

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 5, Week 4: 8th May, 2026

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6th Form



A message from the 6f team:

A shorter week, but by no means less busy. It's been great to still see Year 13 making the most of the help available in the final lead up towards their exams. We wish you the best of luck! Year 12, meanwhile, have been focusing today on making & breaking habits. This is a key part of the process in terms of having good systems in place in the lead up to the mock exams. More to follow on this in the next couple of weeks.

The 6th Form Team

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 11th May

Neuroscience Talk – Tues 12th May, 3:15pm

DofE Gold Expedition – Fri 15th – Sun 17th May

PSE: Friday 15th May

Y12 – RAP Conversations & MOOCs

Events coming up

Last day of Term – Fri 22nd May, 3:05pm

Term 6 start – Mon 1st June

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Dylan, Roman, Eddie and Theo and a very Happy 18th Birthday to Maddie and Jan.



Exams – URGENT MESSAGE

Information

Please ensure you **bring your lanyard and ID card to all exams** taking place over the next few weeks, as these will be used for identification.

Timings

- For **morning exams**, all students **MUST** be at the **tennis courts before 8:40am**.
- For **afternoon exams**, all students **MUST** be at the **leisure centre dance studio before 1:05pm**.

Neuroscience Talk – Tuesday 12th May, 3:15pm

We are delighted to be welcoming an ex-student in to talk about their experience as they are completing a year in industry at the University of Oxford researching the molecular early stages of Parkinson's Disease. This is a superb opportunity for students who may be interested in pursuing further study/employment in this field. We hope to see a good turnout.

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>

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Lectures</u>
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	Music at Mansfield Concert: The English Clarinet

<p>16th May 7pm</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><i>George Blakesly</i></p>
<p>Friday 22nd May 5:30pm</p>	<p>Reweaving ourselves: Exploring the integration of love and power</p> <p>Professor Rebecca Henderson asks what kind of world we might build if we saw humans as not only selfish but also cooperative and kind, and prioritised relationships with ourselves, others and the natural world, alongside technical and policy solutions.</p> <p><i>Professor Rebecca Henderson</i></p>

Y13 Celebration Day



Last Friday we celebrated our Year 13s as they approach their final exam period. The students' efforts with their fancy dress were commendable as the pictures show, and it was a wonderful day for students to be together for one last time before their Ball at the end of exams. Thank you to the Sixth Form Tutors and team who made the day possible, and the students who were on excellent form.

Year 13 Leavers Hoodie Orders

1. The payment for yearbook & hoodies is done through parentpay
 2. Students choose their hoodie size & colour by following the link posted on Satchel. Also here: [Order online | Yearbook Machine](#)
- They must be signed into their yearbook account for the link to work.
 - When you follow the link, it looks like it's asking you to pay. Ignore that & just go to checkout, but then submitting the order it will just say 'your school will be invoiced'.

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 - 7225	Millie	12YH
2 nd Place - 6392	Grace	12FCH
3 rd Place -		

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

Useful Opportunities

University of Sussex FREE Online Summer School

[University of Sussex Online Summer School](#)

30th June – 3rd July 2026

We are pleased to offer a **free** four-day Online Summer School for first-year sixth form and college students who are curious about university life and want to build confidence for their next steps.

Running from **Tuesday 30 June to Friday 3 July 2026**, the programme gives students the chance to:

- explore a university subject they're interested in
- experience university-level tasters
- complete a short academic project to support a future personal statement
- receive expert guidance on applying to university and career pathways

Students can choose from a wide range of subject areas, including Law, Psychology, Engineering, Business, Politics, Arts and Social Sciences.

The summer school is delivered online by University of Sussex academics, professional staff and student ambassadors, with opportunities to meet peers and ask questions about university life.

Find out more and apply here: [Online Access Summer School : Open Days and events : Study with us : University of Sussex](#)

Please email onlinesummerschool@sussex.ac.uk with any questions.

Business & Accounting Work Experience

Imagine spending two days getting real, hands-on insight from some of the biggest names in global business — and walking away with the skills, connections, and confidence to launch your career. That's exactly what we're offering this May Half Term!

We've partnered with world-leading accounting and professional services firms to bring you an exclusive 2-day virtual work experience that will transform the way you think about business. Whether you're considering a career in accounting, consulting, or finance, this is your moment.

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

☆ DAY 1 — Multi-Employer Showcase

Hear directly from BDO, Grant Thornton, S&W, and CIMA. Get the inside scoop on what it takes to thrive at a top firm, and start building your professional network from day one. **Plus a business workshop with Dan Miller from The Apprentice, and also the CEO and Founder of Young Professionals.**

☆ DAY 2 — A Full Day with KPMG (Big 4!)

Spend an entire day immersed in the world of one of the most prestigious firms in the world. Take part in workshops, tackle real business challenges, and pitch your ideas to KPMG professionals.

WHAT YOU'LL GET:

- Hands-on experience with real business projects — including a live profit & loss analysis
- A chance to take on a consulting brief and pitch to industry professionals
- Access to graduate schemes, apprenticeships & summer work experience opportunities
- Networking sessions with firm representatives in virtual booths
- A certificate of completion to boost your CV (for those completing both days)

EVENT DETAILS:

- 📅 Dates: **Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th May**
- 🕒 Time: **10:00am – 4:00pm (on both days)**
- 📍 Location: **Zoom (link sent on registration)**
- 🏠 Open to: Year 11, 12 & 13 students + 1st Year University Students

Spots are limited — don't miss your chance to get ahead of the crowd!

REGISTER NOW: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YP_Business_May

English Literature Summer School

For students who enjoy Literature and are beginning to think about studying it at university, our [English Literature Summer School](#) offers a stimulating introduction to the subject beyond the school syllabus.

Over five days in Bloomsbury, students explore a wide range of writing, from Anglo-Saxon poetry and Middle English authorship to Renaissance literature, Romanticism, sensation fiction, modernism, literature in translation, and intertextuality.

The course is designed to reflect the style of university-level literary study. Students are introduced to key critical approaches, including feminist criticism and other forms of literary theory, while developing their skills in close reading, interpretation, argument, and discussion.

This year's programme includes sessions on *Beowulf* and *The Dream of the Rood*, Chaucer and Margery Kempe, utopian writing, sonnets and metaphysical poetry, the Romantic imagination, sensation fiction, modernism, unreliable narrators, magical realism, translation, and adaptation.

 **In-Person | Woburn House, Bloomsbury, Central London**

 **Mon 27th July - Fri 31st July**

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[You can explore a session-by-session breakdown of the course here.](#)

The course is suitable for academically curious students aged 15–18, particularly those considering English Literature or related subjects at university, or those who would benefit from a more challenging and expansive experience of literary study. [Visit the course page.](#)

Biomedical Engineering Residential

Over 3.5 immersive days, students will experience university life, meet like-minded peers, and discover how engineering and medicine come together to improve lives. Through hands-on sessions led by expert academics, they'll explore real biomedical challenges and cutting-edge technologies.

During the residential, students will:

- Get hands-on with medical technologies, from imaging to rehabilitation
- Work in teams to tackle real-world healthcare challenges
- Design and build their own medical device
- Visit LifeLab at Southampton Hospital, including CPR training

Students are fully supported throughout by experienced STEM education specialists, with **24/7 supervision** in place for the duration of the residential.

Full details, including dates, accommodation and how to apply, can be found in the attached flyer.

If you have any questions, our course administrators, **Emma Payne and Georgia Blenkinsop**, will be happy to help at info@smallpeicetrust.org.uk. You can also visit our [FAQs](#) for more information.

University of Brighton Summer Schools Programme

www.brighton.ac.uk/studying-here/visit-us/school-college-events/summer-schools/index.aspx

The University of Brighton summer schools programme offers students the chance to experience what it's like to study at university, helping them to make a decision about what's right for them after sixth form or college. The university offers three types of summer school – on-campus residential (staying overnight in halls), on-campus non-residential (attending

each day, not staying overnight) and online.

Subject areas are Art & Media, Engineering, Health Professions, Humanities, Science, Social Science and Sport. Students must be **16 or 17** during the summer school to be eligible. Deadline to apply: **17th May**.

European School of Osteopathy

Are your students ready to embark on a rewarding career in healthcare?

The European School of Osteopathy invites you to our exclusive Open Event on **Thursday 21st May, from 6pm – 8pm**, at our Kent campus.

What to expect:

✔ **Insight into Osteopathy**

Learn about its role as an Allied Health Profession and the impact you can make.

✔ **Overview of Our Unique 3-Year BSc (Hons) Programme**

The only one of its kind in the UK, designed for a streamlined yet rigorous path to qualification.

✔ **Meet Our Students**

Hear firsthand experiences and explore our teaching and clinic facilities.

✔ **Live Osteopathic Technique Demonstration**

See core techniques in action.

✔ **Admissions Advice**

Get expert guidance on applications, entry requirements, and funding options.

✔ **New ESO Clinic Opening**

Discover our brand-new clinic at 102 Tonbridge Road. The fully refurbished space offers a bright, modern environment for Osteopathic care, teaching, and community health; marking the next exciting chapter for ESO.

ESO graduates are highly respected in the UK and internationally for their clinical expertise and ability to work within multidisciplinary healthcare teams.

[Book your place here!](#)

Volunteers needed for Oxfordshire Libraries

A local library is a great place for young people to start volunteering! It is a creative, relaxed and safe space which offers valuable training opportunities and work experience.

Oxfordshire Libraries are offering volunteering opportunities for young people aged 13+ to help make this year's Summer Reading Challenge, "Read to the Beat" a success. The Challenge is a national scheme produced by The Reading Agency which encourages primary and pre-school children to read during the summer holidays.

Volunteers will have opportunities to:

- Sign children up to the Challenge and administer rewards
- Listen to children talk about their books and engage in discussion
- Promote "Read to the Beat" and the website to families and children in the library
- Help children to find and choose books
- Create book displays
- Help plan and carry out themed activities, such as craft sessions or story times

Full training will be given. More information is available on our website www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries.

Active Leaders Training Course

Over May half term the Active Communities team will be running an Active Leaders course for teens age 14-18. It would be great if you could share with your families.

This is a practical training course enabling young people aged 14 to 18 years old to become Active Leaders. We use fun activity as a means of doing this, building workplace skills, experience, confidence and identifying next step opportunities.

The course includes CPR and first aid awareness, basic safeguarding and risk management, preparation, planning, communication, marketing, budgeting, hands-on delivery and CV development. Sessions aim to be 70% practical with an emphasis on fun, teamwork, problem solving and interactive engagement. Trainers provide encouragement, supervision and feedback.

Each participant will receive printed course materials and a t-shirt. At the end of the course each Active Leader will receive a reference, certificate, 10 CPD points and a pin badge.

Tuesday 26 – Friday 29 May, 9.30am-4pm, The Junction (opposite library), Broad Street, Abingdon, OX14 3JU. £50 per person or £30 with a YouMove card

To book your place email youmove@southandvale.gov.uk if you have a YouMove card let us know.



BECOME AN ACTIVE LEADER
26TH-29TH MAY 9.30-4.00
THE JUNCTION (OPPOSITE LIBRARY),
BROAD ST, ABINGDON OX14 3JU

Learn new skills, gain confidence and experience, have fun!

AGES 14-18

THE COURSE
A fun and practical training programme to gain the Active Leader Award certificate.

Cost: £50pp
Click here to register

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NCSC CyberFirst Advanced Course – Summer Programme

Cost: Free

Location: Malvern, In Person ·

Date: 27–31 July 2026

Are you a Year 12 student with a passion for computer science and cyber security? This ground-breaking summer programme offers hands-on experience with real-world cyber security challenges. Learn from QinetiQ professionals at all career stages, and collaborate with peers who share your interest in this vital, growing field. Places are limited — express your interest early.

To apply, email elaine3.brown@uwe.ac.uk with your name, school, and reasons for wanting to attend — particularly your cyber interests beyond the school curriculum.

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

