

# Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 5, Week 1: 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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6<sup>th</sup> Form



## A message from the 6f team:

Welcome to term 5 – an action packed term with a scattering of Bank Holidays! Not to be outdone, we have started the term with energy, in the form of the UCAS exhibition for Year 12 and preparation for the Lakes Trip with Year 13. Year 12 also rose to the challenge with a fantastic hustling for Student Leaders. The presentations were very impressive and the voting will be difficult. We wish you a relaxing weekend.

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

## Events coming up:

### Week Commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Y13 Lakes Trip: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Meet 7am at the bus bays.

### PSE Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Y12 - TBC

### Events coming up:

Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Y13 Leavers Ball: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June (confirmed)

## Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Tabitha, Lola, Theo, Lucas, Neive, Sky, Edward, Dylan, Molly and Hayley, and a Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Saja, Aditya, Florence, Joel, Madalyn, Benjamin, Emily, Ethan, Tillie, William and Martha.



### Revision Sessions

These continue to take place from 3-5pm in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Study Room on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We encourage you to attend to chip away at your revision timetable.

### 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.

### Time off for Driving lessons/Theory & Practical tests

#### *Driving lessons & Theory tests*

Please arrange for these to be taken out of school hours we do not authorise time off for these.

#### *Driving Practical test*

We are able to authorise time off for the practical test.

### Enrichment Lecture



The final enrichment lecture of the year was on the British Monarchy. Thank you to Mr Bowen for your balanced and insightful view on the monarchy.



## Year 13 Leavers Ball Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 24



A reminder to reserve a place at the 6<sup>th</sup> form ball via Parent pay.

If your child does not wish to attend please email [sixthform@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:sixthform@wallingfordschool.com) to advise.



On a side note, Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge PTA are holding a promwear sales event on the 20<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> June. Over 150 dresses to choose from with prices ranging from as little as £5 to a maximum of £70. They also have shoes, accessories and suits. All promwear is in beautiful condition.

## Humanities Study Day



On Monday, Mansfield College Oxford ran a Humanities study day centered around the key theme of monsters in literature. With three lectures based around three different Humanities subjects, it gave a broad understanding of monstering in religious texts, old English manuscripts, and Demonologies.

The sessions were interspersed with a college tour, lunch and a visit to the Natural History Museum and Pitt Rivers, which created an enriching atmosphere and usefully emulated university life. The last session of the day was on personal statements and the application process for applying to Oxford. It gave some insight into what not to write and what you should do to enrich your learning.



Overall, it was a great experience that I'd recommend to anyone and one that I would definitely do again.  
Sophie

## Hustings



Well done to all the Y12s who put themselves forward for Student Leader and for their great presentations in assembly this morning. Results should be in the week beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.



## Volunteering Opportunity

We are sharing a volunteering opportunity that will be of interest to you. You may be an Active Leader, already volunteer in another capacity or be new to volunteering. Volunteering is a great way to 'give back' to the community and this event is run by the PTA and wider community at Crowmarsh Primary School.

The Thames Run is on June 9<sup>th</sup> and your local community needs your help in running this event. Could you support with any of the following?

**May 25/26** - route clearance- mainly mowing the grass and possibly cutting back any overgrowth that might be in the way

**June 1/2** - Sorting signs and registration packs

**June 8** - Setting up the site, including putting up signs and setting up the various rooms for the next day

**June 9** (Race day)

We will need people to help with

**Marshalling (16 and over)** - encouraging runners and making sure they are heading the right direction. We would give the easier Marshall points to the less experienced Marshalls.

**Registration-** handing out numbers and taking on the day registration

**Baggage Drop off and Pick up** - taking in and keeping bags organised so they can be picked up easily!

Water - handing out water to runners at the water station.

Medals - handing out medals to the finishers!

If you think you can help in some way...thank you! Just let Mrs Lewis know by either emailing [lewisf@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:lewisf@wallingfordschool.com) or speak with Mrs Lewis when you see her in school.

As previously shared, volunteering is a great way to 'give back' to the community!

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### Sporting Fixtures



We had a rugby match and a netball match against Wheatley on Wednesday. Well done to both teams for the brilliant show of skill and team work.



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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	–	6914	Zara Khan & Hannah Millsop	13GS
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	–	3778	Ollie Tyler	12DBO
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	–	3758	Daniel May	13NJO

Please see **Mr Harpin** for your prize!

## Useful Opportunities

### ACE Training Open Mornings

Interested in a career in Construction? Come & see what ACE training can offer you! You can take a tour of our workshops, meet the team & find out all about our Apprentice & Pre-Apprentice opportunities in Bricklaying and Carpentry.

We look forward to seeing you between 10:00-12:00 on any of the following dates:

13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April

11<sup>th</sup> May

1<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June

6<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> July

15A Station Field Industrial Estate, Kidlington, OX5 1JD

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### Sidley's Undergraduate Bursary Programme

[www.sidleycareers.com/en/europe/london-opportunities](http://www.sidleycareers.com/en/europe/london-opportunities)

Students in Year 13 who hold an offer to study law at a UK university could be eligible to apply for Sidley's Undergraduate Bursary programme.

As part of their ongoing commitment to increasing diversity at Sidley and in the wider legal profession, their bursary programme will provide financial support to talented law students from less advantaged backgrounds for the duration of their undergraduate study. They hope that their financial support will minimise financial concerns and enable recipients to focus more on their studies and making the most of opportunities available to them during their time at university. The scheme will also guarantee work experience and mentoring opportunities for up to five successful candidates.

#### *Why Should Students Apply?*

Build connections within a premier international law firm.

- Gain work experience sitting alongside our partners, associates and trainees.
- Receive £3,500 per year for the duration of your legal studies.

*Closing date: 17th May.*

### **Interested in a Career in the Legal Profession?**

BVL is a social mobility charity which seeks to engage young people from non-fee paying schools with law and legal policy. We do this with the aim of inspiring students to pursue careers in the legal profession. We are currently accepting applications for various upcoming projects from students at non-fee paying schools.

Some projects will take place remotely via Zoom and are open to applicants from across England and Wales and some are in-person and London based. All of our projects are free of charge. Where projects have an in-person element, travel expenses and accommodation are paid for students travelling from outside of London/Greater London.

*Students may (and are encouraged to) apply to participate in multiple projects.*

For more information about BVL's projects, go to "Our Projects" page on [www.bvl.org.uk](http://www.bvl.org.uk)

### **PROJECTS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS**

#### **1. BCL Solicitors, White Collar Crime Summer Placement and Essay Competition**

White collar crime solicitors firm, [BCL](#), has partnered with BVL to offer two of our students a one week placement at the firm over the summer.

BCL Solicitors is a market leading firm specialising in domestic and international corporate and financial crime, extradition, tax investigations and litigation, financial regulatory enforcement, corporate manslaughter and health and safety offences, disciplinary proceedings, data protection and information law, serious and general crime, as well as the associated areas of anti-money laundering and anti-corruption compliance and risk management.

The placement is likely to run on dates to be confirmed in June / July 2024.

Apply for the work placement, click [here](#). Applications close at **7pm on Monday 22 April 2024**.

BCL will also shortly be launching an essay competition. While we are finalising the details, we welcome any interested students to register their interest [here](#). Those who register their interest will be contacted over the coming months with more details.

#### **2. In House Lawyer Insight Programme and Internship, in collaboration with The Blair Partnership and Pottermore Publishing**

Are you interested in learning more about a career as an in house lawyer? Would you like to learn more about the work of a lawyer working for a literary and entertainment agency? If yes, then this is the perfect opportunity for you!

BVL is once again partnering with literary and entertainment agency, The Blair Partnership and digital publisher Pottermore Publishing for an **insight evening over Zoom for Year 12 and Year 13 students, across England and Wales**. The programme aims to provide young people with an insight into the career journeys of The Blair Partnership and Pottermore Publishing's lawyers and more broadly, the work of an in-house lawyer.

The programme will run on an evening to be confirmed in early May 2024.

Apply now: The only eligibility requirements we have are that you will be 16 years or over at the time of the project and that you are studying for your A-Levels (or equivalent) at a non-fee paying school. All of our projects are free of charge for all students.

To apply complete a brief application form by clicking [here](#). The deadline for applications is **7pm on Monday 22 April 2024**.

For more information go to: <https://www.theblairpartnership.com/about/>

#### **3. Town Legal, Planning Law Insight Session**

Planning law is about how the land and sea around us is used and developed. It creates the legal framework within which decisions are made about how we arrange different uses and buildings to try to balance economic growth with our social needs and environmental protection. It affects everything from public transport, homes, parks, shopping centres in cities and towns to the countryside and the seabed around our national shores.

In collaboration with [Town Legal](#), a specialist London planning law firm, we are running two interactive workshops designed to introduce students to the nuts and bolts of planning law and enable students to ask questions about pursuing a career in the law.

The date for the insight session is to be confirmed in early July between 6-7pm. Apply [here](#). The deadline for applications is **7pm on Monday 22 April 2024**.

#### **4. 5RB Chambers, Media Law Insight Evening**

BVL is once again partnering with media law barristers' chambers, [5RB](#), to run a media law insight evening.

5RB is a leading set of media and communications law barristers who practise in all areas of media law including: defamation, privacy, confidence, data protection, harassment, media regulation, intellectual property, sport and human rights.

The session will run between 6 and 8pm on a date to be confirmed in Summer 2024.

Apply [here](#). Applications close at **7pm on Monday 22 April 2024**.

#### **5. Model Law Commission**

Each year, the Model Law Commission begins with a two-day in person conference in London. It is over the course of these two days that students are introduced to their respective topics by experts in the field who come from all over the country to speak to them.

The students are also visited by individuals from the Law Commission itself visit our students and advise on the difficulties in reforming the law and how to write a law reform report. The students then take that information and over the following weeks discuss reform ideas with each other, their Group Leaders and their peers.

The project then concludes with a final in person report launch event in London in January, hosted by MPs and visitors from the Law Commission. At the event, each student will receive a printed and published copy of their group's reform report.

If you are interested in learning more about the way law works in the UK, the way it is made and changed, then you are strongly encouraged to apply.

This is open to students across England and Wales and is completely free of charge.

To apply, please complete a brief application form by clicking [here](#). The deadline for applications is **7pm on Friday 6 September 2024**.

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### **Summer Enrichment - Interactive Online TEFL Course**

#### ***What is TEFL?***

TEFL stands for Teaching English as a Foreign Language and is a popular career path for those looking to teach English in the UK or abroad. The course is perfect for students interested in English Language or Teaching at university, those looking to travel or take a gap year, and students just wanting to enhance their UCAS statement and CV.

#### ***Why TEFL?***

TEFL offers anyone the chance to travel and see the world, gain new experiences, and get paid for it. You can also use the UK-TEFL certificate to teach EFL in the UK through private tuition, work on government literacy schemes or why not become a mentor at your local college or university, the certificate and skills gained from the course can also set students apart when it comes to writing UCAS Personal Statements.

As part of our Schools and Institutions Package, students receive the course at a discounted rate of £90. Students have **6 months to complete the course** (*though we do find that most complete it within 2-3 months*). Students have 24/7 access to

the course, which means they can complete the course at their own pace and in their own time. The course can be completed during weekends, school holidays and over summer. Perfect part of a weekly enrichment slot at school.

**Enrolment options:**

Pay via the website – for individual students who would like to pay for the course independently via credit or debit card.

For more information, please find our prospectus [here](#).

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**Mill Stream Surgery**

*Work Experience Opportunity*

This is in the form of providing support at our spring booster covid clinic – date TBC but will be a Saturday end of April/beginning of May and probably our autumn covid clinic. The autumn booster campaign has not yet been confirmed. We are fully expecting to be asked to do an autumn covid campaign. Doing the data entry provides students with the experience of working at a surgery immunisation clinic and provides something to put on a UCAS form/discuss at interview. We will also be offering in the summer for one student, the opportunity to spend a week at the practice. This will be working in reception/observing admin – helping with admin tasks. There will be an opportunity to talk with clinicians but there will not be an opportunity to sit in clinical consultations. This role is a voluntary role.

*Gap Year Student Opportunity*

This will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> year we will run this programme. It worked out really well, with the student now going full time into medical school. You will be working 5 days a week doing a lot of admin work, care navigation (mainly reception work) and we have recently provided an opportunity for the student to be trained in taking blood so they now carry out phlebotomy clinics. This is a paid role.

The above opportunities would be suitable for any students looking at a career in medicine, nursing or allied health professions such as physiotherapy. For more information, please speak to Karen Washburn, Practice Manager on 01491838286.

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