

WALLINGFORD SCHOOL SIXTH FORM NEWS

Term 2, Week 4
24th November 2023

Dear Year 12 and 13,

It is always a pleasure to include 6th Form achievements in this newsletter. Hopefully, most students will feel a sense of achievement as they get their results back from last week's assessment week. Sometimes it feels like an achievement just to get through a day when we are waking up in the dark with the rain! It is much easier to accept dark nights in December when we have things to look forward to, such as Winter Wonderland and the Christmas Ball!

Have a restful and pleasant 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 27th November:

Tuesday 28th November – Winter Wonderland 6F Trip

Wednesday 29th November – EPQ sessions P1 and 2 in K16, EPQ session P6 in T3

Wednesday 29th November – World Challenge 2025 Parents/Students meeting (Online)

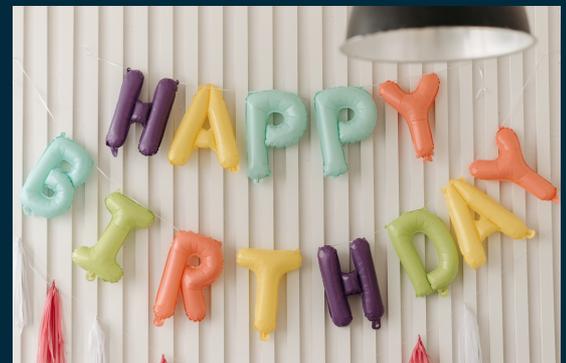
Thursday 30th November – Year 12 Parents Evening

PSE Friday 1st December: Year 12 and 13 – Progress reports and RAP reflections.

Upcoming dates:

Christmas Ball – **Tuesday 19th December**

End of term – **Wednesday 20th December, 12:40pm**



We wish a very **'Happy Birthday'** to Thea, Emily, Jack, Amanta, Dylan, Lauren and Millie.

We also wish a very **'Happy 18th Birthday'** to Jessica, Anna and Eve.

KAHOOT!

This weeks Kahoot winners are:

1st – Nathan 12 LMU/PRB

2nd – Peter 13 CHS/LR

3rd – Leah 13 TMG

Please see
Mrs G-B for
your prize!



GNOMINATIONS

This weeks gnominations go to 2 students who have shown great initiative and support with their work outside of their studies.

Harry C in year 12 has had a great impact in his Subject Ambassador role supporting classes in year 8. His contributions have been greatly received by both the students and teachers.

George B in year 13 has used his initiative and sporting interest to help create a league table for the popular 6-a-side football club on a Friday afternoon with Mr Harpin.

Gned and Gnora are **egnomously** proud of both – keep up the great work!



YEAR 12 PARENTS EVENING

Like previous years, the Year 12 Parents evening will be a virtual event. Parents will be able to book appointments from Monday 27th November, 5pm until Thursday 30th November, 12pm. Appointments will last no longer than 10 minutes per subject. A separate email has been sent with further information on how to login and book. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Sixth Form office.

WARHAMMER BAKE SALE



Students in the popular Warhammer club donned their baking caps and baked a feast of delicious cakes and cookies this week. There was a lot of excitement over what was on offer with all money raised going towards more resources for the club. Well done to Fred and Thomas for organising such a delicious treat!

YEAR 7 READERS WANTED

Your help is needed to support Year 7s read, promote a love of books or even share a story/text with them. If this is something that you might be interested in, please speak to Mr Harpin or Mrs Gardner-Brown.

UNISCOOP COMPETITION

Got a topic that you love? Want to share your ideas to a wider audience?

https://www.uniscoops.com/c/writing-competitionfbclid=IwAR2S0g0MZzX4BWuqOIE6iS0XebfaSaExZWHuDFe9NM6_r6WAGsM7PIkHPRU

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!

The Year 12 Food Science and Nutrition students had their mock practical exam on 20th November. They had to prepare a 3 course meal and plate up 2 dishes of each course. This had to be completed in 3.5 hours so it involved detailed planning to maximize the time available. I was really impressed with the high level of the dishes they produced, which showed a wide range of skills including portioning a whole chicken, stock making, pasta making, breadmaking and pastry making. The presentation skills shown were exceptional with accurate piping, homemade chocolate decorations and spun sugar work. Congratulations to them all.



Ms Ward

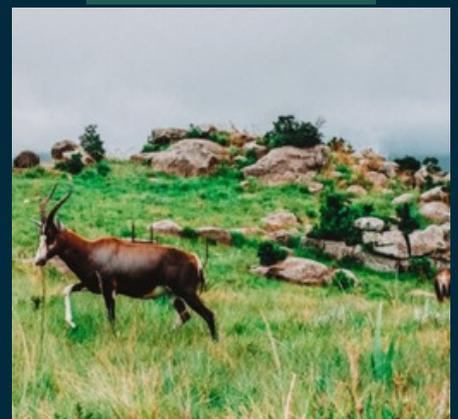


EXPEDITION TO ESWATINI

World Challenge 2025 was launched to Year 12 during assembly today. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to get involved with. 2025 will see students travel to Eswatini for 13 nights where they will get to experience the Lubombo trail, support a local community initiative and end with a safari through Hlane Royal National Park.

For further information, Parents and Students are invited to join a virtual information evening on Wednesday 29th November at 7:30pm. Please sign up using the link below.

<https://weareworldchallenge.com/trips/e3ngkl/>



EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

DoE volunteering opportunities: Wallingford Wolves, Tag Rugby for people with special needs

The Wolves, part of Wallingford RFC, are a special needs Tag rugby team for young people and we could really use your help.

Our players learn all the physical skills associated with Tag rugby like running, throwing, and catching and also develop social and personal skills such as teamwork, discipline, and resilience.

If you are interested in joining us and would like to come down for a training session, please contact John Peel at johndpeel64@gmail.com. **Training sessions will run from 11am on Sundays at the Hithercroft Sports Park.**



UNIVERSITY GUIDES AND VIDEOS

www.unitasterdays.com/university-support-for-schools/university-resources

UniTasterDays have created guides to university for students, parents/carers and teachers, as well as impartial subject videos, which introduce studying a range of different subjects at university to help students make informed university subject choices.

CONVERSATIONS ON CONFLICT

The 2023/24 Conversations on Conflict competition is open to 9-18 year olds until 24th May 2024. This year's question for reflection is '**How does war affect people's lives?**' and invites entrants to share their thoughts using poetry, art, speech and song.

<https://www.neversuchinnocence.com/competition-rules>

GET INTO THEATRE

<https://getintothetheatre.org>

The Get Into Theatre website has lots of information and advice about jobs and careers in the theatre, route in and ideas for next steps.

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OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE INTERVIEW PREPARATION SESSIONS

These sessions are for are for Year 13 applicants to the University of Oxford (or Cambridge) and are designed to help them prepare for the interview process.

Live Demo. Academic Interviews Online

<https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/oxford-for-north-east-demonstration-interviews-registratio>

This is a live 20-minute interview led by Oxford staff with a current Oxford student, in two sample subjects, one Humanities, one Sciences. Students can watch the interview happening, then comment and ask questions real-time using slido (they won't need to speak). These take place on 22nd (History) and 29th (Physical Sciences) November from 12:20-13:00.

Trinity College Interview Workshops

<https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/trinity-college-oxford-interview-workshops-2023-registrati>

The first half of these 90 minute online workshops covers the context, format and content of interviews, the second half consists of subject-specific breakout rooms led by ambassadors from Trinity College, who take those subjects, on how to prepare, what to expect and tackling subject-specific sample interview questions. There are 4 sessions, arranged by subject, which take place from 16:00-17:30 from 27th to 30th November.

WE'RE HIRING WITH RARE!

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/were-hiring-with-rare-2023-tickets-745141497277

This this virtual event with games studio Rare on 6th December from 18:00-19:30 students can find out about their new paid internships, what it's like to work in the studio, who you would be working with and what it takes to get hired. They can meet some of the staff and get tips on how to land that dream job.

FREE SCRIPT WRITING COURSE

www.bbc.co.uk/writers/opportunities/young-writers-national

Pentabus, rural theatre company are offering a free 6 month scriptwriting course for those aged 16-30. Through a series of online evening sessions, participants will work with experienced writers and directors to develop a short script, which will be produced and performed. Deadline to apply: 4th December.

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CHEMISTRY CONFERENCE AT TRINITY COLLEGE

The Department of Chemistry is hosting its first Christmas Chemistry Conference for Year 12-13 students - A Quantum Christmas Robin - on **12th December from 15:45-16:45 at Trinity College.**

In this lecture, Professor Peter Hore FRS will discuss the theory that the birds' magnetic compass relies on a quantum mechanism in their eyes that is much more sensitive than previously thought possible. This work could have major implications for conservation, navigation and how we think about the robins and other small songbirds we see in our gardens.

www.chem.ox.ac.uk/event/the-christmas-quantum-robin

APPRENTICESHIP AND SCHOOL LEAVERS PROGRAMMES

Evelyn Partners

www.evelyn.com/careers/early-careers

Evelyn Partners are the UK's leading integrated wealth management and professional services group. They have a range of school leaver programmes available to start in 2024 and are running regular insight sessions for students to find out more.

Accenture

www.accenture.com/gb-en/careers/local/apprenticeships

Applications are open from now until February 2024 for Accenture's Consulting Degree Apprenticeship based in London or Technology Apprenticeship scheme across London, Newcastle, Birmingham and Manchester.