

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 3, Week 3: 26th January 2024

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A message from the 6f team:

Well done to all students for making it through another assessment week. We encourage all students to make the most of the feedback that they receive to move their learning forward. Elsewhere, today's assembly & PSE marked Holocaust Memorial Day. Please see more details below for an opportunity for Year 12 linked with this. We wish the very best of luck to 6th form students involved in the production of *The Addams Family*, which kicks off next week – tickets are still available and it promises to be spooktastic!

The 6th Form Team

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 29th January

Staff INSET Day – Wednesday 31st January

PSE for Friday 2nd February

Year 12 & Year 13: Visiting Speaker – Nick Palmer (former Labour MP) on life as an MP.

Events coming up:

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

Last day of Term 3 – Friday 9th February

Start of Term 4 – Monday 19th February

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Ashley, Illia and Eric and a very Happy 18th Birthday to Aine, Robert, Matthew G, Jonathan, Matthew L and Aimee!



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 second Enrichment Lecture took place on Wednesday when Mr Harpin gave a really interesting lecture about the Iraq War and its link with the events of 9/11.

This week, Mr Dawson will be talking about the life and career of Sir Neville Marriner, founder of the Academy of St Martin in the Fields.

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...

<p>Thursday 1st February</p>	<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>
<p>Tuesday 6th February</p>	<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>
<p>Tuesday 20th February</p>	<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>

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. Daily absences can also be reported directly to Sixth Form office line, which is 01491 829702.

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



Thank you to those of you who expressed an interest in becoming a Learning Mentor. There will be a meeting next week to finalise details, with a proposed start date Friday 2nd February.



Year 12 Reading Buddies

Thank you to the Year 12 students who volunteered to take part in the Year 7 reading buddies scheme. Please come to a meeting during form time on Thursday 1st February in the library.

Lessons from Auschwitz – An Opportunity for Year 12

We have managed to secure 2 places for the trip below. The cost is £59 for everything including flights. If you would like to participate, please check the dates below & submit an expression of interest to Mr Harpin, explaining why you would like to take part in this project. Please submit this by the end of **Wednesday 31st January**.

Lessons from Auschwitz will offer students the unique opportunity to learn about the history of the Holocaust through a bespoke online learning environment, accessing artefacts, text, film, and a one-day Visit to Poland to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum. Students will consider the individuals whose lives were affected by the Holocaust and the relevance of the Holocaust today by:

- Taking part in two online seminars, led by experts in the history of the Holocaust and Holocaust education
- Hearing directly from Holocaust survivors, who will share their personal experiences, including during a live survivor testimony and Q&A
- Participating in a one-day Visit to Poland
- Considering the relevance of this history in today's world
- Sharing what they have learnt within their school and wider community.

All *Lessons from Auschwitz* participants will be required to join two online seminars, and complete self-guided modules – all available via our LFA Online platform. At the end of the project they will devise their own initiative (their 'Next Steps') through which they can share what they've learnt and encourage others to ensure the Holocaust is remembered.

All online seminars last approximately 2.5 hours. At least one of these seminars will take place on a Sunday. Independent, online learning will be completed in the student's own time, and modules should take approximately 2.5 hours to complete in total. All projects take place over 9-10 days.

Participating students will require access to a computer, laptop or handheld device (tablet) to complete the independent learning journey and attend online seminars. Prior to the Project, all participants will receive an educational pack in the post, including hard copy materials. Students will still be able to take part in the Project without a smartphone.

Project Details

Orientation Seminar: Sunday 25th February 2024 (Online Seminar)

One-day Visit to Poland: Tuesday 5th March 2024 (London Stansted Airport)

Follow-up Seminar: Monday 11th March 2024 (Online Seminar)

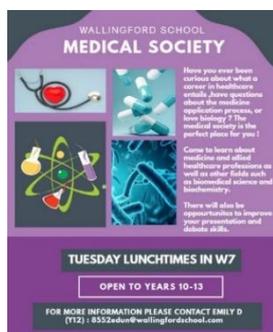
Next Steps Deadline: Monday 22nd April 2024

Holocaust Memorial Day Assembly



We would like to say a big thank you to Tilly & Katie in Year 13 for leading on this morning's assembly to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. Both students shared their experience of their trip to Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and what they discovered through the programme.

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.

Useful Opportunities

Job Opportunity



Exploring Entrepreneurship

Thursday 8 February 2024
17.00 - 19.30 at The Abbey School RG1 5DZ

17.00 - Student Fair and meet the Entrepreneurs
18.00 - Talk by Sir John Madejski OBE DL DLitt
18.45 - Breakout discussions and networking



Sign Up Here

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/>

Army Apprenticeship Webinar

At this webinar on 1st February from 16:00-17:00, attendees will hear about the range of apprenticeship opportunities for individuals looking to start a career in the British Army.

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

Diamond Light Source

www.diamond.ac.uk/Careers/Students/Schools-Work-Experience.html

Diamond Light Source's annual work experience programme offers a number of placements to school/college students in Years 10-13. The 2024 placements will take place from **8th -12th July**.

Applications close: **18th February**

Insight into Investec – 12th to 25th February

www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/insight-into-investec/WEXP-00225

This programme is an opportunity for **students aged 16+** to explore the world of banking and finance with Investec, a world-renowned international banking organisation that provides services to individuals and businesses.

Deadline to apply: **8th February.**

Airbus Aerospace Work Experience – 13th February

www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/aerospace-work-experience/WEXP-00043

This virtual work experience day is an opportunity for students to hear from the people who make Airbus the company that it is and complete activities in various departments to get a feel of what department is most interesting to them.

Solicitor Apprenticeship

Are you considering a career in law?

Osborne Clarke are looking for Solicitor Apprentices to join in Reading in September, 2024. Solicitor Apprenticeships offer the opportunity to study an undergraduate law degree and train as a Solicitor whilst earning a salary, without the cost associated with going to university.

Find out more at our open evening for students and parent/carers:

DATE: Tuesday 20th February 2024, 5.30pm

VENUE: Osborne Clarke, No. 3 Forbury Place, Forbury Road, Reading, RG1 3JH

To secure your place, sign up here - <https://forms.office.com/e/Zg6MnWMrnY>

Additional information can be found online at - <https://www.osborneclarke.com/solicitor-apprenticeship/>

University Opportunity

**Study
in
the
North**

Webinar & live Q&A

29th February 2024

17.30-18.30

Register for Zoom link

Considering moving somewhere new for uni? This session is run by students and staff from a range of Northern Universities, designed for students who do not know the area. Discover the huge range of opportunities and benefits that come from studying in the region:

