

# Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 5, Week 5: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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## A message from the 6f team:

After last Friday's celebrations (see photos below), it was truly down to business this week with A-Level exams starting in earnest. A big well done to all those who have made a start to their exams, we have been very impressed with their approach so far and look forward to supporting them throughout this period.

Year 12 have also had a busy time, processing RAP Reports to determine areas for development going into the final term, as well as looking at 'next steps' in PSHE. Some even had time to squeeze in a DofE Gold Practice Expedition!

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

## Events coming up:

### Week Commencing 20<sup>th</sup> May

- Y12 Medicine Application Talk: *Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 4pm in 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre (parents of prospective applicants encouraged to attend)*
- House Assemblies: *Mon – Bigg, Tues – Blackstone, Wed – Christie, Thurs – Matilda*

### PSE

Year 12: *Mock Exams Timetable and Preparation*

### Events coming up:

- Y12 Mock exams – *Mon 24 June – Tues 2 July*
- Parents' Higher Education Evening – *Mon 24 June 6pm Main Hall*
- Y12 Futures Week – *w/c 8 July incl trip to Nottingham University – 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> July*
- Y13 Leavers Ball: *Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June (confirmed)*

## Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Ben, Lilli and Molly and Alesia.

We wish a Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Letty, Sadie, Cora, Rachael, Samson, Samuel, Miles and Ivan.



### 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.

### Year 13 Leaver's Hoodies & Year Book

Communication has been sent regarding how to order and pay for Year Books and hoodies. Deadlines for orders in 5pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.



### Year 13 Exams and Results

Communication has been sent out with lots of information about revision sessions, exams and the results process. Please read this very carefully!

## Year 13 Study Leave

A few reminders:

### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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 Lockers

To Year 13 students with a locker. It is that time of year when Exams are looming and you will be leaving soon. Please can you make sure that your locker is emptied and cleaned by the time you complete your last exam. The padlock is yours to keep but you can hand it in to me if your do not need it.

## Y13 Leavers Celebrations

As promised, here a few snapshots from the Leavers celebration last Friday.





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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 – 3847 Elliot 12EMC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 3736 Tabitha 12YH
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 3651 Eric 12DBO

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

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## **Useful Opportunities**

### **Physics Events and Opportunities – University of Oxford**

*Y12 Physics Summer School and Y12 NQCC Quantum Experience Summer School (In Person)*

Date: **Mon 29<sup>th</sup> July-Fri 2 Aug 2024**

Venue: **Department of Physics**

Audience: Students should be local, aged 16+ years and in Year 12, and studying Physics and Maths A-Level or equivalent.

This year we are running two programmes that give local A-level (or equivalent) students a taster of life in a physics department. During the week students work on a project and also take part in a central programme of activities such as departmental tours, career talks and sample lectures. The summer schools are run in place of work experience for local students. New for 2023, we are running the Y12 NQCC Quantum Experience Summer School which will include quantum physics tutorials, some coding experience, and visits to local companies who are working on quantum technology. You will meet researchers who are working in this cutting edge field and other likeminded students. The Year 12 Quantum Experience Summer School has been made possible by generous support from the NQCC (The National Quantum Computing Centre). This year there will be introductory work for the students in advance of the Year 12 Quantum Experience Summer School. Deadline for applications is **Friday 14th June 2024**.

More information and booking: [Click here for more information and to apply for the summer schools](#)

*Oxford Physics Online Masterclass for Y12 (Online)*

Date: **Sat 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Audience: **Students in Y12**

Considering applying to Oxford to study Physics? Join us for a day of finding out more - about Oxford, about Physics, and about what you can do to take your studies to the next level. As well as including our Physics Access Officer's guide to Oxford admissions, this day of online workshops and lectures will also feature a lecture on cutting edge physics research and interactive problem-solving workshops, plus a chance for you to put your questions to our panel of current Oxford Physics students. The deadline for registration is 17:00 on **Friday 7 June 2024**.

More information and booking: [Click here for more information and to apply for the Oxford Physics Online Masterclass](#)

*'Preparing for the PAT' Course for Y12 (Online)*

Date: **Summer 2024, from 19<sup>th</sup> June**

Audience: **Students in Y12**

Over the summer (June – October) we will be running an online course called ‘Preparing for the PAT’ which is designed to help Y12 students build their problem-solving skills, looking ahead to the Physics Aptitude Test (PAT) that is part of the admissions process for Physics, Engineering and Material Science at Oxford. You can find out more about the PAT at [www.physics.ox.ac.uk/pat](http://www.physics.ox.ac.uk/pat). The course consists of a series of live, online webinars in June / July and September / October, with three summer assignments set over the holidays. It’s open to everyone, and is free to take part in.

More information and booking: [Click here for more information and to apply for the Preparing for the PAT course](#)

*‘Preparing for the PAT’ Parallel Mentoring Programme (Online)*

Date: **Summer 2024**

In addition to the ‘Preparing for the PAT’ course, which is open to everyone, we offer a mentoring programme to support target student groups with their preparation for the PAT, running in parallel to the online course. Work with an Oxford Physics student for the summer to boost your problem-solving skills!

**Audience:** There are two streams to the programme:

- Stream A: Students who identify as female or non-binary
- Stream B: Students who identify as being of Black heritage

In addition, to be eligible for the programme, you must attend a UK school that is both:

- non-fee-paying (i.e. state school), and
- comprehensive (i.e. not academically selective).

Applications for this programme are now open, and will close on **5pm, Friday 31 May 2024**.

More information and booking: [Click here for more information and to apply for the apply for the Parallel Mentoring Programme](#)

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## **Research and Development Laboratory Scientist Degree Apprenticeship**

Intake Talent is recruiting for an apprentice for September 2024 for one of their clients based in Wantage, Oxfordshire. You will work within the research and development team and complete a Chemical Science Degree Apprenticeship over four years.

Have a passion for science and an interest in innovation and sustainability? This is the role for you.

*Entry requirements are a minimum of 104 UCAS points at A-Level (grades BCC), with one in Chemistry and equivalent.*



To apply click on the link below:

[Vacancies — Intake Talent](#)

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## **Hawkins Apprenticeship Event**



Hawkins are holding an apprenticeship open day on **19<sup>th</sup> June from 9:00** for students interested in construction and manufacturing. Places must be booked by **31<sup>st</sup> May**. Students can find out more and book by emailing [info@hawkins-group.co.uk](mailto:info@hawkins-group.co.uk)

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## **Young Film Network South East**

[BFI Film Academy](#): Short Cut Film Fund

[Young Film Network South East](#) with the support of BFI Film Academy and BFI Film Audience Network are awarding three young people (aged 16-25) a grant of £1000 to create a short film with a running time of up to five minutes. This includes all stages of production from start to finish, including script, shooting and post-production. The aim of the programme is to nurture new talent from underrepresented groups with recipients receiving tailored mentoring support and networking opportunities to develop their career.

At the end of the programme, awardee will be invited to showcase their work at Film Hub South East's Members Forum at BFI Southbank in 2025.

Application deadline: **10:00 am on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024** and applicants can do this via the [website](#).

Social media, physical assets and copy available [on our drive](#).

For further information, contact Young Film Network: [youngfilmse@independentcinemaoffice.org.uk](mailto:youngfilmse@independentcinemaoffice.org.uk).

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### **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.

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### **Not going to Uni?**



For students interested in alternative avenues to University you may find this podcast useful with ideas for Apprenticeships and Employment.

