

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 5, Week 3: 1st May, 2026

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6th Form



A message from the 6f team:

We have very much enjoyed celebrating today with Year 13 – who have set a very high bar for effort made into costumes. Whereas this is not yet our official ‘goodbye’, it is important to take today to look back on your journey through 6th form & what a ride it has been! We look forward to seeing photos and hearing more about the day in next week’s newsletter. Year 12, meanwhile, are still very much in the middle of ‘normal’ school routine. We ask that you reflect on how you can make the best use of these 6 school weeks before your mock exams. Are there any habits to be broken or formed in that time? Enjoy the Bank Holiday Weekend.

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 4th May

May Bank Holiday – **Mon 4th May**

Y12 Biology trip – **Wed 6th May**

Media Talk – **Thurs 7th May**

PSE: Friday 8th May

Y12 – **Difficult Conversations**

Events coming up

Neuroscience Talk – **Tues 12th May**

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Zac, Libby and Joe, and a very Happy 18th Birthday to Morgan.



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 8 th May 5:30pm	Her Secret Service: The Forgotten Women of British Intelligence Dame Anne Keast-Butler, the first female Director of GCHQ joins historian and Women;s Intelligence Network Founder Dr Claire Hubbard-Hall to discuss the overlooked role of women in secret intelligence. <i>Dame Anne Keast-Butler and Dr Claire Hubbard-Hall</i>
Friday 15 th May 5:30pm	The Jonathan Cooper Memorial Lecture The making and unmaking of life: Violence, feminism, and the politics of justice Professor Joanna Bourke examines trauma and ‘wound nationalism’ in post-1960 America, exploring the ‘long war’, militarised evangelism, and shifting forms of violence and radical justice. <i>Professor Joanna Bourke</i>
Saturday 16 th May 7pm	Music at Mansfield Concert: The English Clarinet Clarinetist George Blakesley, Fellow of Sinfonia Smith Square and James Brown, Mansfield Director of Music perform a programme of English music for clarinet and bass clarinet, including works by Finzi, Elgar, Bliss and Paul Reade. <i>George Blakesly</i>

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

Y12 Hustings

“As a Student Leader myself, I was genuinely impressed by both the quality of speeches and the number of students who had the courage to stand up in front of their peers at today’s hustings. It was a real pleasure to see those who may be taking over our roles, and the rest of the team and I are excited to begin working with the new student leaders over the summer term.

If you spoke last week, you should be proud of yourself - something of this scale is never easy. You all performed brilliantly, speaking with confidence and energy throughout. Well done!” – *Wilfrid, Head Student*



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 - 7564	Joshua	12EMC
2 nd Place - 7480	Dylan	12FCH
3 rd Place - 7182	Ollie	12DBO

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

Useful Opportunities

Brain and Mind Event

The St Hilda's Brain and Mind Series of workshops ([Brain and Mind | St Hilda's College Oxford](#)) continues this year with the theme of 'Physical and mental health'.

The workshop on 'Movement, Sport and the Brain' will take place on Tuesday, 5th May. 2026, 5:00-7:15pm, Jacqueline du Pre Music Building, St Hilda's College. It will investigate the topic of movement, sport and the brain from the points of view of philosophy (Prof. David Papineau, Kings College London), psychology (Prof. Lucy Bowes and Ms. Megan Groombridge, Oxford University), and neuroscience (Prof. Astrid Zech, Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany). The talks will be followed by a Q&A. session.

'Movement, Sport and the Brain' is an in-person event, where all are welcome. It is free, but booking is required.

Book on Eventbrite [here](#).

Law Work Experience

<https://apply.candidats.io/28722675-6e84-4fe0-a613-825418fd52c2>

Womble Bond Dixon have an opportunity for **students studying towards A levels or equivalent qualifications** to join them for a virtual 3-day work experience programme, taking place online via Microsoft Teams from **10:00 - 16:00 from Tuesday 14th July - Thursday 16th July 2026**.

Participants will take part in a variety of activities that are designed to help develop important transferable skills for their future career including: routes into a law firm, skills for employment, group debates and research and presentation. They will then spend time with some of the MBD teams for an insight into the work of a commercial law firm.

Deadline to apply: **Friday 29th May**.

They also have a pre-recorded, self-paced [work simulation activity](#) that takes around 3-4 hours.

Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Listing Mini Edition

www.amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/higher-and-degree-listing

Students can explore 950+ higher and degree apprenticeship vacancies in the April 2026 mini-edition of the Amazing Apprenticeships higher and degree listing. They can discover vacancy details from 38 employers, including GXO, KPMG, Devon and Cornwall Police, British Army, ARUP and many more.

Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Listing Poster

www.amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/higher-degree-listing-poster

Download and display this poster to introduce your students to higher and degree apprenticeship vacancies currently available across England.

Environmental Sustainability Skills

[Future Finder - Futures For All](#)

The ISEP Environmental Sustainability Skills for the Workforce Course is a two- half days intensive program designed to equip students and professionals with essential sustainability knowledge and practical skills.

This engaging course will help learners understand and address critical environmental challenges, such as climate action, biodiversity protection, waste management, and sustainable business practices.

Upon successful completion, participants will earn the ISEP Environmental Sustainability Skills for the workforce Certificate – a credential highly valued by employers in the UK's growing green economy.

Event Details

Location: **Remote**

Date: **24th June – 25th June (2 days)**

Time: **10:00 – 14:30**

Application Deadline: **3rd June, 2026**

Lloyds Banking Group Insight Session

Ready to take your first step into the world of banking and finance?

Discover the Triple-A careers driving the industry forward: **Audit, Actuarial and Accounting Apprenticeships**. From assessing risk and protecting businesses to shaping financial futures, these careers are at the heart of modern finance.

Not sure where to start?

These apprenticeships give you the chance to gain real experience, build valuable skills, and earn while you learn. If you're curious about a career in finance, this could be your perfect pathway into a future-ready role in the world of business.

What to expect:

- A clear breakdown of each career path
- Real examples of how these roles shape big decisions
- Tips on choosing the right apprenticeship for YOU
- Insight into what employers look for
- How to grow your skills from day one

About LBG:

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Event Details:

Date: **Tuesday, 5th May**

Time: **5pm - 6pm**

For: **Year 11, 12 and 13 students**

Location: **(Zoom link provided upon registration)**

If you love problem-solving, numbers, or just want a career with big opportunities — this session is your sign.

[Application Link](#)

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

