

WALLINGFORD SCHOOL SIXTH FORM NEWS

Term 2, Week 1
3rd November 2023

Dear Year 12 and 13,

We hope you had a restful half term & we look forward to what's coming up in Term 2. It was wonderful to speak with so many parents and carers from Year 13 this week for our virtual Parent's evening. We are really proud of how focused and hardworking you are in your studies.

For Year 13, it is a busy time with UCAS applications & mastering the balancing act between these, ongoing studies and 6th Form life. For Year 12, as they are settling into 6th form life, we remind you of the broad enrichment provision that we have in 6th form including the introduction of Student Ambassadors.

Have a great weekend,

6F Team



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...

EVENTS COMING UP

Week Commencing 16th October:

Wednesday 8th November - EPQ sessions P1 and 2 in K16, EPQ session P6 in T3

PSE Friday 10th November - Year 12 and 13, Visiting speaker David Johnstone MP, Parliament Week

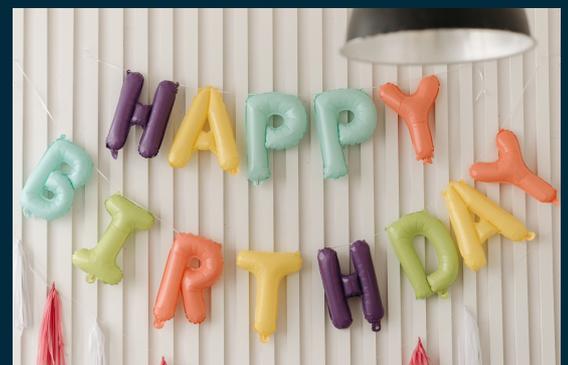
Upcoming dates:

GCSE English and Maths exams - W/C 6th and 13th November

Assessment Week - W/C 13th November 2023

Year 12 Parents evening - 30th November

Christmas Ball - Tuesday 19th December



We wish a very **'Happy Birthday'** to Ella, Oliver, Joseph and Annabel

We also wish a very **'Happy 18th Birthday'** to Timothy, Eleni and Daniel

KAHOOT!

This weeks Kahoot winners are:

1st - Sonny 13NJO

2nd - George 13VA

3rd - Jolleen 12TP

Please see Mrs G-B for your prize!



GNOMINATIONS

This weeks gnominations go to Emily D in year 12 for her outstanding contributions to the Livery award work and Peter C-C for a positive change in his attitude to learning, working hard towards his next steps and his achievements in rugby both in and out of school. Congratulations on making the Oxfordshire RFU U18's squad. Gned and Gnora are **egnomeously** proud of you both!



An email went out this week regarding arrangements for our Sixth Form Christmas Ball on Tuesday 19th December. The event will be held at The Oxford Belfry in Milton Common and will include reception drinks, a 3-course dinner and disco. Tickets can be purchased via ParentPay until Wednesday 15th November. Menu choices will be collected after this date. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact sixthform@wallingfordschool.com.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ANARCHIST - YEAR 13 DRAMA

Year 13 Drama here, if you came to watch, firstly THANK YOU! We had so much fun performing one of our A level set texts 'Accidental Death of Anarchist' By Dario Fo. Even if things didn't necessarily stay on script...the show must go on.

Thank you to all the teachers who helped put this play into action, we couldn't have done it without you (literally).



Eleni, Year 13

THORPE PARK FRIGHT NIGHT

A great evening was had by all on the last day of term, despite the weather! Thank you to Mr Harpin and the Social Committee for organising the event. It looks like a few extras made it back on the coach home!



REMINDER

**YEAR 12 GOLD DUKE OF
EDINBURGH STUDENTS TO MEET
MR HARPIN IN W7 AT 12:45PM
MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER**



RUGBY

Wednesday 1st November saw Wallingford School First XI team take on King Alfred's School in a tense 21-7 loss. Whilst the result wasn't exactly what we hoped for, we played well with some nice passing plays through our centers.

It was an overall good performance with plenty of chances to win throughout. It has given us things to think about and work on for future matches - Well done lads!



Jack and Archie - Year 12

Hockey and Netball tournaments

Some students in Year 12 are looking to host some Sixth Form Hockey and Netball Tournaments. If you are interested in playing please sign up on the 6F Noticeboard.

WALLINGFORD SCHOOL LIVE LOUNGE

Live Lounge on Monday 20th November in K1.

There is an opportunity for singers across all year groups to perform in this year's Live Lounge. If you would like to perform a solo or duet at this event please contact Beatrice Marshall by emailing 7209bmar@wallingfordschool.com

For those who would not like to perform, tickets will be sold at the door so come along and support the talent. The live lounge will start at 6:30pm and end by 8:00pm. All the profits will go towards this year's school musical - The Addams Family!

UCAS

Today is the deadline for UCAS applications. By now you should have your UCAS application all filled in and your personal statement final draft in Unifrog.

When your tutor has approved your personal statement, please cut and paste it onto your UCAS application, pay and send. We will process applications in the order in which they are sent to us. This involves adding your reference and predicted grades and the checking of the complete application by your tutor, a member for the 6th Form leadership team and Mr Marston. This takes some time with 130 students applying – hence the deadline.

If you are unsure about any universities or courses, or waiting for something, do talk to your tutor so that the application can be prepared and ready to send as soon as you have made your final decision. This should be in a minority of cases.

EXAMS NEXT WEEK

Next week there will be a number of students taking their GCSE exams. We ask all students to be mindful of being quiet near exam rooms and walking around school. We also wish the best of luck to those students taking their exams next week.



DISABLED TOILET

Please do not use the disabled toilet.

Please use the other toilets in the Sixth Form building that are located upstairs.

Thank you for your understanding.

Young Carers support group

The young carers support group will be running weekly on Wednesdays at lunchtime in B12. A young carer is someone under the age of 18 who helps to care for a family member, relative or friend. If you feel like this could be you, pop along to B12 to say 'Hi'.

UK PARLIAMENT WEEK

Next week is Parliament Week and there will be a variety of activities running through the week, culminating in a visit from David Johnston, MP for Wallingford. He will be talking to us in PSHE and there will be an opportunity for Q & A – please put your questions in the ballot box in 6th form by Thursday morning.

This Is Your Chance To Make A Difference!

Our MP, David Johnston, is coming to Wallingford School to answer all your questions on Friday 10th October during PSHE.

Ask any question you like and submit it in the box in sixth form centre



David Johnston

David Mervyn Johnston (born 27 November 1981) is a British politician who has served as parliamentary under-secretary of state for children, families and wellbeing since August 2023. A member of the conservative party, he has been the member of Parliament for Wantage since 2019. On 6 July 2022, he resigned from his position as Parliamentary Private Secretary at the Department for Education amid the Chris Pincher scandal which led to Boris Johnson's resignation as Prime Minister.

What should we ask him?

Here are some examples...

"SHOULD UNIVERSITY FEES BE SCRAPPED?"

"SHOULD PUBLIC TRANSPORT BE FREE FOR CERTAIN UNDER AGE GROUPS?"

"SHOULD WE BE CALLING FOR A CEASE FIRE IN GAZA?"

"SHOULD WE BE PUTTING MORE PRESSURE ON PUTIN?"

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Study in Australia - Student Fair

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/study-in-australia-student-fair-11th-november-2023-1pm-5pm-tickets-423511232497

This event on 11th November from 13:00-17:00 will take place at the Rembrandt Hotel in London and is an opportunity for students to meet with representatives from 11 of the top universities in Australia.

National School Leaver Show

The National School Leaver Show will take place on 14th and 15th November at Ascot Racecourse and will be showcasing exhibitors from across the south of the UK. The show will include apprenticeships, higher education, entry level roles and information about careers and general employment.

<https://www.nsclshow.co.uk/south/>

Skills London Job Show

Skills London jobs and careers fair for 14-24-year-olds and their families will be held at ExCeL London on 24th and 25th November, offering up to 35,000 live jobs, training and apprenticeships under one roof. The fair is free to attend and connects you with over 100 potential employers, education and skills providers to give practical advice and information.

<https://www.excel.london/whats-on/skills-london-2023>

SkillBuild Final and Showcase

Students interested in a career in construction can be inspired by watching finalists complete in the Skillbuild national final, take part in have a go activities and watch demonstrations in the construction showcase at the Marshall Arena in Milton Keynes on 22nd November 2023 from 10:00-15:00.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/skillbuild-national-final-2023-tickets-689895324487>

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Green Careers with EDF Energy

Green and Low Carbon Energy Apprenticeships: Green Careers with EDF Energy

Tuesday 7th November, 11:00am – 12:00pm

EDF Energy is a leading energy provider that powers homes and business across the UK. With a strong commitment to innovation and sustainability, EDF has innovated cutting-edge technology aimed at reducing carbon emissions and promoting renewable energy sources, and is empowering a new generation of green professionals through their apprenticeship schemes.

For this session students will have the opportunity to hear from the following speakers:

- Dominic Blythe, EDF Early Careers Group Head, Nuclear Skills Alliance
- Scarlet Smith, Project Controls Apprentice, Level 3
- Max Bosley, Nuclear Engineering Degree Apprentice, Level 6

They will share information about opportunities at EDF, including the Apprenticeship programmes, as well as advice on securing these opportunities. They will also provide an overview on the future of green jobs and why it is an exciting field to consider.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsdurrjgsEtzLoAAg3VqVurS9RBzK0TuK#/registration>

Green Transformation and Careers in the Automotive Sector

Wednesday 8th November, 9:30 – 10:30am

Green careers in the automotive sector have taken the fast lane to prominence. With the industry's growing commitment to sustainability and eco-friendliness, these careers have become essential and impactful.

In partnership with the Institute of Motor Industry (IMI), students will hear from automotive professionals who'll explore the skills needs within the sector and the exciting careers it offers. Students will also gain expert insights into green developments in automotive, from innovating electric cars of the future to training opportunities that will ready a new generation of highly skilled and environmentally conscious professionals.

Students will hear from the following speakers:

- Tom Denton – Automotive Technical training Author and Lecturer
- Joanna Hollingdale – IMI Careers Manager
- Justin Bennett – IMI Careers education outreach and engagement officer (former Apprentice)
- TBC – Apprentice, former skills competition gold medallist

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpduuhrD8uGtMmQLo-F-JEf2rWWXT-El5n#/registration>

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Introduction to Law with TLT

TLT LLP is holding an interactive virtual work experience until 5th November, which involves an introduction to litigation law, real estate law and commercial law and includes certification upon completion. This opportunity is open to students aged 13+.

<https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/legal-careers-with-tlt/WEXP-00114>

BP Apprenticeship Series

This virtual miniseries for Year 10-13 students starts on 28th November from 18:30-19:30 with an 'all about apprenticeships' session, which gives an opportunity to meet with current apprentices and take part in a live Q&A. This is followed by an online application assessments session on 12th December and an assessment centers session on 9th January.

https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/c20689e7-bc15-4696-82e6-ae21190cf49@182a8b31-3dab-4b92-8bb8-9526911aeba0?goal=0_075a5d0dae-4e25351f99-212152423&mc_cid=4e25351f99&mc_eid=884a42d907

Apprenticeship Accelerator

RateMyApprenticeship are holding this virtual event on 17:00-19:30 on 30th November for students to hear from some of their 'UK's Best Apprenticeship Employers', meet current apprentices and get the low down on how to apply for an apprenticeship and what it's like to work as an apprentice.

<https://apprenticeshipaccelerator.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/>