

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 3, Week 4: 31st January, 2025

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6th Form



A message from 6F team:

It was fantastic to see so many of our students involved in this year's school production, on and off stage and in the orchestra pit. Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat is absolutely brilliant and strongly recommended for a good night out if you have some time this Friday or Saturday evening.

This morning Year 13 gathered for an assembly which provided an overview of the weeks ahead, including the arrangements for the mock exams next week. Meanwhile, Year 12 were exploring the role of Young Carers – we have a vibrant Young Carers community that meet every Monday in B12.

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 3 February

Enrichment Lecture – Monday 3 February – Trainers - 6F Common Rm

After School Revision – weekly Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Year 13 Mock Exams - 5th – 14th February

Year 12 Law Lecture – Tuesday 4 February

PSE Friday 7th February

Y12: Healthy Relationships

Events coming up:

Half Term – Mon 17 – Friday 21 February

Term 4 starts – Monday 24 February

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Jimbo, Yisha, Dylan and Ollie.

We wish a Happy 18th Birthday to Evie, Tapiwa and Emma



Enrichment Lectures

Thank you to Mr Harpin for a really informative talk on the Rwanda genocide. We have two lectures left and are very grateful for the contributions from members of staff. Please come along on Monday to hear Ms Miller talk about ...trainers!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lecture: What do I really need to know about...</u>
Monday 3rd February	<u>Trainers</u> 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
Tuesday 11th February	<u>The Romantic Poets</u> '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.



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Congratulation to evyone for such a vibrant performance!



Gonk

Sunny is sulking because Red has gone missing. Please can we have him returned so that they can spend some time next week with students who deserve a bit or regonknition!



Livery Awards

Congratulations to the amazing Cycle Secure team who presented their ingenious smart bike lock idea to a panel of judges and an audience at Mansion House in London. They were an absolute credit to the school, both in the way they worked as a team and created a product, finances, marketing strategy etc, and in the way that they conducted themselves. They clearly enjoyed the evening, as did all the teams who all presented to such a high standard. I am so glad that I was not a judge (although I would have voted for Cycle Secure!) We are really proud of you.



Year 13 Mocks – Weds 5th February – Friday 14th February



Please be on time for your mock exams. You need to have put your bag/phone/watch in M17 and be lining up outside M18 by 8.40am for a morning exam and 1.05pm for an afternoon exam.

Please check the timetable carefully – you may not be finished by 3.05pm, especially if you have extra time.

BTEC lessons will be continuing over the mock exam period – please go to the lesson if you do not have an exam. BTEC teachers have liaised with you about this.

No other lessons will be taking place and you will not be required in registration or study periods. However, you are very welcome to come in to revise – please sign in (and then out) on the sheet outside the 6th form office if you are in school and not in an exam.

Good luck!

Year 12 Oxbridge/Medicine Applicants

In 2 weeks there will be a lunchtime session for Oxbridge and Medicine applicants.

Tuesday 11th February – Oxbridge candidates

Thursday 13th February – Medicine candidates

If you are considering Oxbridge Medicine, please ONLY attend Thursday's session.

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
Friday 7th February	The Joycelyn Bell-Burnell Lecture: The politics of Net Zero and the future of fossil fuels 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

Useful Opportunities

SFTC Apprenticeship Open Evening

www.eventbrite.com/e/stfc-apprenticeship-open-evening-rutherford-appleton-laboratory-tickets-1105506873819

STFC are holding an apprenticeship open evening at Rutherford Appleton Laboratory on **12th February from 17:00 - 19:00**. This is an opportunity to discover the diverse range of apprenticeship opportunities available in fields like engineering and computing, meet current apprentices, chat with staff and get a feel for what life is like at this cutting-edge facility.



University of Glasgow Opportunities

UofG Sports Information session:

Join us online Wednesday **19th February, 4pm**, to find out about our premium gym spaces, jam-packed weekly classes, and wide range of sports clubs, hosted by the Glasgow University Sports Association. More details and registration here:

www.gla.ac.uk/explore/visit/undergraduate/onlineinfosessions/sportinfosession

Regional Information Evening

We are hosting a Regional Information Evening in London. This is a chance for your students to find out more about what the University of Glasgow has to offer, with the opportunity to chat to staff and current students about the university and have all their questions answered.

Venue: Woburn House, Tavistock Square, London – **17th February, 6.30-8pm**

To find out more and to register follow this link - <https://www.gla.ac.uk/explore/visit/undergraduate/regional/#>

NHS Apprenticeships & Careers Cafe



[Download a flyer](#)

This Oxford University Hospitals event on **3rd March from 16:00 - 18:30** at the John Radcliffe Hospital is for **Year 10-13 students** to meet a range of healthcare professionals, explore NHS career pathways and participate in hands-on practical sessions. There will be a talk on work experience and apprenticeships at 17:00 and a careers question time at 18:00.

NHS England South East Online Insight Events

NHS England South East are holding two exciting online insight events for students, parents/carers, educators and advisers. You can download further information and Teams meeting details using the links below.

They both take place from **17:00 - 18:00** and will feature a diverse panel of speakers, talking about different settings and sharing their insights and experiences.

- [Midwifery insight event](#) - Thursday **6th February**
- [Allied health professions and podiatry insight event](#) - Monday **10th February**

Osborne Clark Solicitor Apprenticeship Open Evening

Are you considering a career in law?

Osborne Clarke are looking for Solicitor Apprentices to join in Reading in September 2025. Solicitor Apprenticeships offer the opportunity to study an undergraduate law degree and train as a Solicitor whilst earning a salary, without the cost associated with going to university.

Find out more at our open evening for students and parents/carers:

On – **Monday 10 February**

From – **5.30pm until 7pm**

At – Osborne Clarke, No. 3 Forbury Place, Forbury Road, Reading, RG1 3JH

To secure your place sign up here - <https://osborneclarke.app.candidats.io/event/8b24dc43-cd7a-491a-8f30-4025059aa21f>

Additional information can be found online at <https://www.osborneclarke.com/solicitor-apprenticeship/>

Sutton Trust UK Summer Schools

Applications for 2025 UK Summer School programmes are now open! Deadline closes soon!

[Click here to signup](#)

Oxford Mathematics Outreach Events

Please see below for upcoming events at Oxford Mathematics and around the University. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact us at outreach@maths.ox.ac.uk

Oxford Online Maths Club

The [Oxford Online Maths Club](#) is a weekly livestream that is free, interactive, casual, and relaxed, and the livestreams are recorded so that you can watch back afterwards if you can't make it to the live broadcast on Thursday afternoons. Our regular host is Dr James Munro, and we often have current Oxford students answering questions in chat and appearing on the livestream to talk about maths.

The club is mostly aimed at people about to apply to university or about to start a Maths course, but everyone's welcome and there's no registration needed. Whether you're the only person you know who's interested in mathematics, or if you're an entire sixth-form maths club looking for more maths content, we're here for you.

The Oxford Online Maths Club is live **each Thursday 17:00-18:00** (UK time).

Laing O'Rourke Apprenticeships Event



[Download a flyer](#)

Laing O'Rourke are holding an open event at their Oxford site in Littlemore on **13th February from 17:00 - 19:00**. Attendees will discover more about Laing O'Rourke and the incredible projects they could work on as an apprentice. There is a QR code on the flyer for students to register.

Free InvestIN Reality Check Events

<https://investin.org/pages/free-events>

This free event series from InvestIN is designed to give students and parent/carers a real world perspective on what it's like to work in highly competitive fields. Join a network of professionals as they unpick the reality of working in top industries today, where they will be demystifying salary expectations, job security, work culture and how to stand out from the competition. Visit the [events page](#) to sign up for individual events. The programme is below:

Wednesday 5th February:

Parent/carer event: Salary, status & stability

Monday 10th February:

What it's really like to work in medicine

What it's really like to work in finance

Tuesday 11th February:

What it's really like to work in engineering

What it's really like to work in law

Wednesday 12th February:

What it's really like to start your own business

Young Professionals Southampton Work Experience Day

We have a fantastic in-person work experience day taking place in the February half term in Southampton at the Harbour Hotel on **Tuesday 18th February**. This is a fantastic day for your students to gain some experience and put something on their CV's. We have some of the biggest companies joining us to host workshops and sessions with students around business, finance and law

Event Details

- Date: **Tuesday, 18th February**
 - Venue: Harbour Hotel, Southampton
 - Sessions:
 - Morning Session: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 - Afternoon Session: 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM
 - Who Can Attend? Year 11, 12,13 and university students
- You will need to select your preferred session when registering.

Employers Attending

This conference will feature representatives from:

- Grant Thornton
- EY
- KPMG (specialist ESG-focused workshop session)
- CIMA
- University of Law
- BDO
- RAF

This is a fantastic opportunity to engage with several industry experts and gain first hand insights into potential career paths. Spaces are limited, so register now to secure your place!

Register now: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YP-Southampton-Conf>

Careers at HM Treasury (UK's Economic & Finance Ministry)

Might you be interested in a career that shapes the UK's economy and financial policies? Join us for an **exclusive virtual insight event with HM Treasury** on **Wednesday, 12th February** (5:00pm - 6:00pm) and discover the exciting apprenticeship and graduate and career opportunities available in the **heart of government**. HM Treasury is the **UK government's economic and finance ministry**, responsible for **public spending, economic policy, and sustainable growth**. This event is a must-attend for **Year 12, Year 13, gap year and University** students who want to explore a career in **business, finance, policy, or economics** while earning a salary through an apprenticeship or graduate role.

Event Details

Date: **Wednesday, 12th February**

Time: **5:00pm - 6:00pm**

Location: Zoom (link provided upon registration)

For: Year 12, Year 13, gap year and university students

Register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HMTreasury-Insight>

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

