

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 4, Week 3: 13th March, 2026

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6th Form



A message from the 6f team:

We look forward to seeing the Year 12 EPQ presentations that will be taking place next Friday. On the back of Year 12 assessment week this week, as well as a D of E training day & some students currently at a MUN conference in Lyon, there is a lot going on! Alongside Year 13 parents evening, Year 13 have been having discussions about their latest progress checks. This serves as a useful opportunity for students to put final plans in place ahead of the final push in the summer. The beating heart that is the busy extracurricular/enrichment activities that go on daily in school has continued. We look forward to the final 2 weeks of term!

The 6th Form Team

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 16th March

Y12 EPQ Presentations – **Friday 20th March** (during PSHE)

Y13 Lakes Trip – **Sun 22nd March – Fri 27th March**

PSE: Friday 20th March

Y12 – EPQ Presentations & Next Steps

Y13 – Lakes Preparation

Events coming up

Y12 Ski Trip departs – **Fri 27th March**

Term ends – **Fri 27th March, 3:05pm**

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Booker, Andrew, Ezra and Mario, and a very Happy 18th Birthday to Isabella, Matthew, Poppy and Finlay.



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.

D of E Gold Training Day

Well done to our Year 12 students who took part in the 1st step of their expedition element of their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award last Sunday. Students discovered how much more demanding a Gold expedition will be & seem well prepared to embark on this in the summer.

Opportunities



On Tuesday, a group of us went to St John's College in Oxford to attend a 'Behind the Scenes' lecture with Professor James Maynard - a Fields Professor in mathematics at the university. The talk itself was not so much about maths as about the way he goes about his research and how he tackles very difficult problems, some of which he was been working on for multiple years. After the lecture, we were lucky enough to be invited to a reception afterwards where we got to meet James and talk to



him about his work. We all found it incredibly interesting and will be returning for another lecture soon! (*Harvey – Y12*)

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.

Congratulations



Ms Hammond does not know how Will (year 12) manages it all!! Wednesday he had his grade 6 theory (which he did for fun!) Thursday he accompanied 3 of our year 13 Musicians for their A-level Performance exam and today he's taking his grade 7 Saxophone exam, not a small feat since he only started playing last year!

We hope you have a restful weekend Will, you're amazing!

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.

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 - 6087	Rosie	12FCH
2 nd Place - 5616	Rowan	13GS
3 rd Place - 5549	Sam	13CHS

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

Useful Opportunities

Lady Margaret Hall Taster Days

www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/study-here/working-schools/lmh-taster-day-series-2026

LMH Taster Days are an opportunity for **Year 12 students** who have the potential to make a competitive application to the University of Oxford to have a taste of what it is like to study at Oxford. These free events include lectures and hands-on academic sessions which have been designed and delivered by LMH's subject tutors, alongside insight into the Oxford application process. Participants will also be given a tour of the college by a current undergraduate student and lunch in their dining hall.

The taster days take place between **22nd April and 14th May** at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. Students who would be unable to attend without support with travel expenses can contact outreach@lmh.ox.ac.uk.

Deadline to apply: **12:00 on 18th March**.

Career Days

CareerDays.co.uk offers a series of **online work experience and Career Days** designed specifically for students aged **13–18**. These live, interactive days give students a chance to:

- Learn about a specific career from industry professionals
- Understand day-to-day life, entry requirements, and pathways
- Complete practical work experience tasks
- Ask questions in live Q&A sessions
- Receive a **personalised certificate** for UCAS or CV use

We've got a range of upcoming Career Days — all taking place online and accessible from anywhere:

- **Vet Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 21st March 2026
- **Computer Science Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 28th March 2026
- **Medicine Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 4th April 2026
- **Law Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 11th April 2026
- **Midwifery Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 18th April 2026
- **Dentistry Work Experience & Careers Day** – Sunday 19th April 2026
- **Psychology Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 25th April 2026
- **Architect Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 2nd May 2026
- **Engineering Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 9th May 2026
- **Business Work Experience & Careers Day** – Saturday 16th May 2026
- **Performing Arts Work Experience & Careers Day** – Sunday 18th October 2026

Details, dates & registration: www.careerdays.co.uk

Why this might benefit students:

- ✓ **Career insight** - live expert input and real-world context
- ✓ **Work experience evidence for UCAS & applications**
- ✓ **Accessible for students anywhere** - no travel required
- ✓ **Suitable across Years 9–13**

Lincoln College Life Sciences Essay Competition

<https://lincoln.ox.ac.uk/lincoln-life-sciences-essay-competition-2026>

The University of Oxford Lincoln College has announced an essay competition for **Year 12 students** interested in the life sciences. This competition aims to give students the opportunity to explore scientific concepts and topics beyond the classroom. Students are invited to write an essay of up to 1,500 words in answer to their chosen question. Creative submissions are welcomed and entrants are welcome to approach the question in whatever way is most meaningful to them, as long as they demonstrate that they are thinking scientifically. The questions are designed to test creativity and scientific intuition rather than knowledge.

Closing date: **23:59 on Monday 16th March.**

RAF Career Experiences

We're excited to share that a **new collection of Royal Air Force virtual work experiences** will soon be launching on Springpod for students aged **16–19**.

These experiences are designed to help students explore the wide range of skills and career pathways connected to the RAF — from technology and operations to planning, problem-solving and teamwork.

When the experiences go live, students will be able to:

- 1 - Start with a simple RAF careers overview, offering a clear introduction to different pathways
- 2 - Step into short, interactive simulations, to explore how different roles contribute to real RAF projects
- 3 - Build confidence with employability skills, including interview-style practice and reflective tasks.

The aim is to give students **practical insight into modern RAF careers** while helping them develop transferable skills they can apply anywhere.

We'll share the full hub and classroom-ready guidance as soon as the experiences go live on [Springpod](#).

Physics Summer School

The **Debate Chamber Physics Summer Schools** are designed for students who love problem-solving, thinking critically about the universe, and exploring the fundamental principles that shape our world. These academically intensive courses go beyond the school syllabus, offering students the opportunity to grapple with **big questions** in physics through independent thinking and collaborative discussion.

Classes consist of a combination of **mini-lectures, group discussions, team games and problem sets**, creating a stimulating environment where students can explore complex ideas with their peers.

Our [tutors](#) (typically Masters or PhD students) are selected for their **exceptional communication skills, charismatic and inspiring presence and very strong subject knowledge**. Their role is to energise and inspire future scholars, and to offer a clear view of the path forward.

Spending several days working in small seminar groups allows participants to **build confidence, develop problem-solving skills, and explore areas of personal interest**.

The Summer 2026 programme will include:

The [Physics Summer School – Part 1](#) focuses on **Newtonian Mechanics, Electromagnetism, and Astrophysics** and is open to students aged 15-18 - you can see a detailed schedule for the Part 1 course [here](#).

“Seriously, after doing the course, I feel so much more knowledgeable and interested in Physics. Furthermore, all three of my tutors were kind, engaging and very enthusiastic so the experience itself was actually fun.”

The [Physics Summer School – Part 2](#) focuses on **Relativity, Quantum Mechanics, and Cosmology** and requires that students have completed a minimum of one year of A-level study in Mathematics (or equivalent) at the time of the course - you can see a detailed schedule for the Part 2 course [here](#).

“The teaching was brilliant for the course, with a huge array of material covered that I am particularly interested in – Quantum Mechanics, Relativity, and Quantum Gravity & the Standard Model. The advanced mathematics was explained very well, and there weren't any points in the course where we were left with questions unanswered. The course content was of an appropriate difficulty – there were plenty of challenging concepts and mathematical tools covered, yet they were all understandable. Not too easy and not too difficult – just right.”

In addition to these Physics courses, we also offer a [Mathematics Summer School](#) which will be of interest to any students looking to apply their mathematical knowledge to topics like relativity or quantum theory.

You can see a full calendar of events by subject [here](#).

How can my students attend?

✦ **The Physics Summer School** is open to students aged 15–18. Please note that Part 2 requires at least one year of A Level Maths.

📅 **Course Dates:** Part 1 (Classical Mechanics, Electromagnetism, and Astrophysics) runs from 10th – 12th August (three days).

Part 2 (Cosmology, Quantum Mechanics, Relativity, and Particle Physics) runs from 17th – 20th August (four days).

🕒 **Teaching Hours:** Each course runs from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm, including a lunch break.

💻 **Course Format:** This is a live online event, held in small seminar groups for fully interactive discussions and problem-solving exercises. Sessions will not be recorded, so students must be available during course hours and have a reliable audio and video internet connection.

💰 **Course Fee:** The cost for Part 1 (three days) is £345. The cost for Part 2 (four days) is £425.

🔒 **Booking Information:** A 25% non-refundable deposit secures your place. The remaining balance is due eight weeks before the course start date.

💡 **Bursaries available:** 🙋 Up to **90% scholarships** for low income students - please share this opportunity with those who may benefit! [Full details here](#) - bursary applications for next summer will open in January.

📄 **Find full details, student reviews, and tutor profiles on the course page here.**

If you have any questions, or if you'd like a printed poster to display, please don't hesitate to contact us at info@debatechamber.com or on 0800 810 1058.

College of Medicine and Health Free webinars

Bangor University's College of Medicine and Health is delighted to invite your students to our upcoming series of free online Taster Sessions - a programme of live lectures designed specifically for students exploring their options ahead of university.

Sessions are available across the following subject areas:

- Sport Science
- Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Pharmacology
- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Biomedical Science
- Medical Science
- Psychology
- Health and Social Care

These sessions offer students the chance to:

- Hear directly from Bangor University's leading researchers and academics
- Get a genuine feel for university-level study in medicine and health
- Ask questions live during dedicated Q&A segments
- Attend from anywhere - no travel required, and no commitment to attend every session

Registration is completely free, and students can sign up for as many or as few sessions as they like. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to deepen their subject knowledge, build confidence, and make more informed decisions about their future studies.

🔗 Reserve your place [here](#).

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

