

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 3, Week 6: 14th February, 2025

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6th Form



A message from 6F team:

Year 13 finished their final round of mock exams this week. They have approached the exams fantastically, and we look forward to helping them use these assessments to support their learning and development in their final few months. Year 12 capped off a busy term with a highly competitive team building session during PSHE.

Whether students are on the trip to the Atlas Mountains of Morocco, or the enjoying the fresh alpine air in Austria, or something a bit closer to home, we wish them a restful half term.

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 24th February

Tuesday 25 February - English Richard II Theatre trip

PSE Friday 28th February

Y12: Peer Supporters

Y13: Young Carers

Events coming up:

Mon 10th March: Year 12 Assessment Week

Thursday 13th March: Year 13 Parents Evening

Sunday 30th March – Friday 4th April 2025: Year 13 Lakes Revision Trip

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Joe, Henry, Sophie, Will, Freddie, Emily, Gethin, Charlotte, Sophie, Seren and Sophia.
We wish a Happy 18th Birthday to Ava, Maia, Erin and Emily.



Enrichment Lectures



Term 3's Enrichment Lectures were closed with a great lecture about the Romantic Poets on Tuesday.

Thank you to all the staff who have given up their time to enrich our students with such varied and knowledgeable lectures. We hope you enjoyed them all.

Gonk

Orlagh and Jasmine – on the French Exchange they were asked to prepare a presentation in English for a class at the French school and they ended up teaching the whole lesson! They had the genius idea of ensuring the students asked questions with the offer of some English chocolate. They were really fantastic ambassadors for our sixth form!



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 28th February	More in Common? Luke Tryl is the director of More in Common, a thinktank which uses segmented data and public opinion research to understand the forces driving us apart, to counter division, find common ground, and tackle our shared challenges. He discusses the state of public opinion, the rise of populism and how we can build a united, inclusive and better functioning democracy. Luke Tryl

French Exchange



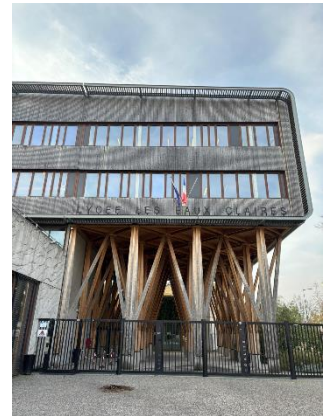
On Friday, our students spent the morning in lessons at our partner school, Lycee Les Eaux Claires. There were a real variety of lessons from Italian to Economics!



After a delicious lunch in the canteen we headed to Grenoble on the tram and walked up to the top of La Bastille. The views from the top were spectacular! We just had time for a quick visit to the supermarket before heading back to school for a little farewell party for parents and students.



We were really proud of our Year 12 students – Anna, Ella, Jasmine, Lili and Orlagh – who led English lessons in the morning and gave a thank you speech in French in the afternoon!



Y12 Team Building



Blackstone were crowned overall winners of the Year 12 Team Building competition that was held during PSHE today. Y12s came out in full force showing off their skills in various sports like football and badminton. Most of all they had fun after a hectic, chilly term.

Big thank you to the House Captains for taking the time to organise their various sporting teams; to the Social Committee members who helped organise the events and helped setting it all up.



EYPUK 2025



Experiencing the EYP debating format for the first time, the Wallingford team of Marie, Charlotte, Rohan, Samuel, Marta, Seren, Lizzie and Wilfred went in well prepared and ready to be heard. With 9 debates through the day the team made multiple contributions that demonstrated their knowledge and views.



GENDER EQUALITY AND FEMALE RIGHTS: 'Calling Angela'. Late in the afternoon saw our proposing resolution. Seren took to the podium with a strong and emotive plea to start taking action to address the freedom limiting phenomenon, spiking, that turns social events into living nightmares. The group faced strong arguments suggesting the clauses were insufficient to prevent the action of spiking and were actually just bureaucratic number crunching policies. With direct responses and clear summaries from Sam, Wilfred, Lizzie and Rohan, the team argued that education and awareness would indeed have a positive impact on the problem. Marta had the hard job of convincing the emotional audience to back the resolution with her concluding speech; she expertly drew the discussion back to the problems of real people experiencing life changing actions. Their hard hitting facts and convincing arguments did the job and the resolution passed overwhelmingly.

Despite their excellent contributions, the team didn't progress to the national finals this year, but the experience was one to remember. Well done team!



Current Affairs Kahoot This Week

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

1 st Place – 4729	Ben	12TMG
2 nd Place – 4383	Sam & Will	12NJO
3 rd Place – 4368	Ella	12CHS

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

Useful Opportunities

Met Office Virtual Application Clinic

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/met-office-virtual-application-clinic>

This online event for **Year 11 to 13 students** on **4th March from 18:00 - 19:00** will give an introduction to the Met Office, highlighting its roles and impact on weather, climate and environmental services. Attendees will receive step-by-step guidance on the application process, ensuring they know how to submit a strong application.



STEM Opportunities in the Army



<https://jobs.army.mod.uk/meet-your-army/100015>

This online event on **5th March from 13:00 - 14:00** will explore the STEM opportunities available in the British Army. It will provide an in-depth look at the Defence STEM Undergraduate Sponsorship, which offers up to £42,750 in financial support for studies.

A&W College Days

<https://abingdon-witney.ac.uk/events>

Abingdon & Witney College are holding an open day at their Witney campus on **26th February**. Tutors, course leaders and careers advisers will be available to help students make the right choice for them. SEND staff will be ready to receive students from the earlier time of **14:45** to allow for quieter, more personal conversations.



Pizza and Politics Event

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Oxfordshire County Council are running three sessions for young people aged 11 - 18 across Oxfordshire to come together and find out more about local politics, discuss local issues and eat pizza! Each event will take place from 17:30 - 20:00 in the following locations:

- **Thursday 27th February** in Oxford city (for those living in Central Oxfordshire)
- **Friday 7th March** in Didcot (for those in South Oxfordshire)
- **Friday 14th March** in Banbury (for those living in North and West Oxfordshire)

The events provide a great opportunity for young people to:

- learn about democratic processes, representation and how local politics works
- understand what the council's role is
- think about their role in the community, representation and voting
- discuss what they think about their life in Oxfordshire and how it could be better for future generations of young people
- meet and chat to councillors and senior decision makers from Oxfordshire County Council and hear about their experiences
- be part of a Q & A session with decision makers
- meet new friends and have democracy and citizenship conversations

As a thank you, participants will receive £15 (either as a voucher or a bank payment) and a certificate to show they took part. Any travel expenses will be covered and pizza and other refreshments will be provided.

Interested young people need to complete the registration form by **Monday 17th February**:

<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/pizza-and-politics-2025/surveys/consent-form1>

St John's Study Days



www.sjc.ox.ac.uk/access-and-outreach/our-programmes-sjc/study-days

Study Days at St John's run from **February to May 2025** and offer high-achieving **Year 12 students** at non-selective state schools an opportunity to experience higher level study in their chosen subject. Participants attend talks and workshops led by tutors, find out more about the course at Oxford and what tutors are looking for and meet current St John's students.

Lincoln college Subject Study Days

<https://lincoln.ox.ac.uk/study-here/outreach/teachers-and-schools/lincoln-college-study-days>

The study days take place between **April and August 2025** and are designed to give **Year 12 students** a flavour of life at Lincoln and what to expect from studying at the University of Oxford. They will also help develop relevant academic skills such as essay planning and critical thinking and the admissions workshop and mock interview will help students to make a competitive application to Oxford.



Skanska Apprenticeship Insight



www.skanska.co.uk/about-skanska/careers/early-careers/work-experience

Skanska are holding an online insight session into their apprenticeships on **20th February from 10:00 - 14:00**, where current apprentices will be sharing their experiences. The session will cover the range of apprenticeship and other early career roles available at Skanska, the application process and tips from apprentices, managers and the emerging talent team.

Social Worker Degree Apprenticeships

<https://forms.office.com/e/EHSJZPEqET>

The University of Kent are holding an information session about their Social Worker Degree Apprenticeship starting in September 2025 on **26th February 2025 at 15:30**. The information session will give attendees an opportunity to receive a short presentation from the academic team and take part in a Q&A session. Download information [about the degree apprenticeship](#).



GAP FORCE Gap Year Programmes



<https://gapforce.org/gb/gap-year-programs/community-volunteering>

GAP FORCE offers gap year programmes, volunteering abroad and professional development courses in a range of exciting locations around the world. Please note: there is a charge for the programmes.

Clifford Chance Law Work Experience

Are you an aspiring legal professional in **Year 11 and Year 12** searching for some much-needed work experience to add to your CV? Then we have the perfect opportunity for you!

Whether you're considering a solicitor apprenticeship or exploring the traditional university route, this exclusive Clifford Chance Virtual Work Experience Day is your chance to gain first-hand exposure to the legal world during February half term.

This **one-day virtual programme** is designed to help ambitious students like you develop key legal skills, learn from leading solicitors, and understand the different pathways into the legal profession.

Date: Friday, 21st February

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Zoom (Virtual)

For: Year 11 and 12 students

Why You Should Attend:

- **Law work experience is rare** – secure this now to strengthen your future applications
- Explore Clifford Chance's **practice areas** and take part in **interactive legal case studies**.
- **Practical workshops** to develop your legal skills
- **Learn about the ACCESS & SPARK Programmes on offer**– a direct route into law with Clifford Chance
- **Advice from professionals** on securing top legal opportunities
- **Boost your applications** for law programmes and university with real experience

Register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CliffordChance-WEx-Day>

A Level Revision Study Day at King's College London

Are you a **Year 13 student** preparing for your **A-Level Maths or Psychology exams**?

Take your revision to the next level with **PowerUp 2 Succeed 2025**, an exclusive event at **King's College London**, where professors and exam assessors will lead expert revision sessions to help you excel.

Event Details

Date: Thursday, 20th February 2025

Location: Greenwood Theatre, King's College London

Who Can Attend? Year 13 students

Two Subject-Specific Sessions:

- **Maths Revision:** 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM
- **Psychology Revision:** 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Why Attend?

This is a rare opportunity to revise alongside **leading university professors** and gain expert insights that can help boost your A-Level grades. Whether you're looking to solidify your knowledge, refine your exam strategies, or get ahead in your preparation, **PowerUp 2 Succeed 2025** is designed to give you the edge you need.

Spaces are limited – secure your place now!

Register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PowerUp2>

Law Summer School Open Evening

We are delighted to introduce our new programme of subject-specific open evenings for 2025, beginning with an in-depth session on the [Law Summer School](#), taking place on **16th February at 7.30pm**.

One of our most popular programmes, the Law Summer School provides students with an exciting glimpse into an often unfamiliar and fascinating field. With options to explore **Criminal, Corporate, and International Law**, there's plenty to spark your interest and broaden your horizons.

The Law Summer School is academically challenging, but it's also engaging and great fun. You'll hear about the **mock trial** and other hands-on activities that keep students active and inspired throughout the course. This session will provide insight into the **level, pace, interactivity, and learning environment** you can expect.

For those already thinking ahead to university and law firm applications, we'll discuss how to make the most of your time on the course and apply what you've learned in future contexts.

Finally, the evening will provide a chance to ask any questions you may have and hear directly from our experts.

We look forward to seeing you there!

[OPEN EVENING LINK - SIGN UP](#)

Oxford Brookes Schools and Colleges

Undergraduate Open Day - Saturday 15 February 2025

Join us in person and get a real feel for Oxford Brookes University. Experience for yourself what student life is really like during our Open Day. Our Open Day is a great opportunity to find out about our courses, explore our accommodation, meet our support services teams and hear from our academic staff and students. [Book now](#) for Saturday 15 February.

Support for travel costs is available for eligible students; just complete the questions on the Open Day booking form and we will be in touch if you're eligible.

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

