

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 1, Week 2: 13th September, 2024

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6th Form



A message from the 6f team:

Our first full week of school has certainly been 'full'. It has been great visiting the classes and seeing the students in both year groups settled into the learning. This morning, Year 12 were made aware of some really good opportunities that are there for the taking, and then they had time to reflect on their habits and behaviour for learning during PSHE. Meanwhile, Year 13 all continued with their UCAS applications and preparations for next steps. We have also enjoyed meeting parents and carers at the tutor evenings.

Have a pleasant weekend.

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 16th September

Year 13 Geography Trip: 18th-21st September

PSE for Friday 20th September:

Year 12 – Team Building

Year 13 – Team Building

Events coming up:

Assessment Week – *w/c 23rd September*

Year 13 Politics Trip – *Tuesday 24th September*

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Bethan, Fergus, Ferne, Charlotte, Finley, Zoe, and a very Happy 18th Birthday to Laura, Megan and Archie!



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.

Tutor Evening

It was great to meet with you at the two tutor evenings this week. I especially enjoyed seeing the tutor sessions with you all sitting in your son/daughter's class. We hope you enjoyed being back in school and found the information useful. We are keen to maintain good communication between parents/carers, student and staff.

The presentations can be found on the VLE under sixth form for you to peruse at your leisure!

School Production – Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat



Sign-up sheets for the annual school production will be in K1 (Drama studio) on **Wednesday 18th September** from 12:45. Those wishing to audition for principal/solo roles will also need to come along after school on **Thursday 19th September**. Audition songs:

Soprano – *Prologue*

Alto – *Poor, Poor Pharaoh*

Tenor – *Any Dream Will Do*

Character song – *Song of the King*

Want to be involved but not on-stage? We have plenty of space for students to help out behind-the-scenes. Come along at **12:45 on Wednesday 18th September** to sign up!

World Challenge Norway



The Norway expedition was a really exciting opportunity, allowing me to work on both my teamwork and leadership skills. We spent the first day on a picturesque but steep day hike up a waterfall looking out over Byglandsfjorden, which I really enjoyed. I also loved the 2.5 days we spent trekking along the ridgeline on the other side as well as the night we spent on an island after a day canoeing. (Sam - Y13)



During Summer, a group of us went to Norway for a week. We did a two-day hike and wild camping – it rained the whole time, but the views more than made up for it. One of the best parts was the two-day canoe trip and we camped on a beach by the fjords. (India – Y13)



Social Committee

The social committee had their first meeting today to organise a forecast of events for the 6F this term. Their first event for the term is the MacMillan Coffee Morning, being held on **Friday 27th September**. Posters will be going up around school next week.



Watch this space for more fun activities and outings.

Sporting Commitments

If your child has sporting commitments that impact on them arriving late to school or leaving early, please can you email sixthform@wallingfordschool.com to let us.

Opportunities

Year 12 – following on from this morning's assembly:

1. Thank you for the great turn-out at Social Committee. It's going to be a fun year!
2. If you are interested in taking Core Maths, please see Ms Mummery at the start of next week.
3. EPQ is going to be introduced soon.
4. Auditions for the school play are next week!
5. If you would like to be involved in the Dragon's Den style Livery Competition, please see Ms Mummery or Ms McGowan asap.
6. Please come forward to your tutor or one of the 6th Form Team if you are interested in running or taking part in a club.

Habits



Year 12 and 13 have been challenged to think about their current habits, which of these need stopping, and what could be added to help them become the person they want to be. All should have a small habit that they want to consistently do over the long term, with excellent ways to make the habit stick (or easy to break). We look forward to seeing the outcomes of these small, consistent adjustments, and helping one another develop these habits.

The ethos and ideas behind the programme are from the book *Atomic Habits*, by James Clear, which further explains methods for habit breaking and making, and the psychology and thought behind them.

Current Affairs Kahoot This Week

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

1st Place – Nate 12GS (5547)
2nd Place – Marie 12ALT (4764)
3rd Place – Ben 13DBO (4697)

Please see **Mrs Lutunatabua** for your prize!

Useful Opportunities

University Open Days

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

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

There are over 50 Open days in September, so you will have plenty of options to choose from.

Job Opportunity for Year 12 - Cleaning Assistants

Monday to Friday 3pm – 6pm or 6am - 8:30am
£12.99 Casual hourly rate, including holiday pay
£11.59 Contract hourly rate, with paid annual leave
Closing date: Ongoing

For further information and an application form please phone 01491 829802 or e-mail us on recruit@wallingfordschool.com

BP Apprenticeship Webinar



[Link to register](#)



This webinar with BP on **22nd October from 18:30 - 19:30** will explain the apprenticeship opportunities available with BP and give a full overview of the application process, with exclusive tips for the assessment stages and interviews. It will also include a Q&A with current apprentices.

Volunteering with Worthy Earth at Blenheim Palace

www.blenheimpalace.com/careers/worthy-earth-volunteering

Blenheim have an opportunity for students to help Harrison from Worthy Earth grow vegetables in their kitchen garden, using organic and regenerative techniques. No prior garden experience is required and there will be activities for all level of experience, including propagating seeds, transplanting seedlings, maintaining healthy plants and harvesting produce for the chefs. Volunteers can learn horticultural skills, that they can apply to their own growing projects, or use as volunteering for DofE whilst being part of a friendly working community inside Blenheim historical walled garden.

Time: Wednesday & Thursday: 10:00 to 15:00 (they are flexible with timings, so students can volunteer for however long they wish)

Location: Walled Garden, Blenheim Palace, OX20 1PP

Discount: Volunteers get 50% off in the Pizza Café for lunch whilst they are volunteering

Vegetables: Leave with some hand-picked vegetables from the Blenheim garden.

