

# Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 2, Week 7: 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

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6<sup>th</sup> Form



## A message from the 6f team:

Well done to all for making it through to the end of another long term. Term 2 has finished at full speed, with a vast range of extra-curricular activities taking place alongside the busy schedule of studying.

Please take a moment to look through the different sections of the newsletter – some highlights from recent weeks, as well as some important notices ahead of Term 3.

We wish a very merry, restful Christmas to all.

See you in 2025!

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



## Events coming up:

### Week Commencing 6<sup>th</sup> January

BTEC Examinations – **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

Y12 Geography Fieldwork Birmingham – **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

Y11 6<sup>th</sup> Form Transition PSHE – **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

### PSE 10<sup>th</sup> January

Year 12 – Introduction to Higher Education Talk from the University of Sheffield

Year 13 – Year 11 Options Fair/Mock Timetables/Revision

### Events coming up:

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 6pm** – Year 13 Student Finance Information Talk **for Parents/Carers**

**W/C 20<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 12 Assessment Week

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb** – School Production – Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** – Year 12 Gold D of E Training Day (In School)

**5<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 13 Mock Exams

## Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Isabella, Jamie, Lottie, Alfie, Isla, Marwa, Freya, Owen, Freddie & Amber  
We wish a Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Naomi, Eddie, Elliot, Sasha, Hannah & Alex!



### 6<sup>th</sup> Form Christmas Ball

It was lovely to round off this academic year with last night's Christmas Ball. Thank you to all for being in such good spirits and for conducting yourselves so well. All were very well turned out & it was great to see Year 12s & 13s enjoying each other's company. A HUGE thanks goes to the Social Committee for their part in making the evening so successful!



## Year 13 University Applications

A good number of Year 13 students have now sent off their UCAS applications and have begun receiving offers. A small number of students have already received all of their offers, and they are in a position to begin accepting their offers. Before selecting a firm and insurance choice, students should discuss this with their tutor before they select this. In most cases, the insurance offer should be a lower grade offer than the first choice (firm).

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## Year 13 Student Finance Talk for Parents/Carers – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 6pm

We are hosting a Student Finance Information Session for parents/carers of Year 13 students. This will be taking place **online/in the main hall** at 6pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January. The talk will be delivered by a representative from the University of Sheffield, with a view to obtaining the most up to date information on student finance to support students when they begin to apply for student finance in the coming months.

Students will be receiving a very similar talk the following morning during PSE. Therefore, **students should not attend the talk on the Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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## Year 13 Mock Exams – 5<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February

Year 13 mock exams will be taking place between **5<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> February**. Students will be on study leave during this time, and they will not be expected in: A Level lessons, form time, study periods. This being said, students are very welcome to come into school and study at any point during this time. Students **may** be expected to attend BTEC lessons during this time; this will be communicated to students through their teachers.

The mock exam timetable will be issued to students at the start of next term. Students will also have sessions dedicated during tutor times to best practice surrounding revision.

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## Calling all students interested in Law

We have the opportunity to take a small group of students to listen to The High Sheriff of Oxfordshire's Law Lecture on Tuesday 4 February, 2025 at the Examination Schools.

The Lecture this year is being given by The Rt Hon Sir Ernest Ryder, Master of Pembroke College, Oxford and the lecture title is ***“Human experience, the rule of law and legal systems”*** Sir Ernest was a former Senior President of Tribunals (their head of jurisdiction) and a Lord Justice of Appeal. He has published and lectured internationally on issues of family law, the role of a modern judiciary, the leadership and governance of justice and cultural conflicts in justice. He is a Senior Associate at the University of Oxford's Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, as well as sitting on a number of academic and charitable boards and foundations. There will be an opportunity for questions to be put to Sir Ernest at the end of the lecture.

If you are interested, please email or talk to Ms Mummery.

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## Accidental Death of an Anarchist

Well done to the A Level Drama group for a stupendous performance of Dario Fo's Accidental Death of an Anarchist. The audience loved it and appreciated the humour and effort of the cast. A great night out!





## Christmas Concert

Very well done to all students who performed or contributed to last week's superb Christmas Concert!

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## Parents and Carers of Year 12 Students: Unifrog Webinar – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025

At Wallingford 6<sup>th</sup> Form, we use the fantastic platform “Unifrog” to support our students in discovering what opportunities await once they leave KS5 education. The platform helps students pinpoint what they might want to do, and how to go about making it happen.

Unifrog are running a webinar on the 5<sup>th</sup> February, designed to help parents and carers better understand the platform and what we use it for.

All Year 12 parents will have an invite in the ‘comments’ section of Unifrog (the envelope at the top of their homepage), enabling them access.

We will send a reminder closer to the time.

The screenshot shows the Unifrog website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, MANAGE, RESOURCES, FAVOURITES, HELP, a search icon, a settings icon, a notification icon with a red badge, and a SIGN OUT button. Below the navigation bar, the main heading is "Unifrog event signup" with a "copy url" link, a "Share" button, and a "Back" button. A sub-heading reads "Our events are completely FREE! Just sign up below and we will email you a link." The featured event is titled "Parents and caregivers session: Unifrog basics" for parents/guardians. The description states: "Join our webinar to find out how, as a parent or caregiver, you can use Unifrog to support conversations about your child's post-16 options and post-18 progression routes, including apprenticeships, universities, and careers. Delivered by Unifrog staff, the session will give you an overview of the key student tools for different year groups, highlight our resources, and show you where you can find out information about our upcoming events." The event details are: When: Wednesday 5 February @ 17:30 UK time; Duration: 45 mins.

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## Livery Awards

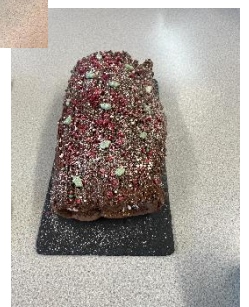
Further to the post about the success of the Year 12 students in the Livery Academy Award heat, please see the link below to an article in the Wallingford Herald. Congratulations again to the team!

[Wallingford School students win Livery Academy Award heat | Herald Series](#)

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## Something's cooking!

Well done to the Food students who have been busy with a practical assessment and a Christmas bake off. The results are admirable and I hope they tasted as good as they looked!





## **Current Affairs Kahoot This Week**

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

### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place - 7640	George	13YH
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place - 7591	Orlagh	12TMG
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place - 6383	George	12NJO

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place - 5673	Marta	12VA/ECL
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place - 5097	Lyna & Helene	12CHS
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place - 5096	Annabelle J	12TMG

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

## **Lanyards**

Please keep your lanyards and canteen cards safe over the Christmas period –you will need to find them for the 6<sup>th</sup> January!



## **Useful Opportunities**

### **After School Club Assistant**

We are a happy, child-centred Infant School looking for an enthusiastic, nurturing and adaptable assistant who loves working with children! We are seeking someone to work alongside an existing member of staff to supervise our children in our successful After School Club, 'Puffins'. The club runs from 3:10pm – 5:30pm. The successful applicant will share our school's ethos and values and will be reliable, dedicated and flexible. The ability to work as a member of a team is essential, as is a sense of humour!

The After School Club runs on site Monday to Thursday and you will be supervising children from Reception age through to Year 2. As well as supervising the children for after school activities, you will be expected to help the children with the preparation of a snack mid-way through their session.

This is a temporary fixed term post (January to July 2025 in the first instance). This could suit a Year 13 student (who is already 18 or is approaching 18), someone currently on a gap year, or someone who simply loves spending time with children! For information, we have capacity for up to 20 children per day in the After School Club.

Application forms and further details are available by visiting our website:

<https://www.st-nicholas.co.uk/vacancies/>

Closing date: Tuesday 7th January 2025 at midday

Interviews: TBC

For any further details, please contact Emma Richardson, School Business Manager ([sbm@st-nicholas.co.uk](mailto:sbm@st-nicholas.co.uk)).

### **Apprenticeship Awareness Webinars**

<https://careersliveuk.com/partner/oxfordshire-careers-hub> (click on upcoming events)

Oxfordshire Careers Hub is teaming up with CareersLive for National Apprenticeship Week to hold apprenticeship awareness webinars for teachers (28th January from 15:50 - 16:00) and parents/carers (11th February from 18:00 - 19:00). We are creating some materials to help you raise awareness of these in your school, which we will share with you shortly.

### **Oxford University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust**

[www.ouh.nhs.uk/working-for-us/sectors/work-experience](http://www.ouh.nhs.uk/working-for-us/sectors/work-experience)

Oxford University Hospitals have a new application process for work experience. Students will apply for work experience placements centrally online during specific application windows during the year. The first window opened on 2nd December for placements in February / March 2025. Placements will normally last for three days. Priority will be given to applicants from Oxfordshire schools and their immediate area.

- From 16 years of age students / participants may be placed in a clinical area or ward for work shadowing/observation only - they should be assigned to shadow an employee undertaking their normal duties, allowing close observation to gain an insight into the role.

- From 18 years of age students / participants are permitted to observe in theatres and emergency departments. The application link is open until 18th December. See the website for details of future application windows. Contact [ouh.workexperience@ouh.nhs.uk](mailto:ouh.workexperience@ouh.nhs.uk) with any queries.

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### **Museum of Oxford**

<https://museumofoxford.org/support-us/work-for-us>

The Museum of Oxford will celebrate turning 50 years old in 2025 and is recruiting for a Level 3 Cultural Learning and Participation Officer Apprentice to help Oxford's local communities to share stories about their heritage and the history of the city with other people. Closing date: **5th January**.

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### **UNIQ**

UNIQ is the University of Oxford's access programme for school students in their first year of further education. We prioritise places for students with good grades from backgrounds that are under-represented at Oxford and other universities. Every year more students from diverse backgrounds get offered places at Oxford with help from UNIQ. UNIQ is a completely free programme, aiming to help support you to consider your educational options, decide if Oxford is right for you, and to make successful applications to Oxford.

UNIQ offers both an in-person residential and an online support programme. See our [key dates](#) to find out when the different parts of the programme happen.

Contact us on [uniq@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:uniq@admin.ox.ac.uk) for further enquiries.

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

