

OPPORTUNITIES

July/August, 2019

Welcome to the sixteenth edition of the Cotswold School Opportunities Newsletter.

The aim is to celebrate and advertise some of the many learning opportunities in which you may wish to get involved. We hope that a few things might take your interest and spark some thinking and discovery. Enjoy!

Sport

'The Cheltenham Cricket Festival is one of the most loved events in the social and sporting calendar. The idyllic setting of Cheltenham College provides the perfect backdrop for cricket at the height of summer.'

When: Monday 15th July to Sunday 28th July

Click below for more information and to book tickets:

[Cheltenham Cricket Festival](#)



Geography

This year's **Young Geographer of the Year Competition** is now open for entries.

The competition, run in partnership with *Geographical* magazine, gives students the opportunity to explore the geography of the Arctic. Through research needed to produce their competition entries, pupils will discover what makes this polar environment unique and how changes in the Arctic can have global impacts.

Closing date for entries is: Friday 18th October, 2019

Please click on the link for details on how to enter the competition: [Young Geographer of the Year Competition](#)

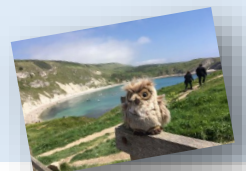
Greta Thunberg



GA Physical Geography Photo Competition

The theme of this photography competition is: 'Wonderful physical geography'.

To enter, you should take a photograph of some aspect of physical geography that shows how physical geography is wonderful. The entry deadline for this competition is: 30th September, 2019. Please click on the link for more information: [Physical Geography - Photo Competition](#)



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MFL/French

Madame Moss has found some opportunities to immerse yourselves in some French culture:

Visit an Art Museum in Paris: showcasing the first immersive Digital Art's Festival.

Click on the link for more details: [L'Atelier des Lumieres](#)

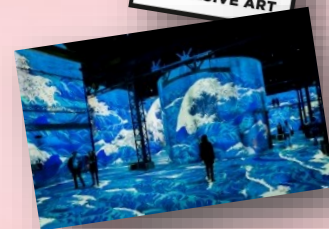
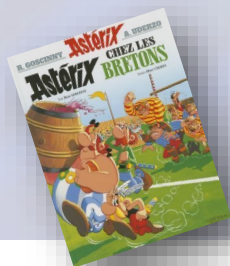
"Funky little videos in French" - for example; '*Planète—Pourquoi vent-on interdire les pailles en plastique?*' **Click on the link to take you to the website:** [1jour1actu](#)

Try some French food in an authentic French restaurant in Cheltenham— (beware, the food is delicious and a little pricey)!

Click on the link to visit the website: [L'Artisan](#) Then, after sampling some delicious French food, listen to some music Francais, Zaz-je-veux, **click here:** [Zaz-je-veux](#)

After the food and music, how about some **light reading before bed!** With, Asterix in Britain.

Watch the film: En mai, fais ce qu'il te plaît a film about the exodus during WWII in France.



Science

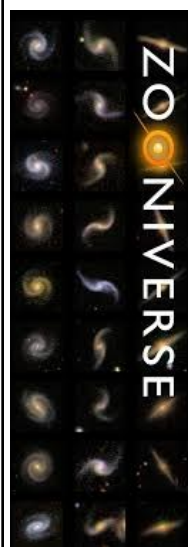
Zooniverse

Would you like to be part of exciting scientific research and have a real impact on a projects findings?

Once registered, you can complete short training sessions to understand what you are looking for and interested in. Then, take a look through data/ images which are uploaded by laboratories and other organisations. Do your research, and submit your findings. **Click here for more information on how to register and take part:** [Zooniverse](#)

Please note: upon registering, you will be asked to tick a box to declare you are under the age of 16 and you need to complete the registration with a parent/guardian.

D.T



Try some fun science experiments at home. Don't worry, you only need common household items to complete these experiments.

Click here for more details: [Marvin and Milo Science Experiments](#)



Mr Smith (D.T.), recommends going along to an inspirational Exhibition: Celebration of Craftsmanship and Design—17th to 26th August, 2019 at Cheltenham College.

The UK's largest annual selling exhibition of contemporary designer maker furniture, with selected work from other disciplines. Click on the link for more information: [Celebration of Craftsmanship & Design](#)

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Writing Competition!

Write a short story inspired by the myths, legends and folklore surrounding English Heritage historic places for the chance to win fantastic prizes for yourself, your family and your school.

Deadline for entries is: **20th September, 2019**

For more information on how to enter, click here: [Creative Writing Competition](#)



Library

Now the Summer holidays are nearly upon us, here are some fantastic reads for your holiday.... Mrs Williams-librarian.

The Bees by Laline Paull

This is one of the best books I have read in 2019, so make this one of your summer holiday reads. A rigid, ordered social structure dictates the lives of the bee. This is the 'hive mentality' at work, in this dystopian novel each bee has a set destiny and none may veer from this path.

But one bee behaves differently, so what future is set for her? Suitable for upper KS.3 and above.



The winner for the Carnegie Medal Award was announced in June it was **The Poet X** by Elizabeth Acevedo, 'a novel about first love and finding your voice' This book is written in verse and makes for a swift and rhythmic read. This book is suitable for upper KS.3 and above.

My personal favourite from the 8 shortlisted Carnegie Award books this year was **Skinful of Shadows** by Frances Hardinge—if you like the gothic genre, then this is the book for you. Stunningly original, and beautifully written. A girl is born out of wedlock but unbeknownst to her she is connected to a powerful family with a dark, malevolent secret.... Suitable for all ages, including adults.



Mrs Williams—Librarian

STEM



Competition!

Could you be the person responsible for coming up with an iconic piece of street design?

'The Government's Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) is looking for students aged 7-19 to create a design for on-street electric vehicle (EV) charge points that is innovative, iconic and beautiful, as part of a national school's competition.' Closing date is Friday, 18th October, 2019. Click on the link for more details: [Competition - create a design for EV charge points](#)

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Summer Stretch & Challenge

On the next few pages are ideas to explore, competitions to enter, places to visit, see and do.



The one spot challenge—stand in one spot and take as many contrasting and different images as you can. Perhaps return to that spot at different times and lights.

The Abstract challenge—take images of objects around the house from strange and unusual angles or positions. Try to look for lines, shadows, angles or interesting contrasts.

Let Mr Edwards (History) know if you have taken part, he would love to see your photos!



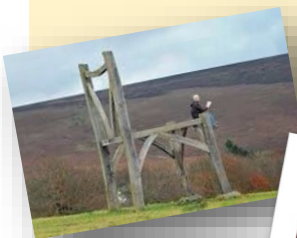
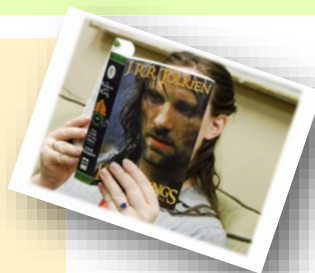
Enhance your personal statement and C.V. by undertaking some voluntary work during the school holidays:

EXTREME READING!

Find the perfect volunteering opportunity just for you: [DO-IT](#)

ACTIVITY—take a photo of yourself reading a book in an unusual, or exciting place! **BE SAFE PLEASE.**

Or, take a merged book cover selfie (see photo example). A selection of photos will be displayed at school in September. Email your entries to library or hand in entries to library or E.3



Football in the River Windrush—

Bourton-on-the-Water—Bank Holiday Monday, 26th August, 2019



Have an explore on explore and learn something new today!

Designed by the University of Oxford, this thought provoking website has a question a day on which you can vote e.g. 'Should we be more influenced by our parents or by celebrities?' 'Do aliens exist?'

Hopefully you will share what you have learnt with us – maybe a quiz you design from it for your tutor group, or a poster / PowerPoint to teach us what you have learnt.

Please let Mrs Newby or Mr Edwards know if you take this extra step.

Click here to enter the website: [EXPLORE!](#)

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ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Have a look at this website for thought-provoking current affairs articles.

This website was founded and is endorsed by Universities in the UK. Do feel free to share what you have learnt with us – maybe create a quiz or presentation you design for your tutor group.

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Click here to enter the website: [The Conversation](#)



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Volunteer

Spring and Summer event volunteering for the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust—click on the link for more information: [Volunteer for Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust](#)

Creative Critics! - Poetry competition for 16 to 19 olds

'This year we've simplified the competition. It's for 16-19 year olds only and there's just one way of entering – by writing a poem of your own in response to one of the Forward shortlisted poems, along with a short commentary explaining how the poem influenced you. The reason? We were so bowled over by the superb quality of the poems and commentaries in last year's competition that we've decided to make the whole competition Creative Critics from now on!'

Closing date for entries is: **30th September, 2019**

For more details click on the link: [Forward/Emagazines Creative Critics](#)



Competition!

Betjeman Poetry Prize for young people aged 10 to 13yrs

Write a poem on the theme of 'place'

Click on the link for more details on how to enter: [Betjeman Poetry Prize 2019](#)

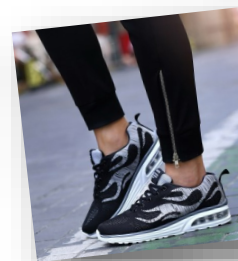
Deadline for entries is: July 31st, 2019



Junior Park Run—organised at various Parks around the country, [click here to discover where: Junior Park Run events](#)

Cheltenham—Junior Park Run—a 2k event for juniors only, (4 to 14yr olds). Held every Sunday at 9.30am.

If you are not a junior you can try one of their weekly Park Run events. Click here for more information: [Cheltenham - Park Run](#)



The Barn Theatre in Cirencester is certainly worth checking out.

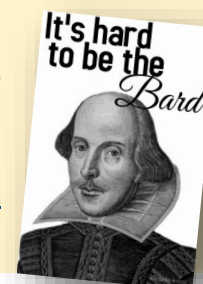
There is an exciting innovative programme of events/performances.

For more information click on the link: [Barn Theatre, Cirencester](#)

Europe's first ever pop-up Shakespearean theatre, set in the stunning grounds of Blenheim Palace.

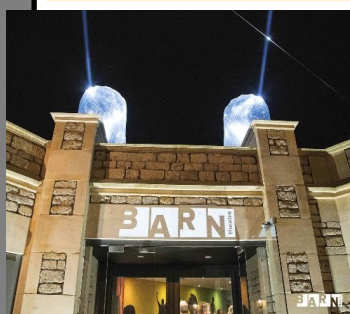
Four of William Shakespeare's most popular plays—Macbeth, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Richard III, Romeo and Juliet will transport audiences to the intimate atmosphere of an Elizabethan playhouse, with plenty of breath-taking, spine-tingling and heart-stopping moments!

Tickets are available now until 7th September, please click here for more information: [Pop-up Shakespeare Theatre at Blenheim Palace](#)



Here is a fiendish maths conundrum from Mr Dee:

What do you get if you multiply all the numbers on a phone pad?



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More Volunteering Opportunities:



Make a difference this Summer!

'Your Public library is now recruiting for Summer Reading Challenge volunteers - library volunteering provides young people with opportunities to build their confidence, develop skills and make a difference in their local community'. Click link below for more information and how to apply:

[Public Library Volunteer](#)

For more volunteering opportunities visit: **[Volunteering Opportunities](#)**

For work experience in your local area, visit **[Work Finder](#)**

We all know the Summer Holidays can be an expensive time, so here are just some FREE Museums and Galleries across the South West and London to visit:

Museums in the South West, (some are in Devon & Dorset).



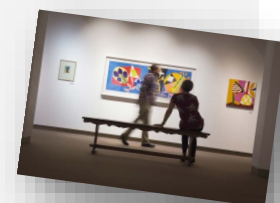
Athelstan Museum—Explores Malmesbury's history. Artefacts include paintings, drawings, engravings, photographs, coins and more. Click on the link to visit the museums website: **[Athelstan Museum](#)**

Blaise Castle House Museum in Bristol—Includes casts of classical and neo-classical reliefs and sculptures, a model train collection, period costumes, and the Bristol at Home galleries. Click on the link to visit the museums website: **[Blaise Castle House Museum](#)**

Blandford Town Museum in Dorset—A small but packed museum housing artefacts from Blandford Forum and the surrounding villages. Click on the link below to visit the museums website: **[Blandford Town Museum](#)**

Bristol Museum and Art Gallery—Features exhibitions on Egypt and dinosaurs, plus Victorian & European Art. Click on the link to visit the museums website: **[Bristol Museum & Art Gallery](#)**

Burton Art Gallery & Museum in Bideford, Devon—Permanent collection includes oils and watercolours, with works by Sir John Lavery, Sir George Clausen and E. Aubrey Hunt. Click on the link to visit the museums website: **[Burton Art Gallery and Museum](#)**



House of Marbles in Bovey Tracey, Devon—The House of Marbles is a working glass and games factory located in an historic pottery. Click on the link to visit the museums website: **[House of Marbles](#)**



M-Shed Museum in Bristol—Dockside galleries (designed to mimic the 1950's style) tell the history of Bristol through film, photography and quirky items. Click on the link to visit the museums website: **[M-Shed Museum](#)**

Museum in the Park in Stroud—Set in Stratford Park, the museum is a 17th century former wool merchant and celebrates the history of Stroud as well as having temporary exhibitions. Click on the link to visit the museums website: **[Museum in the Park](#)**

Poole Museum in Poole, Dorset—About Poole's history and inhabitants, with a terrace and visitor lounge with vistas over the Old Town and Poole Harbour. Click on the link to visit the museums website: **[Poole Museum](#)**

Red House Museum in Christchurch, Dorset—A Georgian building, originally built as a workhouse in 1764, now filled with displays and exhibitions, including local social and natural history, geology and archaeology. Click on the link to visit the museums website: **[Red House Museum](#)**

Victoria Art Gallery in Bath—A wide variety of exhibitions overflowing with pieces from artists both past and present. Click on the link to visit the museums website: **[Victoria Art Gallery](#)**

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Just some of the many free Museums in London

The Bank of England Museum—This museum shows objects from the Bank of England's 320 years of existence, from cartoons to banknotes to furniture. You can even try to lift a real gold bar! Click on the link to visit the museums website: [The Bank of England Museum](#)



British Museum's fascinating collection of over 8 million objects/artefacts Click on the link to visit the museums website: [British Museum](#)

Geffrye Museum—special exhibitions cost £3.00, but under 16s go free. See inside English homes in a range of period rooms from 1600 to today. Collections include furniture, Fine Art and domestic objects. Click on the link to visit the museums website: [Geffrye Museum](#)

Grant Museum of Zoology—The museum's 67,000 specimens cover the entire animal kingdom, making this one giant animal graveyard! Click on the link to visit the museums website: [Grant Museum of Zoology](#)



Horniman Museum and Gardens—Museum packed with a range of different things to see, including musical instruments, natural history artefacts and cultural curiosities. Click on the link to visit the museums website: [Horniman Museum and Gardens](#)



Imperial War Museum—Permanent displays include the Holocaust Exhibition and Peace and Security from 1945. Some temporary exhibitions may charge a fee. Click on the link to visit the museums website: [Imperial War Museum](#)

Museum of London—One of the World's largest urban history museums.

Exhibitions include the story of modern London from 1666 to today. Click on the link to visit the museums website: [Museum of London](#)

Museum of London Docklands—Narrating London's history as a port, from the Roman settlement up to the regeneration of the docklands. Click on the link to visit the museums website: [Museum of London Docklands](#)

National Army Museum—five galleries exploring the history and impact of the British army, including tanks, uniforms and the skeleton of Napoleon's horse. Click on the link to visit the museums website: [National Army Museum](#)

National Maritime Museum—dedicated to all things nautical. Includes the Maritime Galleries and the Queen's House. Click on the link to visit the museums website: [National Maritime Museum](#)

National Portrait Gallery—Founded in 1856, it has over 200,000 portraits, from modern subjects to paintings from the 16th century. Click on the link to visit the museums website: [National Portrait Gallery](#)

Natural History Museum—The museum features life and earth science specimens, collections include botany, entomology, mineralogy, palaeontology and zoology. Popular galleries include the earthquake room and the dinosaur gallery. Click on the link to visit the museums website: [Natural History Museum](#)

Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology—an estimated 80,000 archaeological finds help take you on a journey through the history of Egypt. Click on the link to visit the museums website: [Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology](#)



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RAF Museum—Make your way around five huge buildings crammed with aircrafts, artefacts, aviation memorabilia, fine art and photographs covering the history of aviation. Click on the link to visit the museums website: [RAF Museum](#)

Saatchi Gallery—Contemporary Art from both young and unknowns and international artists including Richard Wilson's popular 20:50 oil installation. Click on the link to visit the museums website: [Saatchi Gallery](#)

Science Museum—exhibitions include; science, medicine, technology and industry. Click on the link to visit the museums website: [Science Museum](#)

Tate Britain, Tate Modern, The National Gallery, The Wallace Collection all house historic and contemporary art collections. Click on the link to visit the museums' websites: [Tate Britain](#) [Tate Modern](#) [The National Gallery](#) [The Wallace Collection](#)



Mrs Graham has informed us about all the events at the Three Counties Showground in Malvern:

“There are lots of brilliant shows that take place at the Three Counties, and often free tickets available for students with their families to attend!”

To see and take part in: The Shetland Performance Show, 13th to 14th July, The British Palomino Show, 13th to 14th July, British Spotted Ponies, 21st July and **under 17 Drivers Pathfinder**, 29th July to the 2nd of August, National Pony Society Summer Championships, 6th to 8th of August, and many more. Click the link below for more information: [Three Counties Showground](#)

On the 28th to 29th of September there is the Discover Harvest Village Show where you can submit entries in various categories, for further information contact: Tessa.Warby@threecounties.co.uk or Tel: 01684 584917



I hope you have enjoyed the editions of the Opportunities Newsletter this academic year and wish you all a happy, relaxing and safe summer holiday break.

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