

# WALLINGFORD SCHOOL SIXTH FORM NEWS

Term 2, Week 5  
1st December 2023

Dear Year 12 and 13,

Now that we are into December, the work of the Social Committee is coming to the fore with the lovely Winter Wonderland Trip on Tuesday and the Winter Ball on the 19th. Students can also sign up to the seating plan for the Winter Ball during Monday break. This morning, students were able to reflect on their progress reports and Mr Holton's 'musings' assembly reminded Year 12 and 13 that "We're all in this together" and with some hard work and determination, we can reap those rewards.

Have a restful and pleasant weekend,

6F Team



## Parent notice

### Notifying student absences

Please email [sixthform@wallingfordschool.com](mailto: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 4th December:

Monday 4th - Sunday 10th December - Year 12  
German Exchange

Wednesday 6th December - EPQ sessions P1  
and 2 in K16, EPQ session P6 in T3

Wednesday 6th December - Year 12 Geography trip

PSHE Friday 8th December: Year 12 School Nurse  
talk, Year 13 TBC

### Upcoming dates:

Christmas Ball - Tuesday 19th December

End of term - Wednesday 20th December, 12:40pm



We wish a very '**Happy Birthday**' to  
Emily D, Jolleen, Darcy

We also wish a very '**Happy 18th  
Birthday**' to Anastasiia, Pavel, Leah  
and Millie H.

## KAHOOT!

This weeks Kahoot winners are:

1st - Maddie 13TMG

2nd - Malachy 12YH

3rd - George 12DBO

Please see  
Mrs G-B for  
your prize!



## GNOMINATIONS

This weeks gnominations goes to 2 students who have shown great initiative and support with their work outside of their studies.

Ben B and Dylan P, both in year 12, have had a great impact in their Subject Ambassador roles supporting classes in Year 8 and Year 11. Their contributions have been greatly received by both the students and teachers.

Gned and Gnora are **egnomously** proud of you both - keep up the great work!



## YEAR 12 PARENTS EVENING

Thank you to all parents who attended last nights virtual Parents Evening. It was great to have a chance to discuss how the students have been settling in to the Sixth Form life, work and routines. Teachers will be in contact with Parents who were unable to attend the sessions yesterday evening.

## WINTER WONDERLAND

A group of 60 students and teachers braved the cold this week to attend Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park. The traffic was kind to us which meant the we had a great amount of time to explore and take part in some of the festive fun including; ice-skating, fun houses, ice trails and fairground rides. Some of us even managed to conquer our fear of heights! It was hot chocolate and churros all round to warm up before heading home. Thank you to Mr Harpin and the Social Committee for organising another great event!



## STUDY ROOM REMINDERS

Over the last week, we have noticed a decline in students following the expectations of the study room. We would like to remind students that they signed a Sixth Form agreement at the beginning of the school year agreeing to the following:

- All students to be wearing **lanyards and ID badges** at all times. You **must** be signing in to **all** study sessions. If you have forgotten or lost your badge, you must speak to Mrs Hornsby or Mrs Gardner-Brown and sign in on the sheet.
- **Laptops** must be signed out of at the end of a session and put back on charge in the trolleys. Remember – you can bring your own device to work on.
- **Mobile phones** must be put away during study sessions. No gaming or social media to be used during these times.
- The school site is a **smoking and vape free zone**.

We hope to see a marked improvement in behaviour and attitude towards study sessions from this week.

## YEAR 13 LAKE DISTRICT TRIP

A reminder to all Year 13 students that the first instalment for the Lake District revision week is due today, **Friday 1st December**.

In order to secure your place, please ensure that parents/carers have made payment via ParentPay. Please contact the Sixth Form office if you require further information or an extension. Instalment 2 will be due **Friday 12th January 2024**

## CHRISTMAS BALL INFORMATION

The date for the Christmas ball is fast approaching and we are sure that students are beginning to get excited. On Monday, we will be asking students to sign up for the seating plan. Tables for the event will be made up of 12 students. Please take some time over the weekend to create your groups ready for the sign up. If your group size is smaller than 12, you will be asked to sign up to a table with another group.

# EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

## UK UNIVERSITY SEARCH WEBINARS

[Register here](#)

UK University Search are holding 3 online sessions that cover the key topics of applying, choosing and preparing for university. They take place from **5th-7th December** from **12:00-13:15**. There will be live chat Q&A with representatives from the universities taking part, so students can ask questions.

## NHS CAREERS UNTAPPED

[Register here](#)

This webinar on 6th December from 16:30-18:00 is about careers in primary care and the community. Although featuring NHS employers in London, it will still provide a useful insight into clinical and non-clinical roles and career pathways in primary care

## WOMEN IN THE ARMY

[Register here](#)

At this webinar on 23rd January from 11:00-12:00, students will hear how women make their mark in the Army and hear about a typical day for women in the Army. They will also be able to ask questions during an interactive Q&A

## WORK EXPERIENCE IN PLUMBING AND ELECTRICS

Engineering services company [TClarke](#) are working on site at Oxford Brookes University (OX3 0BP) until March 2024 and are offering some work experience opportunities in plumbing and electrical for students aged 16+. If you would like to find out more, please [email Ameer Colenso](#), Regional Social Value Manager at TClarke or call 01275 338723.

## THE CYBER EPQ

The CyberEPQ was designed to bridge the gap in Cyber Security qualifications between GCSE Computer Studies and a degree in Cyber Security. It also assists in training potential Cyber Security professionals and those who are looking for a change in career into Cyber Security.

The EPQ is a Level 3 qualification, accredited by City & Guilds, worth up to an extra 28 UCAS points. The course is delivered using a distance learning platform (the Moodle) and can be studied through school or independently.

<https://cyberepq.org.uk/>

# EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

## OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY SUBJECT TASTER DAYS 2024

Join our Subject Taster Days to gain first-hand experience of studying at university level and student life. Students will have the opportunity to:

- Take part in lectures and interactive academic sessions.
- Experience practical work and engage in discussion on the topics.
- Discover our facilities and student life during a Campus Tour.
- Hear about the career potential of the courses on offer.

Each Subject Taster Day is free to attend and will give students insight into a range of courses within a subject area from one of our four faculties: Humanities and Social Sciences, Oxford Brookes Business School, Health and Life Sciences and Technology, Design and Environment.

Our Subject Taster Days are for students at UK schools or colleges in the first year (or repeating the first year) of a two-year Level 3 qualification (e.g. A Levels, BTEC, or equivalent).

To find out more information and book please follow the link below:

[Brookes subject taster days](#)