

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 5, Week 2: 24th April, 2026

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6th Form



A message from the 6f team:

With Year 13s having their last PSHE session ever, Year 12 Hustings for the new Student Leadership Team, and a beautiful Spring afternoon, the first signs of annual change are in the air.

Year 13s have continued incredibly well on what must feel like perpetual revision, with Year 12s joining them ahead of their assessments next week. Our students do a great job striking the balance between rigorous revision, and the need to engage with things outside of school work, and we encourage them to continue in this fashion.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 27th April

Y12 Assessment Week – **wkb Mon 27th April**

World Challenge Practice – **Thurs 30th April**

Y13 Celebration Day – **Fri 1st May**

PSE: Friday 1st May

Y12 – Cybersecurity

Events coming up

May Bank Holiday – **Mon 4th May**

Y12 Biology trip – **Wed 6th May**

Media Talk – **Thurs 7th May**

Neuroscience Talk – **Tues 12th May**

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Fin, Emma, Amelia and Evelyn, and a very Happy 18th Birthday to Sid & Herbie.



UCAS Fair

Earlier this week, Year 12 were lucky enough to attend the annual UCAS Fair held in Farnborough. There were over 100 universities present, each offering a personal insight into both the academic and social lifestyle that characterises further education.

The opportunity posed as a rewarding experience to not only deepen our interest in our chosen subjects, but also to expand our awareness of relevant careers in the future. Overall, we believe this brief introduction to university life has given us a great deal of inspiration to carry into our upcoming exams, whilst also allowing us to capitalise on the free merch.

(Joseph & Marcus – Y12)



Year 13 Exams Information

Year 13 students were issued their Exam Timetables and Exam Information booklets this morning. It is essential students read these carefully and ensure they understand where they need to be (**8.40am** at morning venues and **1.05pm** for afternoon venues), and to remind themselves about conduct in exams, and what to do in case of emergencies and lateness.

Physics Tutor Wanted

If any Year 12 student would be interested in tutoring a Year 9 student in the area of Physics – please see Mr Harpin

Futures For All

Discover a library packed with recordings from previous live virtual broadcasts, available to watch anytime. It's an easy way to catch up on sessions you may have missed or revisit topics that matter to you.

The site also highlights upcoming live broadcasts, so you can register in advance and join sessions in real time. We recommend checking the site regularly to stay up to date, informed, and inspired.

Click [here](#) for access to the library.

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 - 7298	Ollie	13NJO
2 nd Place - 7243	Will & Eddie	12FCH
3 rd Place - 7128	Jamie	13CHS

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

Useful Opportunities

Abingdon & Witney College Open Day

<https://abingdon-witney.ac.uk/events>

Abingdon & Witney College are holding an open day at their [Abingdon](#) & [Witney](#) campuses on **17th Jun 2026 from 15:30 - 19:00**. Students can tour the facilities and find out about the courses on offer. Tutors, course leaders and careers advisers will be available to help them make the right choice, whether that be a study programme, a T Level or an apprenticeship.

Virtual Insight into University

www.etrust.org.uk/programmes-virtual-insights-into-university

Insight into University (previously known as Headstart) from the Engineering Development Trust (EDT) is a comprehensive virtual experience allowing students to explore STEM studies at university including degree apprenticeships and the career opportunities that these subjects lead to. It provides access to information on university and student life, STEM projects and activities set by leading UK universities and global STEM companies, first year undergraduate lectures, live interactive sessions with academics, admissions tutors, apprentices, employers and current students.

The course consists of 30 hours of study to complete flexibly over 8 weeks in the summer and is available from **29th June - 21st August 2026**. The course costs £99, bursaries are available for eligible students.

University of Oxford BioEscalator

www.csr-group.co.uk/job-vacancy/apprentice-laboratory-technician

The University of Oxford are currently recruiting for an Apprentice Laboratory Technician in the BioEscalator, Medical Sciences Division, training with CSR Group. Under the guidance of the Laboratory & Facilities Manager, the successful candidate will be expected to support all aspects of the laboratories in the BioEscalator. Deadline to apply: **18th May**.

Specsavers Bright Stars Scholarship

<https://join.specsavers.com/uk/specsavers-bright-stars-scholarship>

Optometry is more than just glasses. It's detecting and diagnosing abnormalities and diseases using the latest technology. It's identifying problems with health - think high blood pressure and diabetes. It's about changing and saving lives. Interested students can check out the Specsavers Bright Stars university scholarship. Their exclusive university scholarship offers future Optometry students the chance to receive £10,000 over four years, towards the cost of their university experience. It's aimed at STEM students, with only 40 spots across the UK.

BT Apprenticeships

<https://jobs.bt.com/content/Apprenticeships---BT-Group>

BT offer a range of apprenticeships including in the fields of engineering, software engineering, data & AI, service and transformation & delivery. They have created an Early Careers Exploration Hub (<https://jobs.bt.com/content/Early-Careers-Exploration-Hub>) to help students find out more, which includes video case studies and information about the application process.

Explore the Dynamic World of Finance

[Futures For All - click here!](#)

3-Day Remote Work Experience at Citi!

Ready to explore the dynamic world of finance, connect with inspiring professionals, and meet other motivated students just like you?

Unlock your potential and join our **interactive three-day virtual work experience**, designed to give you a unique insight into life at Citi.

What to Expect

Over the three days, you can expect to:

- Hear directly from Citi employees about their career journeys and day-to-day experiences.
- Develop essential interview and employability skills.
- Learn about different pathways into the industry, including apprenticeships, internships, and entry-level roles.

Event Details

Location: Remote


Date: 15 June – 17 June 2026

Time: 10:00 – 14:00

Application deadline: 15 May 2026

Careers in Space

[Futures For All - click here!](#)

Ever wondered what it's actually like to work in space science? 

Join us for a 2-day experience with **Armagh Planetarium** where you'll go behind the scenes of astronomy, explore real career paths, and take on your own space mission challenge.

Across the programme, you'll:

- Hear from professionals working in space science, digital, marketing and more
- Take part in a **Mission Simulation** where you design your own space discovery
- Work in teams to create a **space-themed experience** (think planetarium shows, exhibits or campaigns)
- Build key skills like teamwork, communication and presenting
- Pitch your ideas to a panel and get real feedback

Event Details

Location: Remote

Date: 22 June – 23 June 2026

Time: 09.30 – 14:30

Application deadline: 25 May 2026

Early Childhood Education Open Day

Do you teach students who have a real passion for working with children and who aspire to make a meaningful impact through their future career?

They may be interested in our world-renowned **BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education and Care degree and Norland diploma**. This unique blend of academic study and practical training equips students with the knowledge, skills and professional experience they need to qualify as outstanding early years practitioners and earn the professional title of Norland Nanny.

On **Saturday 16 May**, we're hosting an **Open Day** at our campus in Bath. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about our training, exceptional graduate outcomes, the application process and funding opportunities, as well as to meet students and staff.

[Register for Open Day](#)

If you have further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us admissions@norland.ac.uk

Queen Mary University of London Free Summer School

What? Applications are now open to Year 12 students for our 2026 Summer School. You will have the chance to take part in a wide range of activities, such as lab work, a suturing workshop, and much more. If accepted onto this Summer School, you will build skills and knowledge that will help in any bioscience or healthcare profession.

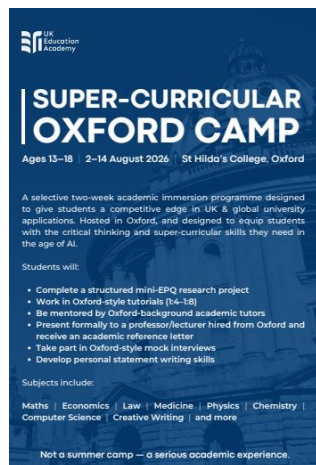
When? This year, we are running **two** Summer Schools, both a week long, taking place:

- Monday 27th July to Friday 31st July
- Monday 24th August to Friday 28th August

The application deadline is 9am Monday 18th May. If your application is successful, you will be invited for an interview taking place between the 28th and 30th May.

How? If you are interested, [please fill out this application](#) and email it to youthmembers@centreforthecell.org, you can also use this email if you have any questions.

UKEA Summer Camp



UKEA is an education agency specialising in immersive academic summer programmes and super-curricular development in Oxford and London.

This summer, we have **10 fully funded academic scholarships** for local students to attend our academic summer programme.

From 2nd-14th August, we'll be running our flagship super-curricular programme at St Hilda's College, Oxford for the third year. We'd be delighted to invite your students to apply.

Students will be able to complete academic research projects through mock Oxford-style tutorials and present them to professors and lecturers hired from the University of Oxford, as well as complete exciting workshops in cross cultural leadership, critical thinking, financial planning, and more.

We have ten scholarship places available for daytime admission to the camp. If you have any students that you think would benefit from the programme, they are very welcome to **submit an application here:**

<https://forms.gle/LKGiNTcfHEu6KeQa9>.

We would also like to extend the offer to attend the summer programme to your other students at a rate of £2800 for standard, and £4000 for boarding.

Please find attached our programme brochure with all the details of the camp. We'd love to forge a long-standing connection with the school and extend this exciting opportunity to the most deserving students.

Gap Year Opportunity

Mill Stream Surgery, Benson offer a gap year opportunity for Y13 students interested in studying medicine or any health-related careers such as nursing or physiotherapy.

Gap year

- The student will be employed as a Care Navigator - mainly reception type work with administration duties required and signposting patients to where they should get their medical care whether it be a GP, nursing or pharmacy appointment or somewhere/someone else.
- There will also be the opportunity to learn how to take blood and to run phlebotomy clinics.
- The student will very much be part of the practice team.
- Once the student has left for their studies there maybe the opportunity to stay in a zero-hour contract.

Our current gap year student would be happy to talk with anyone interested.

Please note unfortunately we are unable to accept students who are patients at the practice or those who have relatives who are patients at the practice for either of these opportunities.

For further information, please email [Karen Washbourn](mailto:Karen.Washbourn).

Law Work Experience

Are you interested in breaking into the legal field?

If so, then this work experience is for you! This May Half Term break, we have teamed up with some of the world's biggest law firms to give students an incredible insight into what it's really like to work in the industry and become a top lawyer at a leading international law firm.

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!

Event Details:

- **Date:** Thursday 28th May
- **Time:** 10:00am - 4:00pm
- **Location:** Zoom (link provided upon registration)
- **Who:** Year 10, 11,12, 13 students

What to Expect:

- Law Work Experience during the May Half Term
- Employers attending are Fragomen, A&O Shearman, Farrer & Co, Charles Russell Speechlys and The University of Law
- An opportunity to take part in legal workshops, hear from 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

Please apply via the link: [Click here for the Application Link](#)

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

