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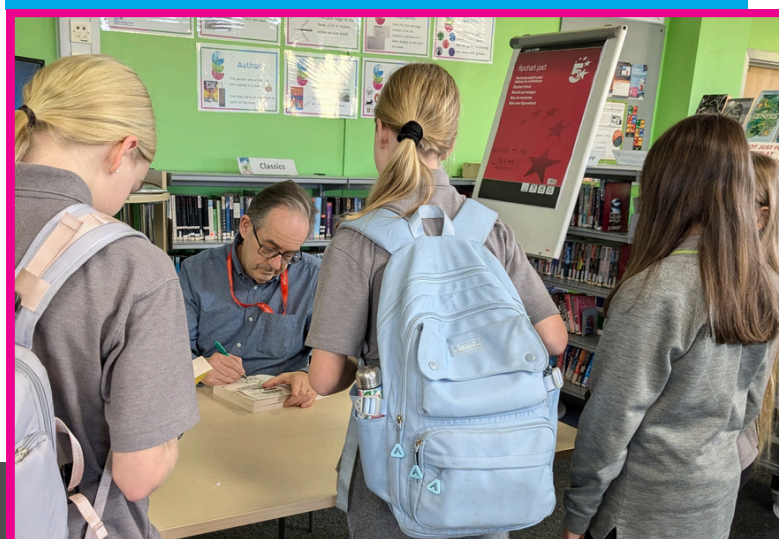
Extending beyond the curriculum -  
Curriculum Immersion Days

A range of trips have run both locally and  
abroad

Many musical opportunities took place!

Lots of progress and success in PE  
matches and competitions

New Sixth Form residential success!



## Ross Welford, author, spoke to our Year 7 pupils

Ross Welford visited our school to speak to Year 7 about his books and link together magic, science and his books!

Our Year 7s listening to Ross speak about the content of his latest book, 'Time Travelling with a Tortoise' and they thoroughly enjoyed his magic tricks (Ross is a member of the Magic Circle!).

# A visit from Ofsted

On 19th and 20th November we were pleased to welcome a team of five Ofsted inspectors into CVC and CSF.



Our last graded inspection was in January 2013, so this had been a long time coming and we were keen to show them what goes on in our school. The inspection itself felt remarkably intense, and the level of scrutiny was extremely thorough. Over that two day period, around fifty lessons were visited, pupils were interviewed about their learning, behaviour standards, opportunities, support and a wide range of other topics. Staff were spoken with on a similarly wide range of topics from curriculum design, to approaches to teaching, from pastoral care to safeguarding and pretty much everything else you might be able to think of. They listened to feedback from parents, pupils and staff (thank you for providing this) and observed pupils and students in class, assemblies, corridors and social spaces.

**The feedback was thorough – Mrs Lawrence and I got to sit in on their team discussion at the end of each day, which amounted to five hours of discussion around the provisions and standards here at school. It was a joy to hear these conversations – the inspection team really “got” our pupils and clearly understood what goes on in our school. And obviously, we were really pleased that they chose to grade us as Outstanding in each of the five different areas of judgement. You can read the report here:**

**<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/23/136463>**

# CURRICULUM IMMERSION DAYS

Every year, we collapse our Key Stage 3 and 4 school timetable for 2 days in October in order to give our pupils an even deeper, broader curriculum.

Our Year 7 pupils were all given the opportunities to discover more sports and activities to broaden their physical education curriculum and study the impact of climate change in an innovative, cross-curricular way.

Our Year 8 pupils took part in a variety of modern foreign language activities, including the study of ancient Italy, capoeira, salsa and Mandarin and did their field trip to study coastal erosion at Walton-on-the-Naze.

In year 9, our pupils were immersed in a more in-depth study of environmental and sustainable education through our English, Mathematics and Science departments.

Our Year 10 pupils covered core elements of their Key Stage 4 curriculum, including listening to a talk from a

**Holocaust survivor, learning about the dangers of on-line addiction and the discovery of a wide variety of careers through our careers carousel (over 60 employers attended!).**

**In Year 11, those pupils studying arts and / or technology subjects followed personalized programmes of practical examinations and controlled work in these areas.**

**Pupils who are studying all other subjects followed a programme of targeted revision and examination techniques in English, Mathematics, Science and Modern Foreign Languages as well as further opportunities to develop their core computing skills and, to create more balance and breadth, a practical session on CPR.**

**Our pupils and staff have summarised some of the experiences of the content taught to our pupils across the two days on the following pages...**

## Walton-on-the-Naze

A Year 8 pupil gives their account of the Walton-on-the-Naze trip:

'Half of us (the X-half) went on Monday, and the other half (Y-half) visited on Tuesday. Even though it was dry, the wind was strong, but that didn't stop us from learning loads and having a great time.

The main focus of the trip was to study sea defences and coastal erosion, which we had been learning about in our geography lessons. We saw the sea defences up close and learnt how they protect the coastline from erosion and flooding.

It was amazing to see in real life what we had been discussing in class. The beach itself was fascinating, with cliffs eroding over time and the groynes stretching out into the sea.

Mr. Aitken, who led the trip, was really pleased with how well it went. He said, "It was a brilliant day, and the pupils were fantastic. Everyone behaved so well, and I'm really impressed by how much you all learnt about coastal erosion and sea defences."

Overall, the trip was a great opportunity to see geography in action and enjoy a day by the seaside!



# CURRICULUM IMMERSION DAYS CONTINUED...

## EPIC Risk talk to Year 11

Harry, a Year 11 pupil, gives us his review of the talk: 'Andy, from Epic, came into our assembly to tell us of his gambling story. This made us realise the risks that gambling truly has. It was exceptionally good for us to hear these risks coming from a victim. Our pupils were transfixed by Andy's experiences and recovery. We are grateful for this opportunity to listen to such an engaging story. Thank you very much to Andy for telling us your story!'



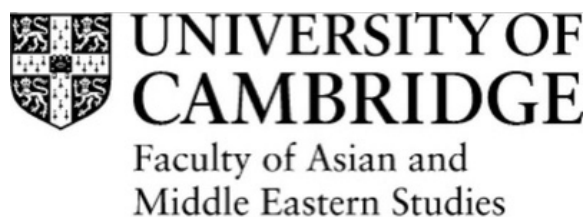
*Andy from EPIC Risk delivered an insightful and capturing talk to our Year 11 pupils.*



## CORE RPE morning

Our Year 10 pupils engaged really well in our Core RPE curriculum through our RPE Conference mornings. Year 11 have now completed their compulsory RPE curriculum, they had a morning on the theme 'Relationship and Families' in September and on 'Crime and Punishment' in November. We had the pleasure of hearing from a range of speakers on these days such as a Prison Chaplain, an academic from the Faculty of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cambridge, and West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries alongside classroom taught lessons.

Year 10 enjoyed an RPE Conference morning during Curriculum Immersion day on the theme 'Prejudice and Discrimination' when our pupils heard from a Holocaust Survivor, Eva Clarke, and had lessons on the Civil Rights movements, Cambridge Refugee Resettlement Campaign, Human Rights and Democracy. It was a very thought-provoking day to say the least!



# CURRICULUM IMMERSION DAYS CONTINUED...

Mrs Wareham, Head of KS4 RPE, gave the following summary of the Year 11 RPE visit:

'The Year 11 GCSE RPE students had another successful day trip to Cambridge to visit the Eco-Mosque on Mill Road, St Barnabas Church of England Church, and finally, St Andrew's Street Baptist Church.

The sun was shining as we were given fascinating tours around these three very different religious buildings. We learnt lots more about these Christian and Muslim communities in Cambridge, the different ways they worship and the extensive ways in which they use their buildings to serve the local community and express their faith in action.

This visit brought to life what is being studied in the classroom and allowed the students to ask questions of our hosts to deepen their understanding of their course.'



*Cambridge Mosque from the entrance and the inside where pupils were guided around.*



## Year 10 Careers Fair

Year 10 pupils attended a Careers Fair in our Performance Hall on the afternoon of Tuesday, 22nd October as part of the Curriculum Immersion Days. This was a really successful event, with 41 employers attending.

Year 10 pupils developed their knowledge of different careers options and pathways, as well as exploring potential options for work experience next year. Most of the companies attending the fair had offered work experience placements in the past, including Irwin Mitchell LLP and Cambridge University Press and Assessment who organise work experience programmes within their industries.



Pupils were able to find out about apprenticeship opportunities that employers have. R G Carter, one of the largest private, family-owned construction companies in the UK, with a local office here in Comberton, were in attendance to speak to pupils about the

range of craft and management apprenticeships which they offer. The apprenticeships cover a variety of roles, including Project Managers, Quantity Surveyors, Carpenters, Plumbers, Electricians and Bricklayers.

**Well done to all of our Year 10 pupils for engaging well with the employers and their great behaviour at the event and thank you to all of our employers for attending the event, many of whom were our parents/carers and alumni. We really appreciate your help and support in putting these events on for our pupils.**

**If any parents, carers or alumni would like to get involved in future career events, please complete the following online form: [Link to Parent, Carer and Alumni Network form](#)**

**Mrs Fay Lawson**  
**Career Guidance and Development Lead**



# MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Our MFL department has a strong tradition and history of success when it comes to languages competitions, and the school has held the prestigious British Council International School Award (ISA) since 2007.

The ISA is testament to our commitment to working in partnerships with schools across the globe and to developing pupils' understanding of what being a global citizen means.

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UNITED KINGDOM



At CVC we are also very proud to be holding the Rights Respecting School Award at gold level. This shows our commitment to promoting the rights of

the child, as listed in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which links very well with what we do during International Talent Evening.

One of the rights of the child is Article 30 (children from minority or indigenous groups), which states that: "Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live".

The International Talent Evening is a great way to celebrate this right of the child. The evening could not happen without the support and hard work from the MFL department who start practising their song within their lessons from the beginning of term.

BRITISH COUNCIL  
**INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD**



On Wednesday 9th October, CVC hosted its 17th International Talent Evening. The evening is one example of the many opportunities we offer to our pupils to celebrate the International Principle of the Trust.

Our Year 7 pupils join together to perform songs which they have learnt in their languages lessons during the school day.

Each year the five form groups on each side of the entire Year group (X and Y) compete against one another and the 'judges' decide on points depending on their presentation, performance and pronunciation of their words to decide which 'side' has won.

This year our Year 7 pupils embraced the event with a lot of energy and positivity, and we are all very proud of their achievements.

This year the winners on the X half was 7B and the winners on the Y half were 7N. Both tutor groups enjoyed a non-school uniform day on Friday 11th October! Well done to everyone who performed on the night and thank you for everyone's support of the evening!



# MUSIC TOUR TO SALZBURG

During October half term, Mr Parker, Head of Music, took a group of KS3-4 pupils on music tour to Salzburg, Austria.

One of the pupils on the tour writes an account below:

The Music Tour to Austria was an amazing experience and one of the best trips I've gone on so far. We travelled on a coach for 23 hours to get there driving through France and Germany which was a great start to the trip, although some of us got less sleep than others! The hotel was fantastic with a great selection of food, spacious rooms and a games room with pool, football and air-hockey tables, which was a highlight of many evenings.

In the mornings, we went sightseeing around some iconic places in Austria. One of these was the Salt Mines.

This was an incredible experience as we travelled into the mines on a small train! We learnt about how the salt is mined today and the mine's 500 year history. To get deeper into the cave there were slides which were really fun and we even travelled on a boat to get across a small underground lake! On the second day, we went to the city of Salzburg (our hotel was outside in the city in the mountains). We went to Mozart's birth place and learnt about his family, life and saw some of his instruments. It was very informative and there was a great musical interactive exhibit. On the last day, we went on a Sound of Music Tour as the film was filmed in Austria.



# MUSIC TOUR TO SALZBURG CONTINUED...

'We got to see some of the iconic places such as the glass house in their garden, the two different places that the house was filmed in and the church where Maria and the Captain get married.

In the afternoon of each day we performed a concert. In each concert there was a mix of large and small groups and solos. The large groups consisted of an orchestra (led by Mr Parker), a choir (led by Ms Woolf) and the Big Band (led by Mr Bloska). The smaller groups were items which pupils had practiced and put together themselves and they got to perform them in one or two of the three concerts. The venues for each concert were amazing and perfect for performing; we had great audiences too.

I really enjoyed this trip and want to say thank you to all the staff who made it happen!'

By Clemence Jeffrey 9R



# CAMBRIDGE JAZZ FESTIVAL, SCHOOLS' EVENT

*Gina Southgate's painting of our Big Band performing at the Cambridge Jazz Festival captures the vibrant energy and dynamic spirit of the students performing live jazz music. As the artist in residence for the festival, Southgate has masterfully brought the scene to life on canvas, creating a work that celebrates the essence of the festival's celebration of jazz.*

'On the 17th of November, the CVC Big Band took part in the Cambridge Jazz Festival for schools, along with Sawston and Northstowe. We enjoyed a concert between 12.30 - 1.30pm, in which we performed three pieces: Cactus Mambo, Seven Nation Army and Sway. During the concert, the band had a painting done by the Artist in residence Gina Southgate, which can now be seen in the CVC dinner hall.

Afterwards, there was a 2-hour improvisation workshop with the saxophonist Sam Miles and the trombonist Vij Prakash. Overall, the Cambridge Jazz festival was a brilliant day, in which everyone had a great time!'

By Harry Talbot



# COMBERTON YOUNG VOICES

Once again, we were invited to perform at the Cambridge Rotary Club Charity Christmas Concert at West Road Cambridge. On Friday 13th December, directed by Kate Woolf, the choir delighted the audience with three festive songs. Away in a Manger sung beautifully to a unique version, Sing a Song of Christmas Cheer and finally, White Christmas which was full of charm and elicited a warm round of applause.



The concert will be broadcast on Cambridge 105 over the festive period.

## SEASONAL CONCERT

The Music Department's Winter Concert on 17th December provided a memorable evening of impressive performances from a wide range of departmental ensembles.

The music performed showcased a variety of musical styles from classical to contemporary in addition to a good helping of festive celebration. Beginning with String Ensemble and followed by Orchestra, Flute Choir and Comberton Young voices, The Year 7 choir then performed a beautiful rendition of Walking in the Air followed by Merry Christmas by Elton John & Ed Sheeran, providing a lively dose of festive cheer.

The second half of the concert showcased bold and upbeat music including Brass Ensemble and the Snare Drum Group together performing Viva La Vida by Coldplay. Big Band closed the evening with Buble's version of Blue Christmas.

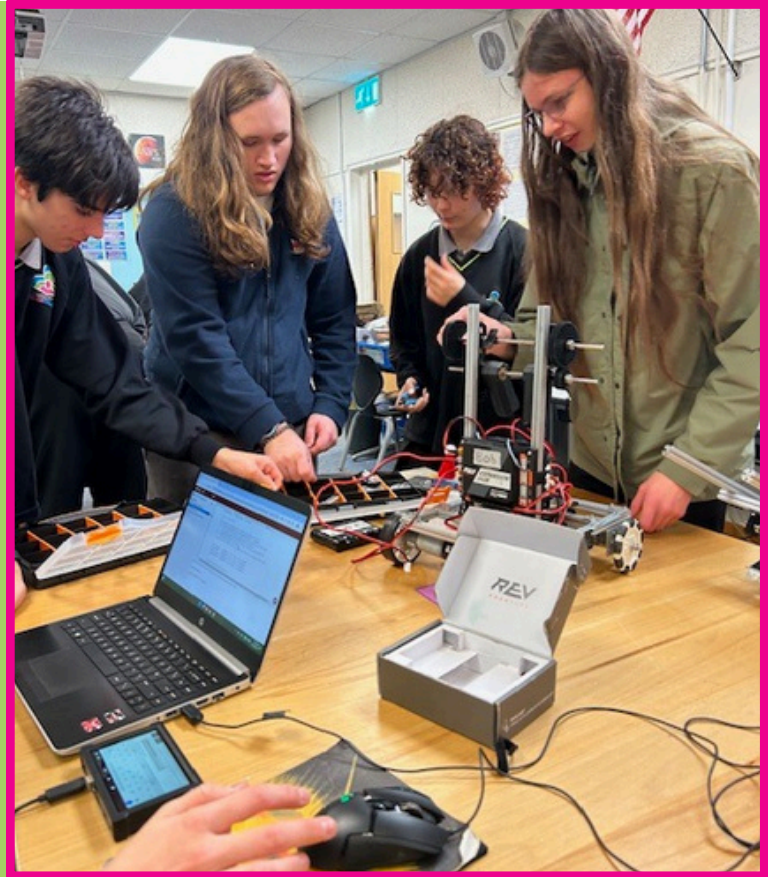
Thank you to all performers who provided a high standard of music to end the term and send us all away with music and Christmas cheer ringing in our ears.

# SCRIMMAGE

At the end of the term, a team of three Year 11s and two Year 12s took on the First Tech Challenge Scrimmage with their trusty robot, "Bob." This wasn't just any ordinary day; it was a thrilling test of Bob's skills!

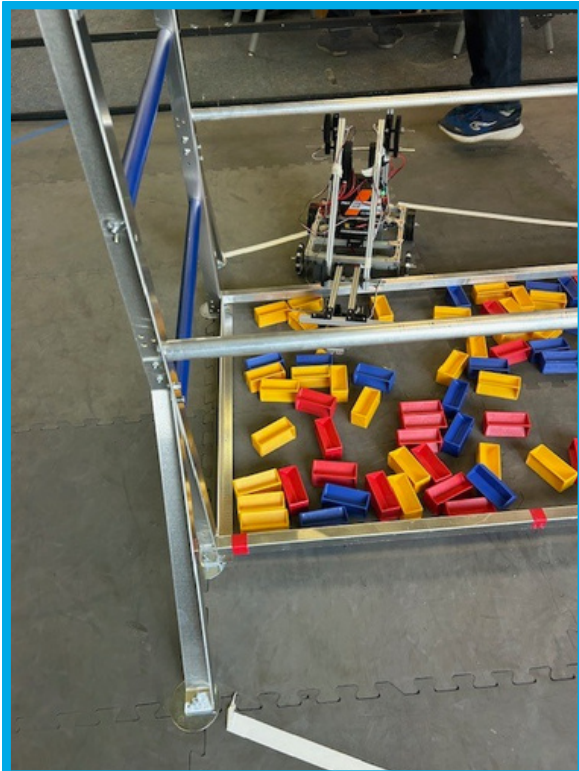
Bob showed off its impressive abilities by picking up and placing bricks in a basket, doing pull-ups, and even clipping bricks to a frame. The team worked tirelessly, refining Bob's performance and collaborating with other schools.

This scrimmage was just a warm-up for the big competition in April, where Bob will join forces with other robots to score points and aim for victory. Stay tuned for more robot adventures!



## STEM trip to Costello Medical

**A Year 8 pupil reports a recent KS3 Science trip:**  
'A group of five year 7 and 8s went on a school trip to a company called Costello Medical in Cambridge. They are a medical communications company that take information about new medicines from pharmaceutical companies and scientific reports, analyse it to see if they are cost-effective, and present their findings to doctors so that the medicines could be given to patients. While we were there we were given lots of scientific reports about a new treatment for a disease, and we put all of the information together to make a presentation to people from the company and from other schools that were there at this event. I really enjoyed the trip as it was very informative, and it made me more aware that there are lots of different jobs in STEM and not just jobs in laboratories.'



# SCIENCE MOVES FROM THE LAB TO THE LIBRARY!

On Saturday 9th November, children of St Neots experienced a morning of science demonstrations and hands-on STEM activities at the St Neots Library Science Day, part of the Cambridgeshire Libraries events programme for children and families (see their Facebook page).



Dr Anna Hansford, Senior Science Technician, introduced 40 children aged 6-12 (and their guardians!) to the wonders of the microscopic world, showing them cat and human hairs, cat fleas, plant stomata (the 'breathing holes' of plants) and yeast under the microscope. The children also got hands-on with activities involving fun experiments with light, saw everyday items such as material and print in close-up using phones and moved model robotic arms using hydraulics.

The Science Day was organised by Dr Lui-Roberts, the activities were delivered by Dr Lui-Roberts, Dr Hansford, engineers from Bosch Rexroth St Neots and two local young people who all volunteered their time, and the laboratory equipment was kindly loaned by the CVC Science department.

It was great to see such young children enthused by STEM subjects, and we hope we get to show them even more at CVC in the future!

# GCSE HISTORY MUNICH TRIP

Recently, we were fortunate enough to visit the city of Munich, as part of the Year 11 history trip.

In Year 10, as part of our GCSE course, we study Nazi Germany and therefore visiting the city brought to life the words we'd only seen on a textbook.

On the first day, our tour guide, Rob, showed us around the city of Munich, highlighting some areas of significance such as memorials and the famous beer hall where Hitler delivered his 1923 speech.



On the second day, we spend more time in Munich, visiting the Jewish museum, the university where the white rose group carried out their opposition and the area where the Jewish book burnings took place. We also visited the Munich Christmas market, where we bought lovely ornaments, and ate traditional German food, our favourite being the Kartoffelpuffer!

On the third day we traveled 2 hours to Nuremberg, where we visited the courthouse

where the Nuremberg trials were held, alongside the rally grounds. We then visited the Nuremberg Christmas markets, where just as much money was spent, and just as much food was eaten.



On our fourth and final day, we visited the Dachau memorial site, which was an educating and touching visit that we recommend everyone to visit. We then caught our flight back to Heathrow, bringing our wonderful trip to a close.

A big thank you to Miss Landy, Ms Burns, Ms Fox and Rob, who made this trip an unforgettable experience. We highly recommend this trip to everyone. - Isla Burmby, Scarlett Tynan-Morris.



# SANEMI PARASHAR - WINNER OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSON OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award recognises a deaf child or young person with hearing loss who has gone above and beyond to demonstrate that deaf children can achieve their potential. Sanemi Parashar (12) was born profoundly deaf and had cochlear implant surgery at 15 months, followed by a reimplant less than a year later. She was supported to learn to listen and speak as a young child with Auditory Verbal therapy on Auditory Verbal UK's family programme. Despite having balance issues she overcame this and other hurdles, persevering in developing her speech and language skills to achieve age appropriate spoken language.

Always keen to help others Sanemi promotes charity work at school where she is on the school council, is an ambassador and mentor for Advanced Bionics (cochlear implant manufacturer) and supports and volunteers for the Emmeline Centre at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge, a specialist Hearing Implant Centre.

Sanemi is also involved with the Cambridge and Huntingdon Deaf Children's Society, a volunteer with the BEARS cochlear implant trial to help children and young people with cochlear implants hear better and even raised money while on holiday with the Rotary Club of India and T5CC Bakery as well as meeting implant surgeons and the rehab team at the local hospital.



**She is excelling at school, learning two foreign languages as well as Indian dance and is always outspoken about the impact of deafness alongside challenging perceptions of what deaf young people can achieve.**

**On receiving her award Sanemi said: "I am absolutely delighted to have been a finalist with some amazing young people sharing a similar journey like mine, and it feels wonderful to have won this award. I am fortunate to have all the required support and care from my family, all professionals, and AVUK who have helped me express myself with the power of speech. The award motivates me even further to continue supporting other children who are less fortunate than me."**



# CVC FRIENDS' CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We are proud to be celebrating our 40th year of fundraising!

This term has been a busy one during which, along with our wonderful volunteers, we have raised £3,545 and donated a total of £6,417 to a variety of projects that will benefit the pupils and sixth form students.

The highlight of this term was to work with the School Council to hold a Christmas Fayre. Our focus was to give the pupils a platform to showcase their many talents by running various stalls to raise funds for projects of their choice.



Years 7 – 9 raised funds to improve their social areas and Years 10 - 11 to raise funds for their Proms and the Robot Club. The pupils demonstrated an array of skills including organisation, entrepreneurship, responsibility, teamwork and creativity. Collectively the pupil stalls raised £512 with The Friends match funding this with a further £588.

A huge thank you to the staff, pupils, sixth form students, parents and carers who support our fundraising events in whatever way they can.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Vijju Churchman, Chair, Friends of CVC Trust Fund.

# LIBRARY DONATIONS - THANK YOU!

The School Library would like to extend a huge thank you to the many families who were able to donate books to us as we approach Christmas. We received a vast array of genres and formats, reflecting the diverse tastes and needs of our pupils. From exciting new novels and graphic books, to much needed replacements for our well-loved titles and textbooks, you are enabling us to provide something fresh and relevant for everyone.

The Library keeps an Amazon wish list throughout the year, and we add titles requested by students and teachers on a rolling basis, as well as titles recommended by library, education and literature professionals.



**We use this list to inform our book purchasing at various stages of the year but as budgets have been tightened in recent times we have been very grateful for donations from those families in a position to do so.**

**It has enabled us to retain some of our other services such as our online subscriptions, magazines and eBooks, and to broaden the variety of books available for reading for pleasure.**

**The School Library and Resource Centre is here for all CVC students, whatever their age or interests, and we hope that everyone can find something to interest, inspire, comfort or inform them.**

**Anyone wishing to make a donation to the library can find what we most need at:  
[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/XOLFYV9X7FHE?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/XOLFYV9X7FHE?ref_=wl_share)**



# CVC PUPILS CONTRIBUTE TO CAMBRIDGESHIRE STUDENT FORUM



On Thursday 14th November, the first Summit of this year's Cambridgeshire Student Forum took place. The summit was kindly hosted by St Mary's School, Cambridge.

Cambridgeshire Student Forum includes 38 participants from 7 institutions from across Cambridgeshire including ourselves, Abbey College, Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology, Hills Road Sixth Form College, Sawston Village College, St Andrew's College, and St Mary's School.

The event comprises pupils being posed big overarching questions such as, 'What would you like to change about your school, community, city or county, and why?' pupils created presentations around key controversial ideas around social action, such as the existence of graffiti in our communities and how to promote greener options for travelling across a busy city like Cambridge. These ideas fed into action groups being formed across the schools, with the task of returning for the second summit with ideas from pupils' own schools!

**Comberton Village College (CVC) (Chloe, Eilidh, Josh, Morven, Purvi and Thea) shared a few initiatives the institution has, including surveys, with a recent one looking at sexism in the PE curriculum; clubs such as eco-club and equality and diversity, the sharing of resources, including sign-posting for mental health, and Student Leadership, where there are many roles for people to amplify student voice whilst gaining personal skills. At Key Stage 3, there are Form, Charity and Sports Representatives; at Key Stage 4 there are Prefects who look at different events of school life, such as mental health and sustainability.**



# SIXTH FORM UPDATE

The autumn term always seems incredibly busy at Comberton Sixth Form, with our new Year 12 students settling in to their studies, and Year 13 students thinking about their future post-18 applications, in addition to their progress. Please find a selection of the events and activities that our sixth form students have participated in here.

## Year 12 Norfolk Lakes residential



Mr Frost, Head of Sixth Form writes: 'The transition from GCSE's to A levels/L3 BTECs can be a daunting step to make for any young adult; particularly when it involves new beginnings at a new college. To ease this change for our new year 12 students, our inaugural Year 12 Norfolk Lakes Residential was set up for late September.'

The weekend was held at Manor Adventures, just outside Norwich, where 120 students had a superb weekend together participating in numerous activities, socialising together and creating new friendships.

The weather was definitely on our side as the students spent time on the water either

kayaking and canoeing, or in the water whilst attempting to cross it during the raft building exercise.

A more focused display of hand eye co-ordination was demonstrated in the archery and rifle ranges; whilst any excess energy was used up on the low ropes or dragging themselves through the caving systems.



Evenings were spent sat around the lakeside campfire where they all indulged in hot chocolate and marshmallows enjoying a calming and relaxing atmosphere after their efforts of the day. These moments were without doubt the highlights of the weekend where the increased social interaction with other students allowed them to get to know each other and foster a sense of belonging.

The residential was established to allow the Year 12 students to experience the social side of Sixth form away from the academic environment. It met with expectations whilst also encouraging teamwork, creativity and a sense of accomplishment. It was a firing weekend for the staff and students, but a lot of fun was had by all.



# SIXTH FORM UPDATE

## Act of Remembrance

In addition to observing the National Act of Remembrance across both CVC and CSF, students from CSF (who are members of the ACF) represented the CVC/CSF community in an act of Remembrance at St Mary's Church.

## Children in Need

Thank you to all our students and staff who raised money this year for Children in Need - to support great courses across the UK. The bake sale was a hit and contributed to raising over £250.

Particular thanks to the Sixth Form Leadership Team who participated in the Student Council organised sponge throwing. Mr Frost (Head of Sixth Form) may have volunteered for an additional soaking, to the delight of the crowd, and those pouring!



## Football – the U18 (male) start to the inter-sixth form season

Our sixth form football squad has made a positive start to the season with great success in their games against Kimbolton (with the boys securing a 3:1 win) and Long Road Sixth Form (a hard fought 2:1 win).

We have been so pleased with their collective attitude and team spirit.



## November tours and 2025 application deadline

CSF's Open Day (aimed at Year 10 students) takes place annually in July. For those that might miss this event, we offered tours of our sixth form in November.

It is still possible to get in touch for a tour, with information available via our website. For those applying for September 2025 entry, the final deadline to apply via the MyChoice@16 website is the 14th of January (6th of January for CVC students)



# SIXTH FORM UPDATE

## Safeguarding – Online hate, misogyny and appropriate boundaries

We are delighted to have been able to offer our Year 12 and Year 13 students an informative talk covering gender inequality, societal change and the rise of misogyny.

We were lucky to be able to welcome the team from 'Everyone's invited' to deliver this event.



## A-level Geography fieldwork

Our Year 13 Geographers travelled to Dorset for their residential field (to enable data collection for their NEA). We were delighted to find such lovely weather as last year we experienced very storm conditions on the coast!

Students spent time gaining practical understanding of fieldwork techniques, looking at place in Swanage, coastal processes and



management at Swanage Bay and sand dune succession at Studland.



## Christmas Hamper Appeal

Once again, our sixth form students have supported the Trussell Trust Christmas Hamper Appeal. This cross school annual project is organised by Mr Aitken (Deputy Head of Sixth Form and Head of Geography) and is really embraced by our lower school pupils, sixth form students and their families – thank you.

The donations will make a real difference to families this Christmas. Staff from the Trussell Trust commented that they had been struggling a little this year to fulfil all the hampers they hoped to distribute and how valuable our contribution has been to their wider work.



## Careers Events: Year 13 mock interviews

On Thursday 21st November, Year 13 students took part in mock interviews in our Performance Hall. Students were able to practice their interview technique and gain valuable feedback for future interviews.

Students found the experience really useful, with feedback including that the mock interviews were “a must for anyone preparing for interviews” and “I feel much more confident now”.

Thank you to 'Form The Future' and our employers who attended to carry out the mock interviews.

If any parents, carers or alumni would like to be involved in future mock interviews, please complete the following form: [Link to Parent, Carer and Alumni Network form](#)



## KS3-4 Netball



Our netball squads reached the Cambs County Netball Finals this Autumn term.

The U14s had some great wins in the group stages, progressing to the Cup competition in the afternoon! There were some tight games leading to 3 teams all finish on the same points in 3rd place!

The U16s had a brilliant end to their netball tournaments at Comberton VC. They also had some great wins in the group stages and continued into the afternoon to take home the Plate!

Ms Kingston commented that it has been a pleasure to coach all of the pupils!



## KS4 Rugby

'KS4 rugby has flourished once again this term, seeing an average of 20 boys training each week in preparation for their key fixtures.

Year 10 & 11 have combined well and created a supportive environment to play the best they can, illustrating good role models for the school.

Notable performances against The Leys and a narrow defeat in the continental tyres competition against Gresham's School have stood out as clear highlights of the season, which created real buzz over the past few weeks. After Xmas, the team look forward to the popular Rosslyn Park School Sevens tournament in March with a return fixture against Saffron Walden County High school to boot.' Mr Berwick

