

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 4, Week 1: 23rd February, 2024

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A message from the 6f team:

We wish Year 13 the best of luck with their mock exams over the coming two weeks. There has been a very focused atmosphere this week, and the Year 13s have utilised the after school study sessions well. We hope that their hard work pays off.

For PSE this week, discussions were held across 6F about revision and various methods which will serve as useful tools for upcoming assessment week.

The 6th Form Team

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 26th February

Year 13 Mock Exams 26th Feb – 5th Mar

Study Leave except for BTEC and Textiles classes

A Level Languages Day @ Oxford University 1st March

PSE for Friday 1st March

Year 12 – Unifrog – Next Steps

Year 13 – N/A (Study Leave)

Events coming up:

Year 12 Assessment Week 4th March - 8th March

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Maia, Erin, Emily, Jonathan and Oscar and a very Happy 18th Birthday to Hannah and Ben.



Enrichment Lectures

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...
DATE TBC	<u>British Monarchy</u>

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>

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.

Barcelona Trip



Our sixth form trip to Barcelona was an unforgettable adventure from start to finish. Despite the early 2am wake-up call, the excitement was palpable as we embarked on our journey from Wallingford to Gatwick Airport. Flying to Barcelona felt like a dream come true, especially with the sun shining brightly upon our arrival. Upon reaching the city, we hopped onto a coach and made our way to the hostel. With swinging chairs, a games room, and even a photo booth, it was the perfect place to kick off our exploration of this vibrant city.



During our time in Barcelona, we immersed ourselves in the rich culture and stunning architecture the city had to offer. Visiting Gaudi's masterpieces, Casa Milà – La Pedrera - and Casa Batlló, left us in awe of their organic and enchanting designs. The following day, we delved into the world of art at the Dali and Picasso galleries, marvelling at the peculiar yet captivating works on display. From exploring Gaudi's park to admiring the grandeur of La Sagrada Familia to relaxing on the beach, every moment was filled with wonder and amazement. Not only were the sights we explored enthralling, but the opportunity to get to know each other better, in my opinion, added an extra layer of enjoyment to the trip. Ms Mummery even assigned each of us a "Gomad" to whom we had to write a poem for, take a photo with, and more. Everyone enthusiastically got stuck into the task, and it turned out to be incredibly enjoyable! And let's not forget about the delicious

food... Whether it was indulging in a fancy Spanish McDonald's or savouring local cuisine at various restaurants, our taste buds were treated to a delightful culinary experience! Overall, our trip to Barcelona was nothing short of phenomenal, and I wholeheartedly recommend it to anyone seeking adventure and inspiration in a truly unique city.



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Current Affairs Kahoot This Week

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

1st Place – Fred Potts (13VA) 9100

2nd Place – Noah Jones (13NJO) 8395

3rd Place – Tilly Stratton (13GS) 8393

Please see Mr Harpin for your prize!

Bull Croft Park Archaeological Open Day

Commencing from 26/02/24 for a minimum of 5 working days, the archaeological team will operate within Bull Croft Park. We have been invited to an open day on Wednesday 28/02/24, once all the trenches and test pits have been opened, to see a live archaeological evaluation within the community.

Please contact Callum Allsop (Principal Archaeology Consultant) on 07423408509 or email Callum.Allsop@adas.co.uk for further details.

Useful Opportunities

NHS Careers & Apprenticeships



Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust are holding a careers café and apprenticeship recruitment event for **Year 10-13 students** on **4th March from 16:00-18:30** at the John Radcliffe Hospital. They can meet a range of healthcare professionals, including apprentices, take part in interactive practical sessions and attend an apprenticeship talk at **16:30 or 17:30**.

Mansfield Humanities Study Day



[Registration link](#)

This study day on 25th March from 10:00-16:00 at the University of Oxford Mansfield College is for Year 12 students who are interested in studying a humanities subject at university. Students will take part in multiple academic workshops from different humanities subjects on the theme of 'monster hunt'.

Deadline to register: 26th February

Student Space Conference

<https://ukseds.org/ignition/nssc-2024>

The National Student Space Conference, taking place on **2nd-3rd March** at the University of Bristol, is the premier event for students interested in space, uniting them with academics and professionals from across the country to network, share knowledge and discuss challenges facing the sector.

Closing date for tickets: **25th February**



Women in the Army Webinar



[Link to register](#)

In celebration of International Women's Day 2024, this webinar on **5th March from 16:00-17:00** is aimed at female Year 9-13 students and will feature a panel of inspiring female ambassadors from the Army, representing professions across 7 different career streams.

Engineering Degree Sponsorship Opportunity

[MJA Consulting](#) are a local company who offer university sponsorship to students throughout their degree course. They are currently [supporting 6 local students](#) through university and have a number of ex-sponsorship students working with them full time as graduate engineers. They are now offering sponsorship opportunity to Year 13 students who are considering studying civil or structural engineering in university in September 2024.

Students should complete and return an [application form](#), along with a covering letter and CV. The closing date for applications is **8th March** and interviews will take place on **8th April**. If you have any questions, please contact Caroline Elly, HR Consultant, on 01235 555173 or carolinee@mjaconsulting.co.uk

Oxford Brookes Summer School 2024

Oxford Brookes' residential summer schools for **Year 12** students will be happening again this July. With the opportunity to explore subject areas within their four faculties – Technology, Design and Environment, Humanities and Social Sciences, Health and Life Sciences and the Oxford Brookes Business School, students will discover what being a university student is all about and delve into a subject area of their choice. The summer school is free with all travel, meals and accommodation provided, free of charge.

There will be an **information webinar** on **28th February at 18:00** for educators, students and their parents/carers to find out more and ask any questions. [Register here](#)

They are currently taking bookings for both **virtual and in person assemblies** for **February and March**, where a member of the team can provide your students with more information on the benefits of the residential summer schools. Please contact the team by emailing brookes.summerschools@brookes.ac.uk to arrange a talk at a time that works best for you.

Deadline to apply: **15th April** (may close sooner if all places are filled).

Follow link: www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/summer-schools

Virtual Careers Event

As part of the National Careers Week celebrations, the NHS and the Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (QEST) have partnered to bring two exciting virtual careers sessions:

Healthcare Science Careers Chat: Healthcare Science Week
Monday 11th March 2024, 11:00am – 12:00pm



Making the Future, Part 3: Careers in Crafts and Making with QEST
Friday 15th March 2024, 11:00am – 12:00pm

Students will have the opportunity to hear from distinguished professionals in these sectors, joining them on a deep dive into their industries, jobs and pathways into them. These sessions will feature interactive learning elements including quizzes and Q&A's. We encourage you to sign up for both sessions to inspire and equip your students for the future!

Careers Event Day – Birmingham

The Birmingham Assay Office is hosting their annual Careers Event on **Thursday 21st March 2024, 10:00am – 2:00pm**. There are a whole host of exhibitors including the National Association of Jewellers, Goldsmiths, Cookson Gold and many more! We also have apprenticeship talks going on throughout the day so students can find the next step in their future.

If you would like to attend, please book per person using the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/careers-event-2024-tickets-810262475877>



Careers Event 2024 Perfect for apprentices, hobbyists, students and graduates of the jewellery trade!

www.eventbrite.co.uk

STFC Summer Work Placements



<https://stfc-workexperience.co.uk/applyral2023>

STFC will be running on-site placements throughout the summer at Rutherford Appleton Laboratory for **Year 10-Year 13 students**.

Placements will last one to two weeks and can be offered from **17th-21st June and 8th-26th July**. Students will work on a project relevant to their interests and STFC.

Applications close: **25th February**

Year 12 – Engineering Science Residential

This one night residential from **11th-12th April** at the University of Oxford St Peter's College is for **Year 12 students** who are interested in studying engineering science at Oxford.

Deadline to apply: **1st March**

[Form - St Peter's College Submission Portal \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)

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[Humanities Study Day Application Form \(office.com\)](#)

