

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 5, Week 3: 3rd May 2024

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6th Form



A message from the 6f team:

It's been lovely to have a complete sixth form again now that Year 13 have returned from the Lakes. Although a little tired, they have hopefully got the momentum (*def: impetus and driving force gained by a course of events*) to continue with focused revision. The theme for assemblies this morning was looking forward to the remainder of the year and for both year groups there is a need for balance (*def: an even distribution of weight*) between academic work and personal wellbeing.

The items in this newsletter demonstrates the balance of events and activities in sixth form at the moment. There will be more information coming through over the next few weeks so please keep reading the newsletter and emails. Have a wonderful long weekend!

The 6th Form Team

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 7th May

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

PSE Friday 10th May

Y12 – TBD

Y13 – Celebration Day

Events coming up:

DofE Gold Practice Expedition: Friday 10th May-Sunday 12th May

Y12 Biology Trip (Sutton Courtenay): Wednesday 15th May

Y13 Leavers Ball: Friday 21st June (confirmed)

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Ollie and a Happy 18th Birthday to Luke, Luca, Sese, Felicity and James.



Revision Sessions

These continue to take place from 3-5pm in the 6th 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.

Year 13 Leavers Ball Friday 21st June 24

A reminder to reserve a place at the 6th form ball via Parent pay. **Those paying by instalments, the last payment is now due!**

If your child does not wish to attend please email sixthform@wallingfordschool.com to advise.



Year 13 Leaver's Hoodies & Year Book

Students are in the final stages of completing their year book entries and a communication regarding ordering this and or a leavers hoodie will be emailed out next week and items added to parent pay.



Canteen

We now have our very own canteen in sixth form, providing a wide range of healthy snacks and hot meals for both break and lunch.



Spring Concert



Congratulations to all the students who took part, either on or behind the stage, in Thursday's Spring Concert. Once again, the sixth form played a huge role and for our Year 13 it would have been the last of many contributions to school music events. We hope you enjoyed taking part as much as we enjoyed watching. Look out for some photos in next week's newsletter!

Student Leaders



Congratulations to the ten students who were appointed as Student Leaders this morning, following the hustings and a week's voting and counting (many thanks to last year's Student Leaders for counting all the votes!). Mr Marston met the team this morning and we are confident that this team are going to be a positive force within the school. Congratulations to Emma, Laura, Genevive, Hope, Sophie, Amelie, Will and Bronte and to our new Head Students – Emily and Archie.

Year 13 Final Assembly



After years of sitting in assemblies throughout their school careers, Year 13 gathered this morning to reflect on their time in sixth form and ear some pearls of wisdom to take through the next important few weeks. Balance was a key theme – working hard whilst still taking the time to eat, sleep and relax. Everyone is on the gradient of getting the balance right somewhere – you know if you are someone who needs to step up or down and now is the time to get the balance right.



There were important notices shared too and students were reminded of the importance of reading this newsletter and school emails regularly in order not to miss key communications.

Y13 Celebration Day

Year 13 will be celebrating coming to the end of the year on Friday 10th May. They were messages about this in assembly – fancy dress is encouraged and bouncy castles and ice-cream are essential.

Following a morning of celebration, students will be able to go home and continue with their revision in the afternoon.

Year 13 Study Leave

A reminder of the notices given in assembly this morning:

What happens after 10 May?

- You don't have to come to registration or PSHE or be in school for study periods.
- However, you are very welcome to do so – please just sign in.
- You need to sign in and out whenever you are in, apart from for an exam.



But apart from that

- It's lessons as normal. Your teachers will be planning revision lessons and activities that could really make the difference – you will have plenty of time for independent revision. You are expected to come to lessons until the last exam of that subject.



Extra Revision Sessions

- Most of your subject teachers will provide a double revision lesson the day before your exam. These take priority over your normal lessons. You will be sent the timetable in an email early next week.



So when is there any study leave?

- You can take study leave in the morning before an afternoon exam.
- If you really need it you can take study leave in the afternoon before a morning exam the next day. You be the judge here.
- That's it.



Year 13 Exams

There will be more information regarding exams next week but the key points are:

- ✓ Check your exam timetable
- ✓ Arrive ten minutes before your exam starts.
- ✓ Most exams are in the Sports Hall but check this. (E.g. Some Media, Language, Music exams and exam concessions go to the exams office).
- ✓ Line up in the front tennis courts in the morning and the back tennis courts in the afternoon.
- ✓ Bags – leave them in the 6F Common Room (or the link corridor)

Current Affairs Kahoot This Week

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

- 1st Place – 4714 Tabitha Gauden 12YH
2nd Place – 4528 Jamie-Leigh Carrington 13CHS
3rd Place – 3900 Amelie Bennett 13NJO

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

Useful Opportunities

CMS LLP Scholarship and Work Experience Opportunities

CMS LLP is the 5th largest law firm in the world, operating in 84 offices across 45 countries. We believe that a career in law should be open to everyone, regardless of background. Therefore, we are delighted to be launching two programmes for Year 12 students; [CMS Law Scholarships](#) and [CMS Connect \(work experience\)](#).

Both programmes are for those from backgrounds which research shows are less likely to secure opportunities at prestigious firms/universities and are focused on improving access to the legal industry.

Join us for our official launch and webinar on **2nd May at 16:30**. Come hear all about the two initiatives. Speak to programme alumni, learn how to ace applications, and find out how these opportunities could benefit you or your students. Sign up to the webinar here: <https://meetandengage.com/cmsearlytalent>

CMS Law Scholarships

Since 2012, we've helped some of the brightest and most creative legal minds launch their career through the CMS Law Scholarships programmes.

10 successful applicants will benefit from:

Financial support (up to £10,000) during their university studies

Mentoring during their UCAS applications,

Career support from a trainee solicitor

Paid work experience during their first year of University

Eligibility

Scholarships are aimed at students who will be the first generation in their family to go to university. There are also certain financial criteria that students need to meet. Full details of these and how to apply can be found on our dedicated scholarships website: <https://www.cmsearlytalent.com/programmes/law-scholarships/>

To apply, you will need to submit an essay – the questions are on our website/

CMS Connect (Work Experience)

CMS is found member of [PRIME](#), an organisation formed by various UK law firms committed to improving access to the legal profession.

During the sustained programme of support, students will develop skills that all employers look out for, not just those in the legal profession. This happens through:

Paid work experience this summer (29th July – 2nd August 2024)

Mentoring

UCAS Application skills workshop.

And much more! Successful applicants can also be spring-boarded to the CMS Solicitor Apprenticeship or undergraduate careers programmes.

We will be running CMS Connect across our London, Bristol, Sheffield, Manchester, Edinburgh and Glasgow offices.

To find out more, check eligibility and apply, visit: www.cmsearlytalent.com/programmes/work-experience/

Applications close on: CMS Law Scholarships – 12 July 2024 and CMS Connect - 19 June 2024.

If you would like any more information or would like to speak to a member of the team, please get in touch at Emergingtalent@cms-cmno.com

Classics and Ancient History Taster

www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/events/classics-and-ancient-history-taster-day

This taster day on **21st June from 10:00-17:00** will give **Year 12 students** a chance to explore what it's like to study a classical subject at the University of Oxford, in particular at Lady Margaret Hall.

Deadline to apply: **17th May**



Classics and Ancient History Taster Day

For Year 12 students

Friday 21st June 2024
Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford

Apply by 17th May

www.lmh.ox.ac.uk

- Learn about the Oxford admissions process
- Experience academic sessions in Classics and History with our tutors
- Participate in a hands-on session working with our tutors
- Look around LMH with current students
- Enjoy a free lunch in LMH's Hall
- Visit the antiquity collection in the Ashmolean

Ion Group Hack



<https://stemettes.org/events/ion-group-hack>

Young women and non-binary students can join Stemettes online or in London on **28th May from 10:00-17:00** to solve problems, grow their AI understanding and let their skills shine. This AI and productivity-themes hackathon is an opportunity to understand more about AI and its uses.

Work Experience in Allied Healthcare

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

There is an upcoming NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience session happening next Sunday 5th May. It's a fantastic opportunity for students in Year 10 – Year 13.

At the beginning of the session, guests will interact with a distinguished guest speaker, Shelley Blane, offering a unique opportunity to gain insights from an experienced AHP professional. They will then explore the crucial elements of Road Traffic Collisions.

Registration link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

Our guest speaker, Shelley Blane, a seasoned Therapeutic and Diagnostic Radiographer, will share their wealth of knowledge and insights, offering invaluable guidance to aspiring healthcare professionals. Following their talk, students will be guided through various allied health careers by exploring the journeys of two patients from initial presentation to full recovery. Students will gain invaluable perspectives on patient care dynamics and the collaborative efforts within the NHS, including exploring careers within:

Nursing
Midwifery
Paramedicine
Physiotherapy
Occupational Therapy
Dietics
Radiography
Prosthetics and Orthotics
Speech and Language Therapy
Pharmacy

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout each day. This will empower students to make informed career decisions and demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications.

Once they've registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals.

Students are awarded a Work Experience Certificate for every session they complete. Those who complete the full 6-month programme will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor. These are fantastic additions to their CV's!

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 6-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.

Sign up here: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

Thames Valley Police & SCAS



[Link to register](#)



Thames Valley Police and South Central Ambulance Service are holding a careers and volunteering event on **11th May from 10:00-14:00** at Said Business School for students to meet the team and find out about the diverse range of roles available with TVP and SCAS.

Fire Service Careers Event



[Registration link](#)

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service are holding a career insight day on **25th May from 10:00-16:00**, where firefighters will talk about what they do, answer questions and demonstrate the physical assessment tests taken when joining as a firefighter. Attendees can also have a try at doing the assessments tests and get feedback.

University Open Days

Please find below the list of all University Open Days for the month of June.

<https://bit.ly/june-opendays>

There are over 100 Open Days in June so you will have plenty of options to choose from.

