

Wallingford School Sixth Form News

Term 6, Week 6: 11th July, 2025

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6th Form



A message from 6F team:

With Year 13 now officially 'gone' (which we are very sad about ☹️) Year 12 have had a busy and action packed week in a slightly different way to usual. Please see below for a more detailed account of this week's *Futures Week*. We also wish to congratulate the 16 students who successfully completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition earlier this week. This is a superb achievement and all students should be very proud. Next week is the final full week & a reminder that term ends at 12:40pm on Friday. Enjoy the weekend in the heat!

The 6th Form Team

Events coming up:

Week Commencing 11th July

Sponsored Walk – *Tuesday 15th July*

Last day of term – *Friday 18th July (finish at 12.40pm)*

Important information & News



We wish a Happy Birthday to Corrie, Rowan, Henry, Erin, Marie, Celyn & Karishma.
We wish a Happy 18th Birthday to Henry, Karla, Mark & Malachy.



Gonk

This week we reGonknise Ronan and Chiana. Both are for asking questions - Chiana's questions during Future's week were numerous but pertinent and purposeful. Ronan asked the bravest question of the week. Well done both.



Sponsored Walk

[Sponsored Walk 2025 - GiveWheel](#)



This year, we are fundraising for Helen & Douglas House and Oxford Hospitals Charity with a target of £20,000. Wallingford School, Brightwell cum Sotwell CofE Primary School and Crowmarsh Gifford CofE Primary School will put on their walking shoes and head across the fields to the Wittenham Clumps and back (8 miles!) on Tuesday 15th July 2025 - please do give us a wave to show your support.



Lakes District Trip 2026

A gentle reminder that the first instalment for the Lakes District trip was July 1st.

Please ensure that your child has been signed up and payments are made by ParentPay.

Higher Education Evening

The information shared at this evening can be found on the VLE.

Futures Week 2025



Our aim for futures week was to provide support, education and enrichment for our students in order to prepare for life after Sixth Form. Many students have known for a long time what they plan to do after Sixth Form, while some are still early in the journey of figuring it out. The plan was to advance our students no matter what part of their journey they were on, and to provide growth and enrichment opportunities along the way, through exposure to people and ideas that are not normally in their sphere. Across the week we have had 45 visitors in to speak to students; ex-students sharing their



experiences since leaving Sixth Form, representatives from Universities providing their advice, a Law workshop, inspirational talks from James and Roy, advice from people on apprenticeships, and much more. Many thanks to parents and carers who attended the Human Library, we appreciate your support.

We managed to also squeeze in a fantastic Sports Day, a day trip to University of Surrey, a vitally important PSHE about Safe Driving, and plenty of time to plan and write applications and personal statements.

Due to some last minute cancellations, some sessions did not run, but we plan to run these in the new year instead.

Well done to all Year 12 this week. We asked all students to approach the week with an open and curious mind, and they did not disappoint. Questions asked and participation at every session were superb.



Sports Day 2025

Year 12 represented 6th form superbly in this week's whole school Sports Day. From activities ranging from the traditional 100m sprints, to a new favourite 'pickle ball', & of course the Tug of War – there was something for everyone! The logistics behind the day running are made that much easier by students studying sport who help throughout the day to run activities for younger year groups; a key cog in ensuring the day goes well. Thank you to all who got involved!



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 – 7559	Ben	12TMG
2 nd Place – 5224	Amelia & Enya	12NJO
3 rd Place – 5172	Poppy	12ALT

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

Useful Opportunities

Frontier Economics Insight Day

www.frontier-economics.com/uk/en/news-and-insights/events/event-i21645-frontier-economics-insight-day

Frontier Economics is one of the largest microeconomic consultancies in Europe, with over 400 economists they work with clients all over the world from their offices in Berlin, Brussels, Cologne, Dublin, Madrid, London and Paris.

They are holding an in-person Economics Insight Day on **27th October from 10:15 - 17:00** for **Year 12 and 13 students (as of September 2025)** who are interested in finding out more about studying Economics at degree level (via the apprenticeship or university route) and what can be done with an economics degree thereafter. An A Level in Economics is **not** required.

The programme will be held in their London office and will cover:

An introduction to Economics

- o What is it like studying Economics at degree level?

An introduction to working in Economic consulting

- o What's it like working as an analyst in economic consulting?
- o What kind of projects do they work on?

Trying it out for yourself!

- o Students will get to work with other likeminded students to try out a case study in a small group (they will have support for this)
- o The opportunity to ask Frontier employees questions in small groups

Recruitment skills session

- o They will provide useful tips and hints around interviews and applications

Careers in Law Work Experience



Do you see yourself as a future legal professional? Perhaps you'd like to become a partner at a huge international law firm?

On **Thursday 31st July and Friday 1st of August from 10:00am - 3:00pm**, we'll be hosting a Careers in Law Work Experience with the University of Law, the UK's leading institution for legal degrees and solicitor apprenticeships.

You will take part in mock legal lectures, work on projects and exciting legal tasks, and have the opportunity to ask questions and network with professionals.

Day 1 will be a virtual event, allowing you to participate from anywhere. Day 2 will be in person at one of their campuses in Nottingham, London, Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, or Bristol. You can choose which campus you'd like to attend. Please note that spaces at the venues are very limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

The University of Law is the UK's largest provider of legal education. They deliver legal training to over 90 of the top 100 law firms and will be running several lecture-style sessions designed to give you a taste of what it's like to study law at university or through a solicitor apprenticeship.

Join us for what's set to be a thoroughly engaging insight into the legal world this summer and hear from a range of elite solicitors and barristers from some of the world's most prominent organisations. Kick off this summer with an excellent addition to your CV/Personal Statement.

Click the following link to sign up:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ULaw-Summer-WEX-2025>

The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships



As the summer break approaches, Year 12 students have a valuable opportunity to explore their future pathways. The [Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships](#) explains how degree apprenticeships offer an 'earn as you learn' debt-free route to the graduate job market.

The guide includes interviews with current degree apprentices, expert advice from employers, and features on degree apprenticeships in areas like engineering, law and accountancy. It's an excellent resource for students to use during the holidays, helping them understand what degree apprenticeships can provide - and plan their next steps.

Summer Checklist

The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships is a comprehensive resource designed to support students and parents thinking about next steps after school or college. Here's how to make the most of the guide over the summer break:

- **Read the Guide:** This free, online 100-page guide covers everything students – and parents – need to know about Degree Apprenticeships and highlights a range of opportunities with leading UK employers across a variety of exciting industries.
- **Watch the Programmes** – Accompanying the guide are [two special TV programmes](#) introducing Degree Apprenticeships. They cover essential topics like '[What is a Degree Apprenticeship?](#)' and '[University or a Degree Apprenticeship?](#)', and feature discussions with recruiters from [AtkinsRéalis](#), [KPMG](#), [PwC](#), and [Rolls-Royce](#), alongside interviews with current apprentices at [Barclays](#), [BDO](#), and [JPMorgan Chase](#). Viewers can watch the programmes in full or access individual sections which are clearly signposted.
- **Research Application Processes:** The guide offers detailed [insights into the selection processes](#) used to recruit degree apprentices, while [Employer Profiles](#) outline what individual employers look for and how to apply.
- **Connect on Social Media:** : Follow us on [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#) to receive the latest employer updates, application information and insights into degree apprenticeships.
- **Register for Updates:** Stay in touch and be the first to hear about new content, new employers and upcoming application deadlines. Register [here](#).

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

