

WALLINGFORD SCHOOL SIXTH FORM NEWS

Term 1, Week 4:
29th September 2023

Dear Year 12 and 13,

Now that we are settled into the lesson routines and have assessments under our belts, this week has been all about opportunities and extra-curricular activities. Whether it be attending social committee, debating club or even putting a team out for the 6-a-side football, we are keen for each and every one of you to fully embrace life at Wallingford. This week the EPO and Livery awards drew large groups of students from both Year 12 and 13 which is exciting to see.

If you have yet to try something outside of your lessons, make it your challenge to try something new this week. Keep looking out for events and opportunities both in the newsletter and on the noticeboard.

Have a great weekend!

6F Team



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...

EVENTS COMING UP

Week Commencing 2nd October:

Wednesday 4th October - Yr 13 EPO sessions P1 and 2 in K16

Year 12 EPO session P6 in B7

Thursday 5th October - Whole School open evening, **school ends 12:40pm**

Friday 6th October - MacMillan coffee morning @ break. Please bring in change and baked goods.

PSE Friday 6th October:

Year 12 & 13 - Black History Month

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday 11th October - Sixth Form open evening



We wish a very '**Happy Birthday**' to
Tara and Nathan

We also wish a very '**Happy 18th
Birthday**' to Charlotte, Christina and
Jamie-Leigh

KAHOOT!

This weeks Kahoot winners are:

- 1st - Ethan S
- 2nd - Hamish
- 3rd - Tilly S



GNOMINATION

This week's gnominations go to two students who have been highlighted for contributions to extra-curricular activities as well as maintaining excellent work ethic across their studies. Laura has been working hard behind the scenes on the Social Committee helping to organise next weeks bake sale. Whilst James has been spotted by a number of staff members working hard in school and on his paper round! Gned and Gnora gnome there aren't two better deserving recipients!



TEAM BUILDING RESULTS

During this morning's assembly we were delighted to reveal the results from last weeks Team Building activities. It was a a close call throughout all of the activities but there was an eventual house winner...

Congratulations to **Matilda**

We hope the houses team spirits - both competitive and supportive - continue throughout the year!

MERCHANT TAYLOR LIVERY AWARDS PART 1

On Thursday, 33 Year 12 students attended a workshop from a representative from the Speakers' Trust. This was the 1st stage of the Merchant Taylor's Livery Award - a competition across the Merchant Taylor Schools where students need to design a product & compete in a 'Dragon's Den' style competition. Students participated in a number of activities, which then concluded students inventing products/ business models and pitching these in groups. From the 33 students, 6 were selected to be the final team that will go on to represent the school. All 33 students should be very proud of their efforts yesterday - it was very difficult to select the final 6, such was the strength of the group overall. Congratulations to all & in particular the final team to whom we wish the best of luck as they prepare for the event in London in a few months time.



SIXTH FORMERS - WE NEED YOU!

The date for our Sixth Form Open Evening for prospective students is **Wednesday 11th October 6-8.15pm**. Please put this date in your diary as we need lots of Sixth Form helpers to guide visitors around the school. To sign up as a helper, and get free pizza, please complete the Survey Monkey by Thursday 5th October 12pm.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HJNVZYW>



EXTRA-CURRICULAR



Debating/MUN Club: This week's debate....

Sunak has reportedly been looking into measures similar to those put in place in New Zealand, involving steadily increasing the legal smoking age, resulting in those born on or after Jan. 1, 2009, never being able to buy tobacco products.

Please research smoking and vaping laws and views. What is happening in other countries, what studies support/oppose these changes.

Remember: You don't have to debate your own opinions; it is more fun when you can add a different argument to the mix!

Wednesday Lunch 12:45 - 13:20 in K7 (bring your lunch for a swift start). Everyone welcome.

Social Committee - Meeting at 12:50pm in W7 on Wednesdays to discuss this year's social calendar. We are also looking for some students to run a Tuck Shop so if you are interested, please come along to this meeting.

6-a-side football - Your weekly chance to blow off some steam and bring the Premier League to Wallingford. Bring your sports kits and meet on the Astro at 3:10pm finish time 4pm.

D of E - Year 12 gold sign up by **Monday** (dofe@wallingfordschool.com). Year 12 Silver 'help' sessions **Wednesday 4th October** break and lunch in W7

Thorpe Park Fright Night - Wednesday 18th October after school. Trip cost is £50 which includes ticket and coach travel. Please register your interest on Parentpay as we need 67 students to make this trip to work.

Decibels - Wallingford School senior choir meet on Tuesday lunchtimes in K3

Saxophone group - meet Wednesday lunchtimes in K2

String group - meet on Thursday lunchtimes in K2

If there is a club that you are interested in starting please let a member of the Sixth Form team know.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS INFORMATION

<https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/open-days>

Browse the university and college open day calendar to visit an institution you are interested in. Open days are sometimes called taster days or information days, and are a great opportunity to find out what studying at a particular university or college will be like. You'll be able to experience student life as well as discuss study options.

By clicking on a date and the institution you are interested in, you will be taken straight to a page where you can book your open day place. To search for a specific university's open days, visit the institution page and select the university you're interested in.



Dental Mentor are running a one-day, online conference for students who are interested in becoming a dentist on **11th November from 09:30-15:00**. It will cover what it's like to be a dentist, perspectives from recent successful and current applicants, application advice, interviews and more.

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/online-get-into-dentistry-conference/>

Bicester Village Recruitment Event 30th September and 1st October

This event at Bicester Village is an opportunity for students interested in seasonal work and/or a career in retail or hospitality to meet with employers looking for passionate people to join their teams.

<https://careers-bicester.icims.com/connect?eventId=166390>

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Get Into Medicine Conferences

30th September and 7th & 8th October, 09:30-15:30.

Medic Mentor are running a series of one-day, online conferences for students aged 14 or above who are interested in becoming a doctor. They will cover topics including the application process, UCAT & BMAT and how to gain work experience

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/medicine-national-healthcare-weekend/>

Brookes Undergraduate Open Day

7th October and 18th November

Oxford Brookes University are holding an undergraduate open day to give students and their parents/carers the opportunity to find out what it's like to be a student at Brookes and get an insight into their courses and the support they offer

<https://www.brookes.ac.uk/open-days/undergraduate>

Work experience at Mill Stream Surgery Benson

We are offering students who are interested in health care careers the opportunity to work at our covid/flu clinics doing data entry. This could be an invaluable opportunity to obtain some work experience in a medical setting.

Students would need to come for a training session before the clinic and need to sign a confidentiality form.

Any student who is a patient at the practice would not be eligible for this opportunity but would be invited to join our Patient Participation Group.

The clinic details are as follows -

- **Thursday 5th October - 8.30 am - 1 pm**
- **Saturday 14th October - 8.30 am - 3.30 pm**
- **Thursday 26th October - 3 pm - 8 pm**

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Karen Washbourn:

karen.washbourn@nhs.net

Graduate Careers Live! begins at 2pm on Thursday 5th October.

Graduate Careers Live! is a new twice-yearly 90-minute TV programme, introducing sixth form students, their parents, and schools' careers & university admissions staff to the graduate job market.

Broadcasting from a studio in central London, the October programme is specifically aimed at Year 13 students & their parents and will showcase many of the job opportunities, occupations and professions that sixth form students can aspire to in the future.

It will provide inspiration, information and practical careers guidance on how university - or one of the growing number of degree apprenticeships - can lead to ambitious, rewarding careers in areas like engineering, technology, banking & finance, law, accountancy and the public sector. Register to watch below.

<https://graduatecareers.live/>