

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 2, Week 2: 22nd November, 2024

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6th Form



A message from the 6f team:

It has been assessment week this week, and there has been a buzz around Sixth Form as students work hard to prepare for their assessments. It has been wonderful to see so many students from both years approaching this week in a mature, proactive, manner, recognising the importance and benefit to them. The week was rounded off with an informative assembly about Disability History Month, presented by Hope in Year 13. Students were also provided some food for thought, on the process of learning and the importance of challenge, from Mrs Vowles. In PSHE, Year 12 discussed life after 6th Form, while Year 13 participated very maturely in an important session about drink driving, and drink spiking. We hope you have a productive and enjoyable weekend.

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 25th November

Y12&Y13 A Level Music Trip – **Friday 29th November**

PSE

Y12: Unifrog Post 18 Options

Y13: Health Talk

Events coming up:

Winter Wonderland Trip – **Wednesday 4th December**

Y12 Feedback Evening – **Thursday 5th December**

Y12 German Exchange – **Monday 9th December**

Y12 Food Mock Exam – **Thursday 12th December**

Y12 Drama Performance – **Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th**

December

Christmas Ball - **Wednesday 18th December**

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Ella, Alice, Rohan, Daniel, Chiana and Ben.

We wish a Happy 18th Birthday to Emily, Jack, Amanta, Dylan.



Reconknitions!



We would like to regonknise Phoebe and Annabelle for spending an afternoon talking to students at Icknield School about our sixth form. They were excellent ambassadors for the school. Many thanks.

In Year 13 we would like to regonknise Hope for the work she has put into the assemblies she has been delivering. See the item below!



Disability History Month

Many thanks to Hope for delivering excellent, informative assemblies to the whole school over the past few weeks, culminating in Year 12 and 13 today. This means that Hope has managed to raise awareness of disabilities, including hidden disabilities, to over 1000 students. Clear and confident, Hope presented her powerpoint full of information and a video which focused on the importance of recognition in Parliament in order for change to happen. She then highlighted this year's theme of Disability Livelihood and Employment.



Are you up for the Wally Challenge?



It was great to welcome Mrs Vowles and Wally to our assembly this morning to remind us of the rewards of thinking hard, taking a challenge and meeting it with curiosity and determination. Sixth Form students are used to being asked to complete difficult tasks and of experiencing the joy of moving from being flummoxed to being able to explain something to a peer.



Whole School Event

School Christmas lunch on 18th December. Communications have been sent out regarding this and bookings for this can be made via ParentPay. Costs are £4.30, dateline for payment is **Friday 6th December** (no bookings accepted after this date).

Y12 Feedback Evening

Feedback Evening for Year 12 is **Thursday 5th December**. Communications will be sent out to parents next week regarding feedback evening and how to make appointments. Appointments run from 4:00pm – 7:00pm.

Application for Leave

Reminder to Parents, please find the school term dates on the school website. Students are expected to be in school throughout the term and only take holiday when school is closed. If there are any extraordinary circumstances that require you to miss school, please ask well in advance by contacting sixthform@wallingfordschool.com

Lakes Revision Trip



Please sign up via parent pay and contact the Sixth Form Team if you have any questions or concerns. The dates are: Sunday 30th March – Friday 4th April

Enrichment Lectures – Mansfield College

There are some amazing public talks coming up this term from Oxford University, Mansfield College. Take a look at their website: <https://www.mansfield.ox.ac.uk/mansfield-college-public-talks>

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LECTURE</u>
Friday 15 November 5.30pm	<p><i>"If it were done" – what Macbeth and Lady Macbeth teach us about ambition.</i></p> <p>Drawing on his new book, 'Fair or Foul – the Lady Macbeth Guide to Ambition', Stefan will consider the good and the bad things about ambition – why we need it, how it can lead us astray, and explore our love/hate relationship with ambition and the ambitious.</p> <p>Stefan Stern</p>

Friday 22 November 5.30pm	<i>How to be you say goodbye to should, would and could so that you can.</i> Ellie Middleton, an autistic and ADHD creator and writer, will share her personal journey and discuss how society
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Peterhouse Outreach – November Opportunities

Peterhouse Outreach is committed to providing young people with the information and support necessary to make competitive applications to university. In particular, we seek to encourage and enable students from underrepresented, under-served and disadvantaged backgrounds to access the University of Cambridge and higher education more widely. To help us achieve this, we run a variety of online and in-person outreach programmes and opportunities for students and school.

Humanities Exploration Day	The School of Arts and Humanities is hosting a Humanities Exploration Day for high-performing Year 12 students on the 9th December 2024. The aim is to give students the opportunity to experience university-level teaching in a range of humanities subjects, to enrich their current studies and to help them decide which subject might be the best choice for them going forward. For more information and to book please see here .
Corpus Christie Pelican Programme	The Corpus Christi Pelican Programme is an access scheme designed to introduce students to new and exciting super-curricular resources, and to stretch, challenge, and sharpen their oracy and problem solving skills. The programme runs for six-months, with students meeting online in small groups, as well as with members of the Corpus Admissions Team. This year there will be subject streams in Architecture, Classics, English, History, Law, Modern and Medieval Languages, Philosophy, Physical Sciences, and Psychological and Behavioural Sciences. To be considered for the programme students must be in Year 12, and be on course for A*AA or equivalent. Students must be nominated by a teacher, via the following website . Deadline for teacher nominations: 17:00 on Friday 13th December

Current Affairs Kahoot This Week

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

- 1st Place - 7880 Scarlett 12GS
- 2nd Place - 4780 Toby 13DBO
- 3rd Place - 4519 Roselle 12NJO

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

Useful Opportunities

2025 Warwick Pre-University Summer School (PRESS)

We are delighted to announce that applications are now open for the 2025 Warwick PRESS running from **15th-25th July, 2025**.

Our Pre-University Summer School is a 10-night fully inclusive residential academic enhancement programme for 16 - 17 year olds to get a chance to experience university life at The University of Warwick. They will have an unforgettable summer combining academic growth with vibrant social activities!

We have had the pleasure of hosting students from your institutions at past Summer Schools and would love to welcome more of your students to Warwick this summer.

Please [apply here](#). Download our brochure [here](#).

Students applying for this programme must be aged 16-17. There are no subject-specific criteria, but you should be a passionate and enthusiastic learner. Set up a [one-to-one appointment](#) at a time that suits you, with a member of the Summer Schools team.

Insight to KPMG

This is a very rare and unique opportunity for your students to hear from one of the largest accounting and professional services firms in the world. During the event they will hear about the consulting, audit and tax degree apprenticeship options, work experience and in-person events at their offices. Spaces are limited so sign up today and discover the career opportunities available at KPMG.

Join Big 4 & Global Accounting Firm KPMG for their Virtual Insight Event on Monday 9th December, 5pm – 6pm
Secure your place here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/29X225X>

Work Experience

Evotec is a company based in Milton Park, Abingdon, specializing in developing and manufacturing medicines to make a real difference in patients' lives. In recent years, our company and site have expanded significantly, now known as the Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin Campus. This growth has enabled us to offer a greater range of work experience opportunities. Historically, we have offered experiences in our Discovery Chemistry laboratories, one of our largest departments, and we are pleased to continue offering opportunities in this area. Additionally, we have identified several other laboratory, biology-based, office, and non-office opportunities throughout our campus that we would like to offer through our work experience program.

We are currently planning our work experience opportunities for the coming year and are reaching out because we value partnerships with local schools and colleges.

Any queries you have for us. We can provide further details of our anticipated offering and application process if this would be helpful.

Apprenticeship Vacancies

Please see our current apprenticeship vacancies. If you are interested in applying for any of these roles or require some advice or further information then please contact us on apprenticeships@abingdon-witney.ac.uk

All our current vacancies can also be found via our website [Apprenticeship Vacancies - Abingdon & Witney College \(abingdon-witney.ac.uk\)](#)

Please also have a look at the Work Experience board in Study for more information.

