

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 5, Week 5: 15th May, 2026

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6th Form



A message from the 6f team:

Exams are well and truly underway for Year 13 and BTEC students, and you can feel the purposeful environment throughout the Sixth Form. Well done for all of those that have sat exams so far, and a congratulations to those who have completed their KS5 studies already. Year 12 have also been cranking through the academic gears by reflecting upon recent progress reports, and exploring habit formation and cessation. This will greatly support them in the preparation for their mock exams next term. We hope you have a restful weekend. The Sixth Form Team

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 18th May
Last day of Term – **Fri 22nd May, 3:05pm**

PSE: Friday 22nd May
Y12 – Revision Timetables & Calendars

Events coming up
Term 6 start – **Mon 1st June**

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Theo, Tabby, Sasha, Maddie and Alexis and a very Happy 18th Birthday to Tom, George and Lucy.



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**.

Year 12 Futures Week – Volunteers Wanted for Human Library

FAO Parents/Carers - We are looking for volunteers who would be kind enough to give up their time to add to the number of individuals already attending our annual Human Library for Year 12 Futures Week. The event involves speaking with small groups of students about your experience of work – we are grateful for individuals from any career path/industry.

If you would be interested in helping us out, the event will be taking place in the morning of Monday 6th July. Please email Mr Holton on holtonp@wallingfordschool.com

Year 12 Futures Week – Job Interview Expertise Wanted

FAO Parents/Carers – As part of Year 12 futures week, we are looking for an individual or a number of individuals who might be prepared to come in and speak to the year group about job interviews; what to expect, how to approach and how to perform. This is obviously an important skill that all students are likely to be able to need to do in the coming years & we feel that this would be most valuable coming from individuals with recent relevant experience in conducting these.

If you would be interested in helping us out and would be available on Friday 10th July, please email Mr Harpin on harpinw@wallingfordschool.com

Canteen cards

You need a card in order to access the canteen. It is holding up the queue if students do not have a card so you need to ensure you have one and that it has been topped up. If you do not have a card you can go to the main office and buy one for £1.

From next term (Term 6), students who do not have a card will not be served so please get a card in the next week. If you have a card, please remember to bring it. Thank you

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 22 nd May 5:30pm	Reweaving ourselves: Exploring the integration of love and power 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. <i>Professor Rebecca Henderson</i>
Friday 29 th May 5:30pm	The Milton Lecture Lessons in Free Speech from John Milton Nearly 400 years on, Milton's questions about liberty of thought and expression remain urgent. Professor Nicholas McDowell explores their relevance and the balance of truth, tolerance, and authority in public life.

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'.

Theatre Trip



The English department took a group of Yr11s and 12s to see 'Romeo and Juliet' on Tuesday in London, it was a great new take on a fantastic play!

On Tuesday, we were given the fantastic opportunity to attend a school trip to see Romeo & Juliet at the Harold Pinter theatre. It was an incredible production which we felt extremely lucky and grateful to see. The experience was enlightening, we felt that our Shakespearean studies helped us to understand the significance of the spectacular staging and line deliveries, gaining a depth of understanding for the characters. From the bus ride to the actual performance, the energy was high and on top of that, we experienced some great weather that illuminated London perfectly, allowing us to do some sightseeing around Soho too. Overall, it was a brilliant experience that we would definitely recommend to anyone wanting to see the production. *Lola, Flo & Izzy. Y12*

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:

1st Place - 7541 Michael 12DBO

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

Useful Opportunities

Oxford's Health Research Showcase

We are excited to invite students to join us at our annual [Health Research Showcase](#) event, taking place during the May half term.

 **Thursday 28 May 2026**

 **Leiden Square, Westgate Centre, Oxford**

 **10am to 3.30pm**

The Health Research Showcase is an excellent opportunity for your staff and students to learn about the broad range of healthcare research taking place in Oxford and how it translates into real benefits for NHS patients.

The event offers the chance for young people and their parents to visit 35 interactive stands to learn about the latest research into health conditions including anxiety and depression, mental health development of children, vaccines, endometriosis, dementia and lung disease.

Attendees will have the opportunity to try out diagnostic equipment including microscopes and ultrasound machines, play educational games, and find out about studies they could volunteer for.

Students can also speak with clinical researchers from Oxford University Hospitals, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, and the University of Oxford about the variety of career options available in medical research.

This is a public event; no registration is required, and we look forward to welcoming you to what will be a fun and informative day at the Westgate centre.

The Health Research Showcase is jointly organised by the [NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre \(BRC\)](#) and [NIHR Oxford Health BRC](#). We bring together the research expertise of the University of Oxford and the clinical skills of staff at Oxford's two NHS Trusts, with the aim of supporting research and innovation to improve physical and mental healthcare.

Information from a previous event to give you an idea of what to expect on the day can be found on [the Oxford Health BRC website](#).

Virtual Work Experience with Zurich Insurance

We're delighted to invite your students (aged 14–19) to join our Virtual Work Experience event at Zurich, taking place on **Tuesday 30th June to Thursday 2nd July from 10:00am to 2:00pm** each day.

This interactive event is a fantastic opportunity for students to:

- Get a real insight into life at Zurich Insurance
- Speak directly with our current apprentices and long-standing employees
- Participate in an online Insurance challenge
- Discover what we look for in our future team members and learn top tips for interviews

Here is a recent article from our 2025 Virtual Work Experience - [Securing Brighter Futures: Remote Work Experience in the Insurance Industry](#)

How to Join:

For full event details, visit: [Opportunity details - Experience Portal \(futuresforall.org\)](#)

Apprenticeship opportunities for Students

We currently have an exciting opportunity available for an **Underwriting Apprenticeship based in Chipping Norton**, due to start in **September 2026**.

After School Club Play Worker



We are seeking a caring, reliable and enthusiastic Play Worker to join our after-school club team. Working under the direction of the After School Club Leader, the Play Worker will support the safe and effective day-to-day running of the provision.

The role involves supervising and engaging children in a range of play-based activities, helping to create a positive, inclusive and nurturing environment at the end of the school day. The successful candidate will follow established routines and procedures, support behaviour management, and work as part of a team to ensure the wellbeing and enjoyment of all pupils.

This role would suit someone who enjoys working with children, values teamwork, and is committed to providing high-quality care and play opportunities.

This is a term time only post, with up to 15 hours of work per week available, working 3pm – 6pm, Monday to Friday.

The salary is on Grade 4 / £13.05 to £13.26 per hour (actual annual salary £13,555 to £13,769).

Please complete an application form and email to recruit@wallingfordschool.com.

Playworker Vacancies

We have a vacancy for part-time playworkers to join our Wraparound Care team, this involves preparing and serving food, initiating games and supervising the children at the beginning/end of the school day.

Crowmarsh Gifford C of E Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children, which will be reflected throughout the recruitment process. The successful applicant will be subject to a DBS.

Applications considered on receipt.

We reserve the right to interview upon suitable applications being received and close the advert without notice on appointment of a suitable candidate.

If you would like to apply for this position, please complete the support staff application form on our school website and return this to Donna Evans, devans3200@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk

Vacancy Information

SEPTEMBER START REQUIRED

Part-time – Term Time Only

CHOICE OF DAYS


7.30am – 8.30am – Monday - Friday

3.30pm – 5.30pm – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Grade 4, point 4: £25,185 FTE, £13.05 p/h

Young Professionals Summer Conference

This is it - the **Young Professionals Summer Conference** is back, and it's set to be the **ultimate Work Experience Day in London**.

 **3,000+ students have already booked their place, and we only have a handful of tickets left for the AM and PM sessions!**

What makes this unmissable:

-  High-impact **interactive workshops** to build real-world skills
-  Inspiring talks from industry leaders
-  Direct networking with top global employers
-  CV, apprenticeships & career **masterclasses to accelerate your path**
-  LinkedIn headshots & personal branding support

Special guests:

- ☆ Dan Miller (BBC *The Apprentice* Final 5 & YP Founder)
- ☆ *The Apprentice* stars **Priyesh & Harry**
- ☆ **Guest speaker from Google**

Meet Global Employers Looking for Future Talent

This year's event will feature representatives from some of the biggest names in business, banking, finance, law, engineering, and technology. Some of the employers attending include

The lineup of employers is here:

KPMG, Google, UBS, Goldman Sachs, Farrer & Co, Lloyds Banking Group, Arm, Bird & Bird, Accenture, Charles Russell Speechlys, EY, Unilever, HSBC, PA Consulting, TLT, FDM, Visa, BDO, Grant Thornton, CIMA, A&O Shearman, World Wide Technology, The University of Law plus many more still to be confirmed.

Event Details

Date: Saturday 18th July

Location: Friends House, London, Euston (right opposite Euston Train Station)

Time: 9am - 1pm (AM session) 2pm - 6pm (PM session)

Who can attend? All students at school/university

If you are serious about your future, **this is the event you cannot afford to miss.**

Why You Should Attend:

- **Meet top employers:**
Get face-to-face with recruiters from leading global companies hiring for work experience, graduate roles, and apprenticeships.
- **Hear from industry leaders:**
Be inspired by senior professionals sharing insider tips, career advice, and success stories.
- **Grow your network:**
Connect with employers, experts, and ambitious young people ready to level up.
- **Boost your skills:**
Join powerful workshops on CVs, LinkedIn, interview success, and standing out from the crowd.

- **More than a careers fair:**

This is an exciting, high-energy event packed with real opportunities that could change your future.

This is our biggest and most exciting event yet — and places are expected to sell out fast! 🚀

Please note there is a **£26 booking fee to reserve your place**. This helps cover venue hire, AV and tech, goodie bags, downloadable resources, and the amazing speakers we're bringing in for the event.

🎟️ **Limited tickets left — don't miss out! Click below to secure your spot!**

Morning Booking Link: <https://buy.stripe.com/8x2eVe8Rl6kFgMQa3m5300k>

Afternoon Booking Link: <https://buy.stripe.com/8x28wQc3x10flMgrK5300l>

Oracle Virtual Work Experience

Our exciting 3-day Work Experience Programme offers students a dynamic introduction to the world of technology and business at Oracle. Designed to be engaging and hands-on, the programme includes interactive product demonstrations of cutting-edge Oracle technologies, insightful sessions on Artificial Intelligence, and practical workshops such as building a professional LinkedIn profile.

Students will take part in a “Dragons’ Den”-style team project across the three days, developing ideas and pitching them to a panel, while also gaining valuable experience through Q&A sessions, HR insight talks, sales and pitching workshops, and a realistic job assessment centre role play.

This fun, fast-paced experience is perfect for students looking to build confidence, develop key workplace skills, and gain a real understanding of careers in tech.

This opportunity would be great for:

Computer Science / IT students – particularly those interested in software, systems, and emerging technologies like AI

Business Studies students – covering areas such as marketing, sales, entrepreneurship, and how organisations operate

Economics students – for students curious about how businesses make decisions and compete in markets

Mathematics students – especially those interested in data, analytics, or problem-solving in a business context

Media or Digital Studies students – linked to communication, branding, and pitching ideas

Design & Technology students – for students interested in innovation, product development, and creative problem-solving

Event Details

Date: 17 June – 19 June 2026 (3 days)

Location: Remote

Time: 10:00 – 15:00

Application deadline: 22nd May 2026

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

