

# Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 3, Week 4: 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024

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6<sup>th</sup> Form



## A message from the 6f team:

As the days begin to get brighter, the sun has crept through the blinds in 6<sup>th</sup> form on occasion this week. The production of *The Addams Family* was amazing. Big congratulations to all those that took part this year – whether it was on stage, back stage or in the band. Welcome back to our 6<sup>th</sup> Formers, who participated in the French Exchange, it looked like you all had a superb trip. There are lots of opportunities at the end of this newsletter – they do change every week so please look through them carefully.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Form Team

## Events coming up:

### Week Commencing 5<sup>th</sup> February

Children's Mental Health Week  
House Grand Prix Qualifications  
Friday 9 February -Barcelona Trip leaves  
Last day of Term 3 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

### PSE for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Year 12 & 13 – Progress Report Reflection/Fun Friday

### Events coming up:

Year 12 D of E Gold Training Day – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February  
Barcelona trip meeting: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 1pm W5  
Start of Term 4 – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

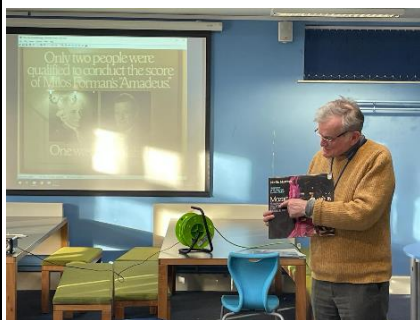
## Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Evie, Tapiwa and Emma and a very Happy 18th Birthday to Owen.



### Enrichment Lectures



The third Enrichment Lecture took place on Thursday when Mr Dawson gave a really interesting lecture on the life of Sir Neville Marriner.

This week, Mr Bowen will give us an insight into the relevance of the Monarchy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century Britain.

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...
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	<b><u>The British Monarchy</u></b> An unbiased and balanced look at the relevance of the Monarchy in 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Britain. Mr Bowen
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	<b><u>"My Constitutional Rights!"</u></b> What is the American Constitution that we hear so much about? A beginner's guide to the feat of the Founding Fathers and their legacy. Ms Mummery

## 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.

Daily absences can also be reported directly to Sixth Form office line, which is 01491 829702.

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## 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>

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## Year 12 Learning Mentors



The learning mentors had their first visit to St John's today to meet with Mrs Hughes, the Head Teacher, who talked to them about why we are partnering with them for this initiative and the impact it would have on the Y5/6 children. The initiative starts next term with our learning mentors meeting with the Y5/6 children on a weekly basis. Thank you to our learning mentors for signing up and committing your time to this initiative.



## Assembly



This morning we welcomed Nick Palmer (former Labour MP) who spoke about life as a Member of Parliament and encouraged students to register to vote. It was interesting to hear about the impact being an MP or councillor can have, and also the importance of young people having a say in our democracy.

We recently included a link for getting photo ID – here it is again:

Please follow this link to enable you to get free photo ID:

[Apply for photo ID to vote \(called a 'Voter Authority Certificate'\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-to-vote)

If you are going to be 18 this year, please register to vote via:

[Register to vote - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

Thank you to our Head Students who organised the talk.



## Barcelona



It is important that all the students who are going on the Barcelona Trip attend a meeting at 1pm in W5 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

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## New Medical Society



A big thank you to Emily in Year 12 who has set up a Medical Society for students aspiring to study Medicine. Please see the poster for more details. The society will be meeting on Tuesday lunchtimes in W7.

Please see the opportunities for medical work experience below.

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## Stationery



We are asking that every student come in prepared with the necessary equipment that they will need for their school day.

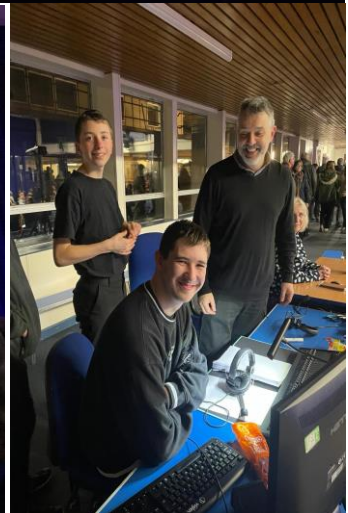


## Lanyards

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.

## The Addams Family Production

It was brilliant to see so many of our students involved in The Addams Family production which was absolutely amazing and better than the original film! It is on again on Friday and Saturday evening and I could not recommend it more as an uplifting piece showcasing talent in our school, from Year 7 to Year 13 on and off the stage. It was a lot of hard work and a lot of fun!



## French Exchange Programme



It has been wonderful to see photos coming in of a number of our Year 12 French students who are currently in Grenoble as part of the French Exchange Programme. As well as staying with their host families, students have been making day trips to The Vercors, learning about the history of the French resistance during World War 2, as well as spending a day in Grenoble & a morning in the French school. We look forward to hearing all about it next week.



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## Current Affairs Kahoot This Week

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

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ben Jackson 12DBO (8358)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Will Hamilton 13NJO (6675)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Bea Swaine 13CHS (6520)

Please see Mr Harpin for your prize!

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## Useful Opportunities

### Brain and Mind Event: Sound and the Brain

The St Hilda's Brain and Mind Series of workshops continues this term with 'Sound and the Brain' on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 from 5:00PM – 7:15PM at Jacqueline du Pre Music Building, St Hilda's College.**

Guest speakers will investigate the topic of the sense of sound from the points of view of philosophy, psychology and neuroscience. The talks will be followed by a Q&A session.

'Sound and the Brain' is a free, in-person event, where all are welcome. Booking is required at the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brain-and-mind-workshop-sound-and-the-brain-tickets-760894765727?aff=oddttdtcrea>

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### NGTU Apprenticeships Live

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=YqwsDKCwHqI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YqwsDKCwHqI)

Not Going To Uni are holding a live apprenticeship broadcast on **2<sup>nd</sup> February from 17:00-19:30.**

Organisations such as The Metropolitan Police, EDF Energy and Bentley Motors will be giving insights and talking about their apprenticeship opportunities.

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### A 'Day in the Life' at AWE

A Taster Day Like No Other! Are you in year 12 – 13 wanting to get a taste of what it could be like to work with the UK's largest defence researching facility? Then Awe would like to invite you to their head office in Aldermaston so you can experience life behind the scenes and get the juice from their current apprentices.

Spaces are limited so please register ASAP to avoid disappointment!

<https://pathwayctm.com/events/ticket-type/?eid=104806&zid=&zt=Offline&za=primary>

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 10:00am – 15:00 at AWE Aldermaston Site, Reading.**

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## Warner Bros. Apprenticeships



Warner Bros. Discovery's Early Talent Team is hosting a virtual apprenticeships event on 6<sup>th</sup> February at 18:00. Attendees will find out about apprenticeships in the entertainment industry and hear from some of their apprentices about their roles.

[Registration link](#)

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## Careers Session with Amazon: Inside the World of Technology Apprenticeships

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 11:00am – 12:00pm**

As Engineering and Technology come together, a world of creative solutions emerges. In this session with global technology giant Amazon, students' interest in innovation will be ignited during National Apprenticeship Week as they explore exciting apprenticeship opportunities in engineering and technology, and discover the limitless possibilities in this dynamic field. *With speakers Dave Hardcastle, Software Development Director of Prime Video; Level 4 apprentice Satta (Development Operations Engineer); Level 6 apprentices Declan and Emma (Software Development Engineers).*

[Register here - Apprenticeships with Amazon](#)

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## Careers Session with IBM and Kaplan: Digital Apprenticeships

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 9.30am – 10.30am**

Explore endless opportunities in digital careers this National Apprenticeship Week with global technology powerhouse IBM, and leading education provider Kaplan. In this session, students will learn about a variety of digital apprenticeships that go beyond conventional screens, unlocking a world of creativity, functionality, and collaboration. They'll also gain insight into how digital innovation is shaping future careers, which means new and exciting possibilities in the field await them. *With level 4 apprentices Grace (Junior Design Consultant) and Tom (Junior Management Consultant) from IBM, and from Kaplan – Beth (Head of Data and Technology apprenticeship sales) and Level 3 Data Apprentices – Joseph and Suzanne.*

[Register here - Digital Apprenticeships with IBM and Kaplan](#)

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## Blewbury Players Audition

Are you a keen actor hoping to pursue a career in the theatre? Are you studying Brecht as part of your syllabus?

If so, you may be interested in our up and coming auditions for Brecht's *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*.

There are some fabulous parts for young actors and The Blewbury Players is a wonderful place to gain some valuable experience with a welcoming, supportive and very professional team. We have nurtured many individuals who have gone on to have successful careers in the Arts.

**The auditions are taking place this weekend, 3rd & 4th February.** The production will take place 17th-20th July, ensuring everyone is free in time for Truck festival, in the heart of Blewbury at the magical open air amphitheatre.

Email [blewburyplayers@gmail.com](mailto:blewburyplayers@gmail.com) or call 07795675146 to book an audition or ask any questions.

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## Competition

The BBC Young Reporter Competition 2024 is now open for entries! It's the annual opportunity for 11-18 year-olds to report on stories that matter to them and they think the BBC should be telling. Winning reports will broadcast across BBC programmes and platforms.

For full T&Cs, Privacy Notice and to apply: [bbc.co.uk/youngreportercompetition](https://bbc.co.uk/youngreportercompetition)

**Closes: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

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## **Electrical Apprenticeships Open Evenings**

JTL Training are holding two open evenings during National Apprenticeship Week for students interested in electrical apprenticeships and their parents and carers (booking essential). They will have the opportunity to tour facilities, meet staff and local employers who are looking for apprentices.

**JTL Oxford (booking is essential due to the secure site the centre is located)**

[www.eventbrite.com/e/799960803297](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/799960803297)

5th February, 16:30-19:00, Culham Science Centre near Abingdon, OX14 3DB

If you have any questions, please contact Kirstine Ginger, Learner Assessment Manager at [kirstineginger@jtltraining.com](mailto:kirstineginger@jtltraining.com)

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## **Velocity Football Open Event**

<https://velocityfootball.co.uk/contact-us>

Velocity Football is a post 16 education and football programme. Students can go along to an **open evening on 7th February at 18:30 at Oxford City FC** to meet the tutors and coaching team and chat with current learners.

Email: [courses@ignitesportuk.com](mailto:courses@ignitesportuk.com) for details.

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## **Unifrog Apprenticeships Fair**

<https://unifrogapprenticeshipsfair.vfairs.com>

At this virtual fair on **7th February at 16:30-19:00**, students can explore the latest apprenticeship opportunities, attend live sessions with employers including BBC, Lloyds Banking Group and NHS and network one-on-one to get top tips.

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## **Medical & Dental Work Experience**

We are delighted to extend an invitation to your students to participate in our FREE 6-month medical or 4-month dental virtual work experience programme.

This is the LAST CHANCE for students to explore specialties in Emergency Medicine or Dental Hygiene before the next rotation begins next week. Aimed to provide students with insights into the medical and dental fields, this free virtual work experience empowers students to make informed decisions about their future.

Students can find out more here:

<https://medicmentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

To ensure students don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity, they need to attend our upcoming Get Into Medicine or Get Into Dentistry conference, granting them IMMEDIATE ACCESS to the Virtual Work Experience programmes.

If students haven't attended a Get Into Conference but would like to join the Virtual Work Experience, they can sign up for the next upcoming conferences on these dates:

**For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:**

*Saturday 3rd February, 9:30am - 3:30pm*

*Sunday 4th February, 9:30am - 3:30pm*

*Saturday 10th February, 9:30am - 3:30pm*

**For aspiring Dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference date:**

*Saturday 24th February, 9:30am - 3:30pm*

Students and parents can register for free at these links:

Medicine: <https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-ucas-conference/>

Dentistry: <https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-ucas-conference/>

Students aged 14 - 18 are invited to attend with a parent or guardian, equipped with a working camera and microphone.

Medical Registration Link: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Dental Registration Link: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shrBuiR7SBACc19kE>

## **BAE Systems**

BAE Systems have some of the world's leading scientists, engineers and technologists all working to build a safer tomorrow, making it the perfect place for young people to grow and explore.

From day one, BAE Systems places apprentices at the heart of it all. Allowing them to gain real-life experience working on meaningful projects, whilst earning a competitive salary and working towards qualifications up to a degree.

**Discover what's possible!** Explore UK-wide opportunities in **engineering, business, technology and manufacturing** today.

[Explore Apprenticeships](#)

## **University Opportunity**

### **Study in the North: Webinar and Live Q&A**

**Study  
in  
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North**

**Webinar & live Q&A  
29th February 2024  
17.30-18.30**

Register for Zoom link

Join us as the Universities of Lancaster, Sheffield, Newcastle and Sunderland talk through the benefits and opportunities that come from studying in the North of England. You can also ask your questions to a selection of current students!

**When: Thursday 29th February 2024**

**Time: 17:30-18:30**

**Location: Online**

Considering moving somewhere new for uni? This session is run by students and staff from a range of Northern Universities, designed for students who do not know the area. Discover the huge range of opportunities and benefits that come from studying in the region:

To sign up for the event, please register here

<https://forms.office.com/e/Cmn7XX65FQ> and we will send out the joining link in due course.

