



CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL  
*The true mark of a school is what lies within*

## A Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

Science week arrived with a bang at Cumnor House this week. The assemblies on Monday were designed to raise the profile of science and engineering for the boys, with some fun experiments along the way. I feel very strongly about the fact that we are raising and educating boys for a life yet imagined and science is a key element of preparing for future professions and an ever changing world. Science and engineering should be used to inspire enquiring minds and innovative thinking and if delivered in the correct way, it can also be lots of fun. The fields of science and engineering are responsible for so many positive aspects of our lives and I challenged the boys to think about the one discovery or invention, that they considered the most important of all time. Ask your boys about their thoughts and I am sure this will inspire some lively conversation at the dining table. Our boys are definitely excited about science and I hope they enjoy the opportunities presented to them throughout the week.

Well done to Normans House who held the first House charity event of the year this week, raising funds for Teenage Cancer Trust. The boys have worked hard to lead and design their own charity events as part of their House Captain responsibilities and I am very proud of their efforts for such worthy causes. Watch this space for further events from other Houses as the year progresses.

Another week and yet another wonderful performance from our students, this week I have had the pleasure of watching the Reception Spring Concert. Bravo to the Reception team and the boys for their excellent effort and performance.

Have a great week

Daniel Cummings

Headmaster

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Exceptional Scholarship Results for 2017-2018 Announced



We are very proud to announce the final senior school offers, scholarships, exhibitions and awards for 2017-2018 and once again Cumnor House pupils have proven to be exceptionally successful. With the hard work put in by the children, their families and our dedicated staff, we as a school have once again exceeded our record number of scholarships, exhibitions and awards offered to the girls at 11+ and boys at 11+ and 13+. View a full list of Boys Scholarship Results [here](#).

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CHS boys celebrate British Science Week 2018

The boys of year 5 and 6 participated in an engineering task to construct a self-supporting tower using just balloons. The task itself seemed simple enough but the boys faced a number of key challenges. To begin with, many found it quite difficult to plan and delegate duties collaboratively. In addition, despite their natural competitive nature, the budding engineers were forced to stop and listen to each other, especially when mishandled balloons began popping. The task was enjoyed by all and hopefully the boys will learn to appreciate the need to operate as a team not just in science but also in everyday activities.





| UK's Top 50 Classes     |                |                          |   |        |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---|--------|
| Time remaining: 03 days |                |                          |   |        |
| Previous Current        |                |                          |   |        |
| Position                | Country        | Name                     | School  | Points |
| 41                      | United Kingdom | Miss Grant : Year 6      | St Patricks Primary School, Ballymahinch, United Kingdom                | 2200   |
| 42                      | United Kingdom | Miss Briggs : Year 4     | Robin Hood Junior School, Sutton, United Kingdom                        | 2287   |
| 43                      | United Kingdom | Miss King : Year 6       | Fairstead Community Primary and Nursery School, Norfolk, United Kingdom | 2242   |
| 44                      | United Kingdom | Miss Taylor : Year 5     | St Philips Catholic Primary and Nursery school, Leeds, United Kingdom   | 2214   |
| 45                      | United Kingdom | Miss Stuttard : Year 7   | Archbishop Blanch CofE High School, LIVERPOOL, United Kingdom           | 2208   |
| 46                      | United Kingdom | Miss Bennett : Year 7    | Cedar Integrated Primary School, Downpatrick, United Kingdom            | 2196   |
| 47                      | United Kingdom | Mr Foley : Year 6        | Duncombe School, Hertford, United Kingdom                               | 2190   |
| 48                      | United Kingdom | Mrs Loughran : Year 6    | St Francis Primary School, Lurgan, United Kingdom                       | 2138   |
| 49                      | United Kingdom | Mr Vijayaratham : Year 5 | Cumnor House School (Boys), South Croydon, United Kingdom               | 2122   |
| 50                      | United Kingdom | Mrs Miller : Year 6      | St Ethne's Primary School, Derry, United Kingdom                        | 2100   |

### Year 5 Mathletes Flex Their Mental Muscles on World Maths Day

Wednesday 7th March 2018 was World Maths Day, when adults and children all around the world were encouraged to solve maths equations and puzzles to improve their mathematical skills. Cumnor's Year 5 mathematicians celebrated the event by playing live on Mathletics to earn points for their sets, with each set ranked against other classes worldwide.

Mr Vijay's Year 5 maths set came 49th in the U.K, which was an excellent achievement and Cumnor House's best ever result. Notable contributions came from Aditya Nair (ranked 4th in the U.K and 53rd in the world individually) and Harshaa Kumra (45th in the U.K).

Well done to everyone on an excellent performance. This sets a great target to beat in 2019!



### French Research Project

For the past two weeks, Year 4 and Year 5 have been taking part in a French research project competition. Boys have been working in pairs or small groups to produce a poster and presentation on their chosen French speaking country. The standard of the posters was very high, however after much deliberation, there were two winning pairs from each year group.

Congratulations to Vishaagan and Ishan (from Year 5) and Aston and Jeremiah (from Year 4) for their outstanding work and presentations. They were each awarded a certificate and a prize in assembly this week. Well done to all boys from Year 4 and Year 5 involved, you should all be very proud!



#### The House Music Competition

On Thursday we have the House Music Competition Silver and Gold Finals - the Bronze final was last week.

The final is an annual event for all boys in years 3 to 8. All boys are invited to audition during the first weeks of the Spring term during their regular class music lesson. The finalists are then selected and put into three finals - Bronze, Silver and Gold. For the Silver and Gold classes we always invite an adjudicator from another school - this year it will be Mr Gerard Holden, Head of Music at The Cedars School. There are different levels of house points awarded to boys who enter, rising accordingly for those who get through to the finals, with cups, certificates and more house points for the winners. Good luck!

#### Informal Music Concert

Over 50 boys were involved in the Informal Concert which took place last Tuesday. The event featured a great lineup of talent and the hall was completely full with parents.





#### Junior Choir Performance

The Junior Choir performed at St.Johns, Leatherhead earlier this month. Here are some highlights from the event captured by our proud Headmaster Mr. Cummings.



### Art Competition

Boys in Years 5-8 are invited to design a programme cover for the forthcoming school production, Seussical. Entries should be displayed on an A4 piece of paper in a media of their choice; the more colourful the better!

The boys can choose any Seussical related theme to design their poster and the caption 'Seussical; Year 5-8 Production 2018' must be clearly written on their work. Completed entries should be handed into Mrs Mitchell by Monday 19th March. Shortlisted entries will be judged and the winning picture will be displayed on the cover of the programme; the pictures of runners-up will be displayed on tickets.

This is a great opportunity for our talented boys to produce a wonderful piece of art work at home.  
Good luck boys; I look forward to seeing your entries.

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## LAMDA Examination Date

Sunday 10th June between 9.30am - 5.00pm marks the date for those pupils who have been preparing for their LAMDA qualification with our visiting specialist will have their examination. Information regarding specific times for each pupil will be published by LAMDA nearer the time, however, I can accept requests for time slots if received before the start of the Easter holidays and I will do my best to accommodate. LAMDA no longer accept changes so it is important that examination times are strictly adhered to.

In order to successfully prepare, pupils should learn all of their words thoroughly, practice ensuring their diction is clear and that movement choices are well rehearsed.

May I take this opportunity to wish the relevant Boys every success as they move towards achieving their LAMDA graded qualification!

Sarah Boyle  
Head of Drama



Awarded: Friday 9th March 2018

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RC - Gabriel

For coming back in to school after being ill and catching up on his outstanding tasks.

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RC - Kabir

For trying hard to be his best self and giving a super explanation about his world book day book.

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1S - Gideon

For being a star in our Spring Concert and having a super week at school.

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1T - Kavish

For always being his best self.

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1W - Dawood

For sharing super ideas this week.

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2C - Noah

For his hard work, especially in Numeracy.

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2G - Dylan

For excellent attitude and work ethic

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2S - Kieran

For his smiley, happy attitude at school

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#### Cricket Discount at Hewitts, Croydon

If you have a son on the cricket team, he will need cricket kit. From today until April 16th Cumnor House parents can receive 10% off all cricket accessories. Unfortunately this discount does not include cricket whites (but they are available).

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