

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

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6th Form



A message from the 6f team:

Whilst Year 12 have been on study leave, we have been busy welcoming the next cohort and preparing for upcoming events such as Founder's Day and Futures Week.

Year 12 have been brilliant in exams – punctual, well-prepared and mature. We look forward to having them back in lessons to work on the all-important feedback and analysis from Wednesday and into the other side of Futures Week.

Next week continues to be full of enriching possibilities with the Mock Elections, Duke of Edinburgh Gold expedition and the second leg of the German Exchange.

Have a good week.

The 6th Form Team

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 1st July

- Y12 Mock exams – *Mon 24th June – Tues 2nd July*
- Y12 Mock Election Hustings – *Thurs 4th*
- DofE Gold Expedition – *4th-8th July*
- Y12 German Exchange – *Fri 5th July–Thurs 11th July*

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Y12: *Summer & Festivals*

Events coming up:

- Y12 Futures Week – *w/c 8 July including trip to Nottingham University – 10th & 11th July*
- Sports Day – *Tuesday 9th July*

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Lili. We wish a Happy 18th Birthday to Judie and Max.



Mock Elections

Thank you to the students who have volunteered to present the views of one of the 6 main political parties at a mock election next week. It is a slimmed down version of anything we have done previously due to the timing coinciding with our exams, however, it will be great for you to gain a bit of an understanding about the key policies for each party and for us to see how our Sixth Form would vote. The arrangements have changed slightly and they are now:

Weds 3rd July registration – assembly with Ms Mummery in Sports Dance Studio

Weds 3rd July 12.50 – 1.20 – meeting/rehearsal in Sports Dance Studio for all students representing a party

Thurs 4th July assembly – hustings in Sports Dance Studio

Thurs 4th July break – mock election is sixth form study/common room

We will aim to declare the results by 3.05 pm.

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.

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 Presentation – Year 12

Thank you to all those parents for attending our event this week.

You can view the presentation slides in the VLE/6th form area and/or the Notice board on Edulink.

Last week for 6th Form Canteen Competition

We would like suggestions for the kind of food you would like to see at the new serving point in 6th form– just email lutunatabuaa@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 lutunatabuaa@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**.

Year 11 into 12 Taster Days

It's the circle of life. Friday night we celebrate with Year 13 as they leave and Monday morning we are welcoming students who have applied to be the new cohort of Year 12 students in September. It was a delight to welcome students coming up from Year 11 at this school and others. Staff really enjoyed teaching them and there was a lovely expectant buzz of excitement and enthusiasm which bodes well for next year! Huge thanks go to our wonderful helpers from Year 13 who came back to support and were brilliant with helping students to feel welcome, find their classes and be well informed about sixth form life.



Founder's Day



Congratulations to all the students who made this year's Founder's Day such a wonderful event. It was fabulous to be able to celebrate the achievements of so many of our young people – both those in sixth form and throughout the school – and the contributions from our students in the Decibels, Jazz Collective and Big Band made the evening particularly enjoyable and memorable. We were very proud of the Student Leadership Groups – both outgoing and incoming – who made superb speeches and were excellent ambassadors for the school. Well done, all!



Year 13 Leavers Ball

Last Friday night Year 13s signed-off in style, at what was the final formal event at Wallingford School for most of them. The students looked incredibly classy, and the singing and dancing was impressive. It was a wonderful release for them after a significant time of exam-stress, and we congratulate them as they head off for their long summers.

The event would not have been possible without the party-planning skills of Mrs Hornsby and Mrs Williams, who we thank very much for organising the Ball (they even managed to get the sun shining!).



Useful Opportunities

Student Volunteers Oman Scheme

We run a fully funded biannual student volunteering scheme to Oman which may be of interest to some of the sixth form students planning to take time out from study before going on to University. The scheme offers four students the opportunity to explore the unique culture and country of Oman while learning Arabic and contributing real value assisting with teaching at the prestigious Sultan's School, Muscat.

The scheme is now open for applications for the January 2025 slot. Applications can be made online via our website. Below is a brief summary of the key information:

British Omani Student Volunteers Oman – Gap Year Scheme

- *Taking place: **Fri 10 January (arrive) –Thurs 10 April (leave) 2025***
- *Deadline for applications: 7 July 2024*
- *Intake: 4 students (school leavers and recent graduates)*
- *Funded (flights, accommodation, meals, part cost of Arabic tuition, shared car hire and basic pocket money)*
- *Volunteering at The Sultan's School, Muscat, Oman*
- *Opportunities to gain new skills and experience useful for further study and employment, learn or improve Arabic, explore Oman and learn about another culture*
- *Find out more & apply online:*

Previous scheme applicants have gone on to study politics, Middle Eastern studies, Arabic and a wide range of other University courses, many with the intention of going on to work in the civil service or within international companies. We've had fantastic feedback from previous young people who have taken part in the scheme and we are happy to offer this opportunity to the MT students.

Oxfam In Person Work Experience

Would your **students aged 16-19** like to find out more about careers in fashion and retail whilst also doing good? International charity Oxfam are offering a fantastic 5 day in person work experience opportunity in partnership with Speakers for Schools for students to find out what goes on behind the scenes at their superstore in Oxford from **22nd to 26th July, 10:00 - 16:00**.

This is a great opportunity for students interested in sustainable fashion, retail or not-for-profit. Participants will gain an insight into customer service, upcycling, visual merchandising, social media and managing the online shop.

Deadline to apply: **1st July**.

University Open Days

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

<https://bit.ly/July-Open-Days>

There are over 38 Open Days in July so you will have plenty of options to choose from.

