

WALLINGFORD SCHOOL SIXTH FORM NEWS

Term 1, Week 3:
22nd September 2023

Dear Year 12 and 13,

We have managed to get through our first assessment week of the academic year and we hope that you all feel that you have been able to show your teachers what you know.

Take some time this weekend to rest and recharge, but also reflect on your experiences from this week to help you consider what you could do next time to ease the pressure and prepare confidently and effectively.

To celebrate the end of assessment week, we completed our first mixed 12/13 team building events. It was fantastic to see so many of you enthusiastically participating in the activities and showing what happy and hardworking students you are!



6F Team

BARCELONA 2024

Thank you all for registering your interest for the Barcelona trip. This event is now oversubscribed, we will therefore be randomly selecting names for the trip next week and will let you know the final groupings in due course.

EVENTS COMING UP

Week Commencing 25th September:

Wednesday 27th September - Yr 13 EPQ sessions P1 and 2 in K16

Year 12 EPQ session P6 in B7

Friday 29th September - 6-a-side football 3:05-4pm

PSE Friday 29th September:

Year 12 - Finance

Year 13 - UCAS/Next steps

Updated information from the Year 12 and 13 tutor evenings can now be found on the VLE and School website under 6th Form area - information.



We wish a very **'Happy Birthday'** to Katie, Abigail and Tymur

We also wish a very **'Happy 18th Birthday'** to Erin and Fred

KAHOOT!

This weeks Kahoot winners are:

1st - Tegan 5298
2nd - Karla 4639
3rd - George T 4572



GNOMINATION

This week's gnomination goes to a student who has really impressed during team building activities today. Archie showed excellent sportsmanship and ensured that his whole team was included throughout. It's a little gnome fact that Gned and Gnora value these qualities so highly!



Parent notice

Notifying student absences

Please email 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 ILLNESS

We have noticed over the last few days a number of students signing out due to illness without following Sixth Form protocol. If you find yourself feeling unwell at school there are a few steps that need to be taken before we decide to send you home.

1. Speak to an adult in the Sixth Form office in the first instance.
2. Visit the school nurse for a quick check-in
3. If you are still feeling unwell Mrs Hornsby or Mrs Gardner-Brown will telephone home to ask for you to be collected.



STUDENT LANYARDS

Students are required to wear their school lanyards on the school site **at all times**. This is an important safeguarding requirement.

If you have lost or broken any part of you lanyard then inform the Sixth Form office where you can purchase replacement items for £1 a piece. A sign in sheet for study period is on the wall by the main Sixth Form entrance.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARD

Parents/carers of Year 12 will have received the information regarding how to sign up for the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. Please email dofe@wallingfordschool.com if you have any questions before signing up by **Monday 2nd October**.

With regards to transport to the expeditions, we will look into sorting out the transfer to the expeditions in Wales once we know the number of participants.



TEAM BUILDING

This morning, both Year 12 & 13 completed some teambuilding activities competing in their houses. Teams were on a rotation of benchball, a photo competition, a pub quiz and Mr Holton's 'hoops' game. It was great to see both year groups getting into both creative & competitive spirits & we look forward to revealing the winning house next week!



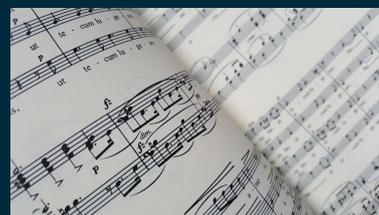
EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Decibels - Wallingford School senior choir meet on Tuesday lunchtimes in K3

Saxophone group - meet Wednesday lunchtimes in K2

String group - meet on Thursday lunchtimes in K2

6-a-side football - Thank you for your submitted team sheets. First matches will be **Friday 29th September**. Finish time 4pm.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR



Debating/MUN Club: New Year, New Arguments!

Whether you are passionate about politics, the environment, human rights or world peace; if you have an opinion about the world around you then Debate Club is for you!

New Time: Wednesday Lunch 12:45 – 13:20 in K7. Everyone welcome.

This week: With the news over the summer about Lucy Letby, the neonatal nurse who has been found guilty of murdering seven babies and attempting to kill six more, making her the worst child serial killer in modern British history; questions may be raised as to whether a life sentence is the right punishment for such a horrendous crime.

If you have a view about life imprisonment versus the death penalty (or would just like to challenge someone's opinion!), join me in K7 on Wednesday, bring along your facts and figures to back up your arguments.

Coming soon: ILYMUN (Lyon Model United Nations) Conference in Lyon, France Jan/Feb 2024 (date tbc)

We have applied for 10 places at this year's ILYMUN conference with the theme of **Rights and Freedoms**.

Rights and Freedoms are two interconnected notions that play a fundamental role in both individual and collective laws, as they are structural concepts of the UN. This year's conference will explore the implementation, integration, and impact of rights and freedoms around the world through various lenses.

Over the course of the conference, delegates will – in varying committees – thoroughly examine the intricacies that lie within the encompassing concepts of Rights and Freedoms. Together, they will work to analyse and understand this complex and crucial subject.

If you are interested in a place in the ILYMUN team, please come along to the debate on Wednesday in K7.

Any questions, please see (or email) Mrs N Jones.



EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

OXFORD BROOKES UNDERGRADUATE OPEN DAYS

Oxford Brookes University are holding undergraduate open days on **7th October** and **18th November** to give students and their parents and carers the opportunity to find out what it's like to be a student at Brookes and get an insight into their courses and the support they offer.

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



OXFORD BROOKES ENGAGE

Brookes Engage access programme is now open for eligible Year 12 students. The free programme gives you the opportunity to visit the campus, engage in subject sessions and access information, advice and guidance related to university applications and beyond.

<https://www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/brookes-engage>

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS INFORMATION

<https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/open-days>

Browse the university and college open day calendar to visit an institution you are interested in. Open days are sometimes called taster days or information days, and are a great opportunity to find out what studying at a particular university or college will be like. You'll be able to experience student life as well as discuss study options.

By clicking on a date and the institution you are interested in, you will be taken straight to a page where you can book your open day place. To search for a specific university's open days, visit the institution page and select the university you're interested in.



EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Get Into Medicine.

CONFERENCE



GET INTO MEDICINE CONFERENCE

Medic Mentor are running a series of one-day, online conferences for students aged 14 or above who are interested in becoming a doctor. They are taking place on **24th and 30th September** and **7th and 8th October** from 09:30-15:30. They will cover topics including the application process, UCAT & BMAT and how to gain work experience.

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/medicine-national-healthcare-weekend/>

IBM

CBRE

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BANKING GROUP



JLR

pwc

Deloitte.

Get Ahead; Know Your Options



GET AHEAD; KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

This Pathway CTM virtual event on **26th September** from 18:00-19:00 features Lloyds Banking Group, CBRE, IBM, JLR, PwC, & Deloitte. Attendees will learn what events you can attend, what work experience you can apply for, and what apprenticeships open from top brands this year.

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/get-ahead-know-your-options/>

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Oxfordshire CAREERS HUB | THE CAREERS & ENTERPRISE COMPANY | OxLEP Skills

North Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Fayre



**Thursday
12th October
4pm - 6pm**

at LOCK 29

A chance to find out more about apprenticeships at different levels and in a variety of areas.

BRITISH ARMY APPRENTICESHIPS

Tuesday 7th November, 16:00

As the Army celebrates it's 100th year of offering apprenticeships this year, this webinar aims to provide insight and guidance for young people leaving school on how they can access an amazing apprenticeship and career in the British Army.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/apprenticeships-with-the-british-army/>



UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD CHEMISTRY CONFERENCE

Thursday 28th September, 16:00-18:00

The University of Oxford Department of Chemistry are holding a conference for Year 12 and 13 students to find out more about the cutting edge research happening in the field of chemistry and the department.

<https://chem.web.ox.ac.uk/event/autumn-chemistry-conference-2023>

AQA Student Advisory Group

The AQA Student Advisory Group are a group of students who help to influence the direction of the exam board. Working alongside the Board of Trustees, you'll help guide decisions on question papers and the use of technology in assessment.

The experience you'll gain will give an excellent skill set that'll look impressive on any CV. You can also use AQA as a reference for university, college or employment.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/join-us/become-a-student-advisor>