



COOPER NEWS

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Cooper House Team



Mrs Egerton. Mme Daubeney. Mrs Wilson, Miss Flynn and Miss Nicholson (and Miss Nicholson in her previous role before she joined us!).

What a fantastic half term. It has only been 6 weeks, but we have packed a lot in! From quizzes to Pilates to watching birds of prey, it has been busy but lots of fun. We hope you enjoy half term and have an opportunity to relax and recharge. Cooper will be open from 6pm on Sunday 30 October and please remember to have supper before you come back. We have a new member of staff in Cooper this term, Miss Laura Nicholson. Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Nicholson served 24 years in the military. After studying music at Birmingham University, she went to Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in 1998 and then joined the Army Air Corps. She has flown Lynx, Gazelle, Chinook and Defender and also spent 5 years with the Royal Air Force on the Chinook Force. Operational tours include 5 of Afghanistan and 1 in Iraq. She has also flown in Belize, Kenya, California, Morocco and Jordan. She was Squadron Commander of 651 Squadron in Northern Ireland. She enjoys horse riding, skiing, sub aqua, her motorbike, rugby and anything fitness related. She has a collection of 5 godchildren and will be in possession of a new puppy after half term which the students of Cooper are currently trying to name (yay!). She has had a wonderful first half term and Cooper has benefitted tremendously for having her on board!



**The House council (From left to right: Orla, Willa, Amelia, Amelia S, Freya, Julia, and Izzy)
Amelia H – Head of House**

I have boarded all my life and joined Godolphin in 2016 in the prep school. During my years at Godolphin, I have always looked up to my heads of house as role models and people to talk to. I hope that in my time as head of house I can help boarders and sarums equally and will strive to install and maintain Godolphin's values in Cooper.

Orla C – Deputy head of house

When I joined Godolphin last year in 4th year, I felt at ease at the friendliness from the staff as well as from the other boarders. I wanted to be Deputy Head of Cooper so I can have the chance to welcome and get to know the new 3rd years and help them with any problems they may have as I was once in their shoes.

Willa De R– Deputy head of house

I have only recently started boarding and as soon as I started, I could not get enough of it! How close the students were with the house mistresses, how kind everyone is, how fun all the activities are. When I joined, I never saw myself as someone that would be deputy head but after seeing what amazing role models the last heads and deputies of Cooper did, I immediately knew that I wanted to do the same to others.

Freya T-H

Hi, I am Freya I am in fifth year, I joined Godolphin in 2018 boarded ever since first year. I am the social prefect on Cooper Council and a friendly face to talk to whether its serious or light-hearted. During my time on Cooper Council, I will make sure that everyone feels heard and they feel they have someone to reach out to.

Isabelle H – Fourth Year prefect

I joined Godolphin in 2016, in year 5 in the prep. I am doing RS, History, Food Tec, and French, as 4th year prefect I am always here for any questions about GCSE.

Julia S – Third Year prefect

While I was in 3rd year, my third-year rep made a huge difference and I wanted to be part of that and help make a warm and welcoming feeling in Cooper for everyone. I am looking forward to helping to make sure that everyone in 3rd year feels included and happy!

Amelia S – Charity prefect

I joined Cooper in 2021 and since then I have seen how Cooper is one big family. When I joined the boarders council last year as one of the representatives for my year, I got to see how the fifth years collaborate and work hard in order to make a difference in the house. As the charity prefect I am very much looking forward to fundraising for our house charity and all the experiences that will lead to.

What's happening in House Council - By Willa De R

Cooper House Council

The Council is made up of the following:

Amelia H, Head of House

Willa de R and Orla C Deputy Heads of House

Amelia S, Charity Prefect

Freya T-H, Social Prefect

Julia S, Head of third year

Izzy H, Head of fourth year.

Our aim is to listen to the Boarders' and Sarums' opinions and ideas to help improve Cooper to give it a homely atmosphere. We want to ensure that everyone feels that they could come to us if they have a problem and do not want to talk to a member of staff about any issues. This year we are hoping to add many things that we hope will continue to carry on as we leave such as introducing more physical activities for all boarders in the evenings and the Cooper track suit bottoms and hoodie, designed by Orla C, will hopefully be launched soon. Amelia S has also amazingly started a charity raising money for her hometown in Tanzania, where she hopes to create sustainable recycling options and clearing many beaches to help save the wildlife.

What it is like to be an exchange student by Innes E



Being an exchange student can be difficult sometimes because it is always difficult to be far away from your family. In my case, I live in Spain. Even though, you can always call your parents. The first week can be confusing, and you always have a hard time adapting the first few days, but when you manage to adapt to the school, the classes, and the boarding, you have a great experience and have lots of fun. The people around you are always nice, so you tend to forget the sadness of not having your parents around, of course, I call my parents every day and go to Spain in the half terms. On the exehats, a friend invited me to her house which was lovely, and the school can always help you. It is a lovely experience that I will never forget, and I'm still looking forward to the next half term, after I go home for two weeks. I have a big advantage, because my cousin came to England the same year as me, so if I have a problem, I can always ask to her. But I suppose that coming alone to England would still be a great experience and I have loved every minute in Cooper House.

Five Things I love about Cooper by Millie B (a new Third Year boarder)

1. The Freedom
Cooper allows me to be more independent and manage my own time in prep, screen time and bedtimes.
2. The Community
In the board houses there is a great atmosphere which ranges from chatting before bedtime to advice over tea.
3. The boarding staff
They are all so friendly, I always feel comfortable around them and feel as if I can talk to them about anything without judgement.
4. Being able to be around friends
Boarding allows me to spend time with friends and expand my social circle.
5. The Fifth years

While they put us to bed, they always bring a smile and especially the House Council. They have made such an effort to welcome us and help us through the highs and lows of the first half term which is often the trickiest.

The first weekend by Maia W

We did lots of fun activities one of my favourites was the laser tag and the climbing. We also did a blow-up obstacle course and a segway obstacle course. Lots of the borders enjoyed the zorbing football, a movie, quizzes and crafts. This made us grow as a team, which is important, because it introduces the new borders and allows us to have fun and grow together as a boarding house.



Bell duty by our Third Year



Waking up on a Monday morning is quite the chore, however Cooper selection of bell somehow makes bell ringing easier. Miss Nicholson named each and every bell accordingly to their size and structure. The bells range from a tiny cow bell - the cadet, to the loud and very impressive Colonel (not above because it was ringing as we wrote this!). Personally, our dorm picked the Captain Bell as we felt it was loud but didn't leave your ears ringing after waking up the whole house. When we joined Godolphin, ringing bells was somewhat unusual to me. However, we have grown to like it and now can't wait for my dorms turn to pick a different bell and wake up the whole house.

Alice in Wonderland Geocaching in Salisbury by the Cooper full boarders



The Alice was trapped in Wonderland and time was running out to save her! We followed Alice down the rabbit hole and enter a topsy-turvy world of adventure, intrigue and impossible things at this brilliant geocaching Alice in Wonderland event. The streets of Salisbury were transformed into a giant, escape-room-style experience on Saturday 8 October. We solved the clues which just got curiouser and curiouser! A great day was had by all, running round Salisbury in fancy dress!

Hawk Conservancy –



On a bright and sunny day, the Cooper Boarders went to The Hawk Conservancy outside Andover. The first display was called 'The Valley of the Eagles' and to our surprise, we all fell in love with the vultures! We went around to see all the all the birds and followed a top trumps quiz to find out more information. We loved the storks, eagles, vultures, and owls in particular. Our final flying display was called Woodland Owls and we came up close and personal with these beautiful creatures. Mrs Wilson nearly got knocked over by a rather large owl called Ennis! Such an interesting day and we would all love to go back.

Seamus Mullins racing stables open day – Fourth Year full boarders



On Saturday 17 September, Mrs Wilson and Ms Llewelin took a group of Cooper and Walters boarders to an open morning at Seamus Mullins Racing Stables in Wilsford. It was an event to celebrate horse racing and raise money for the Salisbury Stars Appeal. We watched a display from a farrier, a schooling demonstration with the young horses, a tour of the stable with lots of amazing racehorses and enjoyed the ice cream! Thank you to Mr Mullins and all involved for a lovely morning.