

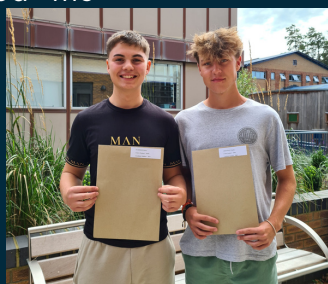
WALLINGFORD SCHOOL SIXTH FORM NEWS

Term 1, Week 1:
8th September 2023

Welcome Back!

We hope you have had a good summer break and are enjoying the extended summer weather! It has been fantastic to have a full sixth form again and the first week has been very smooth with a real sense of energy and purpose from all students. Congratulations to all of Year 12 for their exam results. We enjoyed seeing some of the photos from Wallingford School's results days during our first assembly and celebrated the results, both at Key Stage 4 and 5.

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EVENTS COMING UP

Week Commencing 11th September:

Year 12 Tutor Evening: Thursday 14th September 6pm

Year 13 Tutor Evening: Tuesday 12th September 6pm

Year 12 EPO event: Wednesday 13th September P6 - see events and opportunities for more information

PSE Friday 15th September:

Year 12 - 'Get Involved' Extra-Curricular Activities Assembly including Duke of Edinburgh Launch.

Year 13 - UCAS/Next Steps

KS5 Assessment Week - W/c 18th September

Year 12/13 Team building 22nd September - more info to follow



We wish a very '**Happy Birthday**' to Isabella and Laura

We also wish a very '**Happy 18th Birthday**' to Alfred, Connor, Fred and Olivia.

WELCOME ASSEMBLY AND YEAR 12 TEAMBUILDING

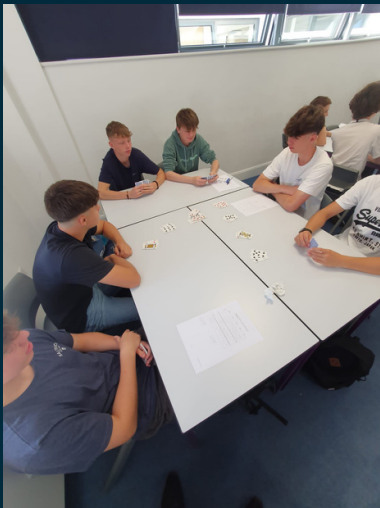


It was fantastic to welcome Year 12 into school for their first day of 6th form on Tuesday. Students spent the morning having an induction into 6th form life, before going into lessons in the afternoon. Following a welcome assembly, students spent some time playing some games in their new tutor with a view to getting to know each other.

Following this, students spent some time looking at the 6th Form Mindset & ways in which they can use their independent study time most effectively.

Well done to all for settling in so well & making such a good impression over the first few days.

Mr Harpin



WELCOME BACK YEAR 13

An unseasonably warm welcome back to our Year 13 students, who have hit the ground running in their final year.

Mr Holton



TUTOR EVENING - PRESENTATION/MEET THE TUTOR/ BTECS

You will have received an email concerning the Tutor Evenings this coming week. This is a really important time for parents and carers to come into school and develop greater understanding of the year ahead for the students and how they can be supported.

Year 12 Tutor Evening - Introduction to Sixth Form Presentation/Meet the tutor/ BTECs

The evening starts at 6pm in the Hall with a presentation after which there will be a meeting with tutors. There will be a meeting back in the Hall for parents/carers of BTEC students at around 6.50pm and the evening will finish around 7pm.

Year 13 Tutor Evening -Meet the tutor/ BTECs/ Higher Education Presentation

The evening starts at 6pm in the Hall for a quick introduction after which there will be a meeting with tutors. The main part of the evening will be a presentation in the Hall outlining the process for applying to higher education.

We look forward to seeing you there on Tuesday 12th September for Year 13 and Thursday 14th September for Year 12.

YEAR 12 IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please can all Year 12 students return the signed student agreements - with parent/carer signatures - to Form Tutors by **Monday 11th September 2023**

STUDY PERIODS

Welcome to our new sixth form study supervisor, Mrs Gardner-Brown, who has joined us to support the independent learning of all our sixth form students. With a teaching background, Mrs Gardner-Brown is able to help and mentor students to organise their time and use independent study time productively. We very much look forward to having her in our team!



BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

We encourage you to bring your own devices to school to complete your work during study sessions. Laptops and tablets can access the BYOD school wifi.

Please refrain from using mobile phones as work devices and use the school laptops or your own laptop/notebook/tablet.



KAHOOT!

The first Kahoot quiz of the school year saw some impressive scores but this weeks winners are:

1st - Emily 13GS 7,249
2nd - Sese 13TMG 7,199
3rd - Harry 12YH 6,558



GNOMINATION

This summer Ned went on a fishing expedition, Nora went to San-Tropez, but they are back. There's no place like gnome. Our first gnomination of the year goes to Lexie in Year 13, for being proactive about seeking support in her studies before school had even started, showing the power of effective gnommunication.



Parent notice

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...



LOCKERS

A limited amount of lockers will be available to pay for on ParentPay next week, ready for issue w/c 18th September. For Year 12s, they cost £10 for 2 years, which includes a combination padlock, which is theirs to keep. For Year 13s the price is £7.50.

NEW TO WALLINGFORD STUDENTS

All students will have been issued with a paper copy of their Satchel and ParentPay logins. Cashless catering cards have also been issued this week. Please contact Mrs Hornsby or Mrs Gardner-Brown if you have any queries.

STUDY ROOM REMINDERS



Whilst the majority of students have settled into the routine of study periods well and are using their time wisely, there are still a few who need some gentle reminders of the expectations that have been set.

Allocated study periods are a time for you to complete tasks, homework and coursework that relate to your courses. It is not a time to be completing online shopping, updating social media or messaging friends!

On the very rare occasion that you find yourself without any tasks to complete, choose from some of the study ideas that are located around the rooms or even enjoy reading a book!

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Extended Project Qualification

Next Wednesday, during P6, year 12 will be attending a presentation in the hall on the EPO. This is a great qualification which involves independent study on a topic of the student's choice. If you have a keen interest in something or found it hard to give up a subject, this is a great opportunity to hone your research skills. Universities really value the EPO as it shows that students can work independently and will have a head start at university. You'll find out more about it next Wednesday but in the meantime, feel free to take a look at the qualification on the AQA website

We are inviting Sixth formers who are interested in reading **medicine, psychology or related subjects to attend our 2023 Medical Society Conference:**

LIFE STAGES

Saturday 30th September 2023

St Hilda's College Oxford Medical Society Conference

in memory of Dr Jane Mellanby, former medical and psychology tutor at St Hilda's

<https://www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/Lifestages>

This conference is broad ranging in content and requires no medical knowledge. In addition recent medical students, now qualified doctors, will report on their experiences overseas or activities during covid.

This could be of interest to those looking towards a degree in medicine or related subjects. Attendance at the conference would be a good discussion topic during an interview and/or inclusion in a UCAS statement. Our medical tutors and current students will be on hand over lunch to meet VI formers and answer any questions.

Several sixth formers attended our conferences in September 2016 and March 2018; feedback was positive.

We have a limited number of free places (includes coffee/tea and lunch) for sixth formers. Applicants should email development.office@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk or write to The Development Office, St Hilda's College, Oxford, OX4 1DY stating which school they are from and their contact details.

The link to the conference programme is here:

<https://www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/Lifestages>

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EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

USA COLLEGE DAY

Registration is now open for USA College Day 2023!

Your students can meet over 120 American universities at this fair

They can explore studying in the USA and discuss their options directly with admissions officers

Register now for free tickets!

USA College Day, the biggest US university fair in Europe, is just around the corner on September 23-24. It's your chance to have real conversations with reps from 120+ US universities, find your ideal college fit, and learn about the US college admissions process. Plus, it's all absolutely FREE! Parents, you're welcome to join in with your questions. Register now using this link:

<https://fulbright.org.uk/news-and-events/2023/usa-college-day-2023>

This free event provides students, parents and teachers with the unique opportunity to meet representatives from over 120 American universities and learn about the US admissions process from experts.

- When: **Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 September**
- Venue: **ILEC Conference Centre, London (47 Lillie Road, SW6 1UD)**
- Tickets: **must be booked in advance. FREE to those who register**
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Who will be at College Day this year?

You can view confirmed exhibitors on [our website](#) as well as some useful FAQ's and tips for getting the most out of the day.