

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 3, Week 2: 19th January 2024

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6th Form



A message from the 6f team:

This week we welcomed Mrs Lutunatabua to the Sixth Form Team as our new Sixth Form Supervisor. She has enjoyed getting to know some of the students and will be a huge support with independent study, working with individuals and year groups to assist with working habits. We wish Mrs Gardner-Brown well in her new post with Year 7s in school. With an assessment week coming up it has been good to see Sixth Formers using their time wisely to prepare, particularly those who sat a series of formal BTEC exams last week. We have also had Enrichment Lectures, the launch of Year 12 Learning Mentors and a very informative Student Finance talk from the University of Sheffield. We hope you have a lovely weekend processing all this new information and look forward to seeing you next week.

The 6th Form Team

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 22nd January

Assessment Week – w/c 22nd January

Barcelona Trip Meeting for students, parents/carers –

Monday 22nd January 6pm Main Hall

History Trip to London – Monday 22nd January

PSE for Friday 26th January:

Year 12 & Year 13: Holocaust Educational Trust

Events coming up:

Staff INSET Day – Wednesday 31st January

School Production of *The Addams Family* – Wednesday

31st January, Friday 2nd February & Saturday 3rd Feb

Year 12 D of E Gold Training Day – Sunday 4th February

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Emilia and a very Happy 18th Birthday to Amelie and 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

The first Enrichment Lecture took place on Tuesday when Mrs Hughes gave a really interesting lecture about risks and resilience in relation to psychological disorders.

This week Mr Harpin will be talking about the Iraq War and the link with the events of 9/11.

Everyone is invited to these short talks which aim to develop our knowledge and curiosity about a wide range of subject areas.

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...
Wednesday 24th January	<p><u>The link between 9/11 and the Iraq war</u></p> <p>This talk examines the Bush administration and the link between the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001 with the Iraq War that began in 2003.</p> <p>Mr Harpin</p>
Thursday 1st February	<p><u>The life and career of Sir Neville Marriner</u></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 www.asmf.org) 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>
Tuesday 6th February	<p><u>The British Monarchy</u></p> <p>An unbiased and balanced look at the relevance of the Monarchy in 21st Century Britain.</p> <p>Mr Bowen</p>
Tuesday 20th February	<p><u>"My Constitutional Rights!"</u></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>

Barcelona Trip



There is an information meeting coming up for students who are going on the Barcelona trip in February.

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

Exam Timetables

Year 13 students have now received their mock timetables via their tutors.

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>

Year 12 Learning Mentors



As mentioned in Friday's assembly, we are looking for volunteers to be 1:1 Learning Mentors for Year 5 or Year 6 students at St John's Primary School. Please email Mrs Lutunatabua ([lutunatabuaa@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:lunatabuaa@wallingfordschool.com)) to express interest in this exciting opportunity. The cut-off date for sign is Friday 26th January.



Year 13 Finance Talk



The feedback from the Year 13 parents and carers who braved the cold on Thursday evening to hear the talk on student finance was good. The powerpoint is available on Edulink and VLE. This morning we welcomed Joe from the University of Sheffield again to deliver a similar talk to Year 13 and hope that the arrangements around Student Finance are clearer. Applications are usually made late February/March. Keep your eye on the gov.uk website and we will provide further information in PSHE.

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.

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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

Job Opportunity



Saturday Manager Vacancy

Saturdays 08.30 - 17.15
£12.65/hr

We are looking to recruit a young person (18+) to help run our community shop and small tea room every Saturday from the end of January 2024.

Applicants should have good interpersonal skills and enjoy working as part of a small team

Email your CV to Sarah: srhmaine@aol.com

Closing date: 17 January 2024

www.ewelmevillagestore.co.uk

Engineering Apprenticeship

Navtech Radar

On Wednesday the 7th of February we will be opening the doors of our radar production facility in Grove and inviting anyone who has an interest in finding out more about apprenticeships in engineering to come along.

Attendees will have the opportunity to talk through potential career opportunities with a team of experienced engineers offering industry expert advice, while receiving a behind-closed-doors tour of where Navtech's award-winning radars are built.

Please could I ask if there is any way that you can share this information with those age groups who may be considering their options once secondary school is over?

For more information on the evening and how to book please click the link:

<https://navtechradar.com/event/apprenticeship-careers-open-evening-2024/>

