

# WALLINGFORD SCHOOL SIXTH FORM NEWS

Term 1, Week 2:  
15th September 2023

Dear Year 12 and 13,

We have finished our first full week and are all beginning to get used to our timetables and routines. This weekend will involve some revision of notes and resources as both Year 12 and 13 prepare for next week's assessment week. These provide good practice for you to better understand how you work and revise and for staff to assess your progress and identify any gaps in your knowledge.

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## TUTOR EVENINGS

It was great to meet Year 12 and 13 parents on the two Tutor Evenings and we hope the sessions were informative. The powerpoints are available on the 6th Form area of the VLE where you will also be able to find the school calendar.



## EVENTS COMING UP

**Week Commencing 18th September:**

**KS5 Assessment week all week**

Tuesday 19th September - Yr 12 music trip

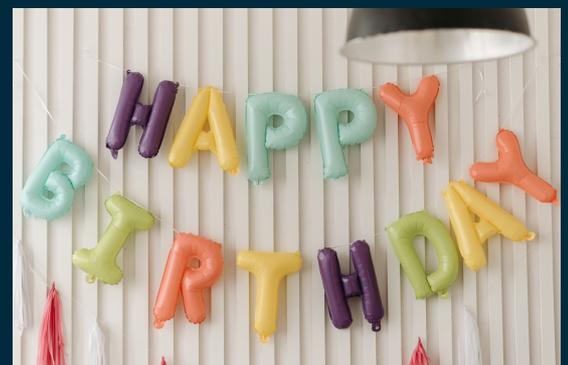
Wednesday 20th September - Yr 13 EPO sessions P1 and 2 in K16

Year 12 EPO session P6 in B7

**PSE Friday 22nd September:**

**Year 12** - Team building

**Year 13** - Team building



We wish a very **'Happy Birthday'** to Megan, Charlie, Archie and Hannah

We also wish a very **'Happy 18th Birthday'** to Troy, Edward and Zara

## KAHOOT!

This weeks Kahoot winners are:

1st - Malachy 8137  
2nd - Jack P 7341  
3rd - Harry B 7120



## GNOMINATION

This week's gnominations go to two students who have impressed in the sporting world. Adela is now the British junior karate champion after winning the tournament in Sheffield last weekend. Alex only joined his cricket team this year and has been awarded both the title of most valuable player and the bowling award for the 23 season. Gned and Gnora are bowled over and looking forward to a sporty weekend, certain that gnomebody will mess with them!



### Parent notice

#### Notifying student absences

Please email [sixthform@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:sixthform@wallingfordschool.com) to report any student absence i.e sickness, medical appointment and to request time off for any reason e.g. Driving test, University open days etc...

## STUDENT DRIVING LESSONS

Student driving lessons should be booked for out of school hours. We cannot authorise driving lessons during the school day. We can be more flexible when it comes to driving tests, but please try to keep it out of school hours.

## STUDENT LOCKERS

Students who have paid for lockers will be begin to be issued with them from Monday. Please see Mrs Gardner-Brown at break and lunch for locker numbers and locks.

## COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Students should try and stay at home and avoid contact with other if they people if they are experiencing a high temperature or are feeling too unwell to attend. Normal absence reporting will still apply. For the most up to date guidance and symptoms please refer to the NHS website.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

## YEAR 12 AND 13 EPQ

The first of the EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) sessions took place this week for Year 13 whilst Year 12 were introduced to the project during assembly. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to research, plan and write a project based entirely on their own interests. It is a great way for students to begin their own independent learning journeys and is a great way to gain extra UCAS points. Year 12s who are interested should attend a session next Wednesday during P6



## YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHY TRIP

The Year 13 geographers certainly had the weather for their trip to Margam. On day one the students collected data and took surveys in Porthcawl. Day two started by exploring possible physical geography topics at Newton Beach then spent the afternoon generating key questions ready for carrying out their data collection on day 3.



## REMINDER

A reminder that if your teacher is absent ( for instance, we have had staff away on the Geography trip this week), work will be set on Satchel and we ask you to complete the work in your usual room as Mrs Hornsby will come and take the register.

# EXTRA-CURRICULAR

During assembly this week, Year 12 and 13 were reminded of all the extra-curricular activities that the school has to offer. These extra-curricular activities are designed and run by both staff and pupils and allow students to engage with other areas of the curriculum and interests that they might have.

## BARCELONA 9TH - 12TH FEBRUARY 2024

Parents/Guardians – please check your emails as you will have received an email with details of our first enrichment trip abroad for a few years. We are heading to Barcelona in February!



# EXTRA-CURRICULAR

**Social Committee** – Please come to a meeting at 12:50pm on W7 on Wednesday to discuss this year's social calendar. We are also looking for some students to run a Tuck Shop so if you are interested, please come along to this meeting.

**6-a-side football** – Fridays after school. All teams welcome, max.8 per team. Please ensure you have sent your finalised team lists to Mr Harpin by Friday 22nd September

**House Captains** – YEAR 12 WE NEED YOU! We are looking for 2 House Captains from each house to help promote and run house events in school. If you think this is for you, please email your applications to your house leaders by **Wednesday 20th September**

**LQBTQ+ club** – Year 12 and 13 interested in running a LQBTQ+ club to go to M8 Thursday 21st September at 12:50pm. The club is designed to be a safe space for all and an opportunity to support younger students from around the school.

# EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

## THAMES VALLEY POLICE CSI EVENT

[WWW.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK/E/CSI-RECRUITMENT-EVENT-TICKETS-709342240737](http://WWW.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK/E/CSI-RECRUITMENT-EVENT-TICKETS-709342240737)

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO STEP INTO THE WORLD OF CRIME-SOLVING AND JUSTICE AND FIND OUT WHAT IT'S REALLY LIKE TO BE A CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATOR AS THAMES VALLEY POLICE OPENS ITS DOORS TO ASPIRING CSIS ON 13TH SEPTEMBER FROM 16:00-20:00 AT THE CURVE IN SLOUGH FOR THIS RECRUITMENT EVENT

## UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD AUTUMN CHEMISTRY CONFERENCE

[HTTPS://CHEM.WEB.OX.AC.UK/EVENT/AUTUMN-CHEMISTRY-CONFERENCE-2023](https://chem.web.ox.ac.uk/event/autumn-chemistry-conference-2023)

TRINITY COLLEGE OUTREACH TEAM ARE INVITING YEAR 12 AND 13 STUDENTS TO ATTEND THEIR AUTUMN CHEMISTRY CONFERENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY ON 28TH SEPTEMBER FROM 16:00-18:00.

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH HAPPENING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND WILL FEATURE TALKS FROM PROFESSORS FROM THE DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE ALSO ARRANGING FOR OXFORD COLLEGES TO GIVE A BRIEF COLLEGE TOUR BEFORE THE EVENT, WHICH WOULD BE A GOOD INSIGHT FOR STUDENTS CONSIDERING STUDYING CHEMISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

YIF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL MATT FIFIELD FROM THE CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT AT [OUTREACH@CHEM.OX.AC.UK](mailto:OUTREACH@CHEM.OX.AC.UK)

## NHS CAREERS UNTAPPED WEBINARS

THE NHS CAREERS UNTAPPED TEAM ARE RUNNING A SERIES OF WEBINARS FOR STUDENTS IN KS4 AND KS5, SHOWCASING THE GREAT JOBS AVAILABLE IN THE NHS. THE FIRST ONE IS CAREERS IN MEDICINE ON 27TH SEPTEMBER FROM 16:30-18:00 FOLLOWED BY CAREERS IN DIGITAL HEALTHCARE ON THE 19TH OCTOBER AND NURSING AND MIDWIFERY ON 14TH NOVEMBER.

SEE THE POSTER IN THE STUDY ROOM FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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## UNIVERSITY OF WINCHESTER UNDERGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Winchester offers students some of the best employment prospects in the UK. We have moved into the top 10 in the UK for the percentage of its students going into employment or further study.

### UG Open Days this Autumn Term:

Saturday 23rd September 2023

Saturday 14th October 2023

Saturday 28th October 2023

Saturday 25th November 2023



### Personal Statements and UCAS

The start of the school year often means personal statement writing for students. Our team are able to offer personal statement clinics, advice and talks to your cohort of students. We are also able to provide talks on the UCAS process and how to apply.

### New for 2023/2024

Degree apprenticeships – see flyer and register here:

<https://app.brazenconnect.com/a/aws-educate/e/xwxOq>

We are introducing a new talk to our portfolio: 'Kick Starting Year 12'. This focuses on post-18 next steps (including UCAS), study skills and researching your future. If you would like to book this new talk or one of our available talks, then please email: [schoolsandcolleges@winchester.ac.uk](mailto:schoolsandcolleges@winchester.ac.uk)

## Degree Apprenticeships

Are you a technology enthusiast?  
Do you enjoy learning?  
Want an alternative to university?



Considering your future career can be daunting, there are multiple options available to you after finishing your studies. Degree apprenticeships are an immersive and interactive experience, allowing you to earn and learn at the same time, whilst working for a global company.

This event will allow you the opportunity to talk with existing degree apprentices, network with large technology companies who offer higher apprenticeships and take part in simulated workshop as part of AWS Jam.

Register your interest with AWS, using this [link](#). Spaces are limited so make sure to register your attendance in advance.

## Thursday 28th September

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16:15 - 17:00 NETWORKING AND ARRIVAL

17:00 - 17:45 PANEL DISCUSSION

17:45 - 20:45 AWS JAM INTERACTIVE

Technology Degree Apprenticeships

# EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

## Brookes Engage Access Programme - Applications now open

Are you a Year 12 / 1st Year College student studying in a state school / college in England? If so, we're really excited to announce that applications for our free 'Brookes Engage' access programme are open! The deadline to apply is 6.00pm on Sunday 30 October. You can apply and find out more <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/brookes-engage/>

Apply for the subject stream of your choices and you'll get the opportunity to visit the Oxford Brookes campus for a series of subject conference days. These days will allow you to:

- learn more about your chosen subject with sessions delivered by our academics and Student Ambassadors
- make use of state of the art facilities and equipment
- get expert-led information, advice, and guidance related to your subject area

All transport costs will be covered and food will be provided for all on-campus sessions.

Please see the website for more information or contact us via our direct email address [brookesengage@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:brookesengage@brookes.ac.uk).

## OXFORD BROOKES UNDERGRADUATE OPEN DAYS

Our Open Days start next month and offer you and your parents & carers the perfect opportunity to find out more about what it's like to be a student here, as well as giving insight into our courses and the support we offer. You can book your place here:

<https://www.brookes.ac.uk/open-days/undergraduate>

You will be able to join us for the following:

- Subject taster sessions
- Q&A sessions with our academics and support staff
- Chat with current students
- Talks from our central services including admissions, finance, wellbeing and accommodation

Did you know that you may also be eligible for an Open Day travel bursary? You can find out more about the travel bursary on our website

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## ONLINE ART PORTFOLIO PREPARATION COURSE - MONDAY 23RD - FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER

Are you looking at an Arts degree and need to develop your portfolio?

Our exciting Portfolio Preparation course provides students studying Level 3 courses with the opportunity to work on experimental and collaborative art and design briefs, whilst exploring a broad range of techniques. As well as giving advice on how to present a portfolio for application to further studies, we will inspire students to develop confidence in their practice and ideas.

You will research artists and designers, produce collaborative illustrations, develop these into 3D pieces, and produce photographic works. There will be fully interactive online sessions, featuring live and guided activities with one of our friendly Art and Design academics and a student currently studying at Oxford Brookes. Participants will also get access to lots of different online resources and activities throughout the course, and our academic will be providing 1:1 sessions for individual feedback.

Spaces are limited and applications are restricted to students attending state schools and colleges. To apply, students should email [discover@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:discover@brookes.ac.uk) by 5pm on Friday 6 October.

## STEP INTO OxMED VIRTUAL SEMINAR

We are STEP into OxMed (STudents for Engagement and Participation in Teaching and Outreach, Oxford Medicine), a student-led group from Oxford University that deliver a host of programmes to help students with medical school applications and general preparedness for a career in medicine. We understand that many of you will be building your application to med school and we wish you the best in your preparation. To help you, we have organised a virtual seminar by Professor Chris Norbury, a molecular biologist who teaches cancer biology, medical and genetics to University of Oxford students.

Professor Norbury's talk is titled '**From yeast and frogs to anti-cancer drugs**'. In this, Professor Norbury will be exploring the new mechanisms and insights that scientists are using to develop cancer drugs. Definitely not one to miss for those of you interested in research, genetics and cancer! The talk is on **Thursday 5th October, 6-7pm**.

To find out more visit <https://stepintooxmed.com/> and register your interest.

If you are unable to join, the seminar will be uploaded to <https://www.youtube.com/@stepintooxmed4768>

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## ASPIRING DOCTORS - FREE LIVE VIRTUAL GET INTO MEDICINE CONFERENCE

FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:

Sunday 24th September

Saturday 30th September

Saturday 7th October

Students and parents can register for free at this link: <https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-ucas-conference/>

All aspiring doctors in years 10-12 are invited to register.

These conferences offer tailored advice for medicine and dentistry, covering a range of crucial topics:

- Tactically choosing universities
- Personal statements
- UCAT
- Medical & Dental school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Building a CV
- Applying for scholarships

We encourage both students and parents to participate in these invaluable sessions.

Spaces are competitive and limited, so students should register as soon as they can using the link below. For this reason, we kindly request that students only book one conference.

Registration Link: <https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-ucas-conference/>