

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 6, Week 1: 6th June, 2025

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6th Form



A message from 6F team:

It is a strange time for our Year 13s, with some students finishing their exams this week, while others are only just starting. We continue to be impressed with the attitude and approach our students are taking, and wish them all luck for their remaining exams.

Year 12s are gearing up for their own big assessments, as their mock exams are only a few weeks away.

However as important as these academic aspects of Sixth Form life are, it has been wonderful to see our students still doing the things that make Sixth Form special, such as the Student Leaders giving an assembly to each year group, Peer Supporters being the go-to person for younger students, or Subject Ambassadors helping teaching staff to unlock subjects for students.

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 9th June

Y12 Textiles Trip – Monday 9th June

PSE Friday 13th June

Y12 – Revision Techniques

Events coming up:

Y13 Books for Books Day – Friday 20th June, 10:40am – 12:00pm

Leavers Ball – Monday 23rd June, 7:00pm

Founders Day – Thursday 26th June

Y12 Product Design trip – Friday 11th July

Year 12 Mocks – Week commencing 23rd June

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Mikey, Malcom and Elene.



Gonk



Nate's locker is an excellent metaphor for why he is making a success of Year 12, as it is thoroughly organised through good habits of making sure folders and notes are kept in good order. Nate's Gonk this week is not just for a clean locker, but taking this attitude into all his activities, and making the most of his time.

Dylan's nomination is for a very exciting extracurricular event taking place this weekend. Dylan will be leading a show on Reading Hospital radio on Saturday at 2pm. Well done to Dylan!



Year 13 Key Dates

12th May onwards: Students are NOT expected in form time or study periods. Students should still attend their timetabled subject lessons unless told otherwise by their teacher. Students should, of course, attend timetabled revision sessions and exams instead of going to lessons.

Friday 20th June, 10:40 – 12:00 - Year 13 Books for Books Day: Students are invited to come into 6th form to collect their yearbook and/or hoody that they have ordered. In exchange, we ask that students use this opportunity to return any textbooks that they have borrowed from school.

All information regarding exams and the summer term can be found on the exam section of the VLE

[Exam Information](#)

Year 12 Assembly – Creative Media Opportunity

Mrs Lewis led assembly with an appeal for the help of Year 12 students. Wallingford School would like to work with the parents of our students in being better informed of how to support our students in becoming safe and responsible phone & social media users. In a reversal of roles, our Year 12 students are very much the experts regarding current trends and usages of mobile phones, so we are asking a group to help us to create and curate a special social media site designed for parents. Whether in front of or behind the camera, this is a great opportunity to do something fun, productive and supportive of the local community.

If you are interested in this project, please speak to Mrs Lewis or Mr Holton.

Enrichment Lectures – Mansfield College

There are some amazing public talks coming up this term from Oxford University, Mansfield College. The talks last about 40 minutes followed by 20 minutes of Q and A. The talks are held in the Sir Joseph Hotung Auditorium, Mansfield College, Mansfield Road, OX13 3TF at 5:30pm. <https://www.mansfield.ox.ac.uk/mansfield-college-public-talks>

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LECTURE</u>
Friday 6 th June 5:30pm	<i>The right to a livable planet</i> <i>Joint talk with the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights</i> <i>Elisa discusses how to promote, protect, and realise human rights while mitigating and adapting to climate change, in conversation with Helen Mountfield KC, Principal of Mansfield College.</i> <i>Professor Elisa Morgera, UN Special Rapporteur</i>
Friday 13 th June 5:30pm	<i>The College of Sanctuary Lecture</i> <i>Maps of home: imagining sanctuary now</i> Acclaimed historian mythographer, art critic and novelist Marina Warner reflects on the idea of home, and how we can imagine sanctuary today. <i>Professor Dame Marina Warner CBE</i>

Sponsored Walk Launch



Mrs Lewis met again with Year 12 on Friday to launch the Wallingford School Sponsored Walk. This bi-annual event is a very special occasion, where the whole school community comes together for an 8 mile round trip to Whittenham Clumps, stopping for a picnic on top. This is all to raise money and awareness for two charities, Helen & Douglas House, and The Oxford Hospitals Charity.



The school has set an ambitious target to raise £20,000 for these charities, and links with how to donate will be shared once they are live.

Any Year 12s who would like to support the event by running the refreshment stations, please speak to Mr Holton.

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 – 7264	Amelie & Enya	12NJO
2 nd Place – 7241	Bethan & Ella	12GS
3 rd Place – 6585	Ella	12ALT

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

Useful Opportunities

Wallingford & Crowmarsh FC – Photography & Social Media Role

We are in need of someone to design the 1st team match day programs, taking photos at games, and putting out content on our social media channels. This role can be shared by more than one students.

For more information, please email Richard Eltham at info@wandcfc.co.uk

Aviation on the Ground



https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/mCX0-Mr9QT66_eUUKLFiUQ#/registration

This virtual event on **18th June at 11:00** will introduce **secondary school and college students** to the essential roles that keep airports and aviation operations running smoothly behind the scenes. Students will hear from professionals in airport management, ground crew, baggage handling and more.

Get into Medicine Conference

<https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-university-conference>

This Medic Mentor online conference on **22nd June from 09:30 – 15:30** covers all of the essential requirements for applying to medical school and provides invaluable tips on how to stand out from the crowd. With informative sessions led by experienced professionals, students will gain an understanding of what medical schools are looking for.



Women in Engineering Day



www.inwed.org.uk

International Women in Engineering Day from the Women's Engineering Society takes place on **23rd June** with the theme 'Together We Engineer'. This year, WES will be celebrating the amazing work that women engineers around the world are doing and profiling the best, brightest and bravest women in engineering, who are working together.

National Cyber Force Masterclass

<https://uptree.co/events/national-cyber-force/234076277>

This online event on **9th July from 10:00 – 12:00** is for **Year 12 and 13 students** interested in learning more about applying to an intelligence agency and the vetting process. National Cyber Force offers a wide range of wide range of careers including cyber security, tech engineering, language specialists, project management and analysis.



Martial Arts Academy and College

[Link to expression of interest form](#)

This new specialist college, opening in September 2025, is offering a unique two-year programme that combines Mixed Martial Arts with training with the BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Sport and Physical Activity.

This innovative course is designed for **students aged 16+** who are passionate about sport, fitness and martial arts – and who are looking for a dynamic, career-focused alternative to traditional sixth-form or college routes.

Programme highlights:

- Full time 2-year course
- Daily MMA training led by experience coaches
- Accredited BTEC Level 3 qualification (equivalent to 3 A Levels)
- Preparation for careers in sport, fitness, or progression to higher education

- Gym-based training at their Sutton Coldfield facility (B74 2UD)
- Classroom-based learning at their Walsall campus (WS1 4NU)

If you would like to receive further information, or speak with the college directly, please get in touch via the contacts below, who are available in June to speak with staff and students or support with sign-ups. You can also complete an [expression of interest form](#), where you can also view some images of the college. [Download a registration QR code](#) to share with students.

Ellie Harbinson - ellie.harbinson@magroup-mma.co.uk

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Army Bursaries

<https://jobs.army.mod.uk/regular-army/what-you-get/bursaries-scholarships/?cid=part2218843798#bursary-types>

The Army offers a range of financial support packages, bursaries and scholarships to selected officer candidates during further and higher education. There are several different types of Army Bursaries that could help support students financially while they study.

This includes the The Defence Stem Undergraduate Sponsorship (DSUS) Scheme, which offers an opportunity for STEM undergraduates interested in a future in the Army as Engineers or Technical Officers. Successful applicants will be sponsored through 3 years of university study.

There are also opportunities in medicine, dentistry, veterinary, pharmacy, nursing and music.



The University of London Taster Courses

www.london.ac.uk/study/taster-courses-schools

The University of London Taster Course programme provides **Year 12 students** with a taste of what life at a university in London is like. Taster courses are free to attend and give students an opportunity to try out a variety of subject areas at numerous participating universities. Courses range from voice and drama, to medicine and nursing, to computing and business and many more.

They also provide a [career help toolkit](#), which is their list of suggested websites, resources and ideas to help with career planning and making choices. These have been organised into sections based on what stage of the process they help with. Everything that's listed is free for anyone to access and the content has been put together by a professional careers consultant.

Oxford Brookes University Schools and Colleges Open Day

There's no better way to find out if Oxford Brookes University is the place for your students than by visiting in person. Brookes' summer undergraduate open days offer the chance for students to find out what it's really like to be an Oxford Brookes student and they are inviting school and college groups to join them on **Friday 20th June from 10:00 - 15:30**. Students will be able to:

- Find out about the courses they're interested in by joining subject-specific sessions and workshops
- Chat to inspiring staff and students and ask any questions they may have
- Tour the campuses and accommodation options
- Attend talks run by the Admissions, Accommodation, Finance & Student Support teams

If you would like to bring a group from **Year 12 or 13/1st or 2nd year college** to the open day, please complete the [group booking form](#). If your students would prefer to attend individually rather than in a group, please ask them to sign up via the Brookes open days webpage, where they can sign up for the open days on **20th and 21st June**: www.brookes.ac.uk/open-days.

If you have any questions about making a group booking or would like more information, please contact schools.liaison@brookes.ac.uk.

Construction and Property Careers



www.futuresmartcareers.co.uk/blog/building-a-career-in-construction-and-property

This month's FutureSmart Careers blog 'Build your Career in Construction and Property' contains insights and tips including how to explore careers in the sector, build on the foundations of your experience, access green careers related resources and seek roles for women, apprentices and interns.

UKAEA – Careers in Fusion Energy (Virtual Work Experience)

If you are looking for work experience, UKAEA is offering an Engineering virtual work experience for **students aged 16 – 19 from 1st July** for 3 days.



For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

Apprenticeship Scheme – Building Services Engineering]

We are offering a degree led apprenticeship scheme in Building Services Engineering. We work closely with Architects and Structural Engineers developing the next generation of buildings in and around Oxford.

Please see the below link to the apprenticeship online application form.

[Apprenticeships | Hoare Lea](#)

Our offices are based in central Oxford with key projects within central Oxford and within the surrounding science parks, as below examples for complete or live projects.

[Oxford University Estates Services. | Hoare Lea](#)

[Spires II, Botley Road, Oxford | Hoare Lea](#)

[Beecroft Building, University of Oxford | Hoare Lea](#)

[Plots 23 – 26 The Oxford Science Park. | Hoare Lea](#)

For more information, please contact [Lindsey Sanders \(Operations Director\)](#) on telephone #: +44 1865 339 908



International Relations Summer School 2025

For students passionate about global affairs, politics, and diplomacy, the [International Relations Summer School](#) offers an engaging, university-style introduction to key international issues.

This five-day course combines seminars, debates, and crisis simulations, giving students the chance to step into the roles of world leaders, diplomats, and policy-makers. Through real-world case studies and interactive decision-making, they will:

- ✓ Develop practical skills in negotiation, strategy, and policy analysis
- ✓ Engage critically with key topics such as global conflict, China's rise, and international law
- ✓ Gain confidence in applying theoretical frameworks to world affairs
- ✓ Experience dynamic, university-style learning that goes beyond the classroom

📍 In-Person | Woburn House, Central London | 4th - 8th August

💻 Live Online Option Available | 11th - 15th August

[See the course page.](#)

Booking is now open, and places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. We are committed to ensuring that all students have the opportunity to take part, regardless of financial circumstances. **A number of bursaries are available**, covering up to **90% of course fees** for students who require financial support. Full details can be found [here](#).



[Your Future in Law](#)



Created in partnership with Ashurst, Clyde & Co and Shoosmiths, this competition is an opportunity for students to explore a career in law - at the click of a button.

Your Future in Law closes at **12pm on Friday 20th June**.

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

