

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 3, Week 1: 10th January, 2025

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6th Form



A message from the 6f team:

The 'Fresh' in Fresh Start was felt this week as we welcomed students back in arctic conditions. Students have had to hit the ground running, with Year 13 receiving Mock exam timetables and preparing for these assessments, while continuing with their ongoing studies. Many students from both year groups have had BTEC exams this week and we congratulate them on their approach and conduct. Year 12 finished the week with an informative presentation from the University of Sheffield, about university and student life. Despite being early in the year, all of these things have developed a 'next steps' mindset, provoking lots of excellent discussion and questions.

Have a great weekend.

The 6F Team

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 13th January

Thursday 16th January, 6pm – Year 13 Student Finance Information Talk **for Parents/Carers (ONLINE)**

PSE Friday 17th January

Year 12 – Whole Year Group Photo

Year 13 – Student Finance Information Talk from the University of Sheffield

Events coming up:

W/C 20th January – Year 12 Assessment Week

Thursday 30th Jan – Saturday 1st Feb – School Production – Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.

Sunday 2nd February – Year 12 Gold D of E Training Day (In School)

5th – 14th February – Year 13 Mock Exams

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Arabella, Lily & Ella.

We wish a Happy 18th Birthday to Alex, Ben & Harry!



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

We are hosting a Student Finance Information Session for parents/carers of Year 13 students. This will be taking place **online at 6pm on Thursday 16th January**. The link for the online event will be sent out in the coming days. 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 16th**.

Year 13 Mock Exams – 5th – 14th February

Year 13 mock exams will be taking place between **5th & 14th 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.

Year 11 6th Form Transition Subjects Fair

Many thanks to the Year 12 & 13 students who took part in this morning's Year 11 6th Form transition subjects fair. It is important for Year 11 students to hear from students who are currently studying the A Level & BTEC courses on offer so that they can make the most informed decision with regards to subject choices.



Gonks



A thank you and well done to Phoebe in Y12 and Tabby in Y13 for taking pride in the 6F building and setting an excellent example for others to follow.

Calling all students interested in Law

Monday is the last day that you can sign up for the following:

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 Mummyery.

Parents and Carers of Year 12 Students: Unifrog Webinar – 5th February 2025

At Wallingford 6th 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 5th 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.

Unifrog event signup

copy url  Share  Back

Our events are completely FREE! Just sign up below and we will email you a link.

**Parents and caregivers session: Unifrog basics**

For parents/guardians

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.

When Wednesday 5 February @ 17:30 UK time

Duration 45 mins

Journalism Club

First, we have a speaker coming in from the careers department at university of Oxford to discuss careers in journalism. This is available for ks4 and ks5, and may be a useful experience to start thinking about pathways after a levels. If any students interested could meet us in sixth form on Monday so that we can see how many are interested, that would be great.

Second, Sophie and I are looking for one to three students to work together as the next editors for the Student newspaper (the first publication of which will be available soon). There will be a meeting about this soon, but the details are still to be confirmed. These students must be happy to work with younger students to aid their writing process and to organise the writing of the articles to form one cohesive article. Anyone from year twelve is welcome to put themselves forward, but this might be of particular interest to students interested in journalism, English, politics, history, linguistics, or languages.

Current Affairs Kahoot This Week

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

Thursday 9th January:

1 st Place - 8435	Sasha	13YH
2 nd Place - 6632	Ben G	12TMG
3 rd Place - 5679	Hamish	13EMC

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

GCSE Results

Congratulations to the students who received results this week from the November exams. We are really proud of you, whether you got the grade you wanted or not. If you didn't get what you were hoping for, be sure to talk to your teachers and we go again in the summer!



Geography trip

Well done to the Year 12 Geographers who braved the freezing conditions on the field trip to Birmingham this week. It looks like you explore old and new buildings in your search for data to inform your human geography.



We are excited to be launching a new season of enrichment lectures starting next week. You will have received communication about this via edulink, and the timetable is also below. We look forward to seeing you in the sixth form common room for these enriching lectures!

All in Sixth Form 3.15-4pm	Lecture: What do I really need to know about...
Tuesday 14 th January	<p><u>Chinese foreign investment as a 'way in' to Latin America.</u></p> <p>How Beijing has been using massive investment in a wide variety of infrastructure projects across Latin America in order to gain a political foothold in a region traditionally considered strategic to the USA. Particular interesting as we head toward a second Trump presidency!</p> <p>Ms Haworth-Walsh</p>
Wednesday 22 nd January	<p><u>The Entire History of Art in 30 minutes</u></p> <p>Everything you would ever need to know about the last 64,000 years of Art.</p> <p>Caves, graffiti, the odd shark, murder, award-winning unmade beds, upside-down toilets and a fair bit of nudity all included.</p> <p>Mr Bowen</p>
Wednesday 29 th January	<p><u>The Rwanda Genocide</u></p> <p>How a country and its people were torn apart.</p> <p>Mr Harpin</p>
Monday 3 rd Feb	<p><u>Trainers</u></p> <p>Come and find out how a horse, Michael Jordan and two squabbling siblings have all contributed to the establishment of a \$100billion* market.</p> <p>*projected size of market by 2026</p> <p>Ms Miller</p>
Tuesday 11 th Feb	<p><u>The Romantic Poets</u></p> <p>'Mad, bad and dangerous to know!'</p> <p>Beyond the incest, infidelity and insanity, the Romantic poets were some of the greatest writers in the English language, and have had an enduring impact on the culture and psyche of British and European literature. This whistle-stop lecture offers a brief overview of the lives and works of some of the biggest names of the Romantic era.</p> <p>Mr Cross</p>

Useful Opportunities

Opportunities with Lloyds Banking Group

Are you passionate about technology and curious about how it shapes the financial world? Join Lloyds Banking Group for an exclusive virtual event designed to introduce you to the cutting-edge world of FinTech and the exciting technology roles they offer.

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, 14th January

Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Location: Zoom (link provided upon registration)

Open to: Year 11, 12, 13 & University Students

Explore Exciting Roles in Technology:

Lloyds Banking Group is the UK's largest digital bank, with 22 million digitally active customers and over £3bn invested in its digital transformation. Join us to learn about career opportunities in:

Data Science & Analytics: Using data to shape smarter financial decisions.

Cyber Security & Information: Protecting the future of digital banking.

Technology Engineering: Developing faster, safer, and simpler digital systems.

Why Attend?

Explore FinTech Careers: Learn how technology powers one of the UK's largest banks.

Work Experience Opportunities: Gain insights into upcoming work experience opportunities with Lloyds and learn how you can get involved during the event.

Meet Industry Experts: Hear from tech professionals and ask your questions.

Career Pathways: Discover tech apprenticeship programmes, graduate roles, and internships.

Future-Focused Innovation: Find out how you can contribute to projects making a real difference in millions of lives.

Join Us and Shape the Future of FinTech!

Don't miss this opportunity to explore how your skills and passion for technology can lead to a rewarding and lucrative career.

Register here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBG-CareersLive-Jan>

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

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 with any queries.
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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 for further enquiries.

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

