

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 4, Week 1: 28th February, 2025

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6th Form



A message from 6F team:

The sun has been shining on the five aside footballers this afternoon and it was great to see so many students finishing the week with some sport. We have also had trips to the football and to the theatre this week and the students continue to make the most of the opportunities available to them, with two more students getting places on the Lessons for Auschwitz programme, and many Year 12 student applying to be Peer Supporters in Term 5. On the curriculum side, mock results are coming in and papers are being worked through by Year 13 and their teachers, ahead of the feedback evening on 13th March.

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 3rd March

Thursday 6th March: A Level Music Practical Exam

PSE Friday 7th March

Y12 & 13: International Women's Day & Next Steps

Events coming up:

Monday 10th March: Year 12 Assessment Week

Wednesday 12th March: Y13 Biology Trip

Thursday 13th March: Year 13 Feedback Evening

Thursday 20th March: Careersfest

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

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Lily, Nate, Charles, Emmi, Athena, Lyna and Luke
We wish a Happy 18th Birthday to Jonny, Claude, Noah and Kaz.



Gonk



Regonkition to 2 of our amazing 6th formers.

In Year 13, we regonkise Lucas for his attitude over the mock week.

And in Year 12, we regonkise Ben. Ben settles to his work quickly and quietly. Ben works hard throughout study periods and lessons. Ben asks good questions to develop his knowledge. Be like Ben.



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 7th March	The Shape of Sex: A History of nonbinary gender before modernity Professor Leah DeVun of Eutgers University challenges the idea of nonbinary gender as a modern phenomenon, using her research from 200-1400 CE. Professor Leah DeVunn

English Richard II Trip



Year 12 students had an amazing night out in London to see Jonathan Bailey play the title role in Richard II at the Bridge Theatre. On Tuesday evening, ten English literature students headed to London to see Shakespeare's Richard II. With powerful, emotive performances (particularly that of Jonathan Bailey), incredible staging, and a tense plot; even those of us who were not as familiar with Shakespeare's play had a great time. It was a very enriching opportunity that we are all grateful to have been given. (Lili – Y12)



Cambridge Outreach Talk



It was lovely to welcome Annabel from University of Cambridge to give a talk about applying to Oxbridge this week. Now that we are past the half way mark in the year, the Year 12 will be turning their attention to thinking about next steps during the next few months, including a trip to UCAS fair on 24th April.

Lakes Revision Trip

Please look out for a communication with a packing list for the Lakes, which will be sent out next week. Students are reminded to book time off work and we will be finalising the rooming next Friday in PSHE. Students need to be getting into groups of 6 for the accommodation. Any questions, please ask Ms Mummery.

Wallingford Area LCWIP

Oxfordshire County Council are developing a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for the Wallingford area, which is a document that will take a comprehensive review of the network for walking and network for cycling within the dedicated area and identify improvements.

One of the most important aspects of this has been **routes to schools** and so I wanted to flag that, as of **Monday this week**, there is a live consultation exercise. This comprises a "map and pin" exercise where anyone can drop a pin on a map to identify where infrastructure may be missing or improved. This is a really important exercise as it gives the community a chance to have their say on the network development and identify spots that otherwise may be missed.

The link for it, alongside more information, can be accessed here: [Wallingford Area Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan \(LCWIP\) | Let's Talk Oxfordshire](#)

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 – 8611	Ben	12TMG
2 nd Place – 8578	Jan	12ALT
3 rd Place – 7685	Matthew	12NJO

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

Useful Opportunities

Trinity College Enrichment Programme 2025

www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/trinity-enrichment-programme-2025

Trinity College, Oxford, Beyond the Classroom (BTC) Online Academic Enrichment Programme for **Year 7 to 12 students** is starting again in 2025, taking place on **Wednesdays from 5th March at 16:30, until 9th July**.

The online after-school academic enrichment programme in 2025 will feature a new series of mini lectures, Oxplore taster sessions, academic skills talks and advice about preparing for university study, including at the University of Oxford. Students attending 7 or more sessions will qualify for certificate of participation from Trinity College, Oxford.

[Download a flyer.](#)

Link to sign up: <https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/oxford/beyond-the-classroom-trinity-college-oxford-enrichment-progra-3>

Trinity College Beyond the Classroom

Trinity College Beyond the Classroom Online Academic Enrichment Programme back in 2025!

What: Our online after-school academic enrichment programme is back for 2025 and will feature a new series of mini lectures, Oxplore taster sessions, academic skills talk and advice about preparing for university study and submitting a competitive application to university and the University of Oxford.

A certificate of participation from Trinity College, Oxford, for those attending 7 or more sessions! Plus an extension programme for students in year 12 considering applying to study one of the [19 subjects](#) Trinity College admits for study at the University of Oxford. The Extension Programme includes a FREE one night- two day residential taking place at Trinity College on the 10-11th April 2025, a mini tutorial in chosen subject area, access to the library, free time for revision and private study to explore the subject in more detail and meet other participants on the programme. Throughout the year, students are also supported with suggested reading and other materials, take, online mini tutorials and will receive additional support with their Oxford application.

Who: Any state school student in Year 7 to 12 interested in exploring learning across a broad range of themes and cross subject beyond the classroom and/or applying to Oxford.

When: Beginning 5 March until 9 July 2025.

Where: Online via Teams.

Students can sign up to Beyond the Classroom now and anytime up to 8 July by completing our [Registration Form](#). **Year 12 deadline** for applying for **extension programme 5 March**.

St John's Study Days

Applications are now open for the [St John's Study Days and Subject Exploration Days](#). These are free events in college open to Y12 students from anywhere in the UK.

This year we have the following Study Days (open to Y12 students from non-selective state schools):

History/History of Art	12th Mar
Medicine/Biomedical Sciences	15th Mar (online)
Psychology	2nd May
Maths/Computer Science	14th May
PPE	21st May

We also have two Subject Exploration Days (open to all Y12 students, regardless of school):

Classics	23rd Apr
English	16th May

All application links are on the website: <https://www.sjc.ox.ac.uk/access-and-outreach/our-programmes-sjc/study-days/>

Careers with Animals Day



www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/careers-with-animals-day-tickets-991016395717

Delivered by The College of Animal Welfare and with talks from The Royal Veterinary College (RVC), International Cat Care, The British Horse-racing Authority, RSPCA and CAW Grooming School this virtual event on **1st March from 10:00 – 15:00** promises to be an engaging day for students interested in working with animals.

Oxfordshire Museum Open Art Competition

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/events/exhibitions-oxfordshire-museum-workshops-oxfordshire-museum/open-art-competition-2025

Aspiring artists throughout the county are being invited to participate in the Oxfordshire Museum's annual open art competition. This year also sees the introduction of a young artist's award for the first time for residents *aged 11 to 18*.

Inspired by the Museum Service collection, this year's theme for the competition is 'Animals'. Students may have created something already that fits this theme perfectly, or they may wish to take your inspiration from many of the items in the Museum Services collection. The museum is particularly keen to encourage three dimensional entries, including sculptures, to the competition this year.

Prizes will be judged by a panel of special guest judges, and the winners will be announced at a special preview party. An exhibition displaying the shortlisted entries and winners will be open to the public at the museum from **27th September until 2nd November**.

Submissions can be made online from Friday 24th January to **09:00 on Monday 11th August**.

Lloyds Banking Group Business and Entrepreneurship Event

Have you ever thought about setting up your own business and being your own boss? Perhaps you have a side hustle whilst in school / university and want to take it to the next level. If you have always had a passion for business and like the idea of making your own money whilst creating an exceptional product or service, then this event is for you!

During this one-hour session we will do a deep dive into what it takes to become an entrepreneur and how to set up your own business. You will hear from some very successful entrepreneurs from across the bank and how they have grown their side hustles whilst at work as well as our very own Dan Miller, CEO and Founder of the Young Professionals brand.

Event Details:

- **Event:** Lloyds Banking Group and Young Professionals: Business and Entrepreneurship Event
- **Date:** Tuesday, 4th March 2025
- **Time:** 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- **Location:** Zoom (link provided upon registration)

Here's what you'll gain:

- Top skills of an entrepreneur
- How to grow, scale and set up a business
- The importance coming up with an idea and a business plan
- How to access business funding when starting out
- Open Q&A with Dan Miller and business leaders from across the bank

Register Here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D5BLG2B>

Oxford Modern Languages Open Day

Bookings are open for the University of Oxford's annual Modern Languages Open Day! This year, we are delighted to be able to welcome prospective students and their companions to Oxford on Saturday 17th May, 10.30am-4pm. The event will be held at the Examination Schools, a large venue located on the High Street.

This event is a fantastic opportunity for students who are interested in learning more about our language courses, or who are still considering their options, as this Open Day will cover ALL of our languages: French, German*, Spanish, Italian*, Russian*, Portuguese*, Modern Greek*, Czech (with Slovak)*, and Polish*. Most of our Joint School degree subjects will also be represented at the event.

**All of these languages can be studied here at Oxford from beginners' level, some of which can be combined with our Joint Schools subjects (e.g. English, History, Linguistics etc.). With this in mind, please encourage your strong linguists/heritage speakers/students who are interested in the Humanities to come along and explore something new!*

The Open Day will offer an overview of our Modern Languages courses and a general Q&A for prospective students in the morning, with individual language sessions and a parents'/guardians'/teachers' Q&A session occurring in the afternoon. You can view the event programme [here](#).

Booking for this event is compulsory – you and your students can register your attendance [here](#). Bookings will close at midnight on 14th May 2025. Please note that, due to restricted places, only one parent/guardian/teacher may accompany each student for the morning session.

UCL Sutton Trust Summer 2025

Do you like exploring literature, films, art, music, food and other cultural aspects of other countries? Are you curious about what studying languages and cultures at University would be like? Then come to the UCL Languages and Cultures Summer School! This Summer School is open to all Year 12 students, although studying a foreign language is preferred.

The School of European Languages, Culture and Society (SELCS) teaches no fewer than 11 different languages, as well as a vast range of courses in everything cultural: French cinema; Italian Renaissance study; Latin American poetry; German medieval comic tales; material 'stuff' in the Viking age; Dutch sociolinguistics; and so much more.

The Summer School will draw on as many of the languages and cultures taught at UCL as we can fit in one week through a combination of seminars and workshops.

[Find out more and apply now](#)

Oxford Brookes Taster Days

There are limited spaces available on the following upcoming taster days that you may be interested in:

- Attendance is free
- You can sign up for as many as you like
- Activities include lectures and hands on sessions
- Explore a range of subjects.

Adult Nursing: 6 March

This taster day offers an insight into the landscape of Adult Nursing at University. Explore the multifaceted nature of this discipline, its diverse career trajectories, and the promotional opportunities it presents. You will be able to engage in hands-on learning within a simulated clinical environment, guided by our team of Nursing academics, providing an authentic experience to develop your understanding and skills in the field.

Marketing, Management, Finance and Economics: 14 March

The Oxford Brookes Business School Taster Day will provide students with a wide range of experiences, skills and knowledge by exploring some of the key concepts and theories in our Business undergraduate courses. Students will consider key aspects of Business Management, Marketing, Finance and Economics to further understand studying a degree in this evolving and exciting industry, alongside opportunities to apply learning to practical industry examples in our Social Media Lab.

Built Environment & Architecture: 20 March

This taster day will focus on design, through both the lenses of Architecture as well as Urban Design and Planning to enable your students to critically explore key ideas and themes from our units of study. This day will include interactive elements led by our team of academics and undergraduates.

[BOOK NOW](#)

Humanities Writing Competition

www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/humanities-writing-competition

An opportunity for students to research and write beyond the curriculum, using one or more of five selected objects from the University of Cambridge museum objects, as their focus. Essays, dramatic monologues, short stories or poems equally welcome. Open to UK students in **Year 12** with an interest in the Humanities.

Focusing on Girton's museum collection in the Lawrence Room, the Humanities Writing Competition aims to use ancient objects as a starting point for thinking across curricular divides - about the varieties of human experience that these survivals from the past can embody and reflect and the trains of thought they can set off.

Deadline to enter: **20th March**.

Insight to BDO – Student Careers Event

Are you ready to explore a career with one of the worlds leading accountancy and business advisory firms? Curious to see what makes BDO stand out in the industry? Now's your chance!

We're excited to invite you to an exclusive Insight Event with BDO on **Tuesday, 11th March 2025, from 5pm to 7pm**.

This is a unique opportunity to gain behind-the-scenes access to a world-class firm and learn about their diverse career paths, cutting-edge projects, and commitment to supporting young talent.

Why Attend?

- Discover pathways into a career in accounting and professional services.
- Gain valuable insights into the skills and attributes BDO looks for in future talent.
- Network with professionals and get your questions answered directly by BDO's team.
- Apply to in-person events BDO will be hosting across the UK as well as their work experience schemes.

Don't Miss Out!

This event could be your first step towards an exciting and rewarding career.

Register Now to Secure Your Place:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BDO-Virtual>

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

