

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 4, Week 1: 27th February 2026

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6th Form



A message from the 6f team:

Welcome back to Term 4. It is brighter, warmer and certainly dryer. It has been great to welcome Year 13 back to school after a hiatus for mock exams. Messages about the upcoming Lake District trip for Year 13 in today's assembly. Year 12, however, had a valuable session using Unifrog to further explore next steps beyond 6th form. The extra-curricular side of school continues to roll on and there are numerous house events coming up in the coming weeks. This starts with the house Ninja Warrior event next week; last year's winner, Peter in Year 12, has a title to defend. We look forward to seeing this unfold.

The 6th Form Team

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 2nd March

Y12 French Exchange return – **Sun 1st March**

Y13 Textiles trip departs – **Sun 1st March**

PSE: Friday 27th Feb

Y12 – **International Women's Day**

Y13 – **International Women's Day**

Events coming up

ILYMUN departs – **Wed 11th March**

Y13 Feedback evening – **Thur 12th March**

Y13 Biology Trip – **Thurs 12th/Fri 13th March**

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Noah, Ethan, Arthur, Evie and Jillian, and a very Happy 18th Birthday to Sophia, Lily, Nate and Lyna.



Lanyards

For safeguarding purposes and to ensure that attendance is being recorded accurately, it is essential that students and staff are **wearing lanyards at all times when in school**. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Closing Time

It's great to see so many of you staying after school to get a bit more work done. It would be best if you could work in the Sixth Form Centre or the Library and we need you to leave by 5.45pm, please, so that we can be sure that we are not locking you in to school! Many thanks.

Behind the Scenes: Professor James Maynard

Join Professor James Maynard FRS, for a 'behind the scenes' insight into his world-leading research in the field of number theory - 17.00, Tuesday 10 March, Auditorium, St John's College, Oxford.

In 2022, [Professor Maynard](#) was awarded Mathematics' highest honour – the Fields Medal – in recognition of his 'spectacular contributions to analytic number theory'. In the most basic terms, number theory is study of whole numbers and how they interact with one another under addition and multiplication. Although these might seem the most basic of mathematical operations, Professor Maynard's research has helped explicate some of the complex phenomena that the addition and multiplication of whole numbers creates. In particular, his research has led to major advances in the understanding of the structure of prime numbers and the often-unusual distribution gaps between them.

In this, 'behind the scenes' talk, Professor Maynard will offer an insight into the research processes of a world-leading mathematician, sharing what it means to make new discoveries in a field that has been studied for millennia.

During Professor Maynard's talk, audience members will be invited to take a short (approx. 5 minutes), live forecasting survey using Mentimeter. Anonymised responses will be used for research purposes and will be discussed during the event to illustrate how audience expectations compare with the speaker's experience.

This series explores the research process itself – how projects evolve, what challenges arise, and how researchers overcome them – through conversations with leading academics across disciplines.

[Places can be reserved via Eventbrite here.](#)

Student Finance

All the information that Y13 students received in the PSHE on Student Finance can now be found on the VLE, in the Y13 section.

University Open Days

This is a brilliant time to start researching university and the many [open days](#) that they will be offering.

Most open days are at the weekend but should one be during the school week that you wish to attend, please email sixthform@wallingfordschool.com to inform us. Students will have to get catch up with any work they miss out on. This will be marked as authorised absence.

Congratulations

[Wallingford flips out over annual pancake race - BBC News](#)

Shout out to Ollie (Y13), who participated in and won the annual Pancake race held in Wallingford over the half term.



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 - 7886	Charlotte	12FCH
2 nd Place - 7483	Cedric, Dylan, Freddie & Zach	13GS
3 rd Place - 7160	Dylan	13ALT

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

Useful Opportunities

Oxford Brookes Enhanced Campus Tour

www.brookes.ac.uk/study/contact-and-meet-us/book-a-campus-tour

Brookes are running enhanced campus tours which are slightly longer and designed to give prospective students a deeper understanding of Oxford Brookes University. As well as a campus tour, they will begin with a short welcome talk and get to finish the trip with the chance to see inside one of the university's accommodation buildings. The next tours will be held on **Saturday 28th February** and **Saturday 7th March**. Students can also book separate tours of the Headington Campus and Marston Road site and view on-demand campus tours.

NHS Careers & Apprenticeships Café

www.ouh.nhs.uk/working-for-us/sectors/work-experience/#event

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust are holding a careers café and apprenticeship event for **Year 10 - 13 students** on **5th March from 16:30 - 19:00** at the JR Hospital in Oxford. This will be an opportunity for students to meet a

range of healthcare professionals, including representatives from medicine, nursing, paramedics, physiotherapy and more explore NHS career pathways and participate in hands-on practical sessions. [Download a poster](#)

Pathway CTM Events

[Download list of events](#)

Pathway CTM have created a helpful list of the events that they have planned so far for 2026. There is a variety of virtual and in-person events for students and parents/carers.

Oxford Brookes Subject Taster Days

www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/subject-taster-days

Oxford Brookes Subject Taster Days give students the opportunity for students to gain first-hand experience of studying at university level and student life. Each Subject Taster Day is free to attend and will give insight into a range of courses within a subject area, starting with Architecture on **25th March** and finishing with Social Sciences on **27th April**. They will have the opportunity to:

- take part in lectures and interactive academic sessions
- experience practical work and engage in discussion on the topics
- discover our facilities and student life during a campus tour
- hear about the career potential of the courses on offer.

You can apply for a Subject Taster Day place as an individual or, as a careers professional or teacher, you can apply for your school or college group. For any enquiries please contact our team at schools.liaison@brookes.ac.uk

Silverstone

<https://careers.silverstone.co.uk/work-experience-placements>

Silverstone' Work Experience Programme gives **students aged 14-18** the chance to go behind the scenes at one of the world's most iconic venues and immerse themselves in the fast-paced world of motorsport, events and innovation. Across a structured 5-day experience, participants will take part in business projects, shadow industry professionals, build confidence and develop skills that will last a lifetime. There are 3 placements during the year:

- 6th - 10th April (Easter holiday)
- 13th - 18th July (Summer holiday)
- 26th - 30th October (October half term)

Applications for the Easter block are open now until **9th March**.

Christie's

www.christies.com/en/about/careers/london-work-experience-programme

Art and luxury auction house Christie's offer a limited number of two- to four-week, full-time work experience placements in their London offices each year. Department availability varies throughout the year to ensure candidates join at their busiest times and receive an interesting, meaningful experience. The programme is run for the benefit of applicants with a genuine interest in art, business and a career in the art world. They aim to provide our work experience candidates with an understanding of their business through a hands-on experience and networking opportunities.

Work experience is carried out on a voluntary basis; it is unpaid but they do provide an allowance of £10 per day for lunch and uncapped travel expenses. Must be **at least 18 years of age at the time of placement**.

Get Ahead with an ICAEW Apprenticeship

Benefits of an ICAEW Apprenticeship:

- An opportunity to go straight to work and earn whilst learning.
- Chance to gain real world experience.
- A step towards becoming a chartered accountant.
- Develop all the key skills that employers are looking for now and in the future.

Find out more & apply here: <https://link.sanctuarygraduates.co.uk/Depts/ICAEW/AS/180226LONUH>

Should I become a Doctor? – FREE Online Webinar

Lincolnshire Training Hub, a branch of Health Education England, are holding an online event on the 6th of March 6:30-8pm on Microsoft Teams called Should I Become a Doctor.

The event is aimed at Y8-12 students who are trying to decide whether becoming a Doctor, or Medicine, is something they are interested in. We will also have a talk around Dentistry.

Find out more information [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Dr Molly Butcher molly.butcher@nhs.net

Lloyds Banking Group National Careers Student Event

Join us for a fast, fun and interactive 60-minute session where real apprentices lift the lid on their wonderfully flexible career journeys — and show you how to shape yours.

About LBG:

Lloyds Banking Group is a world-renowned commercial, personal, and investment banking management firm and the UK's biggest Bank. LBG has over 30 million customers and around 60,000 employees globally and is an FTSE 100 company. Under the Lloyds Banking Group business, they also own Halifax and Bank of Scotland, as well as other financial institutions such as Scottish Widows.

What to Expect:

🗨️ **Real Talk:** Honest stories from apprentices who took unexpected routes and made them work.

🧩 **Skills in Action:** A quick-fire quiz + mini challenges to help you spot your superpowers.

🗣️ **Ask-Us-Anything:** Your chance to grill apprentices on applications, work life, pay, and pathways.

👣 **Your Next Step:** Leave with simple, practical actions to start owning your future today.

Why join?

Because careers aren't straight lines anymore — they're squiggly, creative and full of opportunity.

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, 3rd March

Time: 5pm to 6 pm

For: Year 11, 12 and 13 students

Location: (Zoom link provided upon registration)

Application Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBG_March

University of Winchester Opportunities

Please find below upcoming events on offer at the University of Winchester <http://www.winchester.ac.uk/>:

Philosophy Religion & Ethics Taster Day, Thursday 5th March

Moral Mindcraft, Religions in Britain, and Plato, Superpowers and Morality, are sessions being delivered by our incredible PRE team. Get to us before 10:30, and you'll have the opportunity to handle some religious artifacts from around the world too! Email christina.welch@winchester.ac.uk to sign up for the event.

Undergraduate Open Evening, Wednesday 1st April

Our Open Evening is a great way to get a feel for life in Winchester and see for yourself why people love it here. You can take a tour of our beautiful campus and meet staff and students on the courses you are interested in. You can also find out about how to become a student here and ask any questions you have about finances, scholarships or the support on offer to enhance your learning and welfare.

During the event, you will have the opportunity to:

- Attend a Welcome talk
- Meet and Greet with academics from your course
- See our Student Villages
- Speak to current students or staff from our Student Support and Success, Admissions and Housing Teams

- Talk to our Schools and Colleges team

If you or your students would like further information or would like to book on to one of our Open Days, they can do so by [clicking the link here](#). Likewise, if you have any questions or queries, feel free to send the Open Days team an email on opendays@winchester.ac.uk

Discover Winchester: Year 12 Summer School, Tuesday 30th June – Thursday 2nd July

The Discover Winchester Year 12 Summer School is an opportunity to see what university is all about. Including sessions with our excellent academics, staying in our accommodation, and receiving expert advice on your university application, you will leave with a better idea of life at university. This event is a part of the 'Discover Winchester Scheme' to support students from underrepresented groups. As a result, priority will be given to students that meet our widening participation criteria.

The applications are now open and will **close on Friday 20th March at 13:00**.

This event is for students in Year 12 or the first year of college. This event is only for students under the age of 18 at the time of the event.

For more information, including FAQs, please visit our [Discover Winchester page](#) on our [website](#).

This event is completely free. [To sign up, click here](#)

Please take the time to have a look at the Work Experience and Opportunities board in 6F for more information and posters.

