

# Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 4, Week 2: 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

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6<sup>th</sup> Form



## A message from the 6f team:

Year 13 have been receiving and reflecting on their mock results. We now have 2 weeks for students to take this feedback and put plans into place in school before the Lake District Trip at the end of March. Elsewhere, Year 13 have begun working on their Yearbook & we look forward to seeing the finished article in June – it is always a very enjoyable read. Year 12 heard this morning about leadership opportunities available to them as Year 13 begin to pass the torch over of being top of the school. Please see below for reminders of the different opportunities from today's assembly. Next week is assessment week for Year 12 – we encourage all to use the time in study wisely.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Form Team

## Events coming up:

### Week Commencing 9<sup>th</sup> March

D of E Gold Training Day at school (nb Sun 8<sup>th</sup> March)  
**9am – 4pm.**

Year 12 Assessment Week (all week)

ILYMUN departs – **Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Y13 Feedback evening – **Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> March**

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

### PSE: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Y12 – Managing Money

Y13 – **Mock RAP**

### Events coming up

Y12 EPQ Presentations – **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** (during PSHE)

Y13 Lakes Trip – **Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Y12 Ski Trip departs – **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Term ends – **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March, 3:05pm**

## Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Red, Alicia and Isaac, and a very Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Luke, Christopher and Tee.



### 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.

### Year 12 Opportunities

This morning in assembly, Year 12 heard about 3 leadership opportunities in the school community and the details are:

- 1. Student Leadership Group** – In the coming weeks, the application process for Year 12s for the next Student Leadership Group will be taking place. We heard from 2 of the current leadership team this morning during assembly. The SLG serves as the liaison between the students from Y7 – 13 to Mr Marston & is a vital mechanism in the growth of the school community. **There is nothing to do for now other than have a think about this – details of how to apply will come out after assessment week.**
- 2. Peer Supporters** – We heard from Mrs Driscoll who coordinates Peer Supporters in school. This role focuses on 6<sup>th</sup> formers supporting younger students in school who may be finding the transition to secondary school difficult. The application form (if you didn't get one) will be posted onto Satchel & there are also spare copies in Mr Harpin's office. **Application deadline is Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March.**
- 3. School Storyboard** – We also heard from Mrs Wilson about the school storyboard project – to be led by Year 12 students. For those interested, please come to a meeting on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March @ lunchtime in M13.**

## Livery Awards Enterprise Challenge

We were invited to the annual Livery Entrepreneurs' challenge, where we were split into pairs and then partnered up with another pair attending from the Merchant Taylors' group of schools.

In our groups of 4 we had to complete a retail business simulation on a mobile phone business under competitive conditions and against strict time limits. In this time, we had to negotiate finance, marketing, research, team management and communication in order to succeed within the simulation. After every quarter (40 minutes) in the simulation our progress within the market would get compared to the other 13 teams, which gave us an opportunity to see what changes we had to make to our business strategy or what we did well to carry it over into the next quarters. At the end of the simulation the results were evaluated and each team was ranked, unfortunately we didn't win but our team A came a credible 4th while team B came 8th. We really enjoyed listening to the guest speakers and getting to understand all the factors that go into a successful business. (Alice – Y12)



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## French Exchange

The French exchange was an amazing experience to be a part of and it improved my language skill significantly. We were able to see historical monuments such as La Bastille and La mémorial de la résistance, incredible views and snow! -which was very exciting! We had the opportunity to experience French culture directly from our host families and exchange partners. Everyone was really kind and welcoming and I can't wait for the exchange partners to come to England in June! (Charlotte – Y12)



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## 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.

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## 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](mailto: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.

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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 - 6873	Tabby	12YH
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place - 6560	George	13NJO
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place - 6537	Annabella	13ECL

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

# Useful Opportunities

## Exploring Environmental Pathways

We are pleased to invite **teachers, post-16 students and career advisors** to the fourth session of [Exploring Environmental Pathways](#), a free webinar series run by the University of Leeds to help your students **discover the future of environmental studies and careers**.

*Webinar: Sustainability: Shaping a Greener Future*

- Presenter: [Dr Vanessa Schofield](#), Lecturer in Sustainability and [Dr Rachael Carrie](#), Lecturer in Environment and Society, [School of Earth, Environment and Sustainability](#)
- **Date:** Wednesday 11th March, 4.00-4.45pm
- **Location:** Zoom

*Who is it for?*

Geography, Humanities and Science teachers and students, career advisors – anyone with an interest in sustainability and green careers.

*What will be covered?*

- Discover how Sustainability brings together economic, environmental and social perspectives to tackle global challenges in a truly integrated way.
- Explore Leeds's interdisciplinary Sustainability degrees, where modules span politics, business, economics, policy and law to reflect the real-world complexity of climate and societal issues.
- Understand why Sustainability is now central to businesses, organisations and communities, and how this growing demand is shaping future study and career opportunities.
- Find out about the wide range of career pathways, from environmental consultancy and renewable energy to sustainable business strategy, NGOs and government roles driving the netzero transition.

*Why attend?*

Whether you're a member of staff guiding students through UCAS choices or looking to expand your own subject knowledge, this series will equip you with the tools to support informed decisions and inspire future environmental changemakers. For students, this will be the opportunity to find out about the holistic nature of sustainability and the breadth of careers in the field.

[Register now!](#)

[Check out past webinars](#)

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## Fascinating Talks

St Mary's, Wallingford have organised a series of talks designed to get you thinking about topical issues.

*Event details*

Topic: **Does Autism mean what you think?** by Hayley Fisher  
Location: **St Mary's Church, Wallingford Market Place, OX10 0EG**  
Date: **18<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
Time: **19:00**

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## Careers Fest Twilight Session for Parents/Carers

<https://enterpriseoxfordshireskills.com/careersfest>

A reminder for parents and carers about the opportunity to come along to Careers Fest at the Kassam Conference & events Centre on **18<sup>th</sup> March between 16:00 and 19:00** to meet 75+ employers, higher and further education and training providers to find out all about local and national opportunities for their young people.

You can download a [list of exhibitors](#), an [event guide](#) and [flyer](#) here.



## Thames Valley Police Recruitment and Volunteering Events

<https://tvpcareers.co.uk/recruitment-events>

Thames Valley Police are holding some webinars and in-person events for anyone who may be interested in, or considering, a career with TVP, now or in the future. Students can access the registration links via the [recruitment events page](#).

### *Webinars* - [download a poster](#)

These webinars are delivered online by TVP recruitment specialists and serving police officers:

- Discover Your Future - 11th March, 12:30 - 13:30 - [link to register](#)
- PCDA Focus - 26th March, 19:00 - 20:00 - [link to register](#)
- PCDA Focus - 9th April, 12:45 - 13:45 - [link to register](#)
- Discover Your Future - 22nd April, 19:30 - 20:30 - [link to register](#)

The Discover Your Future sessions cover all entry routes, while the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PDCA) Focus sessions look specifically at the PCDA pathway. Attendees will be able to ask questions to the dedicated team of specialists and serving officers, an excellent opportunity for anyone considering a career in policing. These sessions also provide first hand insights into the recruitment process and day to day policing.

### *Careers events* - [download a poster](#)

TVP are also running careers events across the force area for students and their families to explore the wide range of opportunities at Thames Valley Police. Attendees will be able to meet police officers, staff and volunteers who can share what it's like to work with TVP, from frontline roles to the many essential positions behind the scenes. You can register to attend but walk-ins are also welcome.

- Thames Valley Police Training Grounds, Reading - 7th March, 10:00 - 14:00 - [link to register](#)
- Wycombe Swan, High Wycombe - 25th April, 10:00 - 14:00 - [link to register](#)
- Saïd Business School, Oxford - 16th May, 10:00 - 14:00 - [link to register](#)

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## Careers Unlocked Webinar Series

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

Are your students wondering how to get into some of the most competitive careers, such as law, medicine, psychology, engineering and investment banking? This March, students and their families can get valuable insights from experienced industry professionals by attending Investin's new, free Careers Unlocked online workshop series, running between **10th and 17th March at 18:00** to find out what these careers are really like and what they need to succeed. Attendees will learn what employers look for, gain practical tips they can use to stand out and take the next steps to unlocking their future career. If students can't attend live, they can still register to receive the recording and follow-up resources.

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## International Women's Day 2026

[www.amazingapprenticeships.com/international-womens-day](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/international-womens-day)

International Women's Day 2026 takes place on **8th March** with the theme is 'Give To Gain'. Amazing Apprenticeships have some resources that you can share with students, including flashcards featuring amazing apprentices in a range of roles and industries and a webinar celebrating trailblazing women apprentices.

### *Beyond the Stereotype: Trailblazing Women Apprentices*

**16th March, 15:30 - 16:00**

[www.amazingapprenticeships.com/events/navigate-beyond-the-stereotype-trailblazing-women-apprentices](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/events/navigate-beyond-the-stereotype-trailblazing-women-apprentices)

From construction sites to coding labs, women are redefining what it means to succeed in apprenticeships. Join this webinar to hear from apprentices and their employers who are breaking barriers and building futures in non-traditional roles.

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## The 'What's Next?' Careers Session

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/the-whats-next-careers-session>

With exams approaching and Year 13 students applying for university, apprenticeships and other pathways, this Pathway CTM session with Pearson on **12th March from 18:00 - 19:00** provides a clear overview of all post-16 and post-18 options, key deadlines and practical next steps.

## **Trinity College Beyond the Classroom**

[www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/trinity-enrichment-programme-2026](http://www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/trinity-enrichment-programme-2026)

The University of Oxford Trinity College Beyond the Classroom Online Academic Enrichment Programme for **Year 7 - 12 students** is starting again on Tuesdays from **10th March at 16:30, until 7th July 2026**. Registrations for 2026 are now open. [Download a flyer.](#)

This online after-school academic enrichment programme will feature a new series of mini lectures, Explore taster sessions, academic skills talks and advice about preparing for university study. Attendees who attend 7 or more sessions will receive a certificate of participation from Trinity College.

**Year 12 students** who are seriously considering applying to study one of the 19 courses Trinity College admits for to study at the University of Oxford can also express an interest in a place on one of Trinity College's visit days when they register for the standard online programme.

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### **Marketing Careers with a Global Agency**

What do Nike, IKEA, HSBC and Lego all have in common? We work with them to build them into the world's most influential brands.

At VML, we are a beacon of innovation and growth in an ever-evolving world. Our heritage is built upon over 300 years combined experience and expertise, where creativity meets technology, and diverse perspectives ignite inspiration. With the merger of VMLY&R and Wunderman Thompson, we have forged a new path as a growth partner that is equal parts creative agency, consultancy, and technology powerhouse.

#### *Event Details*

Location: **Remote**

Date: **8th – 9th April**

Time: **10:00 – 13:00**

Application deadline: **11th March**

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

