

# Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 3, Week 1: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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6<sup>th</sup> Form



## A message from the 6f team:

Happy New Year!

We have really hit the ground running in 6<sup>th</sup> form this week, getting straight back into the swing of school life after a lengthy Christmas break. Thank you to Year 13 who helped this morning at the Year 11 transition event. It is very valuable for Year 11 students to hear from current 6<sup>th</sup> form students about subjects that they are studying to make informed decisions on choices. Elsewhere, Year 12 have had a talk from a representative from the University of Sheffield, providing a valuable insight to what university can offer as a potential next step beyond 6<sup>th</sup> form. Please take a moment to read through the number of notices & upcoming opportunities in this week's newsletter; there is a lot going on!

The 6<sup>th</sup> Form Team

## Events coming up:

### Week Commencing 15<sup>th</sup> January

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 6pm in the Main Hall** – Student Finance Talk for Year 13 Parents. **(Parents Only)**

### **PSE for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January:**

Year 12 – The Importance of Sleep

Year 13 – Student Finance Talk

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January, Year Group Photos:**

Y13 – 10am, Y12 – 10:30am

### Events coming up:

Assessment Week – w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Staff INSET Day – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

School Production of *The Addams Family* – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February & Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Year 12 D of E Gold Training Day – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February

## Important information & News



**We wish a Happy Birthday to Ben, Harry & Annabel and a very Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Samuel!**



### Lanyards

For safeguarding purposes and to ensure that attendance is being recorded accurately, it is essential that students and staff are wearing lanyards at all times when in school. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Enrichment Lectures

January is a time of year when it can all seem a bit dreary and we are craving for some light. The staff at Wallingford School would like to enlighten you with some of their knowledge and so we have put together a short programme of brief talks on a variety of subjects about which members of staff are knowledgeable and passionate. The talks will take place in the Sixth Form Common Room from 3.15 until 3.45 pm with a little time for questions. You can pick and choose which ones you come to, but there will be a coveted certificate for the students who attend all of the lectures.

Date	Lecture: What do I really need to know about...
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	<b><u>Psychological Disorders: Risk and Resilience</u></b> In this talk we will look at the risk factors and protective factors of psychological disorders, as well as how we can investigate these disorders. This will include the use of genetic and twin studies.  Miss Hughes

<p><b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b></p>	<p><b><u>The link between 9/11 and the Iraq war</u></b></p> <p>This talk examines the Bush administration and the link between the terrorist attacks of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 with the Iraq War that began in 2003.</p> <p>Mr Harpin</p>
<p><b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b></p>	<p><b><u>The life and career of Sir Neville Marriner</u></b></p> <p>In this talk we look at the life and career of Sir Neville Marriner, founder of the Academy of St Martin in the Fields (see <a href="http://www.asmf.org">www.asmf.org</a>) with his centenary coming up on 15/4/24. This would be of particular interest to classically-inclined musicians.</p> <p>The talk will include 10 short musical extracts to give a flavour of this great musician's scope.</p> <p>Mr Dawson</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p><b><u>The British Monarchy</u></b></p> <p>An unbiased and balanced look at the relevance of the Monarchy in 21st Century Britain.</p> <p>Mr Bowen</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>	<p><b><u>"My Constitutional Rights!"</u></b></p> <p>What is the American Constitution that we hear so much about? A beginner's guide to the feat of the Founding Fathers and their legacy.</p> <p>Ms Mummery</p>

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### **2024 Elections – get your photo ID for free!**

This year is a big year for elections around the globe, including in the UK. You will need to have photo ID in order to be able to vote. Please follow this link to enable you to get free photo ID:

[Apply for photo ID to vote \(called a 'Voter Authority Certificate'\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

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### **Debate Club: Wednesdays K7 12.25-13.20 (bring your lunch)**

The New Year brings a new debating challenge. This term we will be focusing on preparing for the European Youth Parliament Competition (at the end of February). In the regional round, we will need to prepare defence and attack speeches on current affairs topics such as "how can governments protect their most vulnerable citizens during the energy crisis?" and "what can member states do to ensure the safety of young people following the increasing occurrence of spiking?".

To be part of the team, or to just come and have your say on these and other topical debates, come along to K7 on Wednesdays. All welcome.

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### **Barcelona Trip**

There are two information meetings coming up for the students who are going on the Barcelona trip in February. These are:

Students only: Wednesday 17th January - during registration in the Sixth Form Common Room

Students and Parents: Monday 22nd January 6pm - Main Hall

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### **Year 13 Exam Timetables**

The individual mock exam timetables will be given out to students during registration on Thursday 18th January.

The summer exam timetable will be available on the school website from next week so that you can plan your summer, book time off work and organise your revision.

## Want more Enrichment Lectures?

There are some amazing public talks coming up this term from Oxford University, Mansfield College. Take a look at their website: <https://www.mansfield.ox.ac.uk/mansfield-college-public-talks>

## Current Affairs Kahoot This Week

Well done to the following for making the podium of this week's current affairs Kahoot quiz:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Tabby 12YH (6468)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Charlotte 12TP (6205)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Molly 12DBO (5528)

Please see Mr Harpin for your prize!

## Thank You Year 13!

A huge Thank You to Year 13 for their time this morning at the Year 11 Transition event. Thank you for bringing all your files and books and for talking so enthusiastically to the students. The feedback has been really positive.



## Year 12 Introduction to Higher Education Talk

This morning we welcomed a representative from the University of Sheffield to speak to Year 12 about the overall idea of university and higher education. This was a very informative talk filled with up to date information for students to reflect upon as they start to consider their next steps.



## New Medical Society

A big thank you to Emily in Year 12 who has set up a Medical Society for students aspiring to study Medicine. Please see the poster for more details. The society will be meeting on Tuesday lunchtimes in W7.

**WALLINGFORD SCHOOL**  
**MEDICAL SOCIETY**

Have you ever been curious about what a career in healthcare entails, have questions about the medicine application process, or love biology? The medical society is the perfect place for you!

Come to learn about medicine and allied healthcare professions as well as other fields such as biomedical science and biochemistry.

There will also be opportunities to improve your presentation and debate skills.

**TUESDAY LUNCHTIMES IN W7**

**OPEN TO YEARS 10-13**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT EMILY D (Y12) : 8552edun@wallingfordschool.com

# Useful Opportunities

## Apprenticeships – Starting Dates in September 2024

### **Year 11 to Year 13 – Martin Baker Aircraft Company Ltd – Apply asap**

Mechanical Engineering Apprenticeships available Level 3, Level 4 and Level 6 (Degree). For more information and to apply please follow the link below:

[Martin Baker](#)

### **Year 13 – Degree Apprenticeships with PwC – Closing date 31<sup>st</sup> January**

To find out more about this Accounting Degree Apprenticeship please follow the link below:

[Flying Start](#)

### **Year 13 – Degree and Higher Apprenticeships with STFC (Science & Technology Facilities based at Rutherford Appleford Lab, Didcot) – Closing date in February**

To find out more about their Degree Digital and Technology Solutions Apprenticeship and the Higher Apprenticeship in DevOps please follow the link below:

[UKRI](#)

### **Year 13 – Degree Apprenticeship with Oxford University Hospitals – Closing date 28<sup>th</sup> February**

To find out more about this Degree Apprenticeship in Biomedical Science please follow the link below:

<https://www.ouh.nhs.uk/working-for-us/jobs/#!/job/v5918684>

## Work Experience

### **Year 11 to Year 13 – Oxford University Hospitals – One week**

The Work Experience can be in Life Sciences that allows students to get a taster of all the pathology disciplines within Healthcare Science (microbiology, histopathology, clinical biochemistry, haematology, immunology, genetics) or Microbiology only in which students spend the week getting a full picture of bacteria, viruses, parasites and more and how we diagnose and provide details of treatment.

For either of these experiences students will be asked to provide an email (covering letter) detailing why they would like to undertake the programme, a one-page CV snapshot and the potential dates they would like to attend. We do our utmost to accommodate specific dates, but if there is a little flexibility, it would be hugely appreciated. That way we hope not to disappoint. We require a minimum 8 weeks' notice to be able to support, so get applications in early! This should be sent to the following email: [microbiology.admin@ouh.nhs.uk](mailto:microbiology.admin@ouh.nhs.uk)

### **Engineering Apprenticeship information Open Events for students and Parents/Carers**

The Engineering Trust has arranged Open Events with 7 different Employers from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> February. Please see the link below for details:

<https://www.theengineeringtrust.org/apprenticeships/naw24/>

## Apprenticeship information online

**All Year Groups** – Apprenticeship webinar for Parents/Carers/Students to be held online Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 18.00 to 19.00. For more information and to register to attend please follow the link below and click on “Upcoming Events”:

<https://careersliveuk.com/partner/oxfordshire-careers-hub/>

**All Year Groups** – and Parent/Carers – Army Apprenticeship Webinar

This webinar on **16<sup>th</sup> January from 18:30-19:30** will cover apprenticeships in the British Army and the bursaries and scholarships that are available to support students, including STEM, music and medical bursaries. Attendees will be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher. Please follow the link below to register.

[Registration Link](#)

### **Year 12 – Insight into Deloitte Programmes**

This virtual event on **1<sup>st</sup> February from 18:00-19:00** is for **Year 12 students** to get an insight into the programmes Deloitte offer. They will also have the chance to network with potential employers and get a certificate for attending. Please follow the link to register:

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/deloitte-aspire/>

### **Year 13 – Higher Apprenticeships with the National Grid**

Applications are now open throughout the UK in the following roles:

Finance  
Asset Management  
Network Engineering  
Network Control  
Substation  
Procurement  
Project Management  
Cyber and Telecoms  
Power System Engineering  
Network Outage Planning

For more information please follow the link:

[National Grid](#)

### **Year 13 – Apprenticeships with Marsh McLennan – Students need 96 UCAS Points**

Applications are now open for various locations in the UK in the following areas:

Business Admin  
Insurance Practitioner  
Finance  
Customer Service  
Business Support  
Broking  
Consulting  
Management

For more information please follow the link:

[Marsh McLennan](#)

