

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 6, Week 2: 14th June 2024

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6th Form



A message from the 6f team:

Very well done to Year 13 who are very much in the thick of it with their A Level exams. We are starting to see students beginning to finish, with the final exam, books for books day & the 6th form leavers ball taking place next Friday. We look forward to these events!

Year 12 have been equally getting their heads stuck into revision for their upcoming mock exams. We have been impressed with the work ethic in the study room amidst the new trial for the different study rooms.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend

The 6th Form Team

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 17th June

Saturday 15th June: *Year 10/Year 12 French Exchange*
Friday 21st June: *Booster Session – ‘Exam Savvy’ – Exam technique/Being Savvy, Exam Prep, Using Exam Concessions*

Y13 Books for Year Books Day – *Friday June 21st*

Y13 Leavers Ball: *Friday 21st June*

PSE

Y12: *Revision*

Events coming up:

- Y12 Mock exams – *Mon 24th June – Tues 2nd July*
- Parents’ Higher Education Evening – *Mon 24th June 6pm Main Hall*
- Founders Day (Invite Only) – *Thursday 27th June*
- Y12 Futures Week – *w/c 8 July including trip to Nottingham University – 10th & 11th July*

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to India and Benjamin.



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



The final order has now been submitted for Year Books and Hoodies and will be available for collection on Friday 21st June.



Parents of Year 12

Medical forms for the Nottingham trip need to be handed in immediately.

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 you do not need it.

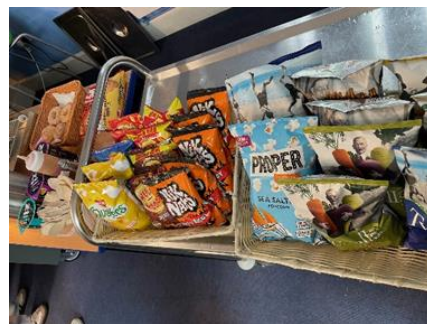
Higher Education Evening- Monday 24th June 6pm

Just a reminder to all Year 12 parents that you are invited to attend a meeting about the process of applying to university, UCAS, how to support your child over the coming months and the messages that they will be given during Futures Week. This will be in the Main Hall at 6pm on Monday 24th June and will take about 45 minutes. We look forward to seeing you there (students need not attend). Any questions, please do email sixthform@wallingfordschool.com

6th Form Canteen Competition

As you will have seen, our catering manager has opened up a new service point in the sixth form block, serving snacks and meals at break and lunch. It has proved popular and so, although it is going to disappear for a little while from Wednesday to the end of term (due to exams and Futures Week), it will be back in September with, hopefully a personalised look. We would like suggestions for the kind of food you would like to see at this serving point – just email lunatabuaa@wallingfordschool.com and we will collate them and send them on. We would also like a name for the area to give it more of an identity as a 6th Form Café. It would be great if the name could come from the student body so please have a think and send your suggestions to lunatabuaa@wallingfordschool.com Those of you with creative, language or business minds may well want to go into Marketing and here is your first opportunity to test your skills and, literally, have your name in lights – your chosen café name, that is! And just to prove that there is such a thing as a free lunch, the prize is....a free lunch!

Please send your entries in by **Friday 5th July**.



Access Class Farewell



On Monday 10th June staff gathered to celebrate the students on our Access course who finished the one year course and will be heading off to pastures new, or coming back to re-join sixth form in September. They have had a really successful year, ticking off qualifications on the way and are now able to access a range of courses and opportunities. We wish them the best of luck in their futures.

Year 12 Assembly



Mr Harpin's assembly this morning gave more details about Futures Week and also the year groups' anticipated involvement in Sport Day, both of which we are really looking forward to.

There was also a reflection on the current experiment of silent rooms and quiet rooms for Sixth Form Study, which seems to be going very well. It's great to see you focused on your independent study in the run up to the exams.

Year 12 Apprenticeship

Anyone in Year 12 hoping to go down the Apprenticeship path, please can you notify Mr Harpin of your intentions by Monday 24th June, 2024.

Booster Sessions



There has been a good take-up of the booster sessions, which we hope you are finding useful. This morning Mrs Lutunatabua led a session on productivity and revision – Just Do It! There is one more before the exams – Exam Savvy – which is all about exam technique and has a section on how to use exam concessions effectively. Please sign up in sixth form.

Wet Lunchtime



The heavens opened at lunchtime today and we had lots of soggy sixth formers returning from lunch, but none quite so wet as Mr Holton, Mr Jackson, Mr Pring, Ms Simpkins, and others, who had sponges (and buckets) of water thrown over them for a charity fundraiser. Well done to them - it sounds as if lots of money was raised.

Mock Election

Thank you to the students who have volunteered to take part in the mock elections. An email to the local office of the party you are representing will probably provide you with lots of information to get the ball rolling. If anyone else would like to take part, please come forward. We will have a meeting during registration on **Tuesday 18th June**.

General Election 2024

If you are 18 or over on 4 July, you will be able to vote between 7am and 10pm, at your designated polling station. Just make sure you are registered to vote by 18th June.

You should receive a poll card shortly before the election which will tell you where you need to go to cast your vote. You can also find these details by entering your postcode on the 'Where do I vote' website - wheredoivote.co.uk

To vote at a polling station, you must bring photo ID with you – a wide range of photo ID will be accepted, including passports, driving licences and cards with a PASS Mark – you can see the full list of accepted ID on the Electoral Commission website - electoralcommission.org.uk/voterid

If you don't have the accepted photo ID – apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate, at gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate. The deadline for applications for this election is 5pm on 26 June.

You will be able to find out who you can vote for – from 4pm on 7 June, after the nominations period has closed, by visiting whocanivotefor.co.uk

For first-time voters, you can find lots of useful information on how elections work, how you can vote and what happens on election day via our first-time voter's guide at southoxon.gov.uk/YourFirstTime or whitehorsedc.gov.uk/YourFirstTime

Current Affairs Kahoot This Week

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

1st Place - 4737 Harry 12TP
2nd Place - 4728 Ben 12DBO
3rd Place - 3736 Noah 12YH

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

Useful Opportunities

Aberystwyth University – Department of International Politics Workshops

We'd like to invite **Year 12 students** to two upcoming virtual academic-focused workshops. Their aim is to support students in questioning and challenging our thinking about current and topical subjects in politics.

Whilst sessions are linked to A level syllabus themes, they are open to learner with no prior knowledge of the subject, who aren't studying Politics in school/college.

These 50minute interactive sessions will be hosted online on Microsoft Teams and will include activities for students. Learners can register [here](#). Once registered, we will share a reminder about the sessions and the link to join, three days before the sessions take place.

Descriptions of the two workshops are:

A United Kingdom?

12.00, Tuesday 25 June

Dr Elin Royles

While almost unthinkable a generation ago, today there is serious debate regarding whether the UK union can survive. This is due to diverse factors, including: the rise of independence movements (especially in Scotland, but also in Wales); growing interest in reunification across the island of Ireland; and even a sense among certain English voters that England is treated unfairly within the union. Political and constitutional divisions have also been heightened by Brexit and the Covid-19 pandemic. Using interactive methods, this session examines the arguments advanced by key participants in this debate, such as Nicola Sturgeon, Boris Johnson, Rishi Sunak and Mark Drakeford. It explores their different visions for the future of the United Kingdom and invites students to evaluate their proposals.

A level Syllabus Themes: UK's unwritten constitution; Parliamentary sovereignty; devolution; nationalism and unionism in different parts of the UK.

Crisis of Democracy in the USA?

14.00, Tuesday 02 July

Dr Lucy Taylor

America is often upheld as a beacon of democracy, but recent events have revealed serious challenges, both to US democratic institutions and to America's culture of democracy. This workshop explores the US political system, and its flaws, through a discussion of key contemporary themes. These are: rise of populism; polarisation in political parties; race and representation; women's rights and the abortion debate. Fully interactive, this session looks behind the news headlines to explore the meaning of democracy and the relationship between state institutions and democratic culture.

A level Syllabus Themes: American politics; party systems; elections, Supreme Court; democratic culture.

...and don't forget, if you can't make the above sessions, International Politics (and other departments) have a range of [AberWorkshops](#) which, subject to availability, can be delivered to groups of learners either face to face or virtually at a convenient time for you.

Bicester Village Careers Event



<https://careers-bicester.icims.com/connect?eventId=217371>

Bicester Village are holding a weekend careers event for anyone interested in a career in retail or looking for temporary/part time work. It will take place on **29th June from 09:30-12:30 and 14:00-17:00** and **30th June from 11:00-16:00**.

STEM Summer Experience for Year 11 to Year 13

<https://scienceoxford.com/schools/secondary-schools/stem-summer-experience>

Applications are open for Science Oxford's free of charge STEM Summer Experience 2024 for students in Years 11 to 13 who are interested in careers in STEM. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain skills, experience and expertise over two weeks in the summer holidays, all while having fun. It takes place from 29th July to 9th August, Monday to Friday from 09:00 - 16:00 each day.

The STEM Summer Experience is jam-packed with activities with leading STEM organisations from a wide variety of disciplines in and around Oxfordshire to help students discover many ways STEM skills can open doors to careers in STEM as well as other fields.

Deadline to apply: **30th June**.

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.

Not going to Uni?



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

