

# Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 4, Week 5: 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

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6<sup>th</sup> Form



## A message from 6F team:

As always, it has been a busy week. Between them, our students have undertaken Peer Supporter training, had Food Exams, prepared for the Lakes trip, ran a fundraising raffle, met with a professional journalist and shone in the Spring Concert. Year 12 finished the week with a wonderful discussion led by James from *The Training Effect*. The focus was on risky behaviours, and the engagement from our students was incredible. James, the provider, commented that they had 'made his day' through their mature approach, openness, and support of each other. We wish Year 13 all the best in their revision week. See you at 7.15 Sunday morning!

## Events coming up:

### **Week Commencing 31<sup>st</sup> March**

*Clocks go forward Sunday morning!!*

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

### **PSE Friday 04<sup>th</sup> April**

*Y12: EPQ Presentations & End of Term Reflections*

*Y13: Returning from Lakes*

### **Events coming up:**

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

*Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Term 5 begins*

## Important information & News



**We wish a Happy Birthday to Flora and Aditya.**

**We wish a Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Tabby and Lola.**



### **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')

Thank you for the responses so far.

If you are interested, or someone you know would be interested in participating please email [holtonp@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:holtonp@wallingfordschool.com).

## Journalism Jasmine Allday Visit Year 12



On Tuesday 25<sup>TH</sup> March, our year 12 media students were delighted to have an exciting visit from a Jasmine Allday a Daily Mirror journalist. Our year 12 class prepared in previous lessons creating interesting questions to ask Jasmine. Two of our students, Charlie and Dylan volunteered to ask the selected questions to Jasmine in a Q&A. Jasmine was extremely inspiring and fascinating, giving our Media Studies students a great insight into journalism and an enjoyable lesson. It really was surreal to have someone whos working in a senior role in this major industry, a huge inspiration us studying media. (Charlie Y12)

## Food Practical Exam



Our Y12s had their final practical exam on Thursday. It was an intense 4 hr session and the five students did an amazing job preparing and cooking their various recipes.



## Spring Concert



Amazing Spring Concert last night with a huge sixth form contribution.

"Last night, we both took part in the Spring Concert. It was an amazing opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the various musical talents at our school." (Celyn & Karishma – Y12)



## The Training Effect

James from The Training Effect lead an incredible discussion with Year 12, centred around risky behaviours, and empowering students to make informed decisions. Thought provoking concepts such 'standing to close to the elephant' and 'the fish being the last to see the water' got students thinking and talking in a very positive way.



## 6F Social Committee



This week some awesome year 13s bought tickets for the social committee run Easter raffle. Thanks to them, there's £27 more in the sixth form social committee budget for upcoming events! Amanta, Anastasia, Lucas and Will were the lucky winners of the tutor donated Easter eggs. Next week it's year 12s turn, Will you raise more than the yr 13s? (Charlotte – Y12)

## 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 – 8672	Orla & Isabella	12GS
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – 8455	Jake	13TP
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – 7682	George	13YH

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

## Useful Opportunities

### Law Work Experience

Magic Circle Law Firm Linklaters, the world's biggest Immigration Law Firm Fragomen and the UK's leading Law University, ULaw are joining us to offer students a whole day of legal knowledge, workshops and insights to the sector for aspiring lawyers. This will be an immersive one-day experience online via Zoom where you will get the chance to learn more about law, what it takes to make your way to the top in a law firm and take part in some legal case workshops to really put your skills to the test as a commercial lawyer.

If you think you've got what it takes to step into the shoes of a corporate lawyer for the day and have a go at some real world cases, then this event is for you!

#### Key Details:

- Law Work Experience during the Easter Holidays
- **Tuesday 15th April 10am - 3pm**
- Employers involved are; Linklaters, Fragomen and University of Law
- An opportunity to take part in legal workshops, hear from two international law firms as well as the UK's biggest university offering law degrees
- Networking opportunities in the virtual booths
- Certificate of completion sent out to all students who take part in the day

If you would like to secure your place, please apply on the below link.

#### Application Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YP-GetintoLaw-WEx>

### Teacher Degree Apprenticeships

[www.amazingapprenticeships.com/events/teacher-degree-apprenticeship-with-university-of-brighton](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/events/teacher-degree-apprenticeship-with-university-of-brighton)



This Amazing Apprenticeships webinar on **1st April from 13:00 - 14:00** with the University of Brighton will explain how the Teacher Degree Apprenticeship is suitable for all individuals whether leaving school or college, or those already working in schools including teaching assistants and higher level teaching assistants, as a way to achieve a teaching qualification.

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## **Indie Games Expo**

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gdl-indie-games-expo-gdlx-2025-tickets-1251056576899](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gdl-indie-games-expo-gdlx-2025-tickets-1251056576899)

This event in Farnham on **12th April from 12:00 - 19:00** may be of interest to students looking to start a career in the games industry. There will be a careers stage, where they can hear talks from industry professionals, as well as have the opportunity to network and learn from industry veterans. Please note: there is a charge for tickets.



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## **Oxford Brookes Media and Culture & Film Taster Day**

[www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/subject-taster-days](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/outreach/post-16/subject-taster-days)

Oxford Brookes University are booking the final places on their Communication, Media and Culture & Film Taster Day on **13th May**.

Whether students are passionate about studying film academically or engaging with storytelling, directing, screenwriting and cinematography, this session will give them a hands-on insight into the exciting world of the study of film and filmmaking. They will also engage with questions about what we consider 'normal' and what it means to be 'me', by analysing how new forms of communication play a central part in our lives and focus on the practical and technical skills necessary to create their own media forms and messages for diverse personal and professional contexts.

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## **Modern Art Oxford Young Artists Registry**

[www.speakersforschools.org/results/?opp=B95478D0-598F-419F-BC53-08DD4B4A2FFD](http://www.speakersforschools.org/results/?opp=B95478D0-598F-419F-BC53-08DD4B4A2FFD)

**Students aged 16 - 19** are invited to join professional artists at Modern Art Oxford to create an exhibition over two weekends - **26th to 27th April & 10th to 11th May from 10:00 - 16:00**.

This is an opportunity for students to develop their creative practice, build a portfolio and explore paths to exciting creative careers in a fun and relaxed environment. They will work with professional artist collective Leap then Look to co-design an artwork for display in the upcoming exhibition Movements For Staying Alive.

Participants will also meet fellow young creatives and have fun, all whilst developing their craft and gaining valuable experience.

Lunch, snacks, and drinks will be provided on each day of the residency. They can also support with travel costs of up to £5 per person for each day of the project.

Deadline to apply: **4th April**.

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## **Business & Accounting Easter Work Experience**

We have big 4 firm KPMG, BDO, Grant Thornton, S&W and CIMA joining us to run hands on practical workshops with you to show you what it's really like working in the industry and how you could grow your career as a successful accountant, consultant or tax adviser. You will have the opportunity to work on business projects, conduct a profit and loss on a company, work on a consulting project as well as getting the chance to pitch your ideas and work to the professionals across the day.

On top of this we will be setting up dedicated workshop / networking booths so you can have 1-1 conversations with people from these companies to get your questions answered and find out about all the key programmes on offer, deadlines to apply as well as summer work experience opportunities along with graduate and apprenticeship programmes.

### *Key Details:*

- Business & Accounting Work Experience during the Easter Holidays
- **Thursday 17th April 10am - 3pm**
- Employers involved are; KPMG, BDO, Grant Thornton, S&W, CIMA and the University of Law Business School

- An opportunity to take part in business and accounting workshops, hear from 5 international firms as well as the UK's biggest university offering business degrees
- Networking opportunities in the virtual booths
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### **Forvis Mazars – Audit Apprenticeship**

Are you finishing Year 13 or your second year of A-Levels, BTECs, or equivalent qualifications this summer? Looking for an alternative to university that still leads to a professional career in finance and audit?

Forvis Mazars, a leading global professional services firm, is offering **three fantastic school leaver apprenticeship opportunities** in Nottingham. These apprenticeships provide a **paid, full-time role** where you'll gain valuable experience, work towards a professional qualification, and kickstart a successful career—without the university debt!

#### *1. Audit – Social Sector School Leaver Apprentice*

Passionate about making a difference? Work with **charities, social enterprises, and non-profits**, helping them maintain financial transparency and accountability. A great option for those who want a **rewarding career with social impact**.

[Apply Now - Social Sector School Leaver Apprentice](#)

#### *2. Audit – Privately Owned Business School Leaver Apprentice*

Interested in business and finance? Support **privately owned companies**, from startups to established firms, helping them manage financial performance and audits. Ideal for those looking to develop **commercial and analytical skills**.

[Privately Owned Business School Leaver Apprentice](#)

#### *3. Audit – Public Sector School Leaver Apprentice*

Want to understand how the **public sector** manages its finances? Work with **government bodies, local councils, and public institutions** to ensure public funds are used efficiently. Perfect for those interested in **financial governance and public services**.

[Public Sector School Leaver Apprentice](#)

#### *Who Can Apply?*

These apprenticeships are open to students currently in Year 13 (completing their second year of A-Levels), BTECs, or equivalent qualifications in 2024). If you're ambitious, eager to learn, and looking for an exciting route into the world of finance and audit, this is the perfect opportunity for you!

Apply today using the provided links.

**Start Date: September 2025**

Location: Nottingham

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

