

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 3, Week 5: 7th February, 2025

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6th Form



A message from 6F team:

Well done to Year 13 for making such a positive start to their mock exams. We wish them well in the coming week. We would like to say a massive 'well done' to all 6th form students involved in the superb production of 'Joseph & His Technicolour Dreamcoat'. It was superb to see 6th formers leading the way in all areas of the production: performing, stage management, costumes, sound, band – very well done to all. Next week we head into the last week of term; the sun is even beginning to creep through the windows of 6th form.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend.

Mr Harpin

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 10th February

Enrichment Lecture – Tuesday 11th February – *The Romantic Poets* - 6F Common Rm

After School Revision – weekly Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Year 13 Mock Exams - 5th – 14th February

PSE Friday 14th February

Y12: Team Building

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 Marta and Will.
We wish a Happy 18th Birthday to Faina and Krystal.



Enrichment Lectures



Thank you to Ms Miller for her insight into the trainer business and some of its surprising history – and present day successes.

These enrichment lectures have been really interesting – dare I say, enriching! We close this week with an insight into the Romantic Poets – and if you think that this is because it's Valentine's Day soon come along to the talk to find out why you should think again!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lecture: What do I really need to know about...</u>
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. Mr Cross

High Sherriff's Law Lecture



Year 12 students attended the High Sherriff of Oxfordshire's Law Lecture at Oxford University on Tuesday. It was great to get an insight into the issues facing the judiciary during The Rt Hon Sir Ernest Ryder's lecture.

Gonk

Welcome back to Red who was found safe and well, trying to learn a bit of extra History....

We would like to regonkize Maddie in Year 12 for her brilliant effort on Sunday at Dof E practise. And for embodying the ideal student behaviour to learning in lessons and especially in Study.



We would like to regonkize Emilia in Year 13 for going the extra mile and prioritising her revision by working diligently and staying behind in school everyday.

Well done to you both, you've warmed Sunny and Red's hearts with your amazing work this cold and frosty week.



Gresham College Young Orator of the Year Competition 2025

The competition promotes the art of communicating complex information in a clear, concise and compelling way. Participating in this competition will help students develop oracy and presentation skills for interviews and public speaking opportunities.

Key dates:

- 3 February 2025: Competition opens
- 21 March 2025: Competition closes
- Week commencing 12 May 2025: Entrants notified
- 7 June 2025: Finalists to attend a half day confidence building and presenting skills workshop
- 2 July 2025: Competition final: in-person presentation at Gresham College (we will cover travel expenses).

Prizes will benefit both students and their schools – Gold: £1000 for winner, £500 to their school; Silver: £700 to the winner, £300 to their school; Bronze: £500 to the winner, £200 to their school.

Sixth Form Volunteers Needed

Every Tuesday and Wednesday, a group of Sixth Form students volunteer as 'Book Buddies' for younger students, but we need more help! During form time, we meet with selected students in the library, giving them the chance to read to us or be read to, helping to improve their comprehension and literacy skills, so extra support is wanted. This is also an opportunity to gain some volunteering experience and something that you will find truly rewarding.

If you're interested in getting involved and becoming a *Book Buddy*, please email LADBROOKR@wallingfordschool.com, and we'll arrange for you to join the team! (Wilfrid – Y12)

Bite Back Youth Opportunity

On Thursday 6th February 2025, I attended a Health Board meeting at County Hall in Oxford. At the start of the meeting, numerous councillors spoke about different subjects and what improvements could be made to fix any outstanding issues they felt needed to be addressed by the board.

Once I was introduced by one of the Biteback members, I addressed the board with my speech: The councillors responded with gratitude towards a young person such as myself being able to express my views towards junk food and how it is affecting young people, as my perspective is a such a valuable asset towards their goals to make change. During the Biteback workshop I attended at October Half Term, we were given the opportunity to do some filming around Oxford to create a visual outlook on the impact of junk food as well as a vocal one, the video was shown after I did my speech which again gave the councillors an even better insight into the views of other young people who were shown on the video. I was honoured to be part of this opportunity and to be able to share my views and to be part of campaigning for change was a privilege. (Poppy – Y12)



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 14th February 5:30pm	Grow your own love poem Come and celebrate Valentine’s Day by growing your own love poem with Mansfield’s Poet in Residence Kate Clanchy. Bring a pen or pencil – Valentine’s Day cards will be provided. Kate Clanchy MBE
Friday 21st February 5:30pm	The Hands Lecture: Who matters? Baroness Warsi, Britain’s first Muslim cabinet minister, author, and co-host of podcast ‘A Muslim and a Jew Go There’ talks about whose voice matter in public life, what works in widening political participation, and what does not. Baroness Sayeeda Warsi

Current Affairs Kahoot This Week

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

1st Place – 7022 Poppy 12CHS
2nd Place – 6949 Christopher 12GS
3rd Place – 6631 Selwyn 12NJO

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

Useful Opportunities

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/#>

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

PROMYS

PROMYS Europe 2025: 13 July – 23 August

PROMYS Europe, a challenging six-week residential mathematics summer programme at the University of Oxford, UK, is designed to encourage mathematically ambitious students aged 16+ to explore the creative world of mathematics. Participants will tackle fundamental mathematical questions within a richly stimulating and supportive community of fellow first-year students, returning students, undergraduate counsellors, faculty, and visiting mathematicians.

PROMYS Europe is seeking applications from pre-university students from across Europe (including all countries adjacent to the Mediterranean) who show unusual readiness to think deeply about mathematics.

The programme consists of a series of very challenging problem sets, daily lectures, and exploration projects in Number Theory. There will also be a programme of talks, by guest mathematicians and the counsellors, on a wide range of mathematical subjects, as well as courses aimed primarily at students who are returning to PROMYS Europe for a second or third time.

Financial aid is available. The programme adheres to the principle that no one should be unable to attend for financial reasons, and full or partial financial aid is available for those who need it.

To find out more about the programme and the application process, please see the [PROMYS Europe website](#). **The closing date for [student applications](#) is 9 March.**

For more information please see the attached flyer and visit www.promys-europe.org.

National Film & Television School



<https://nfts.co.uk/events>

The NFTS, based in Beaconsfield, runs a variety of online and in person events, including open days, screen careers insight sessions and taster workshops. Students can check out what's coming soon and book online to attend.

Exeter College Subject Days

[Link to the registration form](#)

Exeter College, University of Oxford is hosting a series of subject days for **Year 12** students which aim to provide tailored support for students interested in exploring subjects at university level. These take place on **7th April** (Humanities and Modern Languages), **8th April** (Social Sciences) and **10th April** (STEM). Deadline to register interest: **24th February, 17:00**.

If you have any questions, please get in touch: outreach@exeter.ox.ac.uk.

Apprenticeships at UK Parliament

As part of National Apprenticeship week 2025, the UK Parliament apprenticeships team will be hosting two webinars designed to inspire and educate on how apprenticeships can make a difference!



The webinars will be hosted on Microsoft Teams. To register interest, please send the name of the session you would like to attend with your preferred email address to apprenticeships@parliament.uk no later than **12:00 on Friday 7th February** and a Teams link to the event will be sent.

Apprenticeships at UK Parliament - speakers and Q&A session

Monday 10th February, 14:00 - 15:00

This is a lunch and learn webinar highlighting success stories of parliamentary apprentices, capturing how apprenticeships have supported career progression. Open to everyone.

Apprenticeships at UK Parliament - speakers and Q&A session

Friday 14th February, 10:30 - 11:30

This is a webinar to highlight the diverse apprenticeships available in Parliament and to consider apprenticeships as an alternative route. Open to students, teachers, parents and guardians.

British Airways Inspire Programme

<https://careers.ba.com/work-experience>

Inspire is British Airways' work experience programme that gives students a taste of what they do and showcases what a career in aviation looks like with the nation's flag carrier. They hold monthly virtual drop in sessions and have a Speedbird-Z website for students to chat with mentors and complete work experience pre-learning modules.



Somerville Y12 Virtual Study Days

What: Somerville offers an annual series of four Virtual Study Days for **Y12** students. These days feature taster **lectures** or workshops run by Oxford University academics, which will offer a challenging and entertaining introduction to university-level study of the subject.

There will also be opportunities to hear **advice from admissions and outreach staff** about applying to Oxford and Cambridge, and to **ask the college tutors and current undergraduates questions** about their subject of interest.

Who: **Y12** UK state school students

When: The **2025 Study Days** will take place from **the 17th to the 20th of February 15:00-17:30 each day**. The daily timetable is as follows:

Timetable:

15:00-15:50: Admissions talk with Q&A

16:00-17:00: Academic taster session (2x subjects per day)

17:00-17:30: Subject Q&A with Academic and Student Ambassadors

Subject sessions schedule:

Monday 17th February

Law

Maths

Tuesday 18th February

Computer Science

English

Wednesday 19th February

Engineering

Politics

Thursday 20th February

Music

Biology (topic may also be of interest to Medicine applicants)

Further details about the topics of each subject session can be found [on our website here](#).

More Information: [You can sign up for the study days here](#). The **deadline** for sign-ups is **Monday 10th February at 8am**.

Please email access@some.ox.ac.uk with any questions.

Into Film Awards

There's one month to go until submissions close to the Into Film Awards. Entries close on 4th March – don't forget to submit your videos.

Categories to enter in the Into Film Awards 2025:

- Best Animation (ages 12-19)
- Best Film (ages 16-19)
- Best Documentary
- Time for Action
- Filmmaking Champions
- Ones to Watch
- Audience Choice

To find out more about each category and the entry criteria [here](#).

[ENTER INTO THE FILM AWARDS](#)

Freeths Oxford Office Open Evening

Have you wondered what life at the Law firm of the year is like? Come along and spend the evening networking with members of various teams, learning what a career in law entails, what working at Freeths can do for you, and so much more? Have you possibly even considered our solicitor apprenticeship?

We are a full-service law firm with more than 1,200 freethinking colleagues, spread across 13 UK offices. We're smart and entrepreneurial. We're bold in how we engage with our clients. And we're a friendly, diverse and together team who always look out for each other.

This exclusive event will be held on the 13th February 2025 and will start at 17:00 open to both students and 1 Parent/Guardian may come along. Limited spaces available.

Please complete this [Form](#) to confirm your attendance!

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Work Experience

Students in year 12 & 13 will apply for work experience placements centrally online during specific application windows during the year. **The window will open on 10th February, for placements in April/ May 2025.**
The window will remain open for a limited time, closing on 18th or earlier, if capacity reached.

We offer work experience across clinical and non-clinical roles.

- Medicine
- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Pharmacy
- Radiography (Diagnostic)
- Therapies (Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy)
- Biomedical Science (Microbiology, Biochemistry etc.)
- Finance
- Health Administration
- Human Resources
- Property Services and Estates
- Operating Department Practice (ODP)

We give priority to applicants from **Oxfordshire schools** and our **immediate area**.

Link to the form on our external web page: [Work experience - Oxford University Hospitals](#)

Placements will normally last for **three days** – the first placements assigned via this new process are expected to begin in February 2025.

Applicants must be:

- at least 16 years old
- in year 12 or equivalent (year 13 students are welcome to apply)

- able to attend each full day.

Full criteria on our website.

Get into Law Virtual Work Experience Evening

Are you considering a career in law but unsure about the best route to take? Join us for **Get Into Law Workshop Evening**, a special event where you will hear directly from **leading law firms and legal experts** about the different pathways into the legal profession through interactive workshops.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, 13th February

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

For: Year 11, 12, 13 and university students interested in law

Location: (Zoom link provided upon registration)

Meet Leading Law Firms & Institutions

You will have the opportunity to engage with representatives from some of the most prestigious law firms in the UK, as well as legal education providers, including 3 Magic Circle:

- **Farrer & Co** – A specialist firm with expertise in private client and corporate law
- **TLT** – A forward-thinking law firm known for its innovative approach and diverse culture
- **Freshfields** – A global firm offering expertise in corporate, dispute resolution, and finance law
- **Mishcon de Reya** – A firm known for its work in litigation, corporate, and private client law
- **Slaughter & May** – A leading firm specialising in high-profile corporate and commercial cases
- **Linklaters** – A global law firm with expertise in banking, corporate, and dispute resolution
- **University of Law** – A leading provider of legal education and solicitor training

[Register](#) now to secure your place!

PwC Virtual Experience Day

Join the **PwC Virtual Experience Day** during February half term to explore career opportunities in **business, finance, accounting, and professional services** while developing key employability skills.

Event Details

Date: Tuesday, 18th February

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Virtual (join from anywhere)

Who Can Attend? Year 11, 12,13 and University students

What to Expect?

- Learn about **PwC's early career pathways** in consulting, audit and tax
- Take part in **interactive sessions and real-world business case studies**
- Gain insights into **careers in finance, tax, consulting, and accounting**
- Hear from **current apprentices, graduates and senior professionals** about their experiences at PwC

Whether you are considering an apprenticeship, exploring work experience, grad roles, or simply want to learn more about the industry, this event will provide **first-hand insights and career advice** to help you take the next step.

Register now to secure your place!

Register Here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PwC-WExDay>

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

