

# Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 3, Week 2: 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

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6<sup>th</sup> Form



## A message from the 6f team:

We are well into the swing of things again and students are gearing up for the Assessment Week for Year 12 next week and Mocks for Year 13 at the end of the term. Next week we will be recommencing our after school revision sessions which will take place Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the Sixth Form Study Room. Biscuits and stationery provided, the students will be able to go home feeling content that they have put in a couple of hours on their revision timetables. We have also had a good week to consider next steps, with our virtual visits from Sheffield University about going to university and student finance.

Have a great weekend.  
The 6F Team

## Events coming up:

### Week Commencing 20<sup>th</sup> January

Y12 Assessment Week – *W/C 20<sup>th</sup> January*

Enrichment Lecture – *Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 6F Common Rm*

After School Revision – *weekly Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday*

### PSE Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Y12 & Y13: Holocaust Memorial

### Events coming up:

School Production, Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat - *Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb*

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

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

## Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Georgia and Noah.

We wish a Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Lily and Emilia



### 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. Timetables have been handed out to students and will be sent out via Edulink.

### 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, and a search icon. Below this is a 'Unifrog event signup' section with a 'Sign up' button. The main content area features a webinar titled 'Parents and caregivers session: Unifrog basics' for parents/guardians. A 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.' At the bottom, it specifies the date and time: 'When: Wednesday 5 February @ 17:30 UK time' and 'Duration: 45 mins'.

## Enrichment Lectures 2025

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!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lecture: What do I really need to know about...</u>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b><u>The Entire History of Art in 30 minutes</u></b>  Everything you would ever need to know about the last 64,000 years of Art. Caves, graffiti, the odd shark, murder, award-winning unmade beds, upside-down toilets and a fair bit of nudity all included.  Mr Bowen
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b><u>The Rwanda Genocide</u></b>  How a country and its people were torn apart.  Mr Harpin
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b><u>Trainers</u></b>  Come and find out how a horse, Michael Jordan and two squabbling siblings have all contributed to the establishment of a \$100 billion * market.  *projected size of market by 2026  Ms Miller
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b><u>The Romantic Poets</u></b>  'Mad, bad and dangerous to know!' 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.

## Gonks

Sunny and Red are impressed with the hard graft that the sixth formers have been putting in this week in the lead up to Assessment Week.

From Year 13, we recognize Maia for her stellar attitude to everything that has come her way this year and for her amazing contributions to this year's school production.

In Year 12, we recognize Sophia for exemplifying what we want to see in sixth formers with her after school efforts in study.

Congratulations girls and keep up the great work.



## Oxfordshire Young People's Mental Health Forum

The forum is a safe spaced co-produced by young people for young people. The topics and projects will come from young people and are supported by Oxford Discovery College and Oxfordshire Mind. We will ask the young people, what is important to you and how do you want to share that answer. In Berkshire we have been supporting a similar forum for several years and during that time we have co-produced short films, training programmes, posters, designed conferences and spoken on webinars.

### **How do we attend?**

Online via a Teams link.

### **How long?**

One hour, we schedule the forums on different days and different times, although always in the morning so that if a safeguarding event occurred it could be addressed before the young person left school premises.

### **What is the format?**

We discuss different topics and projects as suggested by the Young People

### **Safeguarding**

The forum is a safe space, but we do have rules as created by the young people. This isn't a space to share deeply personal information, but to discuss ideas and opinions in a supportive safe space.

### **When is the next forum?**

22nd January 2024 10am to 11am

### **What next?**

Contact me [Sarah.chapman@oxfordshiremind.org.uk](mailto:Sarah.chapman@oxfordshiremind.org.uk) to register your interest in coming to the first Oxfordshire Young Person's Mental Health forum.

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## 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>

Dates	Lectures
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>Capturing the Holocaust: Documentary Filmmaking, remembrance and family stories</b>  Holocaust Memorial Day encourages remembrance in a world scarred by genocide. Now, as the last Holocaust survivors die, BAFTA-winning filmmaker Simon Finch (himself the child of a Holocaust survivor) asks how their stories can still be told.  Simon Finch
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>The Joycelyn Bell-Burnell Lecture: The politics of Net Zero and the future of fossil fuels</b>  Net zero is becoming political. Professor Allen, the Appleton award-winning 'physicist behind net zero' asks what steps can be taken, by whom and when, to address global warming caused by fossil fuels and to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement before we stop using fossils altogether.  Professor Myles Allen CBE
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Grow your own love poem</b>  Come and celebrate Valentine's Day by growing your own love poem with Mansfield's acclaimed Poet in Residence, Kate Clanchy. Bring a pen or pencil – Valentine's Day cards will be provided.  Kate Clanchy MBE

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## Current Affairs Kahoot This Week

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

1<sup>st</sup> Place - 10440 Sasha 13YH  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 9437 Rohan 12TMG  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - 9316 Annie 13EMC

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

# Useful Opportunities

## Freshfields Virtual Event

Are you ready to take the first step towards a prestigious career in law? Join us for an exclusive virtual event with Freshfields, a global powerhouse in the legal industry, where you'll gain unparalleled insights into the legal profession and learn how to launch your career as a solicitor apprentice or trainee with one of the best in the field.

### Event Details:

- Event: Insight to Freshfields – Work for an International Law Firm
- Date: **Monday, 27th January**
- Time: **5:00pm - 6:00pm**
- Platform: Zoom (link provided upon registration)

### About the Event

Exploring career options and deciding where to train as a solicitor can feel overwhelming. This event is designed to make the process clearer by giving you a detailed overview of Freshfields' career pathways and culture.

### About Freshfields

As one of the oldest law firms in the City of London, Freshfields is a global leader in business law with over 2,400 lawyers across 32 offices worldwide. The firm is renowned for its commitment to diversity, mentorship, and professional growth while providing exceptional legal services to major corporations and institutions worldwide.

Register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Freshfields-Law-Jan>

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## Apprenticeships with BAE Systems

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/apprenticeship-insights-hosted-by-bae-systems-tickets-1079128565589](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/apprenticeship-insights-hosted-by-bae-systems-tickets-1079128565589)

This webinar on **10<sup>th</sup> February from 17:30 – 18:30** will give an insight into the apprenticeships available at BAE Systems, with talks; input from current apprentices and an interactive Q&A session.

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## KPMG Virtual Taster Day

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/kpmg-virtual-taster-day>

This virtual taster day on **18<sup>th</sup> February from 10:00 – 15:00** is for **Year 12 and Year 13** students. Throughout the session, they will discover the fantastic apprenticeship opportunities available with audit, tax and business services at KPMG and get top tips on how they can apply.

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## Diamond Light Source Work Experience

[www.diamond.ac.uk/Public/For-School/Schools-Work-Experience.html](http://www.diamond.ac.uk/Public/For-School/Schools-Work-Experience.html)

Applications for Diamond's schools/college work experience are currently open. They have 21 projects (meaning 42 actual places) available for students in **Years 10 to 13**. The week will take place from **Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July**.

Each project has been given coloured tags to help students select the projects that best align with their interests and include subjects linked to the project, the focused topics of the project within those subjects and specific skills that will be used to carry out the project. Students can apply for up to 3 projects.

Deadline to apply: **16th February**.

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## Inspiring the Future Event

*Date: 11 February, Tuesday, 11 - 12pm*

*Topic: Anyone Can Be an Engineer: How to Start Your Engineering Career*

Engineering is rapidly evolving with new opportunities and pathways. Join us for this virtual event in partnership with **World Skills** as we explore the diverse routes into this exciting and ever-changing field!

You will hear from apprentices and young engineers from Enginuity (a charity that works to close the skills gap in the UK's engineering and manufacturing sector), who will share how they've overcome challenges and used apprenticeships to unlock their potential and succeed in exciting engineering careers.

Don't miss out! [Register Here](#)

*Date: 12 February, Wednesday, 11 - 12pm*

*Topic: Inspiring the Future of Apprenticeships in Investment Banking*

Join us for an exciting virtual session in partnership with **Bank of America**, highlighting apprenticeship opportunities in the investment banking sector.

Students will hear from professionals and current apprentices about their career journeys, the pathways available, and what it takes to succeed in this dynamic industry.

You will hear from:

- Ryan Johnstone - Apprentice, Treasury Products
- Yazmin Sandhu - Information Security Controls Specialist
- Ella Williamson - Global Market Operations Officer

Whether your students are interested in finance, technology, or business, this session is a perfect opportunity to inspire them and showcase exciting career prospects.

Don't miss out! [Register Here](#)

*Date: 13 February, Thursday, 11 - 12pm*

*Topic: Acing Apprenticeship applications – how to find and apply for apprenticeships.*

Get the chance to gain first-hand experience of apprenticeships and a step-by-step guide to mastering your application!

In this session students will explore different apprenticeship levels and learn key skills to create standout applications. This session will equip students with the tools they need to take action and kickstart their careers, from building resilience to mastering the **STARR** technique (Situation, Task, Action, Result, Reflection), a powerful method for providing clear, complete answers to questions.

Don't miss out! [Register Here](#)

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### **Telegraph Media Group**

We are rolling out our Media Literacy Programme in March 2025. The programme aims to break down the barriers to careers in journalism and provide school pupils with the tools and skills to think critically about the media landscape. It provides an insight into what it's like to be a journalist at an award-winning multimedia news brand. It is open to all 16-18-year-olds across the UK.

The online sessions will be with a range of journalists from departments across the business including news, sports, beauty, music, and social media, with students having the opportunity to learn skills such as headline writing, interviewing and travel writing, and win prizes.

The programme will run for four weeks, beginning on Tuesday 4th March 2025. Sessions will run from 4 - 5 pm every Tuesday. At the end of the programme, each student will receive a Telegraph Media Literacy Journalism Certificate.

For the students to submit their applications, they will need to go to <https://careers.telegraph.co.uk/jobs/job-details/The-Telegraph-Media-Literacy-Programme-2025-London>. They will need to complete a cover letter for their application explaining why they would like to participate.

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

