Wallingford School Sixth Form News Term 6, Week 3: 20th June, 2025

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A message from 6F team:

Our Year 13 Cohort have officially finished with their final exams taking place on Friday. The exam season has been a long one this year, and we commend our students for the grit and perseverance they have shown. Congratulations and we hope you enjoy a well-earned break.

It is now Year 12s turn, with Mock Exams starting next week. Attitudes to learning and independent study have massively improved since the start of the academic year which is supporting student learning no end. We wish our Year 12s the best of luck.

We hope you enjoy the sun and stay safe in the heat.

Important information & News



Week Commencing 23rd June

Leavers Ball – *Monday 23rd June, 7:00pm* Year 12 Mocks – *Week commencing 23rd June* Summer Recital – *Tuesday 24th June* Founders Day – *Thursday 26th June*

PSE Friday 27th June Y12 – MOCK EXAMS

Events coming up:

DofE Gold Expedition – *Thursday 3rd July* -*Monday 7th July* Sports Day – *Tuesday 8th July* Surrey University trip – *Wednesday 9th July* Y12 Product Design trip – *Friday 11th July* Sponsored Walk – *Wednesday 16th July*



We wish a Happy Birthday to Summer and Ben. We wish a Happy 18th Birthday to Mai.



<u>Gonk</u>



Dylan received his Gonk in regonknition of his development since starting Year 12. Dylan is curious, hardworking, and has been suppotive around Sixth Form in multiple ways. Great work Dylan.



Emilie is regonknised this week for the time and effort she is putting in to thinking about her 'Next Steps'. The spreadsheet she has made to help clarify her different options and therefore refine her choices is truly impressive.



Y13 Leavers Ball

Please find below a reminder of the timings/venue details for the Year 13 Leavers' Ball. Date: Monday 23rd June 2025 Time: 7pm - Midnight Venue: Hawkwell House Hotel Address: Iffley, Oxford, OX4 4DZ Timings: 7pm -7.45pm Welcome drinks 7.45pm – 9pm – 2 course Buffet 9pm – Midnight - Disco

Year 13 books for books

For any Year 13 students who still need to pick up their yearbooks that they have ordered, these are available to collect from **Wednesday 25th June** onwards.

We will communicate via email & the newsletter when the leavers hoodies arrive. Thank you for your patience.



Y12 Assembly



Year 12's assembly focused on some of the fine details associated with Mock Exam Week (starting 23rd June). These included where to go (Dance Studio behind Main Hall, with a few exceptions), when to go (be ready 10 mins before the exam is due to start, so 8.40 & 1.05), and what to bring (black pen, specialist equipment e.g. calculators, **no** devices including watches and airpods).

Year 12 have been preparing well for this coming assessment period and we wish them all the best of luck. We would also like to remind them that we are here to support them if the are feeling particularly pressured by these exams, and students and parents are free to contact us in this regard.

Futures Week ($7^{th} - 11^{th}$ July) is coming up after Mock Exams, and it was explained that this is a week off-timetable, to support students prepare for their next steps after Sixth Form. Further details will be shared after Mock Exams, as they should be the focus for now. However please do sign up for the Futures Week (including a trip to Surrey University) on Parent Pay.





The Y12s completed their Textiles mock exam on Thursday. The exam was based on their recent visit to The School of Needlework in Hampton Court Palace on the 9th of June.

Their brief for the exam was to incorporate the various styles they witnessed at Hampton Court Palace and design a bodice. The students' final piece was a reflection of all their ideas and information from their trip incorporated with their own ideas. The pieces showcased flare and talent.







Congratulations to you all on your brilliant work!



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 – 9259	Zach	12VA/ECL
2 nd Place – 8080	Rowan	12GS
3 rd Place – 7595	Ollie & Emilie	12CHS/LR

Please see Mrs Lutunatabua for your prize!

Useful Opportunities

Escape Studio Open Events



www.escapestudios.ac.uk/events/undergraduate-open-days

With spaces remaining for September 2025, students interested in a creative degree in Animation, VFX, Games Design, Concept Art or Motion Graphics may be interested in attending Escape Studios' open events in London on **21st June or 16th July**, or their online open event on **25th June**.

Oxfordshire Music Groups

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service/music-groups

The Oxfordshire County Council Music Service offers instrumental, vocal, performing arts and music theory groups, including Oxfordshire Youth Big Bands, Oxfordshire Youth Jazz Collective and JamPod Academy, a new digital way to learn pop and rock music for **young people aged from 8 to 18**.

4Skills Work Experience



www.4skillsworkexperience.com

Channel 4 and Get My First Job have teamed up to offer a skills based virtual work experience programme to introduce students to real careers and real people as they learn about what goes into the thriving creative industry. They are set real world challenges, discover what could be their creative career match and get insider information from current Channel 4 Employees on what makes for a successful creative career.

NHS Healthcare Careers Taster

Oxford Health are holding an event at Unipart on 7th July from 09:45 - 14:40 for students in Year 10+ who are interested in working in healthcare. The event will have a 'speed dating' format, where students will have the opportunity to speak to a range of healthcare professionals. They will also have the opportunity to participate in a profession-led hands on task. To book a group of students, contact <u>careers@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk</u>



Springpod Career Sector Posters



Download the posters

Springpod have created a range of posters featuring a variety of sectors. Students can scan the QR code to visit the related area on the Springpod website to access related virtual work experience opportunities.

International Webinars – Dentistry, Medical & Veterinary

We understand that the motivation for studying these subjects abroad is mostly due to the scarcity of places in the United Kingdom. At this stage, students in Year 12 are quite rightly focussed on their domestic choices. However, we always advise students to make themselves aware of their options and the considerable challenges they will face if they choose to study these subjects abroad.

In order to help you navigate international health science applications, we are hosting two webinars where we will share our advice on how to start the process of choosing a medical school abroad.

Applying to Dental Schools abroad in 2026

When: Monday 30 June, 5:00pm UK time (BST)

Dentistry is without doubt the hardest subject in which to get a place at UK university. This has been our busiest year ever in helping aspiring dentists and their parents. In this webinar, we will give an overview of all the options in Europe and the advantages and disadvantages of the options most popular with British students. As we work with nearly all Spanish dental schools and regularly place nearly 100 students a year in that country, Spain will be our main focus, but we will also discuss Cyprus, Central and Eastern Europe.

Register here for Dentistry Abroad

Applying to Medical and Veterinary Schools abroad in 2026 (and last-minute places in 2025)

When: Wednesday 2 July, 5:00pm UK time (BST)

For this webinar, we will be joined by representatives from European University Cyprus who offer degrees in Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, fully taught in English. They also have a campus in Frankfurt, Germany for medicine. We will focus on the key questions students should be asking before considering studying abroad. There is a lot of information available online and much of it is contradictory. We will aim to ensure that your students go into their research with a clear understanding of what is important and what is possible when studying medicine and veterinary medicine abroad. European University Cyprus will be on hand to provide their perspective. Register here for Medicine and Veterinary Medicine Abroad

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

