

WALLINGFORD SCHOOL SIXTH FORM NEWS

Term 2, Week 2
10th November 2023

Dear Year 12 and 13,

As we progress through term 2, we are impressed with the work ethic our students are showing towards their preparations for Assessment week next week. We wish everyone good luck.

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 13th November:

W/C 13th November - GCSE English and Maths exams

All week - Assessment week

Wednesday 15th November - EPQ sessions P1 and 2 in K16, EPQ session P6 in T3

PSE Friday 17th November - Year 12 and 13, Visiting speaker David Johnstone MP, Parliament Week

Upcoming dates:

Winter Wonderland trip - **28th November**

Year 12 Parents evening - **30th November**

Christmas Ball - **Tuesday 19th December**



We wish a very '**Happy Birthday**' to Eve, Rosa, Molly and Archie

KAHOOT!

This weeks Kahoot winners are:

1st - Lewis and Max 13GS

2nd - Amelie 12YH

3rd - Ben 12DBO

Please see Mrs G-B for your prize!



GNOMINATIONS

This weeks gnominations go to 2 students who have been recognised for their hard work in school. Firstly Thea in year 12, for braving the rain and playing a poignant Last Post for remembrance and Mattie in Year 13 for going that extra mile in her studies, including staying after school most nights to continue with her work and revision. We gnome that all this hard work will pay off!



PARLIAMENT WEEK

UK Parliament Week (UKPW) is an annual event, spreading the word about what Parliament is, what it does and how young people can get involved. It's a great way to find out new things about UK Parliament or be reminded of things that might've forgotten!

As part of the week, Year 12 and 13 students were asked to debate and vote on whether they believed 16 and 17 year old's should be given the right to vote. Some interesting viewpoints were heard with mixed result when the final votes were taken.

Year 12 Politics students created some informative PowerPoints to share with tutor groups across the school, highlighting the importance of Parliament week as well as a concise overview the UK Parliament and main Political parties.

The week ended with a visit from our local MP, David Johnston, who took part in a Q & A session on Friday morning. Students had the opportunity all week to put questions forward for our team of Year 12's to ask. Well done to all who took part, and a big thank you to our question panel; Will, Fifi and Lola.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

During PSHE today students were discussing the significance of Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday.

As part of the discussions, students learnt about the reasons why this date is significant, the history of the poppy including the meanings behind the different colours available and importance of the last post.

As a school, we remembered by observing a minutes silence whilst also hearing the last post being played by some music students - including one of our Year 12's, Thea.

A big thank you goes to the Sixth Formers who supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal by going around the school this week selling poppies during form time.



SIXTH FORM WINTER WONDERLAND TRIP

Mr Harpin and the Social Committee have organised a festive trip to Hyde Park Winter Wonderland on Tuesday 28th November. The trip costs £30 which includes travel there and back.

This is an after school trip leaving around 3:30pm with a planned return of 11pm. If you would like to attend, please make payment through Parent Pay. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.



COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

Brightwell Pre-school are in need of volunteers to help them with some jobs on **Sunday 26th November** - jobs on the list include painting, some gardening and general maintenance. We'd be grateful if an hour or two or even a whole day!

If it sounds like something you might be interested in then please email Ms Miller (millerrewallingfordschool.com) as soon as possible!

CHRISTMAS BALL

A reminder that you have until Wednesday 15th November to purchase your tickets for the Sixth Form Christmas Ball on Tuesday 19th December. The event will be held at The Oxford Belfry in Milton Common and will include reception drinks, a 3-course dinner and disco. For those students who have purchased tickets, menu choices will be collected this week via Survey Monkey.



As part of UK Parliament week, we had the opportunity to interview our MP, David Johnston. The session started off with him talking about his childhood and what motivated him to become an MP. After his talk, we asked him the questions that had been generated by Sixth Form over the week. He answered the questions truthfully, and did point out that his opinions could be seen as controversial to some. Whilst the experience did seem nerve wracking at first, we were proud of the outcomes and the questions we asked.

Will, Lola and Fifi - Year 12

HARVEST HELP!

The food bank needs your help
We did a great job but the food bank
are looking for some specific items



The food we need is:



Tinned Custard, Savoury Treats (like Crisps and Snacks)
Tinned Fruit, Corned Beef, Tinned Hot Dogs,
Orange Juice, Apple Juice, Coffee, Tea,
Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Mince and Long Life Milk.



The deadline is November 15th



All food to be brought to the sports centre and left on
top of the counter opposite the toilets. Look for the
poster!

THANK YOU!
THE STUDENT
LEADERS TEAM

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Oxford Brookes Undergraduate Open Day

Our last Open Day before the UCAS deadline is next **Saturday, 18 November**, and offers you and your parents & carers the perfect opportunity to find out more about what it's like to be a student at Oxford Brookes, as well as giving you insight into our courses and the support we offer. You can book your place on our website.

You will be able to join us for the following:

- Subject taster sessions
- Q&A sessions with our academics and support staff
- Chat with current students
- Talks from our central services including admissions, finance, wellbeing and accommodation



Thinking of your next steps? Wanting to work in Maternity or at a different Trust but not sure where to start? Please come and join us online at **Oxford Universities Hospitals Trust on Thursday 16th November 2023.**

We are holding a virtual recruitment event for obstetric nurses, maternity support workers and midwives from 10am until 12pm. We would love to have you join us to showcase what Oxford University Hospital's Trusts have to offer to our staff. Please register via this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-recruitment-event-maternity-team-tickets-740189244957>

There will be a chance to ask questions and meet some of the team online. If you're unable to attend the event live, if you register you will be able to watch back at a time that suits you. Following on from this, we shall be advertising for a wide scope of roles and are more than happy to meet anyone in person for a personalised tour of our maternity units.

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NDORMS Work Experience

NDORMS, the Nuffield Department of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences is a medical research department within the University of Oxford.

Online Careers Talks - 'Have you thought of a career in medical research?'

We run approximately monthly online careers talks on Wednesdays at 4pm. The next two talks are **Wed November 8** and **Wed Dec 6 (both at 4pm)**. Each talk has two or three researchers talking about their research and their careers with plenty of time for Q&A after the talks. These are aimed at Y12/13 students who are studying STEM subjects who might like to know more about career options in medical research.

For more information and to register a place visit www.ndorms.ox.ac.uk/get-involved/schools

NDORMS Work Experience (Y12)

NDORMS, or the Nuffield Department of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences, is a medical department within the University of Oxford which brings together researchers, statisticians, engineers, imaging specialists, clinicians and patients.

Our work experience week aims to give a flavour of the depth and breadth of the work carried out in the department by allowing students to experience a wide range of different activities throughout the week. These include talks, work shadowing and workshops. Priority goes to students from Oxfordshire state schools.

The weeks will be **8-12 July** and **15-19 July 2024** and students can apply for either week.

Please note that students must be aged 16 or over on the first day of the placement. To apply, students should complete the online application form which can be found on this page:

<https://www.ndorms.ox.ac.uk/get-involved/work-experience> by the end of January 31st, 2024.

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Voting information for 16-18 Year olds

By voting in elections, young people will help to choose local councillors, members of their parish or town councils, decide on Neighbourhood Plans in referendums and of course their local MP and Police and Crime Commissioner. These votes could have a major impact on important issues that will affect them directly both now and in the future.

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/welcome-your-vote>

Anyone over the age of 16 can register to vote, although they will not be able to vote until the age of 18. It only takes a couple of minutes to register - just need to visit gov.uk/register-to-vote

Sutton Trust Pathways Applications Open

Sutton Trust supports young people from less advantaged backgrounds to access leading universities and careers. In partnership with universities and employers, we run engaging programmes that give students practical advice and leave them feeling inspired and more confident about their future.

Our programmes are completely free to attend. All costs - including travel, accommodation, food and activities - are paid for by the Trust and our partners.

Our Pathways programmes cover five competitive professions:

- Banking & Finance
- Consulting
- Engineering
- Law
- Medicine

Applications close across December and January, with deadlines specific to each individual programme and university. Head to our website to apply.

<https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/>

Year 13 Virtual Conference: Ace the transition to University

Join our online conference for all students in Year 13 - **Saturday 11th November 13:00-16:00**

Sessions include:

- managing your money at university
- dealing with the transition to university
- an insiders' guide to the admissions process

We will be joined by student ambassadors who will give you unrivalled insight into life at university, how they prepared for and dealt with the transition, as well as sharing their top budgeting tips!

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