur 25 August**

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## Meet and Greet

**Kathryn Croxson - Parent of: Archie and Barnaby**

**What did you want to be when you grew up and what are you doing now?** I wanted to be an Artist, but studied Graphic Design at university and worked in fashion and architecture, now I work part time at Radley College in the Theatre Department. I spend the rest of my time painting and creating anything to satisfy my current need.

**If you could travel anywhere in the world tomorrow, where would you go and why?** Australia, there's no place like home!

**Who is your idol, and why?** Anyone who seeks justice and believes in truth and honesty.

**Favourite city or town and in which season?** Reykjavik, Iceland in the middle of winter, although I would love to see it in summer now to compare its beauty.

**One thing you would change in the world if you could?** For all children to have an education, equal opportunities and belief in themselves, no matter what their circumstances are.

**Is there a family trait/habit that you have?** Constantly singing the wrong words to songs, this is a trait that my siblings had too.

**Favourite Book?** The Songlines, Bruce Chatwin, is my most recent favourite, it is one of the many I have yet to finish.

**If you could start something new (hobby/interest or sport) and were not limited with time/age/money, what would it be?** Carpentry, plumbing, mechanics and electrics - such incredibly useful skills that we all need.

**Any advice on how you relax on the weekend?** I like to run before the crowds appear, a homemade brunch in the cooler months - and I love a good nap in the afternoon to recharge!

Enjoy your weekend.

Kathryn  
PA