

# Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 4, Week 4: 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025

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6<sup>th</sup> Form



## A message from 6F team:

Many students picked up official exam results this Thursday, creating an excited and nervous atmosphere. We know that all students have worked hard for those results, and congratulate all of them on their achievements so far.

When reviewing the week for the newsletter, the amount of news, activities and celebrations across the 6F each week is truly striking and it is great to have such an engaged community.

Have a wonderful weekend.

## Events coming up:

### Week Commencing 24<sup>th</sup> March

*Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025: Year 13 Lakes Revision Trip*

*Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Y12 Food Practical exam*

*Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Spring Concert (evening)*

### PSE Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March

*Y12: The Training Effect*

*Y13: Preparation for Lakes*

### Events coming up:

*Term 4 Break – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April*

*Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April: EPQ Presentations*

## Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Annabelle, Annabella, Samuel, Ben and Harry.  
We wish a Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Ed and Bethan.



### Gonk



Annabelle in Y12 is being regonkised for smashing it academically with amazing BTEC results and going above and beyond with her extra-curricular activities including her student ambassadorship.

In Y13, we regonkise Hayley – the example of work ethic for A Level study.

Sunny and Red are gushing with pride.



### Oedipus Theatre Trip Review

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025, Drama and English A-Level students attended a theatre trip to see Oedipus at the Old Vic Theatre in London, directed by Ella Hickson. The principal role was played by Rami Malek, an incredible actor from both stage and TV, his co-star was played by Indira Varma, another talented actress. From start to finish, the action on stage immersed the audience into the world of Thebes, the hardships of the people, the great leaders and the consequences which followed. The play was a combination of acting and interpretative dance performed by a small, but very talented group of dancers who represented the people of Thebes. I would recommend this play to people who enjoy Greek Mythology and are aged 14 and over as some scenes may be upsetting for young children.

Poppy Gould, Yr12 A-Level Drama Student

## Lessons from Auschwitz



On Thursday 20th March, Elene H, Bethan H, Poppy G and myself got the opportunity to fly to Poland to look around Auschwitz with the Lessons From Auschwitz team. We absorbed so much history surrounding the tragic events that took place there and it was an eye-opening experience. We were guided around Auschwitz I and Auschwitz II with a focus on remembering the individual's stories.

One of the things we saw was the remains of the gas chambers and the horrific living conditions. It was also impressed on us the importance of the preservation of Auschwitz, as for lots of Jewish people this is all they have to

remember their ancestors by. It is important to remember that the holocaust wasn't a random occurrence but was caused due to a pattern of generational anti-Semitism and ignorance. If we all take the time to humanise the millions of people who suffered, we can insure that it doesn't happen again.



Written by Chiana



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## Year 13 After School Revision Sessions



For the next 2 weeks, we are inviting students to supervised independent study time taking place after school on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 3:15pm – 4:45pm. Tuesday & Thursday will be in the front study room & Wednesday will be in the back study room.

Following conversations at parents evening & conversations with form tutors during Friday morning's PSE, these could be the perfect opportunity to put the feedback into practice to fill any holes or start some revision on areas that require focus following the mock exams.

Biscuits & materials for revision e.g. flashcards, folders, card will be provided.

We hope to see a good number of students attend!

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## Cornhole Cup

The long awaited Cornhole Cup competition officially began on Tuesday with many students joining together in their house to compete to compete for the winning "Cornhole Champion" title. The excitement continued on Thursday with an even bigger crowd of spectators and more rounds being played.

It is not too late to sign up, all you need is a house partner and £1.00 each.



"Really fun!" "Competitive atmosphere in 6F"



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## Careersfest

This trip took place on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2025, Our year 11 and 12 students travelled shortly after lunch to the Kassam Stadium. The out bounding 30 minutes' trip was smooth, as there were no major traffic. We arrived at the destination seething with sunlight, our 50 students filled with excitement entered the event open minded. Full of opportunities with major companies such as BMW, RAF, Oxfordshire County Council, University of Oxford and approximately 40 other niche and major companies at the exhibition. Students began to explore.

Interacting with a wide and diverse range of interest, students quickly adapted to the environment and started to explore freely and asking representatives of apprenticeships and careers introductory questions with more confidence. Gathering more information and seeking for future paths. During the event, as the time was limited, everybody was busy and students were trying to find out as much information about apprenticeships and careers as possible.

Overall, students were giving good feedback about their experience, a lot of them told that they have found a bunch of useful opportunities and important information that can possibly impact their future decisions about their career path.

(Charlie & Illia – Y12)



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## **Human Library 2025**

In the penultimate week of term, Year 12 will have 'Futures Week'. A special time dedicated to research and preparation for life after 6<sup>th</sup> Form. For the last two years the 6<sup>th</sup> Form has held a Human Library, where volunteers from a huge variety of professions, careers and walks of life have come in and spoken to small groups of students in a 'speed dating' style.

This years event will be on the **7<sup>th</sup> July, 10-12.30** (exact timings TBC) and are looking for participants. Some of you have participated before, and we would love to have you join us again. If you have not taken part before, and are not sure if it is for you here is some more information:

- We want as diverse a field as possible to expose our students to as much experience as possible
- All ages/experiences are relevant
- In the past, participants have been concerned about their "non-Linear" career paths. We think it is great for students to hear about all experiences (and particularly that they are not having to decide what to do with 'the rest of their lives')

If you are interested, or someone you know would be interested in participating please email

[holtonp@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:holtonp@wallingfordschool.com).

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## **Reading Buddies**

Reading buddies is off to a great start! Its been met with a brilliant reaction from the younger years – "Its nice to have a break and time away from form and get to do some reading" – Charley, Year 7.

"Its given me more confidence to read in class and its nice to have the company" – Ted, Year 7

Thank you to all the Y12s that attend and read with the Y7s.

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## **Y13 Lakes**

A reminder that the Lakes slideshow from this morning's assembly is on the VLE for everyone to read.

Anyone needing a school laptop for next week's trip will need to speak to Ms. Mummery before the end of the school day on Monday.

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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 – 7570	Ben	12TMG
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – 6477	Amelie	12NJO
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – 6474	Sid & Blake	12ALT

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

# Useful Opportunities

## The Future of the NHS Talk

[www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/public-event/future-nhs-balancing-competing-priorities-benefit-patients-and-policy](http://www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/public-event/future-nhs-balancing-competing-priorities-benefit-patients-and-policy)

Even before the demands of the recent pandemic, the NHS was operating severe pressure. Can the NHS model adapt to provide fit-for-purpose? What is the future of the NHS? At this Trinity Talk from the University of Oxford Trinity College on **14th May at 17:30**, an expert panel will consider and discuss the future of the NHS.

There is usually a small charge to attend, but Trinity College are offering free tickets to teachers, students and parents of young people from state schools who register in advance. Tickets will be offered on a first come first served basis. Students are welcome to attend independently of their school but those under the age of 16 should attend with a parent who should also have a (free) ticket.

If you're interested in attending, contact [julia.paolitto@trinity.ox.ac.uk](mailto:julia.paolitto@trinity.ox.ac.uk) and include your name, address of your school and the number of tickets required in your email. Deadline to book: **5th May**.

## KPMG Virtual Experience Day

Are you a **Year 11, 12, 13 student** interested in gaining work experience with one of the world's leading professional services firms?

Join the KPMG Virtual Work Experience Day during the Easter Break to explore career opportunities in business, finance, accounting, and professional services while developing key employability skills.

### *Event Details*

**Date:** Monday, 14th April

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Location:** Virtual (join from anywhere)

**Who Can Attend?** Year 11, 12 and 13 students

**Register Here:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KPMG-Virtual>

## Easter STEM Work Experience (Spectris PLC)

We are excited to announce that on **Wednesday, 16th of April from 9am - 3pm**, we will be hosting a virtual work experience day with Spectris, Malvern Panalytical, HBK and Servomex! Spectris are a FTSE company and own all the other science and engineering-based companies mentioned above. Collectively they operate in over 30 countries, employ over 7,500 people globally, and have generated a revenue of over a billion pounds as of 2024! Each of the companies Spectris owns specialises in a very specific area of science and engineering and during this work experience day you will get the opportunity to take part in workshops and network with each of their companies.

Participating in an event such as this will not only allow you to learn more about industry, but it will also give you a unique opportunity to gain valuable experience that will be beneficial for adding value to your CV and LinkedIn profile. This will show employers (including Spectris) that you are proactive and looking to develop your skillset before entering the workplace, which can help you to be recognised as an ambitious and motivated individual as well as allowing you to stand out from other students.

### **Registration Link:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Spectris-Easter>

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

