

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 4, Week 2: 1st March, 2024

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A message from the 6f team:

It has been a very quiet week with Year 13 on study leave this week and we are looking forward to having them back in lessons next week.

In PSE today, the Year 12s took a dive into Unifrog – a platform created to help them explore their interests for university and how to apply successfully.

We are approaching exam season and Year 12 have another opportunity to prepare themselves with the upcoming assessment week.

The 6th Form Team

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 4th March

Year 13 Mock Exams continue. Back to normal timetable on Wednesday 6th March

Year 12 Assessment Week 4th March – 8th March

Holocaust Ambassadors visit Auschwitz Tues 5th March

PSE for Friday 8th March

Tbc – around year group PHOTOS

Events coming up:

Please note that Year 13 Feedback evening is on

Wednesday 27th March

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Claude, Noah, Kazimierz and Jacob and a very Happy 18th Birthday to Laura and James.



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.

Biodiversity Garden

We are looking for volunteers to help with Biodiversity Garden for a session on 7th or 8th March. This opportunity is ideal for students interested in conservation/environmental studies. Each day will be divided into four sessions so that everyone gets a chance to do something purposeful.

Thursday 7th March: 10:00-2:45

Friday 8th March: 10:00-2:00

If you have any queries or wish to volunteer, please email Miss Ladbrook LADBROOKR@wallingfordschool.com

Year 12 EYP Debating Competition



Proposing the opening debate at this year's Thames Valley Regional round of the European Youth Parliament meant it was a nervous start for the team, in particular for Maia who made the leading speech in the team's resolution on AI. Highlighting the problems of AI replacing jobs in the workplace and the dangers of AI hallucinations, Maia's arguments were strong.

The 3 rounds of debates that followed made some key points both highlighting the financial benefits of the progression of AI yet supporting the need for controls to be put in place. Yet, despite Will's audience engaging concluding speech around the already unsolicited data collection methods (every time you prove you are not a robot!), the resolution did not pass.

The rest of the team made sure their presence was felt in the other debates: Lillibelle and Abi sparked a flurry of direct responses with their comments on free school meals and affordable housing in the ECON debate "Not in this Climate", Lauren quoted controversial statistics supporting rehabilitation over punishment in the "Young, Dumb and Broke" debate, and Genevieve and Ellie's closing points on each of 2 rounds of debate on "Pick your Poison" compelled the proposition team to respond to them in their summaries on carcinogens.

Overall, the team did themselves proud; developing their debating skills and gaining the confidence to make their individual points. Well done to all.



Current Affairs Kahoot This Week

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

1st Place – 3880 Toby Edmonds (12DBO)

2nd Place – 3377 Sophie Partis & Emily Dawson

3rd Place – 2738 Jacob Gunn (12EMC)

Please see **Mr Harpin** for your prize!

Year 12 Learning Mentors

Congratulations to the Year 12 Learning Mentors who had a successful first week mentoring the Year 5/6 at St John's Primary School.

The Year 12s have devoted a lot of time to preparing for these sessions and it has all paid off. A big Thank You to Miss Dow and Miss Lewis for taking the time to ensure the mentors were ready to go.

The mentors had fun experiences getting to know the children doing activities such as football, colouring, art and even baking. The Year 12s are all quite excited about what the rest of the academic year will hold for them and their mentees.

Useful Opportunities

Unifrog UK University Fair

<https://unifroguniversityfair.vfairs.com>

Students can get to know more about university by joining the virtual fair on **13th March from 16:30-19:00**. They can join live sessions and get in touch directly with universities across the UK. Participants can get their questions answered and network one-on-one to get top tips on how to find and apply to their dream university course.

Wilmott Dixon Open Doors Event

<https://opendoors.construction/sites/oxford-brookes-university-headington-hill-campus>

Wilmott Dixon is building two buildings at Oxford Brookes University's Headington Hill campus to provide sustainable new spaces for students, staff and community. They have 30 places available for a site visit on 18th March from 10:00-12:00 as part of Open Doors Week.

Kier Open Doors Event

<https://opendoors.construction/sites/oxford-railway-station>

Kier have signed up to the Open Doors – Get into Construction scheme and the Oxford Railway Station project will be opening its doors to schools and colleges for a few sessions over the 19th and 20th March. The times and dates of the sessions are below. If you have any problems signing up on the website and would like to book a session, please email kerry.collins@kier.co.uk

Session dates/ times (maximum 10 people per session):

Tuesday 19th March: 09:00-11:00, 12:00-14:00 and 14:30-16:30

Wednesday 20th March: 09:00-11:00, 12:00-14:00 and 14:30-16:30

Virtual Allied Healthcare Work Experience Programme

A fantastic opportunity for **students in Year 10-Year13** who are considering a career in healthcare.

It is live, giving you the chance to interact with healthcare professionals, but from the comfort and safety of your home. Follow multiple patients over a 6-month period, as they go from their initial injury to recovery. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions and gain knowledge through teaching. Each work experience day is completely different and students will be able to build in their knowledge of the NHS careers as they see different patient cases and their healthcare professionals work in a variety of settings, such as hospitals and community. The opportunity is one work experience a month for 6 months.

Students are awarded a Work Experience Certificate for every session they complete. Those who complete the full 6-month programme will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor. These are fantastic additions for CVs!

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 6-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. The first session is on **Sunday March 3rd**.

Sign up here: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

University of Oxford English Open Day

The University of Oxford English faculty is holding a virtual open day for **Year 12 students** on **9th March from 10:30-14:30**. This open day features taster lectures, information about the admissions process and a Q&A with current students.

[Link to register](#)

Pathways with the BBC

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK
WEBINAR SERIES



MONDAY 4TH MARCH
12:30PM - 1:30PM

To mark the start of National Careers Week, students can join this webinar on **4th March from 12:30-13:30** to meet members of the BBC's Early Careers team and learn about the apprenticeship opportunities available at the BBC.

[Link to register](#)

The Pitch



<https://yourgameplan.co.uk/the-pitch>

The Pitch is a competition for individual students of groups (2-4) to respond to a real media brief for JD Sports. Students will need to devise an advertising campaign that includes researching the audience, creating a media plan to take it to market and creative examples of their campaign. Open for entries from **1st-31st March**.

WWF-UK Sustainable Futures Showcase

www.wwf.org.uk/get-involved/schools/sustainable-futures/showcase

Young people aged 13-21 are invited to discover how sustainability can play a role in all types of careers – even ones they might not expect!

From **4th-12th March at 18:00**, students can join webinars covering sustainable careers in entertainment, fashion, sport, business, finance and farming. Panellists include Tottenham Hotspur's player Amy Turner; Sustainability Director at Depop Justine Porterie; and Executive Chef of Ottolenghi restaurants Neil Campbell. Students will have the chance to hear what actions the guests are taking to be more sustainable in their role and pose the questions that matter to them.

Young people can also enter a competition and be in with a chance of winning an Insight Day at WWF-UK HQ in Woking (all expenses paid) along with bespoke coaching, as they consider their next career steps.

Oriel College Residentials

www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/study-with-us/outreach-and-schools-liaison/what-we-do/events-and-prizes/easter-residential-programmes-for-year-12-students

Oriel College, University of Oxford is hosting four one-night residential programmes for **Year 12 students** from non-selective state schools who are predicted to meet the minimum offer of courses at Oxford. Subjects dates are:

25th-26th March: Modern Languages and Linguistics

26th-27th March: History

27th-28th March: English

28th-29th March: Women in STEM

The deadline for applications is **9th March**. Any questions, please email outreach@oriel.ox.ac.uk

Job Opportunity



Crowmarsh Gifford C of E Primary School

After School Play Worker Vacancy

We are looking for fun, active, creative people to join our after-school team. You will be working as part of a team, looking after the children, setting up and leading activities both in the hall and outside. As well as providing the children with a healthy snack.



After school club sessions are Monday – Thursday 3:15 pm – 5:30pm and until 5pm on a Friday. Successful candidates may wish to work a full week or certain days.



The role is term time only.
Grade 4, point 5 £23,500 FTE - £12.18 per hour

Looking for part time work? This role would suit young people after school/college (15yrs+) or parents, your own children will be able to attend at no charge during your working hours.

Contact us or visit our website to find out more www.crowmarshgiffordprimary.com

Crowmarsh Gifford C of E Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children, which will be reflected throughout the recruitment process. The successful applicant will be subject to a DBS

Applications considered on receipt.

We reserve the right to interview upon suitable applications being received and close the advert without notice on appointment of a suitable candidate.

Visits to the school are encouraged. Contact Mrs Vania Eaglen – Headteacher, to arrange a time to visit.

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